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NOVEMBER 2014

Maintenance Committee Report September 24, 2014 by Jim Stepien, Chair

Committee Members attending - **Bill Bloom, Sallie Hawkins, Curt Kennedy, Carole Myles, Jim Stepien (Chair), Walter Perkowski (Board Liaison)**

The MC will be providing information to the Board for the new 2015 budget. Along with the normal maintenance items, we will be suggesting that some of the reserves be reviewed and increased where necessary to reflect current replacement costs.

Our new landscape contractor, West Bay, has been diligently treating for weeds as well as catching up on our shrubbery as a result of our recent significant rains. The upcoming mulch application will significantly improve the community's appearance.

With the completion of our irrigation/electric project we now have electricity available at the following locations: the front entrance, the Cottages entrance, the bridge on Rivendell Blvd, the Park Trace entrance on Scherer Way, the traffic island at Placid Lake Dr. and Rivendell Blvd, and the palm tree beds at Pine Pond, Golden Pond, Eagle Lake and Placid Lake. The availability of electricity in all of these areas could expand the community's holiday decorating options. If any homeowner has ideas and/or suggestions on how we can improve our community's holiday decorations **please contact any Board member or MC committee member with your ideas.** And, as always, we welcome volunteers to help place the decorations.

Landscape Items:

1. The Board has funded the distribution of bark mulch to all of the common areas in the community; this should be completed in October.

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Highlights of October 6 Board of Directors Meeting By Carol Heckert, Reviewed by Bobby Merrill

Attending: **Gwen Stepien, Joe Sefack, Vinny Barone, Walter Perkowski, Bobby Merrill**

Treasurer's Report: As of the end of August, we were under budget by \$33,801. Thirty-nine homes owe receivables (dues, fines, etc.) that add up to \$38,154.

ARC Report: The ARC will develop guidelines about roof coating during the next month and will submit them to the Board at the November meeting.

Maintenance Committee Report:

- Palm tree trimming has been completed
- Mulch will be laid in October
- Funding approved up to \$6,100 to remove dead trees on common areas. The low bidder, Johnson Tree Service, was awarded the contract.
- Funding approved to replace Washingtonian palms at front of community with foxtail palms. West Bay will do the job for \$1,615.
- Funding approved to clean up the area behind the Old Venice Road fence and plant 54 fifteen-gallon areca palms at a cost of \$6,750.
- A water leak in the community pool needs to be repaired and the second heat pump for the pool will be replaced. (the first pump was replaced last year)

Communications Committee Report:

- Gary Mruz's contract for the website was extended, with a raise from \$55 to \$60 per

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2.The Board funded palm tree trimming throughout the community. It should be completed in early October.

3. A number of dead palm and pine trees have been identified on common lands and will be removed as soon as possible. These trees will be replaced if the location is consistent with re-planting.

4. At the September Board meeting the Board was asked to fund the removal and clean up of the area behind the fence along Old Venice Road and replant with areca palms to improve the landscaping and also increase homeowner privacy. The clean up was approved and the palm planting was put on hold until the next Board meeting so that a homeowner could provide additional information to 2 Board members. The MC will resubmit its request for funding to plant the areca palms at the October Board meeting.

5. The Board funded the clean up and removal of invasive plants behind the wall at the front entrance. Once completed, the continued maintenance is covered in our regular landscape contract.

Pool Items:

1. The Board approved replacement of the older heat pump to assure that a comfortable pool temperature can be maintained in the coming cooler season. We hope to have it installed in October.

2. We will be reviewing the current pool furniture and will make a proposal to the Board for replacing deteriorating items.

Lakes/Pond Items:

No current issues.

Preserve/Wetlands Items:

1. The county cited 2 preserve areas that show St Augustine grass intrusion and excessive plant control bordering a preserve. The MC will be having our consultant prepare a report on what is needed to restore these areas to meet county approval.

Other Items:

No current issues.

I would encourage all homeowners to attend our monthly meetings for accurate information on any of our ongoing projects. We would also welcome new members to help with the MC's volunteer efforts to manage the many needs of our

community.

Please report any problems you notice to Lighthouse Property Management.

Next MC meeting October 29, 2014 at 7pm in the Cottages Clubhouse.

**Next Rivendell Board Meeting
Nov 3rd, 2014 6PM
at Historic Spanish Point
in Osprey**

**Any changes to this date
will be posted on the website
www.rivendellcommunity.com**

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**Next Maintenance
Committee Meeting**

**The Maintenance Committee
meets the last Wednesday
of each month at 7pm in the
Cottages Clubhouse**

Jessica Fenton, ARC Chairperson

By Mike Bergman



The thing that Jessica Fenton loved the most about Rivendell was the friendly, small hometown atmosphere that reminded her of her upbringing in a rural corner of Ohio, near Cincinnati. She lived here for a few years, back when our community was new, returned home to

help her family, and then headed back to join us here again. She's hoping that in a few years, her sister will join her in Florida.

Jessica just finished her training to be a nurse at Galen College of Nursing in St. Petersburg, and has started her career as an RN at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. She is in the surgical department working mostly with patients who have had abdominal surgeries. She is thrilled to be at SMH and hopes to ultimately pursue her MSN degree.

