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# The Woodlands Word

January 2023

## New Year

### New Ways to Keep Those Resolutions

2023. How did it slip up so quickly? If you're like lots of us, time seems to accelerate year over year. And the New Year usually means giving some thought to that bugaboo – RESOLUTIONS. Research tells us that New Year's resolutions incrementally fade until, well, maybe the first week in February. That ten pound holiday season weight gain may still be with you, or you're hitting the snooze button instead of the, "Walk for 30 minutes every morning," pronouncement to yourself.

#### A New Way to Look at Setbacks

Research also tells us that people who are successful at keeping their New Year's goals most likely think about them in a more productive way. "Progress is never a linear process," explained Sharon Salzberg, the author of "Real Change: Mindfulness to Heal Ourselves and the World," in an article published in the Wall Street Journal. Salzberg cites that one of the best predictors of success for quitting cigarette smoking is the number of times tried and failed.

Yes: try, try again. It seems that process is pretty good at building resiliency. And that quality -- knowing you can start over without a penalty -- is an outstanding life skill to possess.

So, instead of giving in to negative self-talk when you slip up on your resolution, tell yourself you can start again, now. Willpower is not your friend here. Instead, dive into the new research, which demonstrates that a little analysis of why you may have slipped up i.e. figuring out what might be getting in your way is much more productive method for reaching your goals.

Good luck with your resolutions, and perhaps more importantly, your new way of thinking.

Woodlands Word "Neighbors" columnist Nancy Giordano surveyed some of our Rivendell residents to find out what resolutions might be working their way toward realization in 2023.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

## PARK IT, BUDDY!

By Nancy Giordano

Neighbors have some really good ideas...one suggested a column on transitioning into the New Year and what peoples' hopes, expectations, and resolutions might be for 2023. So...an email survey began! But, alas, being mid-December, other more important activities and emails took precedence and few responses were received. Never fear, all is not lost!

The survey mention that *humor is always appreciated* did not disappoint. A neighborly jester remarked that "Last week a thief broke into my home looking for money. I got so excited I got up off the couch and helped him look." That was before the 2023 Social Security increase!!

One particularly prolific and creative neighbor (you know who you are and thank you!) offered several thoughts...all of which had to do with driving and traffic. Who among us can't relate to that? How about an underground car park for those drivers misbehaving in the left lane? Guilty drivers would be dropped down from the roadway (probably 41) into an individual parking spot and required to watch a video until they could pass a test on proper usage of the left lane. Of course, restrooms and snack bars would be available because it could take a very l-l-l-long time for some drivers to get it. But, you know, it could work...and it looks like the technology is almost there! Interestingly enough, for any of Rivendell's high energy neighbors, there's also a 6-minute *YouTube* video showing how to construct an underground garage.

It's now time to drive this bus in another direction. While contemplating the holiday baking list, I was reminded, "Yes! *There's more than one way to bake a cake!*" Instead of asking you for answers you haven't had time to think about yet, here, direct from the internet, are a variety of 2023 suggestions just for you:

- Eat dessert first. #Becauseyoucan. Yum.
- Finish all the DIY (do-it-yourself) projects you started last year. Or at least one of them.
- Be unashamed about the fact you are wearing PJs in public...repeat, wearing PJs in public?
- Be just a little bit nicer to people who do exactly what you want.
- Start smoking to lose weight...or maybe not so much.
- Better yet, lose weight by hiding it somewhere you'll never find it.
- For those of us in retirement and beyond, DO.NOT.ACT.YOUR.AGE!
- Get a tattoo. Um...never mind. (Falls into the smoking category above.)
- Lastly, please answer friendly email surveys.

For the pets in the family, whisper the following into their ears:

- Dog - take your human on more brisk walks.
- Cats – Always find the litter box.
- All Others – Be grateful for your human home...you are mostly loved.

While some of these suggestions may be slightly intriguing, this is clearly not intended to be an all-inclusive list. Take whatever interests you, and just "park" the rest. But whatever you do, please have a Happy, Healthy New Year throughout 2023



### Rivendell Happenings

FYI – How Do I Find . . . .

#### Are emails going to your spam or junk box?

If you aren't getting emails from Rivendell regarding the Woodlands Word or Social Committee Monthly announcements check your junk/spam email. To allow delivery to your inbox just mark email from [rivendellboard@gmail.com](mailto:rivendellboard@gmail.com) as not spam / not junk.

