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March 2017



Board of Directors for 2017. Left to right: Ray Capuano, Larry Dobias, Bruce Lorie, Joe Sefack. Not shown: Gwen Leaning.

Message from the Board Thank you, Joe Sefack

After many years of service to the Rivendell community, Joe Sefack has announced his resignation from his position on the Board of Directors. Most recently Joe has served as the President of the Board. He came to this position with only one agenda - to improve the community and to create a path forward for those who came after him. Because Joe is respected and trusted by those who knew him in Rivendell, many had faith that Joe's judgment would lead to good things for Rivendell. Joe's honor and respect for others served him well in the leadership role. He managed Board meetings in a professional and respectful manner, and he never let things get out of hand.

Joe's belief in organization and goals drove him to push for a project priority list for Rivendell. As President, Joe did all that he could towards bringing these needs to the forefront by identifying them and prioritizing them. This effort resulted in the creation of the Phase 1 list due to be completed in the coming years. Joe looked forward to bringing Phase 1 to fruition, but family health concerns have forced him to focus his energies in another direction. The new Board will have to move on without Joe but will be leaning on his knowledge and counsel going forward. We believe that we speak for many when stating that Joe did a wonderful job for Rivendell and we are all indebted to him for his service. Thanks, Joe. ~ *The 2017 Board of Directors*

Highlights of February 1 Annual Meeting and Board Meeting

By Carol Heckert; Reviewed by Larry Dobias
Annual Meeting

Attending: Joe Sefack, Bruce Lorie, Bobby Merrill, Walter Perkowski

Election Committee: Barb Gahry, Mike Bergman, Kay & Gary Mruz,

Nominations: There were no nominations from the floor. The Election Committee counted the ballots.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Our past due receivables are \$23,000, which is less than last year. We are under budget by \$63,000. We have a rollover of \$41,000, which can be spent in 2017.

Communications Committee: New homeowners and homeowners who have changed a phone number or email address should fill out the Community Directory Update Form included in the Annual Meeting packet.

Architectural Review Committee: The paint palette to be used when painting your house has been completed, with a choice of 50 colors for house and trim. These colors are suggestions only.

New Business:

The rollover of unspent funds from 2016 was approved.

There are two new Directors: Ray Capuano and Larry Dobias.

Homeowner Comments:

1. Joe Sefack thanked the 70 volunteers who serve on sub-association Boards and our three committees: Main-

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tenance, ARC, and Communications. Special thanks to Bobby Merrill and Walter Perkowski who are leaving the Board of Directors, and to Jim Stepien who is stepping down as chair of the Maintenance Committee.

2. Lot numbers and wording on the proxy form are confusing. Proxy form should be rewritten.

3. For future Annual Meetings, recommend an educational program while ballots are being counted.

4. Lights shot out and windshields broken in Rivendell and Park Trace. Given more traffic coming on Bay Street, recommend a Safety Committee to help ensure our security.

5. Traffic a problem in Rivendell. Likes the idea of a Safety Committee.

6. New Board member Ray Capuano looking forward to working with the community.

Board of Directors Meeting *

Attending: Joe Sefack, Bruce Lorie, Ray Capuano, Larry Dobias

Board positions were announced:

President ----- Joe Sefack

Vice-Pres ----- Ray Capuano; check signer; ARC Liaison

Treasurer ----- Larry Dobias; check signer; Communications Committee Liaison

Secretary ----- Bruce Lorie; check signer; Maintenance Committee Liaison

Director ----- Gwen Leaning

Committee Assignments:

ARC Chair: John Fitzgibbon

Members: John Martin, Kay Mruz, Maureen Emmons, Wayne Davis

Communications Comm. Chair: Carol Heckert

Maintenance Comm. Chair: Greg Volack

Homeowners are urged to join a committee.

* *Editor's Note:* Due to Joe Sefack's resignation as the Board President, the 2017 Board positions as well as liaison and other responsibilities will be addressed at the March Board Meeting. The process will be to nominate one of the Board members to be President, causing the rest of Board positions to also change. The Rivendell documents disallow the President to have a liaison role or other responsibilities. Therefore there will also be changes in liaison assignments.

Maintenance Report for January 2017

By Bruce Lorie, Director

January 2017 has been a very active month for repairs:

☐ Repaired broken 4-inch irrigation pipe in front of the pool complex.

