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## **Maintenance Committee Report**

**January 8, 2014**

**Jim Stepien, Chair**

Committee Members attending - **Bill Bloom, Nigel Day, Dave Gill, Carol Heckert, Joe Lucente, Carole Myles, Jim Stepien, (Chair) and Walter Perkowski (Board liaison)**

At our meeting we reviewed the status of the following projects:

- A committee member has gathered information for replacing existing park and lake/pond signs.
- Evaluating irrigation and lighting needs throughout the community. Various options are

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

Within the CLASSIFIEDS section of the website you will find items for sale, help wanted, lost and found, residents helping residents and service provider recommendations. We have established a very easy process for items you have to submit.

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To submit an item into service provider recommendations please submit the details via email to Gary at [gary.mruz@gmail.com](mailto:gary.mruz@gmail.com)

REMEMBER: The PASSWORD to access the classifieds and residents section on the website is osprey.

## **Highlights of Board of**

**Directors Meeting**

**January 14, 2014**

**By Carol Heckert; Reviewed by  
Bobby Merrill**

The Board of Directors held their last meeting prior to the February 2014 election. Curt Kennedy, Bobby Merrill, Walter Perkowski and Gwen Stepien were present. Some items of interest are:

Manager's Report – Lighthouse Property Mgt. has asked the County to repair sidewalks.

Treasurer's Report – The amount of homeowner fees past due over 90 days has been reduced due to a number of foreclosed homes being sold.

Architectural Review Committee – A member of the ARC, Mickie Konner, passed away. Bruce Lorie has volunteered to serve on the ARC. His appointment will be decided by the new Board, as all ARC members as well as committee chairs will need the Board's approval to serve during the coming year. Additional ARC members are needed.

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# ANNUAL MEETING



**Rivendell Annual Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday February 4th, 2014**

**5:30pm**

**at Bentley's Hotel in Osprey**

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being considered with landscape company, FPL and an electrician.

### **Landscape Status:**

1. Lake/pond bank mowing on various lake/ponds is proceeding.
2. The common area landscaping behind the fence along Old Venice Road was discussed at the request of an abutting homeowner. Options and costs will be obtained for discussion at our next meeting.

### **Pool Status:**

1. One of the two pump heat pumps has failed. The replacement unit, with a higher BTU (heat) rating, has been installed. The remaining older unit, which is still functioning, will be monitored and replaced when necessary. The heaters are set at a constant 84 degrees and are able to maintain this temperature in mild to cool temperatures. When overnight temperatures drop into the low forties, or below, the heaters will take much longer to raise water temps into the eighties.
2. The MC is reviewing updated specifications for pool maintenance and will provide a recommendation to the Board.

### **Lakes/Ponds Status:**

The water level in all of the community's lakes has fallen due to the lack of rain over the past few months. The most noticeable drop has occurred in our front lakes (Rivendell and Gator lakes) because of the irrigation draw. Our well pump, used to replenish these lakes, does not have the flow rate necessary to maintain the lake levels during lengthy periods with no rain. Discussions are continuing with our landscape company, well specialists, and lake manager.

### **Preserve/Wetlands Status:**

No issues.

### **Other Status:**

No 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 volunteers' efforts to manage the many needs of our community.

Please report any problems you notice to Lighthouse Property Management.

**Next MC meeting February 5, 2014 at 7pm in the Cottages Clubhouse.**



## **Why Hurricanes Don't Make Landfall In Sarasota**

According to folklore, when Hernando DeSoto was encamped in this area, one of his officers fell in love with an Indian woman and they set up house together. There was apparently some kind of flu epidemic and she died. The Indians came to DeSoto and asked for her body for burial. DeSoto and the young man didn't want to allow some kind of "heathen" ritual as she was well known and liked by all in the company. The Indian Chief declared that if they allowed him to bury the woman, he would ask the spirits to protect the area so no storm would ever land there.

After a beautiful ceremony, the woman was cremated on a funeral pyre, and once consumed, the remains were placed on a raft, overflowing with flowers, and set afloat into the bay.

Since that time, no hurricane in recorded history has ever made landfall in Sarasota Bay.

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## **Rivendell Board Meeting**

**A short board meeting will follow the Annual Meeting  
Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
5:30pm at Bentley's Hotel in Osprey**

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

## Places To Go: T. Mabry Carlton Reserve for Hiking or Birding



Set aside as part of wild lands on the southeastern side of Sarasota County, T. Mabry Carlton Reserve is only twelve miles from Venice but wild enough that a Florida panther might roam along the Myakka River floodplain. With over 24,000 acres of protected land, it contains more than 80 miles of multi-use trails, including a 12-mile connector to Myakka River State Park.