Jessica was looking for a way to become a more active part of our community. On her daily walks through the neighborhood with her three dogs, she made some new friends, including Board President, Gwen Stepien. She describes herself as "the girl who can be seen either trying to track down an escaped pooch or attempting to untangle myself from their leads." Her 3 dogs are Ms. Eliza Doolittle (a Westie,) Daisy Mae Faye (a beagle) and Ralph (Coton de Tulear.)

Gwen told her of our need for new members on the Architectural Review Committee, and she agreed to join. In short order, Gwen, her mentor and former ARC Chair, asked her to consider becoming the chairperson. That turned out to be good for Rivendell. Jessica's credo: Just follow the Covenants and be fair to everyone.

In addition to Rivendell and walking her dogs, Jessica loves reading, ballroom and social dancing (she used to be an instructor!) and is a member of the Gulf Kruisers of West FL. They can be seen biking in various locations, including parades, and they just participated in a Halloween Kostumed Kraziness Kruise. She most recently has taken up sewing, and hopes to start quilting.

We don't know when Jessica finds time to be ARC

chair, but we're so glad to have her. Here's more from the new Chair about how ARC works...

After a review by LHM, she studies each ARC proposal to make sure it is complete and does not violate any Covenant rules. So be sure to add paint color chips, names and pictures of plants, plans from your contractor and a plat of your property. Include a note from your next-door neighbors if your plan impacts their view or infringes on their property.

Jessica then shares the proposal with the other ARC members, who often go out to the property for a visual inspection. If everything is in order, they vote to approve. Jessica then reports the results at the next board meeting. So, what are the odds of having your request approved? Jessica says that if you follow the rules and are considerate of your neighbors, your chances are very good. Most requests for repainting, for instance, are passed on first ballot. And with some minor changes, most proposals are ultimately approved.

Jessica says it's all about getting along with your neighbors. The covenants are there to help maintain our property values, help to keep the peace, and retain the hometown atmosphere that she has come to love here.



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month, to cover the increased hosting fee.

- Homeowners are urged to fill out the Community Directory Update Form in the newsletter to ensure that accurate information is published. No email address will be included without permission from the homeowner. Lighthouse will include Update Forms in the Annual Meeting packet, and will also send the form out as an email.

Old Business: Director Barone raised the question as to whether the Board can override a committee decision. The bylaws will be reviewed.

New Business: Director Merrill requested that a Budget Workshop be held.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on November 3. It will be a combined Board and Budget Adoption Meeting.

Homeowner Comments:

- Maggie Verhagen explained the due diligence done by ARC on roof coating and the guideline process to take place.
- Dave Gill asked about the County response to plantings replacing those from a prior grant (no response to date) and requested carryover in the budget for a surplus in the new tree line item.
- Ken Alarie said that the Cottages Clubhouse is unusable due to leaks. He also felt the idea of a new fence along Old Venice Road had not been given adequate consideration.
- Renee Huntley requested that overgrown vines and shrubs encroaching on the fire lane abutting Oscar Scherer Park be removed. Response: This is a preserve managed by the County and we may not remove any trees or shrubs without County approval. The vendor will be asked to remove the vines, and a request has been sent to the County.
- Mary Kennedy shared her appreciation of the new landscape lighting and signs.

Top 40 Professionals 2014



Speaking Q+A

Blair Post HAS, BC-HIS, ACA
Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences
American Conference of Audioprosthology

At a recent presentation I had a common question from the start, "How do I get my husband to get a hearing test?"

I wish I had a simple answer. The only answer I have really come up with is to drag him in. If you need to use a cave man club and drag him by the hair...well, he may not have hair so that won't work. Seriously, I haven't heard one answer that works for all couples.

I've had wives who complained and nagged enough that their husbands came in voluntarily. Well, the husband thought it was their idea but had the wife not nagged and complained the husband probably would not have come in to see us.

I've had wives who started being more social and leaving their husbands out of the social loop since they were tired of repeating what everyone said and every joke told during their social night out.

I don't recommend either. Being married myself and watching my parents struggle with being happily married, since my mom, MaryEllen, had a severe hearing loss, I understand.

My goal is to reduce the frustrations that occur between a couple, when the frustration is a hearing loss. Helping to heal relationships has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my career. I didn't know when I entered this industry that this was part of the results when couples seek out solutions.

If you are the spouse getting frustrated repeating everything, or tired of translating everything, or feel like you're their personal ears, get them to come in and see me. I will let you know if it really is selective hearing or a hearing loss that can be addressed with hearing aids.

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Clothes Closet for Laurel Nokomis Students

Excerpted from My Suncoast News by Stephanie Roberts, 7/15/14



7 Who Care Honoree:
Kellee Keller

Kellee Keller, a parent and dedicated volunteer, has established a FREE “clothes closet for students and their families” at the “Clothes Closet” located in the Laurel Nokomis Elementary and Middle School. When Kellee realized how many kids didn’t have breakfast or lunch during the summer (50% of Sarasota students), she thought the families probably needed clothing too. Laurel Nokomis School also serves homeless students and families, so the needs are many.

needed from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade and beyond. Donated items that aren’t used are given to Goodwill.