☐ Replaced float switch for the Rivendell Lake well pump.

☐ There was an additional irrigation pipe break (4 Inch pipe@ the gate valves) at the pump house on Rivendell Blvd. The pipe is a cooperative water pipe feed from the lake to Big Rivendell and the Cottages. The Cottages hired their own irrigation contractor to do the repair (that was supervised).

☐ We also had to replace the heat pump fan motor on heat pump # 1 on the electric heaters at the pool. The contractor has been notified of questionable wiring and we are awaiting repairs.

Message From the Former President

I have resigned from the Board as of February 2 due to the medical condition of my wife.

I had been looking forward to working with the new Board to complete the goals of the previous Board. I feel confident that the new Board will take Rivendell to the next level, and when the approved and planned projects are completed, you will be even prouder of our community.

It has been a privilege and honor to have served on our Board.

~ Joe Sefack

Next Rivendell Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 8th 2017 at 6:00pm
OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
2705 N Tamiami Trail
 Any changes to this date will be

 posted on the website
www.rivendellcommunity.com

Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

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

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Historic Spanish Point Events

Fairy House Festival at Spanish Point

When: Saturday March 4 from 10am to 5pm AND Sunday March 5 from 12pm to 5pm

What & Where: Fun-filled family event, spread throughout the Historic Spanish Point 30-enchanted acres. Enter the fairy house competition; enjoy musical performances, storytelling, enchanted garden walks, games, crafts, and vendors.

Admission: \$12 per adult; \$5 per child (ages 5-12); FREE for children under age 5.

Orchid Workshop with Bruce Weaver of the Venice Orchid Society

“General Orchid Care”

Cost: Free but space is limited and RSVP is required. Call 966-5214 to reserve your spot.

When: Tue April 11, 2017 from 12pm – 2pm

Where: Gazebo

Art History Lunch & Lecture Series

Art historian Baila Miller presents monthly lectures on the arts & opera. Historic Spanish Point artist-in-residence Norma Albertha Winter will conduct art workshops.

Registration is required for all lectures and will only be accepted with payment. For reservations or more information, contact Tracey Viviano at (941) 966-5214, ext. 2850, or email tracey.viviano@historicspanishpoint.org.

\$25 per person per session for Historic Spanish Point members - includes lunch

\$30 per person per session for non-members - includes lunch

Van Gogh Art History Lunch & Lecture with Baila Miller

When: Tue Mar 7, 2017 12pm – 2pm

Where: Classroom A, Classroom B

Guggenheim Art History Lunch & Lecture with Baila Miller

When: Tue April 4, 2017 12pm – 2pm

Where: Classroom A, Classroom B

Surrealism: Magritte, Miro & Dali Art History Lunch & Lecture with Baila Miller

When: Tue May 2, 2017 12pm – 2pm

Where: Classroom A, Classroom B



Annual Florida Strawberry Festival

Submitted by Pam Babbitt

When: March 2 to March 12, 2017

Where: 303 N Lemon Street, Plant City, FL

Phone: 813-754-1996

Website: www.flstrawberryfestival.com for directions, parking, hours, entertainment tickets, special days & discounts

Strawberry aficionado's, the Plant City Strawberries are now "in season." Celebrate by attending the Florida Strawberry Festival and be prepared for lots of people, the usual rides, contests, and entertainment that includes free performances as well as ticketed performances for Brenda Lee, Willie Nelson, Oak Ridge Boys, Patti LaBelle, and others.

But of course the primary star of the festival is the fresh, ripe **Strawberry**. The strawberry will be featured in strawberry shortcake, milkshakes, sundaes, jams, cookies, strawberry peanut brittle, strawberry pie, cheesecake, and cream puffs. If these refreshments aren't enticing, then try the strawberry pizza!

Don't despair if you can't attend the festival, or just want to avoid the crowds. Visit the unique **Parkeisdale Market**, open seven days a week all year. They usually have strawberries available and will whip up their strawberry milkshake or serve their "world famous" shortcake, (other fruits, vegetables, & products are also available). The Parkeisdale Market is an interesting place to stop on a return trip from Orlando (I-4, Exit 19 onto FL-566/Thonotosassa Road, then find 3702 W Baker Street). Info: 813-752-0502; www.parkeisdale.com



Parkeisdale Market



Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead on Sunday March 12th, 2017 at 2am





If you are interested in volunteering for Rivendell's Maintenance Committee, ARC Committee or Communications Committee please send a note to the committee chair. In the note include your name, phone number, email address and a brief message explaining your interest.