#### Are Rivendell emails going to your spouse and not you?

Rivendell uses myHOast to give all owners the ability to participate in electronic voting. Additionally, myHOast allows all owners to self-maintain their contact information including email addresses and telephone numbers. If any spouse is not receiving email blasts, they simply need to check their own myHOast account to ensure their email addresses are entered and updated. Each owner in a household has their own myHOast account so their own contact information can be entered. If an owner has any trouble getting into myHOast contact Gary Mruz, Rivendell's website guru [gary.mruz@gmail.com](mailto:gary.mruz@gmail.com). It is likely most spouses have their information entered but the email could be going to their spam/junk mail folder. They would need to verify both myHOast and the spam/junk.

**NEXT DOOR** – In addition to the Woodlands Word and Sandwich boards at each entrance to Rivendell the Social Committee is using NEXT DOOR to communicate our activities/ events. This message goes out to Rivendell Only members.

#### Can't find the Rivendell Calendar OR Woodlands Word ?

We have added a Woodlands Word newsletter **button** to the home page under Bulletins / News. This puts the events calendar and news right next to each other on the home page. [www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)

### Real Estate Corner

by Barbara Gahry

Though home values have cooled in recent months, they still remain near record highs. The last year has seen significant changes in some areas of the real estate market. The lack of homes for sale has helped to keep prices high, even against a sharp slowdown in activity. What's now missing is the buying frenzy and bidding wars, where buyers were willing to pay well over asking prices. Existing-home sales fell again in September, the eighth month in a row of declining sales volumes, according to the National Association of Realtors.

#### Sarasota Still a Seller's Market

Demand still exceeds supply; our inventory remains around 2.5 months vs 6 months in a more balanced market. The fact that mortgage interest rates have crept up toward 7% has not really affected our market as much as it has in other markets. Sales in our market, and especially in Rivendell, continue to be mostly cash. Multiple offers are still seen with highly desirable properties. Interestingly, those homeowners who may have considered selling their financed home are now much less likely to do so unless they absolutely must. These are owners, who financed their homes around 2-3%, and are now looking at financing at around 7%. Instead of moving, there is now more consideration for renovating or just staying put with what they have. Demand for Florida properties, in general, has been quite strong over the last couple of years, especially during the pandemic. The trend toward working from home, the appeal of lower taxes, and warm weather beckon more and more people who want to relocate!

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## "Out and About" in Sarasota: Where Can I Learn Something New?

By Adele Kellman

Opportunities abound for enjoyable adult learning in Sarasota County, and most of them are consistent with a modest budget. Of the organizations that sponsor such activities, four are especially notable: Ringling College Library Association Town Hall Lecture Series (Town Hall), Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning (SILL), Osher Lifetime Learning at Ringling College (OLLI Ringling), and ACE. These institutions may be household names for longtime residents, but for more recent arrivals, they might be unfamiliar. Lectures and classes are starting in January for the winter season.

The Town Hall series is the priciest of the lecture events and offers well known personalities as speakers in the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center. For 2023, some of the speakers are Thomas Friedman, Michael Phelps, and World Kitchen chef Jose Andres. Tickets are offered either in the morning or evening at prices ranging from \$85 to \$135, depending on the location of the seats available. The sponsoring organization, The Ringling College Library Association, is a non-profit dedicated to the development of the Alfred R. Goldstein Library at Ringling College of Art and Design, and educational growth of the students, faculty, and the community.

Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning, founded in 1972 and totally run by volunteers, has continued to expand over the years, offering more lectures and more locations around Sarasota, including Venice and Lakewood Ranch. Their flagship lecture series, Global Issues, features lectures by former diplomats, academics, journalists, and other experts in their fields. The topics span a range of international issues such as American diplomacy, Iran, Putin's Russia, and Britain Post-Brexit. Many of the lecturers are regulars in the series and are favorites with their audiences. Attendance is either by subscription, or for a fee of \$10 for single lectures. In Venice, Global Issues lectures are offered weekly at 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and at 10:00 am on Fridays at the Venice Community Center, beginning January 10th and 13th. For those who are concerned about exposure to Covid, another option is to subscribe to a selection of lectures offered via Video on Demand.

A second series offered under SILL's auspices is Music Mondays: Musical Conversations with Great Performers. A combination of conversation and performance, including a variety of types of music, these events are offered on Mondays at 3:00 pm and are held in Sarasota and locally in Venice at the Venice Presbyterian Church, 825 The Rialto. Further information about the two series, and the lecturers, is available at [sillsarasota.org](http://sillsarasota.org).