The following items are always in high demand:

- > Shoes, new or gently used – all sizes
- > New underwear and socks – all sizes
- > New deodorant and toothbrushes and other personal toiletries

To donate items or cash, please take the items to the main office at Laurel Nokomis School located at 1900 East Laurel Road during school hours (typically 8am to 4pm). The school’s phone number is 486-2171.

Judy Sokal, our Rivendell Resident, has offered to collect items and take them to the school. Give Judy a call at 966-5904 or email her at judysokal@gmail.com to make arrangements for your contribution.

Watch this inspiring video that aired on *My Suncoast News* on 7/15/14: My suncoast.com and ABC 7/7 Who Care: Kellee Keller

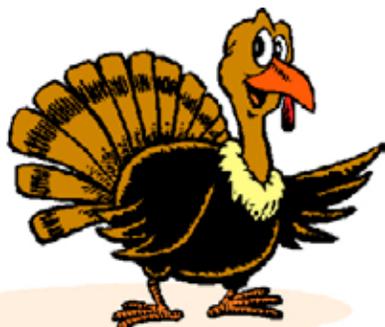


Kellee and other parent volunteers staff the clothes closet during the school day. If a student has a specific need and the Clothes Closet doesn’t have it, then cash is appreciated so the item can be purchased. The Clothes Closet can provide a “tax donation receipt” for your contribution.

Donations of clothing, shoes, new personal hygiene products, or cash are welcome. All sizes are



The Clothes Closet ~ all photos by MySuncoast News



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Dana's Gourmet Market

By Pam Babbitt



Dana's Gourmet Market is the "new store" at Blackburn Point Plaza, but it is not new to Osprey. The store, formerly known as The Butcher's Gourmet, has re-modeled, re-organized, and re-opened in the space where Richards Whole Foods had been located. Even though the old sign is still on the outside of the building, it has an entirely new atmosphere.

Joe's (see upcoming article in the December 2014 Woodlands Word: "*Peperonata's Pasta Store.*")

The market has shelves stocked with crackers, sauces, dips, chips, couscous, olive oil, balsamic vinegar, and more.

If you aren't interested in food, check out the selection of cute entertaining and gift items (serving dishes, cups, napkins, plates, etc.). They also make custom gift baskets.

The owners, Dana and Julie Chase, are in the process of adding fresh baked goods, a tasting station, as well as increasing the variety of items offered, so stop by often to see what is new!



Dana's Gourmet Market has extended its services and is open 7am to 8pm, 7 days a week and includes a few tables and stools. The seating will encourage any visitor to sit and enjoy Bentley's homemade ice cream, gelato, and ice cream cakes.

So what else does Dana's Gourmet Market offer? They have added fresh produce, coffee, a small deli with breakfast sandwiches and various prepared dishes that include beef or vegetable lasagna, eggplant or chicken Parmesan, meatloaf, tomato pies, sandwiches, soups, and salads. Some items are only available on specific days of the week.

The refrigerator cases carry produce, cheese, marinated meats, and fresh packaged pasta from Peperonata's Pasta Store located near Trader



Store Hours: Monday – Sunday 7am – 8pm
 1092 South Tamiami Trail, Osprey
 Phone: 882-3977
 Website: butchersgourmetosprey.com or
www.facebook.com/DanasGourmetMarket

My Mostly Rural Cambodian Trip ~ By Paul Sarno

Paul Sarno will teach an eight-week course at Lifelong Learning Academy, Sarasota Manatee USF campus, (about 12 hours) on Southeast Asian History starting in January 2015.



Paul Sarno in front of Prasat Ko Chen, a 10th century temple in Koh Ker ~ photo by driver, Tes Tep.

I have just returned from an educational four weeks in Cambodia with car and driver (my second trip there.) I journeyed from Siem Reap, where Angkor Wat is located, north to Koh Ker and the mountain temple of Preah Vihear, and then west to Anlong Veng, the former home of many of the Khmer Rouge when they were ousted from power. I proceeded south to the enormous ruins of Banteay Chhmar and on to Battambang, Cambodia's second largest city (population over 250,000.) I then traveled southeast to Kompong Chhnang to see river life on a tributary off the Tonle Sap Lake, and to Phnom Penh, the national capital, primarily to see the wonderful National Museum filled with sculptures that were formerly in ancient temples. I ended the trip going north and west to Kompong Thom, a Sixth Century capital, and flew home to the United States from Siem Reap via Singapore and Frankfurt.

