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December 2021

Your Community Needs your Vote

By Larry Dobias, President RCA

The Board is bringing forward two amendments to the Covenants for consideration at the Members Meeting in February 2022. Both of these amendments are important to the future of Rivendell and require your support and a "YES" vote in the upcoming election.

One of the amendments will lower the threshold for making changes to the documents. Currently, it takes 332 "YES" votes, (2/3 of our 498 members) to make any changes and typically less than 200 people vote on any issue. The amendment stipulates that a minimum of 200 people need to vote and it still takes a positive vote of 2/3rds to make a change. It is important to note that there are no restrictions in this amendment to the number of people who can vote and all 498 members in good standing can and are encouraged to vote on all matters brought to their attention.

A second amendment provides details on house rentals. Rivendell was developed as a residential community in the mid to late 1990's and the documents were written with virtually no comment on rentals. The Covenants are 25 years old and were written before Airbnb, vrbo, and other rental sites became popular. Some members of the community and investor owners have used and continue to use these sites to try and lure short term vacationers into Rivendell. We have all read media reports of the havoc created by these "party houses". This amendment will give this and future Boards a tool to minimize or stop these initiatives.

Your vote is critical. The amendments are on the website for your review.

Change to Rivendell Covenants

By Larry Dobias, President RCA

The amendments to the covenants supported by the Board are posted on the Rivendell website under notices for review. The amendment for approving changes to the documents is a strike through and red line copy because it is a change to the existing article in the covenants. The amendment for home rentals is not a strike through because we have nothing currently in the documents to address this issue. Please carefully read the amendments under consideration and please cast a vote in the February members meeting. A short, summarized version of the amendments is here for your review.

Article 7.03 Amendments to the Documents

- (1) It will take a minimum of 2/3rds majority of 200 votes to pass any change to the documents.
- (2) Typos and spelling errors can be changed with Board approval.
- (2 (b) No amendment can be made that takes away your membership in the community or right to vote.
- (2 (c) If approved the amendment is effective upon recording in Sarasota County.

Article 4.01 Home Rentals

- (1) The minimum lease is 90 days allowed 3 times a year.
- (2) Anyone occupying a home for more than 30 days when the homeowner is not present is counted as a lease.
 - (a) Immediate family members are not considered tenants
 - (b) The Board has the authority to adopt additional rules.
- (3) Short term leases or transient occupancies are strictly prohibited.
- (4) Occupancy facilitated by online services including home exchange sites are prohibited.
- (5) The Board has the authority to make additional rules.
- (6) The Board has the authority to make additional rules regarding guests related to the homeowner.



GREG VOLACK 2022 RESUME



My wife Debbie and I have been Anna Hope residents in Rivendell for 20 years. My work experience involves having served as a Vice-President for Ralco Inc in Baltimore, Md., a General Manager for Sarasota Chrysler, and in recent years as the Managing Partner for Sarasota Mitsubishi. Throughout my career, my goal was to find a good working balance with the needs and wants of my customers as well as with those of my employees and contractors. I believe that good communication can solve, alleviate or prevent most problems before they become a hindrance to what goes on in the workplace.

As a Rivendell Board member and as Liaison to ARC and the Maintenance Committee, I hope to continue to put in practice my belief in open lines of communication. I believe that Rivendell is a top-notch community in which to live and I acknowledge that people in our community take pride in their properties. As a result, they expect the common areas and the individual lots to reflect that pride in ownership. To help better manage the common areas, I have been working within the MC to develop a mapping system that identifies where all the infrastructure is located within Rivendell...irrigation wells, grates, control boxes, overflows, etc. so it doesn't become such a treasure hunt for future Boards, committees, and contractors when work needs to be performed. I've also been working to develop maps that show the areas to be trimmed, mowed, pruned and how often these activities are contracted to be performed. Again, future Boards and MC Committees need to know the services for which we are paying so they can better determine whether contractual obligations are being fulfilled. Working with ARC, it's been my obligation to guide owners towards the right choices that are not in conflict with our community standards and which reflect that pride which Rivendell owners through its Covenants would like to maintain.

I look forward to continuing my work as a Board member. I thank you for your past support of all of my efforts and welcome your support of my re-election to the Rivendell Master Board.