Osher Lifetime Learning at Ringling College has a quite different mission. It operates year-round, and offers non-credit courses, all taught by volunteers. The classes and lectures broadly follow a liberal arts curriculum and are offered at a single location: the Sarasota Art Museum on the Ringling College Museum Campus. Some Rivendell residents offer classes at OLLI Ringling. Some classes are also offered via Zoom. Currently there is a winter catalog of more than 70 classes available on their website: [olliringlingcollege.org](http://olliringlingcollege.org). Many classes or lecture series are offered once a week for eight weeks, while others last four weeks, and there are single

sessions, as well. Many of their courses and full day lecture events focus on a single topic, and some focus on items of local interest such as the art works in downtown Sarasota, or Newtown and Black history in Sarasota. To sign up for these modestly priced courses, you need to become a Gold or a Silver Member (for an \$85 or \$25 annual contribution), but you may attend single lecture without being a member. The Sarasota Art Museum offers a beautiful venue for their classes, and there is a bistro with delicious lunches in the same location.

Finally, there is Adult & Community Enrichment @ Suncoast Technical College, or ACE, a school that offers a variety of courses in Language and Language Arts, Technology, Health and Wellness, Exploring Life and Leisure, and the Arts. These are also non-credit courses from paid instructors in a variety of subjects and skills and is located at 4748 Beneva Road | Sarasota, Florida 34233. This is an excellent place to learn how to speak a new language, to take better photographs with your iPhone, to play a musical instrument, to make jewelry or ceramics, or to play lawn bowling. The current catalog goes through April with many courses lasting only four weeks. ACE offers a number of courses online, as well.

Editor's Note: With this edition, we welcome our newest contributor, Adele Kellman. Ms. Kellman will be writing the new "Out and About" devoted to keeping Rivendell's residents informed of the many events and activities happening in our larger neighborhood. Welcome Adele.



The Rivendell Community Web Site is available at [WWW.RIVENDELLCOMMUNITY.COM](http://WWW.RIVENDELLCOMMUNITY.COM)

Please contact Lighthouse Property Management for the password to the RESIDENTS / INFORMATION section.

### Dining Out in February

On Saturday, February 25th, we will be dining at the Apollonia Grill at the Landings Shopping Center. The address is 4956 S. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. We will meet first with a BYOB drinks and snacks to socialize from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, and then go to the restaurant for a 6:30 pm reservation. Each person or couple will order and pay separately at the restaurant. The dinner is limited to the first 25 people who sign up. Sign-ups for the February dinner will continue through February 17th. For the February dinner, please RSVP to Adele Kellman at [adele.kellman@gmail.com](mailto:adele.kellman@gmail.com). Also, if you are willing to volunteer your home as a gathering place for the social hour, please let us know when you RSVP. If no one volunteers, we will gather at the pool before the dinner.

If you would like to be kept on a mailing list for information about upcoming dinners, please send your information to either Lisa Boggess at [lbogg@msn.com](mailto:lbogg@msn.com), or Adele Kellman at [adele.kellman@gmail.com](mailto:adele.kellman@gmail.com). If you are willing to volunteer your home as a gathering place for a future dinner, please let us know.

We still do not have a volunteer to organize a Dining In group. If you are interested in volunteering to facilitate this activity, please contact Maria Ilioff, the chair of the Social Committee at [Milioff85@gmail.com](mailto:Milioff85@gmail.com).



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## Book Nook

Both of Rivendell's book groups welcome new members. And they are not just for women; men are encouraged to join Book Group II. Reach out to the contact person for each group and they will offer more information and an invitation.

### BOOK GROUP I

**Book Group I** will meet January 10 at 7:30 at Barbara Gahry's to discuss *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi, which when released in 2020 was scooped up by Reese Witherspoon's book club. The story follows the escape of an abusive marriage to becoming one of the sought-after henna artists in Jaipur, India. Contact person: Adele Kellman at [adele.kellman@gmail.com](mailto:adele.kellman@gmail.com)

### BOOK GROUP II

**Book Group II** will meet on January 17 at 7:00 to discuss *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell, who has been called one of the most versatile writers in contemporary American literature. This, her debut novel, is a classic of speculative fiction, combining elements of science fiction and courtroom drama. Karen Morgan will be leading the discussion and Annie Francis will host.

Contact: Karen Morgan [K@gatorax.net](mailto:K@gatorax.net).

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## Social Calendar

January 5, 1pm Bridge Club.

Contact Barb Loe for more information at 651-398-2256.