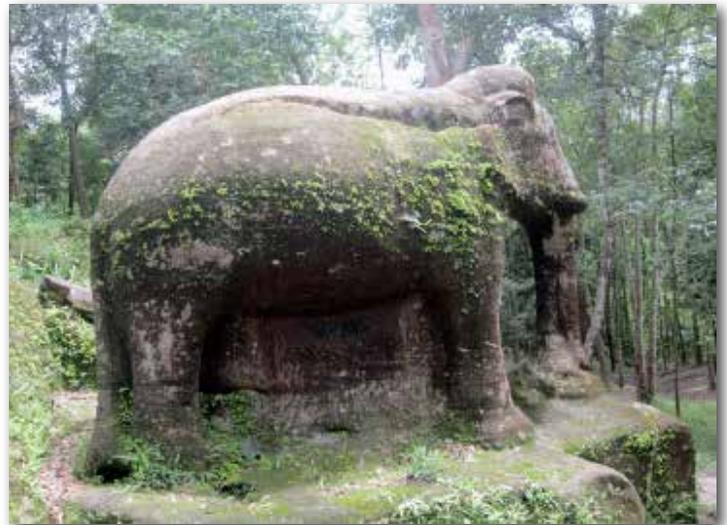
I learned seven major things about Cambodia:

First, contrary to general belief, there is not much rain in August. In fact there is generally a dry spell for the first fifteen days of that month when tourists flock to Angkor Wat and adjacent temples. When it does rain, the duration is usually either at night or for forty-five minutes at about three in the afternoon, so a visitor can wait it out in a restaurant, temple or museum.

Second, the roads are generally good, paved and not very crowded (unlike Java.) There are some exceptions (e.g. to and from Banteay Chhmar), but

improvements underway will make road travel even easier in about two years.

Third, while Cambodia's per capita GDP on a purchasing parity basis is no more than \$2,400, judging by the number of large private houses in rural areas, there are plenty of affluent residents. Fourth, the country has bypassed restoring its land telephone line system, seriously damaged by civil war, and has installed micro-wave towers everywhere I looked. Thus, internet via Wi-Fi and telephone communication is very good (for rural Southeast Asia.)



Massive stone guardian elephant on Mount Cullen, near Siem Reap ~ photo by Paul Sarno.

Fifth, the Cambodians were friendly, had a wonderful sense of humor, and had improved their spoken English facility. (In 2005 our guide in Angkor could not really speak our language.) And they are encouraging foreigners to volunteer (if for only a week) to teach English to their children after the formal school day ends—using academic facilities. I never felt unsafe and the female tourists to whom I spoke had the same experience.

Sixth, the country is filled with numerous, ancient, fascinating, mostly Hindu temples, free of tourists, outside of Angkor Wat. Many are partially ruined, and walking through them is not easy.

Lastly, while Cambodia is 97% Theravada Buddhist (with residual animism and Hinduism thrown in), I was astonished at the number of Christian churches, some evangelical, in the cities.

A Taste of Hong Kong Submitted by Sallie Hawkins and edited by Marilyn Probert



Sallie and Fred Hawkins have discovered a newly opened Chinese restaurant that they highly recommend. The restaurant, A Taste of Hong Kong, is located at 2224 Gulf Gate Drive and features dine-in and take-out service. The menu is extensive and offers luncheon specials along with a choice of small or large portions. Sallie and Fred enjoyed the delicious food presented in a home-like setting, and they felt that the prices were reasonable and the service excellent.

A Taste of Hong Kong is open Monday through Saturday from 11:30 am to 10 pm; for dining-in reservations or take-out orders call 941-922-6785.



Looking For A Fun Holiday Tradition?

Come one, come all to the Sahib Shrine Center's **Festival of Trees!** The Shriners have turned their Sahib Shrine Center, 600 N. Beneva Road into a magnificent extravaganza. This special weekend event will take place Friday, November 28, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, Saturday, November 29, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm and Sunday, November 30, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Beautifully lit and decorated Holiday trees to win, along with food, fun, craft show and daily entertainment featuring local singing and musical groups.

Admission \$2.00, children 12 and under are FREE.

For further information, please contact Harold Eady, Sahib Shrine Center Public Relations Director (941) 351-7860, (941) 702-0152 (cell phone) or hjeady@comcast.net



Book Group Schedule By Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will meet on Monday, November 10, to discuss *The Language of Flowers*, a debut novel by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Victoria Jones grew up in California's foster care system, and now, at age 18, she is on her own. In her last foster home, before she was emancipated, Victoria learned from Elizabeth the language that flowers could represent. Thus red roses denote love, honeysuckle means devotion, asters represent patience, and so on. After living on the streets, Victoria finds a job in a florist shop where this knowledge enables her to show customers how they, too, can communicate with flowers. Victoria is her own worst enemy, and the journey to believing that she deserves the love that others offer is a difficult one. Beryl Nord will host at 816 Shadow Bay Way. Call her at 412-4286 if you'd like to participate.

The December selection will be *My Song: A Memoir of Art, Race, and Defiance* by Harry Belafonte. This title says it all. Besides being a beloved folk singer, Belafonte was a tireless civil rights activist who worked closely with Martin Luther King, Jr. and who contributed a great deal of time and money to the cause. His memoir traces the path that took him from a difficult childhood to would-be movie star and on to idolized Calypso singer whose financial success enabled him to be a valuable asset to the civil rights movement.

In January 2015, the topic will be *Orphan Train*, a novel by Christine Baker Kline. This book concerns the development of an unlikely friendship between Mary, a young rebellious girl, and Vivian, an elderly woman whom Mary is reluctantly helping as a requirement for community service rather than going to "juvie."

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

Looking for a good book?

Today Show Book Recommendations July 2014

Kate White and Brad Thor, both *New York Times* bestselling authors, shared their list of favorites.