Maintenance -- Greg Volack (cargrma2@aol.com)

ARC -- John Fitzgibbon (john.fitz48@gmail.com)

Communication -- Carol Heckert (carolheckert@verizon.net)

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Household Hint - Cleaning Pavers

By Nancy Dobias

I continue to be amazed. Yesterday Larry pre-treated our front porch paver bricks with bleach and today he used a power washer on them. Now here comes the remarkable part. Our neighbor, Greg Volack, brought over a bag of children's play sand and he scattered the sand over the bricks. As Larry and Greg were throwing the sand on the porch, I'm thinking, "These men are nuts! What a mess this is going to be! Who throws sand on their front porch?" Well, I couldn't watch. I just knew that sand was going to end up in our house, and nothing would be accomplished other than I would be doing a lot of vacuuming. Later, when I went out to check how it was going, I was amazed! The paver bricks looked fantastic! They were at the point where they were sweeping the sand across the bricks. The bricks had "soaked" in the new sand and voila! Instant new filling between the paver bricks! It looked as though someone had just laid a new porch. Not only was it "new grouting," but also the few paver bricks that had a slight movement in them no longer did that. The bricks were now firmly seated as though they were "cemented" into the sand. Their next step was to sweep off the excess sand. Then they waited a bit to allow the sand to dry some more and again the bricks were swept.



This is how the pavers looked after the second sweeping of sand.
 Visit the Rivendell website to see a color photo of the clean pavers ~
 photo by Nancy Dobias



Marc Chagall Exhibition at Selby Botanical Gardens

Excerpted: selby.org/press-releases/selby-gardens-marc-chagall-exhibition-feature-works-public-display-first-time

Marc Chagall, Flowers, and the French Riviera: The Color of Dreams opened Feb. 12, 2017, at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and will be on view through July 31, 2017. The paintings, some of the artist's personal effects, and photographs that chronicle Chagall's life are on display.

Visitors can wander through a glass house conservatory where reproductions of Chagall's nature-inspired stained glass are displayed among living plants. The gardens are enhanced with orchids, bromeliads, bougainvillea and citrus trees that evoke the south of France, the area that inspired Chagall and where he spent much of his later years. Various cultural performances, special events, classes, and lectures will be part of the exhibition.

Information, contact: Mischa Kirby, APR, mkirby@selby.org or 941-366-5731 x225 or visit www.selby.org. The Selby is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Cost: Members Free, Member's Guests \$15, Regular Adult Admission is \$25 and youth ages 4-17 \$15, and children 3 and under enter free.

Related Events, Lectures & Classes (additional ticket costs will apply)

March

Lecture: Marc Chagall, A Life in Pictures with Christopher Jones March 8, Noon-1pm

Chagall Nights: featuring Sarasota Opera - March 9, 6-9pm

Chagall Family Saturdays - March 18, 10am – Noon

Garden Music Series Concert: Seth Walker - March 19, 1-3pm

Lecture: The Belle Epoch

March 20, 11:30am – 1pm

Class: Writing and Collage Retreat

March 22, 10am-3pm

Class: Ikebana: Sogetsu meets Chagall

March 24, 10am-1pm

Class: Stained Glass in Watercolor & Ink

March 27-29, Noon-5pm

Class: Tripod Tuesdays

March 28, 9-10am

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One of our clients, I'll call him Charlie, came in for his routine clean and check and shared a story with me.

His home-owners association (HOA) meetings was the other night and he noticed for the first time that he had confidence with his hearing. He knew what was being said, by whom, and about what.

When he said it, I was rather puzzled. Charlie has been wearing his new hearing aids for a few months. I know some HOA's don't meet during the summer so I asked him, "weren't you going before?"

He clarified, "yes but this was the first time I noticed my confidence. It was the noticing of my confidence that changed."

I asked, "What happened that you noticed this time?"

He answered, beaming, "I became the Go-To Guy."

Honestly, I was hesitant to ask what he meant since he said it in a way that seemed I should understand, but I had to ask, "What is a Go-To Guy?"