The trail system wanders through a mix of pine flatwoods, scrubby flatwoods, oak hammocks, and open prairies, wet prairies, and ponds. The 1.6-mile loop around the lake provides an introduction to the habitats of this reserve. Maintained by volunteers, this is a well-maintained hiking destination.

**Admission Fee:** Free

**Hours:** 7:30 AM – 8 PM April through October; 7:30 AM – 6 PM November through March

**Optimal Time:** Year round, however ideal conditions are from November – May

**Amenities:** Hiking/walking trails, ADA trail, non-motorized bicycle trails, equestrian trails, canoe/kayak launch, log cabin visitor's center, mock historic cowboy camp, picnic shelters, grills, park benches, restrooms.

**Experiences:** Most trail intersections are marked with numbered markers. Some trails may flood after

heavy rainfall and several that go across creeks and ditches may be wet year round. Water, sun block, insect repellent, a rain jacket and sturdy shoes are recommended for hiking.

**Birding:** Be amazed by the vast array of bird species and nature found at the Carlton Reserve.

**History:** T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Reserve was purchased in 1982 for the purposes of developing a wellfield to provide drinking water for Sarasota County. The remaining acreage was set aside for natural resource protection. The site is named after T. Mabry Carlton, Jr., a former County Commissioner who was instrumental in acquiring the land.

**Florida Hikes:** <http://www.floridahikes.com/carltonreserve>

This website contains maps of the various hiking trails.



**Directions:** From I-75 exit 193, Jacaranda Blvd, drive north 0.6 miles to where the road ends at a T intersection. Brown signs direct you to the park: turn right onto Border Rd. After you cross the Myakka River, the road comes to a T intersection at 2.5 miles. Turn left at the park sign; a broad drive leads into the reserve. At the next sign on the right, turn right to enter the public parking area, which is down a long gravel driveway.

### The SUB-ASSOCIATIONS'

#### Annual Meeting & Election Dates

**The Villas:** Wednesday, Feb 12th, 5:30pm at Spanish Point.

Contact Dianne Enger or Sherry Sholtis for more information.

**The Cottages:** Thursday, Feb 20th, 6:00pm at Cottages Clubhouse.

(RU1NA = Rivendell Unit 1 Neighborhood Association)

Contact Mike Georgopolis for more information.

**The Patio Homes:** Wednesday, Feb 26th, 5:30pm at the Osprey Victory Baptist Church. Contact Ed Diggs or Jayne Irene for more information



## Marryott a man of principle, generosity

By Al Hemingway, Charlotte Sun-Herald; edited by Judy Sokal



**Editor's Note:** *This obituary for a prominent Rivendell resident first appeared in Dec. 22, 2013 issue of the [Port] Charlotte Sun-Herald. Mary Marryott, Tom's widow, is a former member of the Rivendell Board of Directors. The entire community extends its sympathy to the Marryott family.*

Almost everyone who entered Thomas "Tom" Marryott's law office in Punta Gorda asking for a donation to a worthy cause received it. He was a prominent defense attorney in the area, but no matter how busy his caseload, he always made time for people — especially youth.

Marryott, 68, died Thursday after a long bout with cancer. Originally from Prospect Park, PA, he was accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis with the hopes of becoming a naval aviator like his older brother, Ron. His dreams were dashed, however, when he was injured playing football. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Widener University in Chester, Pa., he relocated to Florida, where he attended law school at the University of Florida. He was admitted to the bar in 1975, and eventually became one of the best criminal defense attorneys in Charlotte County, working on numerous high-profile cases. "He was very meticulous when he prepared his defense," Mary Marryott, his widow, said. "Sometimes he would stay up all night."

Assistant State Attorney Daniel Feinberg, who prosecutes cases with the 20th Judicial Circuit's Homicide Unit, remembers Tom as an ethical, extremely professional attorney. Even though Feinberg and Tom were on opposite sides in a case, they were the best of friends outside the courtroom. "He was always on top of his game, so you had to be on top of yours," Feinberg said. "If I got a conviction against his client, I knew the chances of it being overturned were slim because Tom provided them the best defense possible. He was that good."

Mary said her late husband had a photographic memory and memorized all the jurors' names. "He paid attention and was a good listener," she said. "That's why he won so many cases. He was also a

mentor to the younger attorneys."