Historical Fiction

Under the Wide and Starry Sky by Nancy Horan. Horan delves into the impact Mrs. Van de Griff, mother of three, had on Robert Lewis Stevenson's writing. She left her philandering husband - an incredible feat for a woman in the 1870s. She travels to Europe, where she meets the young Scottish writer. Van de Griff becomes one of his toughest critics. Horan drew from the couple's letters and Stevenson's writings for a portrait of their relationship, based on fact and fiction.

Scary

The Fever by Megan Abbott. In this chilling novel, the seemingly stable Nash family and the town they live in are thrown into chaos when teen girls begin having seizures, possibly the result of a mysterious epidemic. Secrets begin to surface and fear soon blooms into mass hysteria.

Serious

The Arsonist by Sue Miller: After 15 years of working as a relief worker in Africa, Frankie Rowley returns to her family home in New Hampshire, struggling to figure out where she really belongs in the world. At the same time an arsonist starts burning down the homes of summer residents. The characters are real and complex and the writing is breathtaking.

Escape from Camp 14: One Man's Remarkable Odyssey from North Korea to Freedom in the West by Blaine Harden. It is a tale about the only person born into a North Korean prison camp to have ever escaped. Though non-fiction, it reads like a pulse-pounding thriller. This book will make you cheer. And cry.

Suspense

I Am Pilgrim by Terry Hayes. This murder mystery/spy thriller grabs you from the first sentence and won't let you out of its grip. A brilliant American secret agent and forensics expert is in a race against the clock to stop a terrorist with a plan to destroy the United States.

Sad

Lucky Us by Amy Bloom. In this follow-up to her novel *Away*, two young half-sisters set out to find fame and fortune in Hollywood. A sad book

at times, it's also funny, moving and filled with the promise of re-invention and redemption.

Haatchi & Little B: The Inspiring True Story of One Boy and His Dog by Wendy Holden. This is a sad, but uplifting true story about an abused dog struck by a train (and left to die), a wheelchair-bound boy with a rare genetic disorder, and the incredible bond the pair form. The video "A Boy and his Dog" went viral earlier and tugged at millions of heartstrings.

Sexy

I Am Having So Much Fun Here Without You by Courtney Maum. A story about marriage and infidelity, but not told in the typical order. After being dumped by his mistress, Richard, realizes that he wants to win his wife back.

The Hotel on Place Vendome: Life, Death, and Betrayal at the Hotel Ritz in Paris by Tilar J. Mazzeo. This book is a feast for readers wanting to be swept away. It's a breathtaking tale of glamour, opulence and celebrity; dangerous liaisons, espionage and resistance. Tracing the captivating history of Paris's world-famous Hôtel Ritz, Mazzeo reveals a hotbed of illicit affairs and deadly intrigue, as well as stunning acts of defiance and treachery.

All-Time Favorites

Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase to Catch Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson: It's like reading a riveting murder mystery, but it's history and you learn a ton. And it's told hour-by-hour from the eyes of both the hunted and the hunters.

The Gold Coast by Nelson DeMille. It is suspenseful and funny. Set in the exclusive and wealthy North Shore of Long Island, two worlds collide when a garish mafia don moves into the neighborhood and bends everyone to his will - including the gorgeous, married woman of the estate next door. The story continues in DeMille's sequel, *The Gate House*.

Tibetan Peach Pie: A True Account of an imaginative Life by Tim Robbins. If you like his quirky books, try this one.

One by One by JoJo Moyes. About a wealthy, disgraced software creator who drives his housekeeper, her family and dog to Scotland.

RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

KNITTING AND CROCHETING: Rivendell Cottages Resident **Connie Woodward** is offering individual or small group crocheting or knitting classes in her home at 579 Meadow Sweet Circle. Bring your yarn and needles. You can have your project completed by Christmas! I have many different patterns to teach you. Please call **941-966-1259** to make reservations.

CAT SITTER: **Kay Adams**, a longtime resident of Rivendell and a stay-at-home mom, offers cat-sitting service to Rivendell residents. Kay is very responsible and loves cats. Reasonable rate. Call **941-966-2939** or email kayadamsart@gmail.com.

BABYSITTER: 14 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**.

BABYSITTER: **Natasha Nielsen**, Pine View School junior, can watch your children while you go out. I can also help with homework. I am polite and responsible and am CPR certified through the American Red Cross. Call **941-966-1419**.

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 junior 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 or visit their web site at www.siestasportsrentals.com

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BABYSITTER, PET SITTER: **Nathalie Michalowski**, resident of Rivendell, 25 years old, and certified babysitter/nanny, offers baby-sitting service. I'm very responsible, I love kids, and have 9 years experience. I also offer pet sitting service. References are available upon request. Please call at **941-726-5958**.