"I'm the guy in the group that the other men ask what was said. I'm the guy sitting in the HOA meeting that the other men around me turn to and ask what was said. I'm now the Go-To Guy."

"I've been attending these meetings for years, and I always sat behind someone in case I needed help understanding what someone said. This past meeting I sat in the front and about half way through a neighbor tapped me on the shoulder and asked me, what did he say? I answered him turned around and realized that I had become the Go-To guy."

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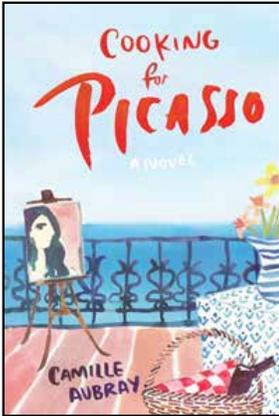
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Book Group Schedule

By Pam Babbitt and Marilyn Probert



On Monday, March 13th, the book group will be discussing *Cooking for Picasso* by Camille Aubray. Set on the French Riviera in 1936, Ondine's parents, owners of Cafe Paradis, receive an unusual request. A man, traveling incognito, wants his meals served to him at his rented villa in secrecy. Seventeen-year-old Ondine is given this task. Flash forward to present day: Ondine's granddaughter, Celine, learns from her ill mother that her late grandmother once knew Picasso. Intrigued, and

to satisfy her mother's curiosity as well as her own, Celine goes to France to find out more. Carol Heckert will host the group at 808 Placid Lake Drive; please call her at 941-918-9528 if you plan to attend,

On April 3, a week earlier than usual, we will discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Harold undertakes a rather long walk from Kingsbridge on the south coast of Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed, the northernmost town in England, a trek of some 627 miles.

The May 8th selection is *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy* by Rachel Joyce. *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* followed him as he traveled to see Queenie Hennessy. In this parallel story, Queenie writes of her own journey.

June 12th's historical fiction book is titled *The Bridal Chair* by Gloria Goldreich. Ida Chagall, the daughter of Marc Chagall, is in the Paris art world beyond her father's control. However in Nazi-occupied Paris, Chagall's status as a Jewish artist makes them targets.

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month (except for the one-time change in April) at 7:30pm. All Rivendell residents are welcome; please notify the month's hostess if you plan to participate.



What To Do When the Power Goes Off?

If you lose power and wonder what happened, when will the power be restored, or to report the outage, Florida Power & Light (FPL) has an interactive map that can be accessed on your cell phone, as long as you have your phone with cellular data turned on. Remember, if the power is out your home server, Wi-Fi, etc. won't receive electricity.

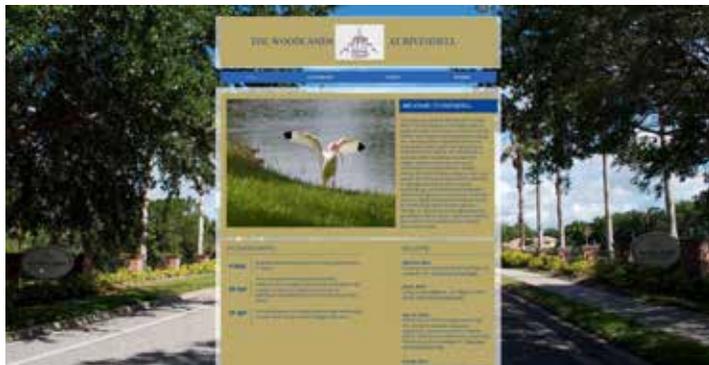
FPL's Power Tracker is an online, interactive map that shows current power outages by location. Simply enter a street address, city, or ZIP to see outage and restoration information. Power Tracker provides outage report time, estimated time of restoration, number of customers affected, status of restoration, and cause of outage.

How do I find information using Power Tracker map?

- Enter a street address, city, or ZIP code in the search box.
- Zoom the map in or out.
- Move to a new area on the map by clicking & holding anywhere on the map and dragging to the desired location, or use the arrows on the compass.
- Outages are indicated by the various colors of triangle icons indicating the scale of an outage.
- Click on an outage icon to open an information box.
- To reset the map, click "Start Over," below the map image.
- During an outage, the Power Tracker can be accessed via smart phone, battery-powered laptop, or Internet device (such as an iPhone, Android or iPad).