Although Tom will be remembered as a great defense attorney, there are many who will always recall his generosity and his giving nature. Jess Hevia, who knew Tom for 30 years and worked with him on several murder cases, described him as the "most generous person I have ever known." "Although we weren't partners, he opened his doors to me when I left my previous practice in 2004, and let me use his office space. He was always doing favors for people." "My husband would sometimes take no pay from some clients," Mary said.

Defense attorney Kevin Shirley, who practiced law with Tom for 9 years, said Marryott taught him to respect all people, even though he defended clients who had been accused of the most heinous crimes. "One of my fondest memories of Tom is a case we were on together in Clearwater," he said. "We had been there for six weeks and were really tired. Well, one of our clients said something on the witness stand that was only funny to us and we started laughing. Soon, the jurors were laughing, the court clerk was laughing, everybody was laughing. The judge had to call a 15-minute recess. Tom was a lot of fun."

After moving to Sarasota in 2004, Tom became active in Sarasota Crew and Sarasota Scullers. He was elected president of Sarasota Crew, and sought the best coaches for the teams. "Within a few years, they were national champions," Mary said. "That is a testament to his leadership. He was a behind-the-scenes kind of person. He never wanted the spotlight. "When he was in hospice, two of the rowers came to visit, thanking him for making the team great and making them champions."

Jess Hevia said many people do not know that Tom was an excellent basketball player. But it was his beloved Gators football team that he cheered on every Saturday afternoon during the season, whether it would be on television or going to Gainesville to attend a game in person. "Tom lived and breathed Gator football," Hevia said. "He knew everything about them. He was passionate about the team. I'm sure he'll be watching the games from up there and he'll have something to say."

Both Feinberg and Hevia said Tom always talked

about his children. "He was proud of his son, who is a midshipman at the Naval Academy," Hevia said. "In fact, Tom's older brother, Ron, was the superintendent of the Naval Academy as well." "His daughter, Cassidy, is a top-notch rower with Sarasota Crew," Feinberg said. "Tom and Mary would travel all the country over to watch her compete."

Hevia said he is very fortunate to have called Tom Marryott his friend, and to be godfather to Tom's daughter. "My family and I are so happy that he touched our lives," he said. "He treated my children as if they were his own. He will be greatly missed."

(Highlights of Board meeting continued from pg.1)  
Maintenance Committee – One pool heat pump has been replaced; the second pump is still functional. The pool temperature should remain above 80 degrees unless the overnight temperature drops below 50 degrees.

The water level in the front lakes is very low. Nothing has been found to be broken, but further action will be taken to determine the source of the problem.

Communications Committee – The new website is accepting classified ads, lost and found notices, service provider recommendations, etc. The process for entering an item is described in the Woodlands Word.

Old Business – Our attorney has written an opinion about a trampoline on Lost Creek Court. A violation letter will give 14 days' notice before a fine is issued.

New Business – Curt Kennedy will head the Nominating & Elections Committee. Gwen Stepien resigned from chairing that Committee when she became a candidate.

Homeowner Comments – Roseanne Beatty, a candidate for the Board of Directors, objected to the lack of a Meet the Candidates Night.

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## **Bimini Bar & Grill**

### **Reviewed by Judy Sokal**

Jon and I are glad to have discovered Bimini Bar & Grill, as it is close to the house if we feel like running out for a quick, moderately priced dinner. It is the best reincarnation of the restaurant on the 2<sup>nd</sup> story of the large boat storage facility on the way to Casey Key. We have only eaten upstairs in the main dining room, but there is a very lively bar on the ground floor, sometimes with live music.

I have had lunch at Bimini with friends, too, who have said the New England clam chowder is delicious, and I can vouch for the delicious fish and chips - some of the best I've ever had. The salads are fresh, too, and the menu is varied enough so that everyone can find something to eat.

The décor is simple-a little bit of nautical, with a view from the large windows of the boats docked below. The wait staff is always friendly, but the service can be a little uneven - don't go if you are in a big hurry. Most recently I had a plain grilled piece of fish (not on the menu) with garlic mashed potatoes and both were very good. (The chef prepared it to meet my dietary needs, which was very helpful.)

Bimini has happy hour 7 days a week from 4-7, and all day Sunday, with 2 for 1 drinks. It also has a sunset menu that is very reasonable from 4-5:30. It is open 7 days a week from 11-9, and is located at 576 Blackburn Point Rd. The phone # is 941-966-4816.