CATHY DAIGNAULT Candidate for the Board of Directors Rivendell HOA



I've been on the board for two years now, initially as just the pool liaison and this past year as the treasurer. I initially ran for the board as a result of the document revision discussions and also the alleyway issue. I found the issues that were discussed to be relevant and decided that I would like to be more of a part of the conversation. Just talking to neighbors during water aerobics and while walking our beloved Havanese, Brady, only gave me a very limited understanding of the issues. I've since discovered exactly how complex the issues are and how we are required to rely on some of our outdated documents.

My background in Rivendell - My husband Pete and I bought our home in the Villas in 2001. It was originally a rental for 15 years and we finally retired to our dream home in the summer of 2016. I have experienced Rivendell as both a landlord and a homeowner. My intention in running again for the board is to try to ensure that Rivendell remains the "paradise" that we fell in love with! I am currently also a block captain on Shadow Bay Way and enjoy being more involved in the community.

My education and experience - I have an Associate degree in Accounting and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. In Connecticut I practiced as a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and an EA (Enrolled Agent - an IRS designation that recognizes proficiency in taxation). I worked for H & R Block for 5 years and then for a public CPA firm for 25 years preparing tax returns, representing clients in audits and teaching tax courses. Teaching adults was an interesting change from teaching elementary school which I had done for two years until the first of our three sons was born.

I hope that you would consider voting for me.





Rivendell Calendar of Events - December 2021

Note: If you wish to have your event listed, please submit to Kristine Nickel (kristine@nickelcommunications.com) by the 10th of the month for inclusion in the calendar for the following month. We welcome your submissions.

For the most up-to-date information check the Rivendell website at www.rivendellcommunity.com

Rivendell Yoga and Meditation Class via zoom on December 6 @ 9:00 am. Participants must have filled out survey and registered for class. Contact yogayely.com for more information.

Rivendell Book Club I will be meeting on December 13, which is the second Monday of the month. Contact Adele at Adele.Kellman@gmail.com

Euchre is back! The monthly euchre group is meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month. For December, please check with Ann Francis for the holiday schedule. annfrancis915@gmail.com.

Rivendell HOA monthly meeting will be held on December 8 @ 6:00 via zoom. Please check the website for more detail.

To make additions or corrections to the Calendar of Events, please contact Kristine Nickel at kristine@nickelcommunications.com.

Holiday Events of Note:

Selby Gardens Downtown Sarasota Campus **Lights in Bloom** - Various dates

More than two million lights will illuminate Selby Gardens' Downtown Sarasota campus! GENERAL admission begins at 6:00 p.m. tickets are available on-line or at the Sarasota campus. Adults are \$25; children 5-17 are \$7

Venice Holiday Boat Parade - December 4

The Venice Holiday Boat Parade is a perennial favorite. This year's parade is scheduled to take place along the Intracostal Waterway. It starts in the ICW in Nokomis and proceeds to the Jetties. It then turns and heads to the North Bridge, on to the Circus Bridge and returns. Lots of space to catch a great view.



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Safe Bicycle Riding, Part 2

By Ralph Monti

PRINCIPLES OF TRAFFIC LAW

In all fifty states, including Florida, bicyclists are required to follow the same laws as other drivers in most circumstances. Here are a few key principles that underpin all U.S. traffic laws.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

Everyone on the road is entitled to the space they're using. If you want to use someone else's space, you must yield to whomever is using it, whether they are in your intended lane, on a trail, in a roundabout, or in an intersection.

RIDE ON THE RIGHT

Never ride against traffic — this puts you in a position where drivers don't expect you to be. By riding against traffic, you are travelling against the normal scanning patterns of other vehicle operators, making you more likely to be hit.

YIELD TO CROSSING TRAFFIC

When you come to an intersection, if you don't have the right of way, you must stop or yield depending on the traffic device.

YIELD WHEN CHANGING LANES

Before changing lanes, look behind you and ensure that no traffic is coming—then signal your intentions.

SPEED POSITIONING

The slowest vehicles on the road should be the furthest to the right and you should always pass on the left.

LANE POSITIONING

Some lanes are wide enough for a car and bike to operate safely side by side. Ride a safe distance away from the curb or parked cars — never ride in the gutter. When a lane is too narrow to share safely, ride in the middle of the lane.

INTERSECTION POSITIONING

When approaching an intersection, always use the rightmost lane going in the direction you're riding. Follow and obey all street signs, signals, and markings.