Can the FPL link be saved to a cell phone? The Power Tracker Map LINK can be saved to several places on a cell phone. A suggestion is to save the link to the Home Screen (so it is easier to find). While on your CELL PHONE, go to: http://www.fplmaps.com/customer/outage/pt_mobile.html. The FL map appears and can be saved.

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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 **941-587-8439**.

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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 to arrange this service.

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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



WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

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 obtained from the website but Lighthouse Property Management has ALL official documents for Rivendell.



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Desert Rose (*Adenium obesum*)

A native of East Africa, the desert rose grows well in South Florida. It has fleshy leaves with trumpet shaped flowers in shades from red to light pink. The base of the plant is called a caudex and should remain above the soil. Adeniums are stem succulents, so the thickened stem (caudex) is a beautiful aspect of the plant. When potting, remove an inch or two of soil, to expose more of the interesting, thickened stem base.

Care Instructions

1. Container: Clay, plastic or stoneware pots can be used, but there must be a drainage hole.

2. Soils: Good drainage and the soil mix needs nutrients. Use a mixture of sand, potting soil, cactus mix, etc. A top layer of gravel or orchid bark helps keep soil moist. Like hot & humid and will grow & flower with temperatures above 90°.

3. Watering: Needs little water during winter, especially when cool. Increase water during growing and blooming periods. If outside in the hot summer sun, it will tolerate water 2 to 3 times a week. Leaves will turn yellow & brown and drop if over-watered. If leaves get wet from rain & drop off, don't worry. If the soil doesn't drain well after rain - protect it.

4. Light: Needs light & good air movement. Keep in a bright location in winter. In summer it can tolerate partial or full sun. For plants in 10-inch pots or larger, they can be put into full sun, but give smaller ones light shade.

5. Fertilizer: Feed with a general houseplant fertilizer half-strength once or twice a month when warm. Blooming fertilizer may help encourage blossoms during the growing



season. Only fertilize a healthy, actively growing plant.

6. Temperature: Temperatures below 40 degrees - cover it or move to a protected area. However, keeping it cool (40-60 degrees) gives the plant a rest. At this time, water only once every 4-6 weeks. Most Adeniums will lose their leaves until warmer temperatures. When new leaves appear, ease into a full watering schedule for summer.

7. Shaping or Styling: Do heavy pruning after the rest period, around March. New shoots can be pruned regularly. The sap is toxic, so clean hands, and avoid getting sap into open wounds or eyes.

8. Propagation: Pruning the plant also provides stems to start new plants. Take the stem you have trimmed off and remove leaves that are below the planting level. Dip the cut end into "root hormone" (a white powder at plant store). Put the root hormone end into the soil mixture & water sparingly. Let the soil mixture dry out before watering again.

9. Repotting: After the winter rest period, remove from container, trim roots that have died, then repot using a good draining soil mix. Peat can be added to the mixture. However, the plant can tolerate being root-bound.

10. Animals: Leaves eaten by pets cause intense salivation but will not harm them. Rinse their mouth with water.

www.south-florida-plant-guide.com/desert-rose.html and
www.okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu/News_columns/Desert.Rose.htm

NEW RIVENDELL MAP



Pam Babbitt has created a fantastic map of Rivendell for all residents to utilize!

This map has been added to the website.

You can review the map online or click to download a copy for printing.

You will find the new map under *OUR COMMUNITY* on the website.
WWW.RIVENDELLCOMMUNITY.COM

Linda's Best Ever Marble Cheesecake

Submitted by Linda Pearlstein

HINT: If all ingredients are at room temperature, cracks will be virtually eliminated.

COMBINE:

1 cup chocolate cookie crumbs (Hydrox or Oreo) – about 12 (use the food processor)

¼ cup melted butter

3 T sugar

Mix and press into bottom of 9-inch spring form pan.

MELT:

6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate (I use chocolate chips)

ADD:

½ cup sour cream

2 T crème de cacao

IN MIXER, CREAM:

24 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature

1 cup sugar

ADD:

½ cup sour cream

3 beaten eggs, one at a time

2 T flour

DIRECTIONS:

Pour one-half cream cheese batter into spring form pan, swirl half chocolate mixture in. Add rest of batter, rest of chocolate, and swirl. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Turn oven off, open door. Rest 30 minutes. Cool. Freezes well.