Rivendell Residents

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Architectural Review Committee Agenda 09/30/2014

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6 pm with a quorum of committee members present. Committee Chair Jessica Fenton; Members: Jim Stepien, Margaret Verhagen. Board Liaison: Joe Sefack

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
<i>Old Business</i>			
1.	925 Eagle Isle Court	Addition.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jessica 2 nd : Jim Vote: Unanimous
2.	1121 Lost Creek Court	Roof treatment	Resolved: On hold Motion: Jessica 2 nd : Margaret Vote: Unanimous Reason: <i>Guideline changes need to be considered.</i>
3.	1156 Mallard Marsh Drive	Painting front door	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jessica 2 nd : Jim Vote: Unanimous
4.	700 Shadow Bay Way	Sliding door	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 nd : Jessica Vote: Unanimous
<i>New Business</i>			
5.	816 Golden Pond Court	Tree removal	Resolved: Approved Motion: Margaret 2 nd : Jim Vote: Unanimous
6.	746 Shadow Bay Way	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 nd : Margaret Vote: Unanimous
7.	858 Placid Lake Drive	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jessica 2 nd : Margaret Vote: Unanimous
8.	510 Meadow Sweet Circle	Paint front door	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jessica 2 nd : Margaret Vote: Unanimous
9.	1164 Mallard Marsh Drive	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 nd : Margaret Vote: Unanimous

10.	770 Shadow Bay Way	Replace exterior lights	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 nd : Jessica Vote: Unanimous
11.	770 Shadow Bay Way	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jessica 2 nd : Jim Vote: Unanimous
12.	1108 Millpond Court	Repaint house	Resolved: Denied Motion: Jim 2 nd : Jessica Vote: Unanimous Reason: <i>Color too dark</i>
13.	815 Golden Pond Court	Pool and cage	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 nd : Jessica Vote: Unanimous
14.	648 Rivendell Boulevard	Screen work on lanai	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jessica 2 nd : Margaret Vote: Unanimous
15.	541 Meadow Sweet Circle	Tree planting	Resolved: Approved Motion: Margaret 2 nd : Jim Vote: Unanimous
<p>Information gathered at Lunch Bunch. <i>Nothing to report.</i> Hand out inspection guidelines found in ARC binder. <i>Nothing to report.</i> Discuss guideline proposal. <i>Nothing to report.</i></p>			

Next meetings **October 28** and **November 24 2014** at 6 pm.
 Motion to close the meeting: Jessica
 Second: Margaret
 Vote: Unanimous
 ARC meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting
 The ARC Meets the **last Tuesday** of each month at 6:00pm
 Location: *Cottages Clubhouse*

Applications are due to Lighthouse Management by the **third Tuesday** of each month.

NOTE: The ARC recommends that applications be received one week before the next meeting. Applications received after the monthly date will have to wait until following month.

REMINDER: If you are submitting an ARC Application Form for landscape changes, you must attach a copy of your Site Plan (also called a Survey of Lot or Plot Plan or Plat). Your application will NOT be reviewed without a copy and this would delay your work. The Site Plan should show names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping or fencing.

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

Editors' Note: The following are the official minutes of the Rivendell Board of Directors. As such, they are published as they are 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 at the Rivendell website.

RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING September 8, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M., by Shannon Banks of Lighthouse Property Management.

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

The following Directors were present:

Vincent Barone Bobby Merrill Joe Sefack Gwen Stepien

Walter Perkowski; A quorum was declared to be present.

On matters relating to the minutes of the previous meeting a motion was made by Ms. Stepien and seconded by Mr. Barone to approve the Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes of June 2, 2014. The motion was passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS,

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

Treasurer's Report, Mr. Merrill provided a report of the most recent financials stating that the landscape expenses were approx. \$23,000 under budget, but would come in line as they are scheduling the mulching and tree trimming.

Committee Reports,

ARC, Ms. Fenton reported there were twelve (12) applications processed at the June meeting; thirteen (13) processed at the July meeting; eight (8) processed at the August meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2014.

Due to a committee members' resignation, Ms. Verhagen and Ms. Fenton volunteered to fill the spots. A motion was made by Ms. Stepien and seconded by Mr. Perkowski:

MOTION 14-19: to appoint Ms. Margret Verhagen and Ms. Jessica Fenton as ARC members. Motion passed.

Maintenance Committee, Mr. Stepien reported the following:

- West Bay began August 1st and they switched the maintenance days from Monday to Friday.
- The committee has assessed the dead trees needing removal
- The littoral project is complete.
- Main irrigation well pump was replaced.
- Mulch bids have been obtained
- Sidewalks are being repaired by the County
- Preserves and wetlands - no issues.

Matters relating to the community mulch project. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Sefack:

MOTION 14-20: to approve the mulch project be awarded to West Bay and for a total not to exceed \$13,000.00. Motion passed.

Matters relating to the tree trimming in the community; A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Ms. Stepien:

MOTION 14-21: to approve the tree trimming contract be awarded to West Bay with the stipulation that they will not do a "Hurricane Cut" on the Palms. Approved total not to exceed \$15,000.00. Motion passed.

Matters relating to the additional areas of parks and certain common areas to be added to the Aquagenix Contract; A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Sefack:

MOTION 14-22: to approve the additional expense not to exceed \$2,500 annually for adding the parks and other common areas to the Aquagenix contract. Motion passed.

Matters relating to the clearing out of landscape and installing of Areca Palms behind the fence along Old Venice Ave; Mr. Stepien advised the Board of the proposal received to have this done and an owner requested the Board reconsider the installation of a fence instead. A motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Mr. Barone:

MOTION 14-23: to table the matter of the options for behind the fence along Old Venice Ave. until certain Board members have the opportunity to look into the options further. Motion passed.