You can assess your knowledge of bicycle safety skills and Florida laws, by taking the interactive Florida Bicycle Association bicycle safety quiz. Visit <https://flbikesafetyquiz.com>. Ralph Monti is the immediate past chair of the board of The League of American Bicyclists, America's foremost bicycle advocacy organization based in Washington, DC. He sits on Sarasota County's Bicycle Trail and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and is the Director of Bicycle Programs for the Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead.

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Forgiveness Range

You might think by the title, Forgiveness Range, I'm about to talk about Karen and her ability to forgive and love me, but this is really about hearing aids.

Karen had a long time friend come into town who has a profound loss, Anita. This visit gave us the opportunity for her to leverage the latest in technology.

I was able to let her try new technology that I can program from a distance.

Anita has a profound loss across the board. Karen noticed an unusual aspect to Anita's hearing test, her range to hear sounds at all is very narrow.

The range in which a person can notice a sound, whisper level, up to their preferred volume is called the dynamic range. Within this dynamic range is the forgiveness range, this includes noticing sounds with a possibility of understanding into the preferred volume with ease of understanding. Within this forgiveness range is the programming range, the loudness you want to hear sounds for your best understanding.

A moderate loss might have 40 dB dynamic range and their forgiveness is a bit less than 15 dB so programming is a bit easier. I would be able to program sounds inside that 15dB range and the moderate loss client would likely understand these sounds. This broad forgiveness range allows more opportunity for clarity.

Anita has a narrow dynamic range of 10 dB. Within that range she can notice a sound. Her programming range is really within 5 dB. So I had to be very precise in programming to offer her the best opportunity to understand what Karen was saying.

Anita wore the new technology and kept commenting how much nuance she heard within speech. She heard the distinction of "s's" and enjoyed how clear she could hear. By leveraging the latest in technology and programming in her narrow range, she is able to hear well.

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Our "Rivendell Natural Shorelines" Are Coming Along The Year In Review. Your Actions Make a Difference!

By the Ponds and Preserves Committee

Another unusual year – we hope you and your family are staying safe and well. Reflecting on our ponds and preserves, great strides have continued. We thank all of our residents for their commitment and support to keep our community's natural assets healthy and property values strong. We hope you keep updated on our activities with P&P messages in the *Woodlands Word*, our website, and on Nextdoor.

PONDS – Progress Installing "Rivendell Natural Shorelines" to Control Erosion

Looking back on this past year, significant progress has been made on our ponds to help control erosion. LMZs are now on all ponds while plants continue to be installed and flourish on shorelines. LMZs and aquatic plants work together to create our "Rivendell Natural Shorelines." Three Florida native emergent species are being planted on ponds shorelines. Plantings will continue over the next few years until all ponds are planted and density is effective. These aquatic plants have deep roots that stabilize the banks, keep soil in place, reduce wind-driven wave damage, and adapt to changing water levels. LMZs and plantings also soak up excess nutrients to reduce algae growth, improve water quality, and provide habitat cover and food sources for our wildlife friends.

Rivendell also earned several important Grants from the county and local organizations to help with funding for pond shoreline aquatic plantings. Controlling erosion and nutrient flow help not only improve the water quality in our ponds, but ultimately our Bays. As part of the grant program, we created "Rivendell Wildlife Week" – a semi-annual event asking residents to observe and track wildlife in Rivendell. In addition, we hosted another Audubon-guided Bird Walk for bird watchers to document their sightings. We want to attract more wildlife friends and healthy ponds will encourage their presence.



We thank our residents for your commitment and support to keep our community's natural asset healthy and property values strong. (N. Dobias)

PRESERVES – Leave Them Alone

For our Preserves, several key actions have helped keep our preserves healthy and vibrant. To reduce wildfire risk, the Florida Fire Service mowed initial firebreaks that the HOA will continue to maintain. Ongoing maintenance actions are also important, including: removing invasive plants, keeping perimeter pathways, grates and weirs clear of debris, and ecological mowing, plus inspection and remediation of incursions. Leave our preserves alone and let our wildlife friends thrive in their habitats.

Behind the scenes, several projects are in the works. We developed and have posted on the P&P website, the **P&P Operations Handbook**, designed to serve as a tool for current and future Board and P&P members to better understand the many ongoing maintenance activities required to keep our ponds and preserves healthy and attractive. Plus, from county referrals, we continue to host tours for several nearby communities who struggle with pond erosion and are eager to learn more about our actions. Neighbors helping neighbors benefits us all.