NOTE:

1. Use real butter, cream cheese, and sour cream (not low fat, lite etc.),



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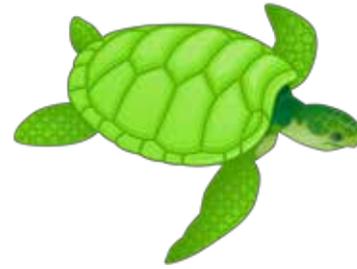
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Florida Sea Turtles

5 species of Sea Turtles inhabit Florida's waters though only 3 species nest on Florida's beaches. Florida is one of the largest nesting area in the world for Sea Turtles. Nesting season is from March 1 thru October 31st. When visiting Florida beaches during this time it is not unlikely that you will see areas marked or roped off where a sea turtle nest is (as they are protected by the Florida State Statutes, Chapter 370.12). And most beaches where they nest have a "lights out" policy after a specified time to prevent the sea turtles from going toward the lights.

Sea turtles can lay several nests in one season, in each nest laying approximately 100 eggs. The female covers the eggs with sand and then leaves the eggs to incubate for 2 months. The temperature of the nest actually determines the sex of the turtles. When the eggs hatch, the hatchlings race toward the water. A very small percentage of the hatchlings ever survive and live to adulthood. The females who do always return to nest on the same beach where they hatched.



HELP PROTECT RIVENDELL'S WILDLIFE

Florida State Law makes feeding Sandhill Cranes, Alligators, Racoons, Foxes and Bears, a second degree misdemeanor.

Blatant and repeat offenses will be ticketed or time spent in jail (Florida Fish and Wildlife Code 68A-4.001).

Anyone who knows or sees someone intentionally feeding these animals should call the 24 hour Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-3922.

www.flrules.org (search for 68A-4)

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Architectural Review Committee Report January 31, 2017

Attendees: Chair, John Fitzgibbon, Kay Mruz, Maureen Emmons, Wayne Davis

Absent: John Martin, Board Liaison Gwen Leaning

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM with a quorum of Committee members present.

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	786 Placid Lake Drive	Landscaping	Motion: Kay 2 nd : Maureen Resolved: Approved
2.	1177 Lost Creek Court	Equipment Screen	Motion: John F 2 nd : Kay Resolved: Approved
3.	1080 Scherer Way	Repaint Exterior	Motion: John F 2 nd : Kay Resolved: Approved
4.	766 Shadow Bay Way	Replace Roof	Motion: John F 2 nd : Kay Resolved: Approved
5.	1046 Scherer Way	Tree Removal	Motion: John F 2 nd : Kay Resolved: Approved
6.	701 Fordingbridge Way	Tree Replacement	Motion: Kay 2 nd : John F Resolved: Approved
7.	1072 Mallard Marsh Drive	Tree Removal	Motion: Maureen 2 nd : Kay Resolved: Approved
8.	1092 Mallard Marsh Drive	Install Pool and Cage	Motion: Maureen 2 nd : Wayne Resolved: Approved, subject to pool cage meeting ARC Guidelines.
9.	980 Scherer Way	Landscaping	Motion: John F 2 nd : Maureen Resolved: Approved

New Business/Questions:

- Paint Palette: Kay reported that they have held two meetings during which they have identified approximately 50 base colors, plus trim and door colors. These include the original 14+ colors that were available when Rivendell was built. This will be turned into approximately 50 color schemes, much like the Paint Palette used by Willow Bend. A typical scheme will show a base color for the body of the house as well as two colors for the trim and two for the front door. These are meant to be helpful suggestions, not mandates.
- Beth Martin, the Sherwin Williams representative, will be collating these choices into a more formal package for consideration at the next Paint Palette meeting.
- ARC Form revisions: Maureen suggested slight modifications to the ARC Request form to better define what is required in terms of a plat/ Survey/ site plan. The ARC will combine these changes with any updates needed for the ARC Guidelines as a result of the development of the Paint Palette.
- John F handed out copies of a draft procedural guide for 2017. After the new board is established, the 2017 guide will be finalized.

Rivendell Community Contacts

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Deadline: Submit articles and information to Marilyn Probert (marilynprobert@gmail.com) by the tenth of the month.

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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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