Matters relating to the clean out of the area to the left of the front entrance; A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Ms. Stepien:

MOTION 14-24: to approve that West Bay clean out of the area to the left of the front entrance for a total of \$600.00 Motion passed.

Matters relating to the Placid Lake and Rivendell Blvd. island; A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Ms. Stepien:

MOTION 14-25: to approve West Bay installing new landscape in the island at Placid Lake and Rivendell Blvd. for a total of \$800.00. Motion passed.

Matters relating to the replacing of the second pool heater . A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Sefack:

MOTION 14-26: to approve the replacement of the second pool heater for a total of \$4500. Motion passed.

Communications, there is a new writer and they are always looking for input from the membership.

Old Business,

Mr. Perkowski provided the Board with an update regarding the County grant; The County has received all information requested and we are awaiting their response regarding the credit for existing/ installed and further action required.

New Business,

Matters relating to the appeal to the Board regarding the ARC denial of roof coating at 1211 Lost Creek Ct. The owner and a rep from the roof coating company were present. After the board was provided with the information

of the system presented, they decided to turn it back over to the ARC committee for reconsideration. They recommended that the committee meet with the roof coating company rep and discuss establishing approved colors for Rivendell.

Matters relating fining of 686 Clear Creek Dr. Dirty Roof, Ms. Banks reported the volition remains and the owner has received several notices. A motion was made by Mr. Sefack and seconded by Ms. Stepien:

MOTION 14-27: to approve the fining of 686 Clear Creek Dr. for a dirty roof in the amount not to exceed \$1000. Motion passed.

Matters relating fining of 1065 Scherer Way maintenance of lawns, Ms. Banks reported the volition remains and the owner has received several notices. A motion was made by Mr. Sefack and seconded by Mr. Barone:

MOTION 14-28: to approve the fining of 1065 Scherer Way maintenance of lawns in the amount not to exceed \$1000. Motion passed.

Matters relating fining of 692 Stillwater Ct. maintenance of lawns and dirty roof, Ms. Banks reported the volitions remains and the owner has received several notices. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Merrill:

MOTION 14-29: to approve the fining of 692 Stillwater Ct. maintenance of lawns and dirty roof in the amount not to exceed \$1000 each. Motion passed.

The Board scheduled their next meeting for September 8, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Owner Comments,

An owner expressed their concerns with exterior appearance of 655 Rivendell Blvd.

Photos and a letter were provided to the Board and they assured the owner that they are following the process for violations and if it remains unresolved it will go before the Board for fining.

An owner expressed her concern with the safety of her home given the fact there is not a fence along Old Venice Ave and along the edge of the community next to the undeveloped lot.

An owner suggested the maintenance committee look into purchasing a trash can for the pool area.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Ms. Stepien, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Shannon Banks, CAM
Lighthouse Property Management

Dated: This 18th day of September, 2014.

ATTACHMENT # 1

RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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c/o LIGHTHOUSE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.

16 Church Street

Osprey, FL 34229

941-966-6844 Phone 941-966-7158 Fax

Manager's Report

On Site/Maintenance-

- Compliance drives through community (8.21.14)
- Requested street light replacements for RCA and Rainbow point (Done)
- Requested the cleaning of the street lights (Done)
- Requested the install of new swings (Done)
- Requested bids for the pool area janitorial contract (summary provided)
- Requested bid for the playground repairs/ improvements (received)
- Requested a bid for the cement curbing around the playground (received)
- Requested bids to mulch common areas (received)
- Requested sidewalk repairs by the county
- Requested a sidewalk repair bid in C. Park (received)
- Obtained the fee to install a new bulletin board (received)
- Requested a bid to install new landscape after b. board is installed (received)
- Requested a bid to remove the 2 dead palms- 1 @ Rainbow Pt & 1 @ C. Park (Done)
- Requested the removal of the Juniper/ Holly tree lifting the C. Park sidewalk (received)
- Requested bids to pressure wash the Gazebo (pending)

Administrative-

- Forwarded financials to Board for review.
- Forwarded draft agenda to board for review.
- Forwarded draft minutes for review.
- Forwarded ARC requests to committee.
- Forwarded approved minutes to Ms. Babbit for publishing in the newsletter.
- Send out email blast in regards to BOD meeting.
- Provided communications committee contact info form to be published.
- Coordinating the Annual/ Budget meeting arrangements
- Preparing the draft 2015 budget

Correspondence-

- Letters sent to homeowners regarding submitted ARC forms.
- Letters sent to homeowners with compliance violations.
- Email Correspondences.
- Timeline summary prepared for violations ready to fine.
- Vendor increase notices sent for budget prep
- Request for all current contracts, Certificates of Ins and Polices sent to vendors.

Compliance-

- Compliance letters mailed to homeowners since last meeting.
Letters mailed: 73

Shannon Banks, CAM
Managing Agent



Bird Watching at Oscar Scherer State Park with the Venice Audubon Society

Excerpted from Wings & Things,

Venice Audubon Newsletter, Sept/Oct 2014, page 3



October through April on every Thursday the Venice Audubon Society will meet at Oscar Scherer State Park to look for Florida Scrub-Jays, Eastern Towhees, Brown Thrashers, and other pine flatwoods species. The Park opens at 8 a.m. (park entry fee required) and the group will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Nature Center.