## **Palindromes**

### **From: BrainTeasers and MndBenders by Ben Hamilton**

A word or name that is spelled backwards the same as it is forwards is a linguistic curiosity called a "palindrome." Words such as BIB, SEES and MADAM are examples of ordinary palindromes. Many everyday words happened to be palindromes. Listed below are the definitions of 10 such words, with the numbers of letters in each palindrome shown in brackets after the definition. How many of the commonplace palindromes do you recognize from their definitions?

- |                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. a notable achievement (4)   | 6. one who resuscitates another (7)                   |
| 2. not sloping (5)             | 7. narratives of heroic deeds (5)                     |
| 3. more blood-colored (6)      | 8. pertaining to public affairs (5)                   |
| 4. 12 hours after midnight (4) | 9. wet with morning moisture (5)                      |
| 5. males and females (5)       | 10. a mechanical part that can cause a revolution (7) |

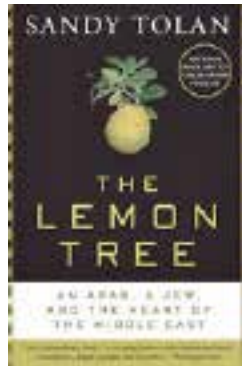
ANSWERS located on page 10





## Book Group Schedule By Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will meet on Monday, February 10, to discuss *The Lemon Tree*, a nonfiction account of a remarkable life-long friendship that developed between an Arab family and a Jewish family in Palestine. The author, Sandy Tolan, gives us the background events that led each family to Palestine and the home, with a lemon tree in the backyard, which each family had loved. Pam Babbitt will host at her home at 743 Fordingbridge Way; please call her at 918-8781 if you plan to attend.



On March 10 *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan will be the topic. In 1946 Laura McAllan is living with her husband and children on their farm on the Mississippi delta. Laura's brother-in-law, Jamie, returns from the war to help out on the farm. Soon Jackson, the son of a black sharecropper on the McAllan farm, also returns after serving in Europe where blacks were accepted more readily than in the Deep South. The two soldiers become friends, much to the displeasure of the locals, and tragedy ensues.

*Harriet and Isabella*, a historical novel by Patricia O'Brien, will be analyzed at the April 7 meeting. Sisters Harriet Beecher Stowe and Isabella Beecher Hooker develop a bitter rift over the presumed adultery of their brother Henry Ward Beecher. Beecher's 1875 trial for this crime resulted in a hung jury. Isabella insisted that he admit his guilt, while Harriet, and most of the rest of the family, stood by him. Now, in 1887, as their brother lays dying, the sisters reflect on their disagreement; who's right, who's wrong?

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

## Looking For Writers

The Woodlands Word needs your help! Send us your local interest stories, area restaurant reviews, travel highlights and suggestions of interesting Rivendell residents to feature. Without your help, there won't be a Woodlands Word. Send your articles, etc to Judy Sokal at [judysokal@gmail.com](mailto:judysokal@gmail.com).

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## Recipe Roundup

### Strawberry Fluff from the kitchen of Kay Mruz

**1 six-ounce box of strawberry Jello**  
**1 eight-ounce container of Cool Whip (thawed)**  
**1 15.5-ounce container of sliced strawberries (thawed)**

Prepare Jello according to the instructions on the box. Drain strawberries. I use the strawberry juice as part of the two cups cold water needed to make the Jello. Before Jello is completely firm, add Cool Whip and strawberries. Using a mixer, beat at medium speed until well blended. Refrigerate.

### Lemon Filled Cookies

#### Cookies

**1 ½ sticks salted butter, softened**  
**½ cup confectioners' sugar**  
**2 teaspoons lemon extract**  
**¼ cup cornstarch**  
**1 and ½ cup flour**

#### Filling

**½ stick salted butter, softened**  
**1 cup confectioners' sugar**  
**1 tablespoon heavy cream**  
**Juice of 1 freshly squeezed lemon (about 2 tablespoons)**

#### Make the Cookie Dough

In a medium bowl, cream butter with an electric mixer set at medium speed. Add sugar and beat until smooth, scraping down sides of bowl as needed.

Add lemon extract and beat until light and fluffy. Then add flour and cornstarch; blend at low speed until thoroughly combined.

Gather dough into 2 balls of equal size and flatten into disks. Wrap the disks tightly in plastic wrap or a plastic bag. Refrigerate for 1 hour.

Make the filling: In a small bowl, beat butter with mixer until fluffy. Gradually add sugar while continuing to beat. Add cream, lemon juice, and lemon zest. Mix until thoroughly blended and set aside. To harden filling quickly, refrigerate for 15 to 20 minutes.