Your actions do make a difference! When you drive or walk around the community, we hope you take as much pride in our ponds and preserves as we do. Enjoy our ponds. Leave preserve and buffer areas alone. By keeping them healthy and vibrant, we enjoy our wildlife friends, improve our water quality and keep property values strong. Here's to another great year for residents and wildlife to thrive in Rivendell.



Pickerelweed, one of three Florida native emergent species installed on ponds shorelines to control erosion. (S. Remy)



A beautiful Monarch butterfly - one of the wildlife species residents observed during "Rivendell Wildlife Week" in November.
(B. Frank)



Keeping our ponds and preserves healthy and vibrant improves water quality and protects wildlife habitats.
(B. Frank)



REAL ESTATE CORNER: RENTALS

by Barb Gahry

Though owners in an HOA can pretty much do what they want to the interior of their home, there are limits to what can be done regarding renting the property. Such limits actually serve to protect the community as a whole, as well as to keep property values stable. Keep in mind that not everyone who buys a home wants to occupy it. It's important to know the rental policy prior to purchasing. AND, at some point, you as a homeowner, may need or want to rent the home in which you have lived.

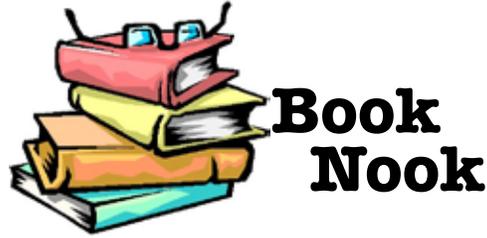
What are some reasons HOAs limit rentals?

- 1) To keep liability insurance rates lower
- 2) To prevent a revolving door of multiple groups of renters
- 3) Loans from lenders are difficult to obtain where there are high numbers of rentals in a community. This is more common in condominium communities but can affect HOAs, as well.
- 4) Tenants may not follow the rules or care as much about the upkeep of a property. Short term rentals may lead to partying, inviting others to share the home, higher level of noise, etc. This may cause a challenging situation if your home, nearby, is up for sale.
- 5) To promote stability and a sense of community by limiting short term rentals.

Since a tenant is not a member of the HOA, the Board cannot enforce restrictions. You, as the owner, would be held responsible for any violations.

In June 2021, the Florida legislature passed a law that, among other things, changed some of the rules governing home rentals in HOAs. The amended law is as follows: **In homeowners associations of more than 15 parcels, amendments governing documents prohibiting or regulating rental agreements generally apply only to parcel owners who acquire ownership after adoption or who consent to the amendment. Notwithstanding the general rule, the association may adopt a six month minimum rental period and a prohibition against renting more than three times in a calendar year and apply such requirements against all owners.**

Rivendell's policy has been to limit short term rentals, especially those facilitated by online services, such as VBRO or Airbnb. Our current policy has been to allow a minimum rental of 90 days, no more than twice a year. This year, the Board of Directors for Rivendell has proposed some updates to the governing documents with the hope that these amendments, including the rental policy, will be approved by the homeowners. The new rental policy will comply with the state law, allowing a 90 day minimum up to 3 times a year.



Book Nook

Books are a wonderful choice when seeking the right holiday gift for a reader on your list. This season is packed with books that will meet almost any interest.

For kids and grandchildren: Before there were super-heroes, or even comic books for that matter, there were fairy tales. Newly released from Taschen is an anthology of both The Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm and The Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Anderson with illustrations by legendary artists. A special feature is the lay-out of the book with two covers, one for each collection of stories. \$25

For spouses: Habits are now a major subject of research and the newest self-improvement topic for cocktail parties. At the head of the current best seller list is Atomic Habits by James Clear, \$27 Avery. The author is a popular speaker on habit systems and the transformative nature of linking your values with your habits. Another choice from the founder of the Behavior Design Lab at Stanford University is Tiny Habits - The Small Changes that Change Everything by BJ Fogg, PhD. \$28 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. While everyone is raving about Atomic Habits, Tiny Habits may be easier to grasp and thus, more motivating.

For the READER: If you haven't noticed, memoirs and personal essays are very popular in the literary world right now. Ann Patchett, the notable author of Bel Canto, Commonwealth and The Dutch House, has written 322 pages of essays reflecting mostly on her adult life. Early reviews hint that this will be another hit for the admired writer. These Precious Days, \$26.99 Harper.