The Bird Watching includes two miles of walking on sand trails. Call Joyce at 508-737-8954 for more information.



COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

REMINDER - Be sure to fill out the community directory update form that you will find in this newsletter and send it to Lighthouse Management at 16 Church Street, Osprey Florida 34229.

The information you provide is used to update the master database maintained by Lighthouse Management of all Rivendell Residents. This information is used when Lighthouse needs to contact you. It is important that the information is current and accurate.

The same form also tells us what information you would like to have published in the printed Rivendell Community Directory and on the website.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

From: Lighthouse Property Management

To: Rivendell Owners

As a consequence of a change to the Florida statutes concerning published directories, the Association may publish a directory containing the names, parcel addresses, and phone numbers of the unit owners. No owner consent is necessary for this basic information. However, a unit owner has the right to notify the Association in writing that the owner does not want one or more phone numbers listed in the directory.

A unit owner may also choose to have additional personal information included in the directory, including a facsimile number, email address, and alternate address (any address other than the primary address for mailing of formal notices from the Association).

Please assist the Board in maintaining current information we have on file for you by taking just a moment to fill out the lower portion of this form, sign and return it to Lighthouse property Management via email (tinabeaver@mgmt.tv), fax (941) 966-7158 or mail it to our office.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tina Beaver at Lighthouse Property Management (941) 966-6844.

Thank You.

Owner(s) Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Alternate Address: _____ Mobile #: _____

_____ Facsimile #: _____

Email Address: _____

- No, do not include my landline number in directory
- No, do not include my mobile number in directory
- No, do not include my Email address in directory

I hereby consent to publication of my phone number(s), facsimile number, email address, and/or alternate address as set forth above in the resident directory to be provided to all owners. The Association cannot control distribution of the directory once delivered to the owners and asks all owners to be courteous and not provide information from the directory to any third parties. This consent will remain in effect for all future directories while you are a unit owner or until you rescind this permission in writing. Any termination of permission will take effect with the next publication of the resident directory.

Owner signature

Date



FYI - ARC GUIDELINES

Before making any changes to the exterior of your home, please check the Architectural Review Committee's guidelines on the website by following these steps:

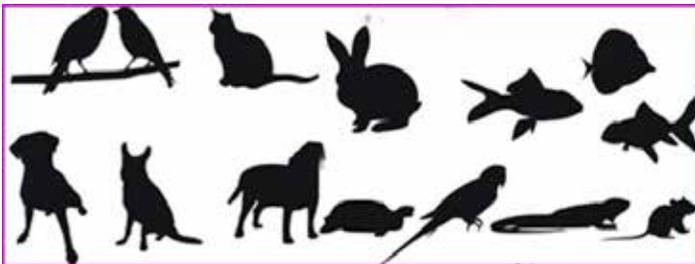
Go To www.rivendellcommunity.com

Click on Residents

Click on Documents; you will then be prompted to enter the password which is osprey in lower case letters

Click on ARC Guidelines

A complete listing of ARC rules and guidelines will be displayed (scroll through the online document). Knowing exactly what is required could save you a lot of time and trouble. Good luck with your projects!



**We Need
Your Pet
Photos!**

The 2015 Rivendell Directory is being prepared.

We need photos of your pets to include in the directory.

Please email JPG photos to gary.mruz@gmail.com

Within the email please include your name, your pets name(s) and type/ breed of pet. All photos submitted will be sent to the publisher and they will choose the photos to include within the directory.

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Committee Members: Bill Bloom, Dave Gill, Sallie Hawkins, Carol Heckert, Carole Myles, Curt Kennedy, Joe Lucente

Access the Rivendell website at: <http://www.rivendellcommunity.com>

Your input and feedback are always encouraged and welcomed.

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

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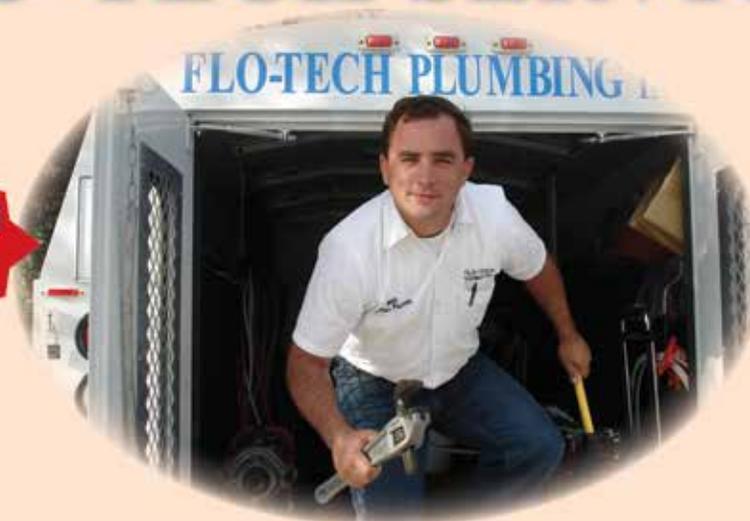
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