At this point, preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Using a floured rolling pin, roll the chilled cookie dough on a floured board to a ¼ inch thickness.



Use a cookie cutter to cut desired shape.

Bake for 15 to 17 minutes or until edges begin to brown. Immediately transfer cookies with a spatula to a cool, flat surface.

When the cookies are completely cool, spread a cookie with 1 teaspoon of the lemon cream. Place another cookie on top of the filling to make a sandwich. Complete entire batch.

#### Hints

1) After you've chilled the dough, let it sit out to warm up again. Then use the heat from your hands to help mold the dough. It will roll out much easier (I know, right...chill it and then warm it up...makes no sense).

2) When baking the cookies, depending on the size of cookie cutter, you may not need to let them bake as long. Use a small cutter so it doesn't take as long to cook. Check after 10 minutes.

3. Another suggestion....double the recipe. You'll find that because you have to use two cookies to make one, and you might have a nibble or two at the dough, it just doesn't go very far. If you have too many, freeze the leftovers and you can pull them out at a moment's notice when company stops by.

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## UPDATES FOR THE RIVENDELL RESIDENT DIRECTORY 2014

### ALL CHANGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEB. 15<sup>th</sup> 2014



The Rivendell community directory for 2014 is underway.

In order to provide accurate entries, please use the form listed in the directory to update any information to be published. We publish owner names and addresses, home phone numbers and email addresses. If you would like to opt out of having any of this information in the directory, you can indicate this on the form. If you only want certain information to be published, this can be noted. You also have the opportunity to provide a cell phone number(s) or an additional email address for inclusion. If you already have an entry in the 2013 directory and do not have any changes, it will be used again.

All owners of record will be published in the directory, even if the home is used as a rental property. We encourage all residents to make any changes as soon as possible.

Publication is slated for the end of March with delivery in April.

### Information Please

*Your email address or phone numbers will not be distributed to any outside agency.*

### Association Master Individual Record

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TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE DIRECTORY**

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#### Please send completed form to:

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or email any additions, changes, to:

[bgahry@aol.com](mailto:bgahry@aol.com)

NO CHANGES from previous Directory Listing: \_\_\_\_\_

## Residents Helping Residents

**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](mailto:kayadamsart@gmail.com).

**BABYSITTER:** 13 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 sophomore, 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**.

**COMPUTER REPAIR AND INSTRUCTION:** Very reasonable flat charge and hourly rates, Rivendell Resident **Gary Mruz** has thirty years' computer experience. Call **941-786-6019** or email [gary.mruz@gmail.com](mailto:gary.mruz@gmail.com)

**GUITAR LESSONS:** **Daniel Yohann**, a Pine View senior, is offering private guitar lessons. Daniel is an accomplished guitarist and experienced teacher. One-half hour or one hour lessons are available. Reasonable rates. Call **941-375-1242**.

**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 \$12, and this includes new bulb and cleaning. Call **941-918-8386**.

**MOTHER'S HELPER/BABYSITTER:** **Sivan Yohann**, **941- 966-7766**, a Pine View sophomore, would love to play with your toddlers after school while you're trying to get dinner ready, or babysit your kids so you can have a well-deserved evening out! I am extremely friendly and responsible!

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

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Email your information to:  
**Marilyn** at [tpro38@yahoo.com](mailto:tpro38@yahoo.com)

### Palindromes Answers

1. DEED
2. LEVEL
3. REDDER
4. NOON
5. SEXES
6. REVIVER
7. SAGAS
8. CIVIC
9. DEWED
10. ROTATOR

### Maintenance Committee

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We need your high-resolution photos of Rivendell wildlife!  
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**RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**November 4, 2013**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00P.M., by the Kyanne Merrill 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:

Bobby Merrill	Walter Perkowski	Vincent Barone
Gwen Stepien	Curt Kennedy	

A quorum was declared to be present.