January 9, 7:30pm Book Group I will discuss *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi

Contact person: Adele Kellman at [adele.kellman@gmail.com](mailto:adele.kellman@gmail.com)

January 11, 2pm – Artist Corner: Leah Friends will present on Cyanotyping

Cyanotyping is a process that lends itself to all sorts of interesting experimentation using UV light, i.e. sun, light box, uv light and a special solution. You can use cyanotypes for lots of **projects**: pillows, quilts, bags, clothing, banners, and tablecloths for example.

Contact Allie Sandow to signup, space is limited – 513-403-7228

January 17, 7:00 pm Book Group II -The Sparrows by Maria Doria Russell

Contact person Karen Morgan @ [k@gatortrax.net](mailto:k@gatortrax.net)

January 18 , 9:30 am Kayak Club

Our next outing will be on the Myakka River, arrival time 9:30 with launch at 10am. We will meet at Venice Myakka River Park, 7501 Laurel Rd. E, Nokomis. There are restrooms. No on-site kayak rentals, check with North Jetty Kayak company or Silent Sports for possible rentals. Contact Jane to RSVP and questions: [janie0441@gmail.com](mailto:janie0441@gmail.com)

January 18, 7pm A Special Interest Group for Travelers @ 1040 Scherer Way. Please RSVP Adele at [adele.kellman@gmail.com](mailto:adele.kellman@gmail.com)

January 19, 5:30 – 7pm - Mix and Mingle at Rivendell Pool Deck. Sign-ups not required. Contact Kathy Halaiko for more information: 941-914-6895

January 20, 11am- 12:30pm Inquisitive Minds – NEW!

You're invited to join a group to discuss topics of interest in philosophy and science, excluding topics involving politics and religion. Topics in philosophy and religion will be solicited, offered and selected through voting at the start of each meeting. The meetings will provide an opportunity for group contemplation and enjoyment by discussing important subjects, without the rancor that can accompany discussions of politics and religion. This group would meet once per month, for about two hours. Mike Gruenfeld will facilitate these meetings, although this function can be rotated per members preference.

Examples of topics for discussion:

Is exceptional intelligence necessary for great wisdom or achievement? ; What is art and when is art no longer art? Are the customs, laws, and culture of our civilization superior to those of past civilizations? Does education confer wisdom, or are they totally separate attributes? Do concepts of wisdom change, and if so, what is wisdom? Is there such a thing as a life well lived, and what is it? Has the human species

improved over the past 3,000 years, and if so, how?

Contact Mike for more information 941-685-5166

January 26, 1pm -Bridge Club. Contact Barb Loe for more information at 651-398-2256.

January 31, 7-8:30pm – Card/Game Night at 920 Scherer Way.

BYOB and if you'd like bring a snack. We'll choose the game(s) that night. Feel free to bring a game you'd like to play, too. An rsvp would be nice but not required, 607-427-4192 text Maria.

Note: There will be no WOW – Women of Wine in January.

The Rivendell Board of Directors Meeting will be January 18 at 6:00 pm at the Lutheran Church. There was no meeting in December.

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## 2023 Ponds & Preserves Management Program.

### Protecting Our Preserves. Keeping Ponds Healthy and Vibrant.

By Sue Remy, Rivendell Ponds and Preserves Committee.

#### PRESERVES Management Plan

##### Rivendell has 115 acres with 14 Wetlands & Upland Preserves.

- As key parts of our stormwater system, preserves and buffer areas must be left alone. Any activity beyond homeowners' property lines is considered an incursion. Do not plant, build, cut or remove any vegetation, or deposit yard waste in protected areas. Incursions are monitored regularly and violations enforced.
- Ongoing preserve management actions include: removing invasive plants, and inspection & correction of incursions in preserve & buffer areas. Other maintenance involves wildfire mitigation & ecological mowing and clearing perimeter paths, grates, weirs, and bubblers, as well as treatment and removal of invasive cattails that block outflow structures, causing flooding.



#### PONDS Management Plan

##### Rivendell has 23 Named Ponds with 65 acres of Open Water.

- Our HOA is responsible for the maintenance of the Stormwater Detention System that controls flooding, including all ponds, wetlands, shorelines, and community common-ground.
- Erosion is visible on most pond shorelines. It is being managed by installing "Rivendell Natural Shorelines." The 3-foot LMZs (Low-Maintenance Zones) are installed, while aquatic plants are being planted in phases with a goal to surround each pond with beneficial vegetation.
- Our HOA landscape contractor keeps LMZs trimmed to a rounded height of 8-12 inches for a neat & uniform look. Plants are emergent, shoreline FL native species that help absorb nutrients, reduce runoff and control erosion.
- Aim to reduce use of toxic herbicides in the management of algae control and invasive plant growth.
- **Benefits:** Stabilize shoreline banks. Filter excess nutrient runoff. Improve water quality. Avoid costly remediation. Enhance wildlife habitats. Keep property values strong.