What We're Reading Rivendell Book Group 1

At its December meeting, the Book Group will tackle Isabel Allende's historical novel *A Long Petal of the Sea*. The "long petal" is Chile where the protagonists, Roser and Victor Dalmau, found refuge after fleeing Francisco Franco's fascist regime in Spain.

Victor fulfilled the requirements needed for his medical degree, and Roser, already an accomplished musician, had a successful career in South America. All was well for many years until the socialist government of Salvador Allende (Isabel's father's cousin) was overthrown by the fascist dictator Augusto Pinochet, and the Dalmaus were forced to flee to Venezuela.



Franco died after 40 years of being in power, and Roser and Victor were finally able to realize their dream of returning to Spain. But they soon realized that Chile was the home of their hearts. This feeling of displacement and not really belonging happens to many immigrants, but when they manage to go back to their home countries, things have changed so much that they don't feel that they belong there either. Allende, now a U.S. citizen, said in an NPR interview that she still experiences this whenever she visits Chile.

Allende was carefully accurate about historical events; she lived in much of the same period covered by the book, and drew from her own experiences. Along with learning about life in South America, I enjoyed being entertained by this author's very interesting book.

Marilyn Probert

Note: Marilyn will be leading our discussion of this book. If you would like to join us on December 13th at 7:30 pm, please contact Adele Kellman at 908-464-7003.

Rivendell Reflections



A visitor in Crane Pond - Nancy Dobias

The Nose Knows

by Rachel North Zipay

5 Serious Dangers of Synthetic Scents and How to Protect Yourself

Not many people are aware of the dangers of synthetic scents like those found in air fresheners, shampoo, scented candles, detergents and dryer sheets. While the health effects might not be evident right away, there is science to prove that we should all be avoiding fake fragrances.

Synthetic scents are so bad that they're even being [called the new second-hand smoke](#). This is no surprise given about 95 percent of chemicals used in synthetic fragrances are derived from petroleum (crude oil). These include things like benzene derivatives (carcinogenic), aldehydes, toluene, and many other toxic chemicals linked to cancer, birth defects, central nervous system disorders and allergic reactions (1).

Avoiding synthetic scents is one of the most important things you could do not only for your health, but for the health of those around you (and not to mention the environment). When companies slap the word "fragrance" on the ingredient list – don't let this trick you. Fragrance is a catch-all term that can stand for thousands of different ingredients ([over 3,000!](#)). When you use a product containing "fragrance" or "parfum," all of these ingredients absorb through the skin and directly into your bloodstream.

To read the full article, click this link: <https://kindcactus.com/5-serious-dangers-of-synthetic-scents-and-how-to-protect-yourself/>

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Wildlife Window: Egrets

Beautiful Great White Egrets are Common in Rivendell.

By the Rivendell Ponds & Preserves Committee

December conjures up images of snowy winters and holidays. Many of us moved here to avoid winters, but we can all enjoy the **Great White Egrets**, with their snow-colored white plumage, that frequent Rivendell ponds. Keeping our ponds healthy attracts these beautiful birds. Plus, there are other Egret species in Florida, including the **Cattle Egret** and the **Snowy Egret**, although not likely seen in Rivendell.

Similar to Herons, Egrets are members of a small family of birds known as the *Ardeidae*. These “waterbirds” (fresh and salt water) are long-legged, long-necked and generally long-billed birds. Let’s learn more about the different Egrets, along with an Egret look-alike that’s really a Heron. (*Spoiler alert.*)



Great White Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Great White Egrets are tall, long-legged wading birds with long, S-curved necks and long, dagger-like bills. In flight, the long neck is tucked in, legs extend far beyond the tip of the short tail.

Size & Color: Large, about 37-40” long, a wingspan of 50-57” (smaller than Great Blue Herons, larger than Snowy Egrets). These waterbirds have white feathers, and their long bills are yellowish-orange, with black legs.



Feeding & Habitat: Great White Egrets are carnivores and wade in shallow water to hunt fish, frogs, and other small aquatic animals. They typically stand still and watch for unsuspecting prey to pass by. Then, with startling speed, egrets strike with a jab of their long neck and bill, capturing their prey.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Size & Color: The short, thick-necked, stocky Cattle Egret spends most of its time in fields. This medium-sized egret has a short yellow bill and yellow legs. It is often seen perched with its thick neck tucked in.

Feeding & Habitat: Cattle Egrets are tropical, found in agricultural areas near wetlands. They forage at the feet of grazing cattle, heads bobbing with each step, or ride on cattle backs to pick at ticks.



Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)

Size & Color: The medium-sized, slender Snowy Egret sets off immaculate white plumage with black legs and brilliant yellow feet.

Feeding & Habitat: Snowy Egrets are found by the coast, especially in places with mudflats and tidal wetlands. They eat mostly aquatic animals, including fish, frogs, worms, crustaceans, and insects. They use their bright yellow feet to paddle in the water or probe in the mud, rounding up prey before striking with its bill.

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)

Juvenile Little Blue Herons are often mistaken for Snowy Egrets, which have an all-black bill and black legs compared with the grayish bill and greenish-yellow legs of Little Blues. By contrast, Snowy Egrets lack the vague dusky primary-feather tips of juvenile Little Blues.

Feeding & Habitat: The Little Blue Heron is a patient stalker, with a distinctive posture – it walks with its neck stretched awkwardly up and forward, while the bill is pointed down at the water. Little Blues can often be seen quietly working the grassy edges of a pond - while numbers of Snowy Egrets forage together in the more open water.



Architectural Review Committee Report

Meeting Tues Oct 26, 2021 - 4:30PM

Meeting called to order 4:30 PM Adjourned: 4:53 PM

Meeting held via Online Conference call.

Quorum present: Greg Warner, Jim Duncan, Joe Casale, Rich Bunce, & Joe Zwerling

Board Member: Greg Volack

Request			Address	Assign	Second	Status	
1	Garage Door - Paint	McClure	1176	Mallard Marsh	GW	Rich	Approved
2	Palm Removed - Grinded	Morgan	1081	Mallard Marsh	GW	GV	Approved
3	Paint Gutters & Soffits	Warren	960	Scherer Way	Rich	GW	Approved
4	Landscaping	Bloom	824	Placid Lake	Joe Z	GV	Approved
5	New Gutters	Englert	823	Golden Pond	Joe Z	Rich	Approved
6	Landscaping	Tavares	811	Placid Lake	Joe Z	Joe	Approved
7	Hurricane Windows & FD	Nelson	748	Fordingbridge	Rich	GW	Approved - All Front Windows must have grids
8	Replace Windows	Moore	742	Shadow Bay	Jim	GW	All Front Windows must have grids
9	Replace Roof	Ur	731	Shadow Bay	Jim	Rich	Approved
10	Landscaping	Engleman	730	Shadow Bay	Jim	GW	Approved - No Mulch around Viburnum hedge near Pool Equipment - Drainage
11	Remove Bush - New Fence	Mruz	695	Rivendell	Rich	GW	Approved
12	Roof	Wilson	530	Meadow Sweet	Joe	GW	Approved



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WELCOME TO RIVENDELL

The many recreational offerings and country feel of The Woodlands at Rivendell make it a highly desirable community. Located in Osprey Florida, just minutes from downtown Sarasota, this suburban style neighborhood features many parks, lakes, nature trail and more to fulfill the Florida lifestyle. The Woodlands at Rivendell offers residential choices from village, estate and executive homes to maintenance free palm homes. Nestled among 400 acres of lakes, preserves and open spaces, the community was carefully planned to highlight and blend with its natural surroundings. The Woodlands at Rivendell is also directly adjacent to the popular Pine View School, a highly acclaimed educational facility for intellectually gifted students grades 2 through 12. Mature rivers will appreciate the proximity to Osprey Scherer State Park, located just south of the community and visible from many homes.

The Rivendell Community Web Site is available at

WWW.RIVENDELLCOMMUNITY.COM

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

Seeking Volunteers

Do you know how well your well is doing?

curious to find out?

Do you know how much water you are using for lawn irrigation each month?

Do you own a well that is only used for lawn and garden irrigation?

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Southwest Florida Water Management District

POLK COUNTY



The U.S. Geological Survey Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center and the Southwest Florida Water Management District is seeking 40 volunteers who own wells used strictly for irrigating lawns and gardens in Polk and Sarasota counties. The purpose of the study is to determine the average amount of water used per month by lawn irrigation wells. Currently, this is the largest use of water in Florida for which there are no good estimates.

SARASOTA COUNTY



If you are interested in participating in this study, Please contact: Scott McBride at wmcbride@usgs.gov or (813)363-5665 for more information

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Updates to the Contacts Page:

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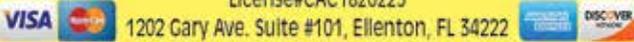
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