On matters relating to the minutes of the previous meeting a motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Merrill to approve the June 13, 2013 and October 10th, 2013. The motion was passed.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS,**

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

**Treasurer's Report,** Mr. Merrill provided a report of the most recent financials. The past due receivables are somewhat improving. The attorney has provided a request for Lot 72 to waive the accrued interest and dirty roof fine of \$1000. The attorney suggested a counter offer of \$5,255.76. A motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Ms. Stepien:

**MOTION 13-35:** to approve the attorney's recommendation of a counter offer of \$5,255.76. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports,**

**ARC,** Mr. Sefack reported the ARC committee met and there were 14 applications. Cindy Caria has volunteered to serve on the committee. November 25th. A motion was made by Ms. Stepien and seconded by Mr. Merrill:

**MOTION 13-36:** to appoint Cindy Caria to the ARC Committee. Motion passed.

**Maintenance Committee,** Mr. Stepien reported a leak was found between the two pool restrooms and a credit will be requested on the County water bill. There were four estimates obtained for tree trimming. Mr. Stepien recommended Dean's Tree Service. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and Mr. Barone seconded:

**MOTION 13-37:** to approve Dean's Tree Service in the amount of \$8,500. Motion passed.

The Mulching is being scheduled with Sun State.

**Communications,** Ms. Heckert reported the website can be launched by December 1st with Gary Mruz serving as a webmaster. The Board discussed the issue of having a resident serve as a webmaster. The Board agreed to a trial period and agreed all content had to be approved by the Board.

**Old Business,** the Board discussed the nominating committee appointment. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and Mr. Barone seconded:

**MOTION 13-38:** to approve the appointment of a nominating committee chaired by Gwen Stepien. Motion passed.

**New Business,** 2014 Budget and Reserves, Mr. Merrill provided a brief summary on the budget. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Kennedy:

**MOTION 13-39:** to approve the 2014 Budget and Reserves. Motion passed.

**Violation fines for 686 Clear Creek,** Ms. Merrill provided a summary of the notices sent to the owner. A motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Mr. Perkowski:

**MOTION 13-40:** to approve the fine in the amount of \$100 per day up to 10 days for the broken mailbox and dirty roof. Each violation is fined separately. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting Date,** the Board agreed to schedule the next meeting for January 13th, 2014.

**Owner Comments**

An owner inquired about overnight parking and the condition of the lakes. Vic McMurray provided an outline of their request for midge treatment.

Debra Murray felt that Wax Myrtles should not be removed from around the lakes.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:56P.M.

Kyanne Merrill, CAM

Dated: This 18th day of November, 2013.

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**Manager's Report****On Site/Maintenance-**

- Compliance drives through community monthly (10.24.13)
- Requested street light repairs as needed.
- Coordinated finish of pool shower push valve installation. (Done)
- Coordinated install of water fountain. (Pending)
- Contacted county in regards to painting crosswalks & medians (Pending County Budget Approval)

**Administrative-**

- Forwarded financials to Board for review.
- Forwarded draft agenda to board for review.
- Forwarded draft minutes for review.
- Forwarded ARC requests to committee.
- Approved minutes posted to website.
- Forwarded approved minutes to Ms. Babbit for publishing in the newsletter.
- Posted newsletter to website.
- Send out email blast in regards to BOD meeting.
- Annual/ Budget Meeting Preparations (2/3/13 @ 5:30- Bently's)

**Correspondence-**

- Letters sent to homeowners regarding submitted ARC forms.
- Letters sent to homeowners with compliance violations.
- Email Correspondences.

**Compliance-**

- Compliance letters mailed to homeowners since last meeting.
- Letters mailed: 22

Roof/Fence/Structure	7
Yard Condition/Weeds	14
B. Ball Hoop	1

Kyanne Merrill, CAM Managing Agent

**The Architectural Review Committee (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.

**ARC forms are available on the website [www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)**

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

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**Chair**, Carol Heckert

**Directory**, Barb Gahry

**Block Captains**, Cindy Schmidl

**Newsletter**: Linda Pearlstein, Judy Sokal, Kay Mruz, Marilyn Probert, Norma Lee Rhines, and Mike Bergman - Reporter Representative

**Reporters**: Mary Kennedy, Ed Lin, Pam Babbitt, Catherine Middleton

### **Architectural Review (ARC)**

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**Board Liaison**, Gwen Stepien

**Chair**, Joe Sefack

Mickie Konner, Mary Marryott, Cindy Caria

### **Maintenance Committee (combining Landscape/Environmental & Pool)**

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**Board Liaison**, Walter Perkowski

**Chair**, Jim Stepien

Bill Bloom, Nigel Day, Dave Gill, Sallie Hawkins, Carol Heckert, Carole Myles, Carl Schubert, Nancy Schubert

### **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** ([judy Sokal@gmail.com](mailto:judy Sokal@gmail.com)) by the tenth of the month.

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RU1NA = Rivendell Unit 1 Neighborhood Association

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