#### Homeowners' & Residents' Important Role - Thank You!

- Reduce water usage where possible. Only if needed, irrigate on your assigned day and not between 10am – 4pm. **New watering schedule starts January 1, 2023.** Inspect/maintain good working sprinklers, heads, and rain sensors.
- Follow Sarasota County guidelines for responsible fertilizing and irrigation. Respect the nitrogen/phosphorous fertilizer ban between June 1 – Sept. 30. Do not fertilize within 10 feet of preserve, pond or any hardscape surfaces.
- Reduce use of nitrogen/phosphorus fertilizers year-round. Iron-based fertilizers are an effective alternative.

#### Your Actions Make a Difference!

Keep our community healthy and beautiful. Enjoy the abundance of wildlife and experience harmony with nature while strolling around our community.

**If you can, get involved!** Lend your talents - volunteer on a committee or for activities that interest you. Meet neighbors. Keep Rivendell a special community for all!





**Another Successful Wildlife Week - Over 4,800 Wildlife Sightings!**  
**Special Thanks to All Who Participated!**  
 Wildlife Window - By Sue Remy, Ponds & Preserves Committee

During the week of November 12-19, 2022, the Ponds and Preserves Committee hosted the **Fall Rivendell Wildlife Week**. As a condition of the grants used for pond plantings to control erosion, Rivendell residents became **Nature Watchers** to help observe and record sightings of the diverse wildlife in our community. While these sightings do not provide a scientific count of each species, they do give us an indication of the diversity and numbers of animals found here.

**Overall, wildlife sightings increased from previous Wildlife Week observations.** Despite a drought, two recent and strong hurricanes, plus large, new developments all around us, we are continuing to see wildlife active in our community. While our ponds and plantings survived fairly well, there was debris clutter in and around our ponds and preserves that can make it harder on wildlife. Kudos to our management teams and contractors who helped remove some of the debris to keep our wildlife habitats attractive for these wonderful animals.

**Many thanks to the 30+ residents who participated in Wildlife Week! Nature Watchers** captured sightings of **4,894 wildlife friends**. Below is a breakdown of what residents observed this Fall compared to previous sightings.

WILDLIFE TYPE (examples)	FALL '22	Spring '22	Fall '21
<b>Blackbirds, Crows, Grackles, Starlings</b>	<b>1,187</b>	605	1,144
<b>Wetlands/Wading:</b> Herons, Egrets, Ducks, Cranes, Ibis	<b>1,370</b>	2,067	1,530
<b>Perching Birds:</b> Warblers, Cardinals, Mockingbirds, Jays	<b>708</b>	794	402
<b>Birds of Prey:</b> Eagles, Ospreys, Vultures, Owls, Hawks	<b>294</b>	199	218
<b>Insects:</b> Butterflies, Moths, Dragonflies, Spiders, Bees	<b>178</b>	149	157
<b>Amphibians:</b> Green Frogs, Cuban Treefrogs	<b>42</b>	38	28
<b>Reptiles:</b> Alligators, Anoles, Turtles, Snakes	<b>575</b>	360	467
<b>Mammals:</b> Deer, Bobcat, Rabbits, Squirrels, Raccoon	<b>540</b>	353	347
	<b>4,894</b>	4,565	4,293

**Fun Facts About Fall 2022's Wildlife Sightings**

Let's continue to keep our ponds healthy and vibrant for these beautiful creatures.

- **Perching Bird** sightings continue to delight residents with their color and musical sounds.
- **Wetlands/Wading Bird** sightings showed a decrease from previous weeks. Drought, hurricanes, migration and "non-nesting" season may have contributed to their absence.
- **Mammals** were more abundant during this week. **Gray Squirrels** especially, were spotted more often than previous Wildlife weeks and are commonplace in our community.

Many **Nature Watchers** commented on the positive experience of watching Rivendell's wildlife and how wonderful it is to live in such beautiful natural surroundings. Most of the Nature Watchers said they would participate in next Wildlife Week! Stay tuned! We hope more residents will join us for the next Wildlife Week. **Thanks again to all!**

Click here to visit the Ponds & Preserves website at <https://www.rivendellcommunity.com/ponds>.

(Photos by Bob Frank)



**Mammals, such as this Bobcat, were often observed this Wildlife Week. Gray Squirrels were the most abundant mammals.**



Amazing Birds of Prey, such as this Red-shouldered Hawk, top the food chain and our awe of wildlife in Rivendell.



Colorful butterflies are a welcome sight in any garden. You can create your own Butterfly Garden with Florida native plants that appeal to these flying beauties.



Reptiles, like the Florida Cooter here, are often seen enjoying our ponds. Keeping ponds healthy and vibrant attract more wildlife.

Click here to visit the Ponds & Preserves website at <https://www.rivendellcommunity.com/ponds>.

Architectural Review Committee Report  
 Meeting Thurs Nov 29, 2022 - 4:30PM  
 Meeting called to order 4:30 PM Adjourned: 4:45  
 Meeting held via Online Conference call.

Quorum present: Greg Warner, Greg Volack, Joe Casale, Joe Zwerling  
 Board Member: Kevin Boggess

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1	Plant Privacy Plants	498 Meadow Sweet Cir	GW	JC	Approve
2	Apply "Profile or stamped concrete to entry	534 Meadow Sweet Cir	GW	JC	Approve
3	Screen existing Porch space	586 Meadow Sweet Cir	GW	JC	Approve
4	Hurricane Screen	656 Clear Creek Dr	GW	JC	Approve
5	Pool Cage - Destroyed - Rebuilt as before	691 Clear Creek Dr	GW	JC	Approve
6	Remove 3 Pine Trees Replace with 1 Foxtail Palm - Remove all Stumps	694 Clear Creek Dr	GW	JC	Approve
7	Re-roof with Eagle Roofing - 4679 Light Gray Range, Bel Air Profile, Conventional Weight	700 Shadow Bay Way	GW	JC	Approve
8	Replace Roof - Shingles	718 Shadow Bay Way	GW	JC	Approve
9	Hurricane Door	726 Shadow Bay Way	GW	JC	Approve
10	Tree Removals & Stumps	730 Shadow Bay Way	GW	JC	Approve Remove all Stumps
11	Concrete Roof Tile Saxony 900 Slate Sterling-Lake Wales	748 Fordingbrige	GW	JC	Approve
12	Landscaping - Replace damaged trees and shrubs - All stumps removed	755 Shadow Bay Way	GW	JC	Approve Remove all Stumps
13	Hurricane Windows	765 Placid Lake Dr	GW	JC	Approve
14	Tree Removals	965 Scherer Way	GW	JC	Approve Remove all Stumps
15	Landscaping - Replant Ligustrum with sweet vib and blue lily grass	1026 Oak Preserve	GW	JC	Approve Remove all Stumps
16	Roof - Replace	1027 Oak Meadow Ln	GW	JC	Approve
17	Roof Replace - Capistrado Profile	1064 Mallard Marsh Dr	GW	JC	Approve
18	Replace House Number with contemporary house number	1065 Mallard Marsh Dr	GW	JC	Approve
19	Tree Removals	1073 Scherer Way	GW	JC	Approve Remove all Stumps
20	Roof Solar Panel Roof on side and back of house	1080 Scherer Way	GW	JC	Approve
21	Pool and Spa as specified on site plan	1085 Mallard Marsh Dr	GW	JC	Approve
22	Roof	1088 Mallard Marsh Dr	GW	JC	Approve
23	Pool Cage	1127 Mallard Marsh Dr	GW	JC	Approve
24	Reroof Roof from Green to Royal Palm #4516 BelAir Eagle	1128 Mallard Marsh Dr	GW	JC	Approve
25	Replace Cage	1196 Mallard Marsh Dr	GW	JC	Approve
26	Landscaping - Replant	1204 Mallard Marsh Dr	GW	JC	Approve Remove all Stumps

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## Really Cool Gadget

By Karen Post

Do you know how cool your hearing aids are? I mean really, really cool.

This is the coolest gadget you can wear. It not only helps you listen to the people in your life, it also listens for you. It hears the hum of the AC in your car and softens this noise. It listens for the wind and takes that noise away. It listens for voices and amplifies them, so you hear the people around you.

The new "smart" hearing aids determine sound quality in the room you are in and provide automatic adjustments. If you are in a small room and adjust the volume for louder sound, your hearing aid will remember this. After a few times of this same action on your part, your hearing aid will automatically provide sounds at the louder volume in these settings.

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