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The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

September 2017

Reminder From the Board of Directors Submitted by Jodi Sondergaard, Lighthouse Property Management

Editor's Note: the following is part of an email blast that was sent to homeowners on August 10.

Hello Rivendell Homeowners!

Friendly Reminder: Please do not feed the wildlife.

It has been brought to our attention that there has been some feeding of wildlife in the Rivendell community. Most recently reported has been the feeding of raccoons and alligators.

If you are feeding the wildlife, or know of anyone that is, please make sure to stop and tell your neighbors as well. This is for your safety and the safety of your community.

The feeding of wild animals leads to their change of behavior. If this continues to happen, it is a detriment to the animals as well.

This reminder is for your safety; it is best for the community and best for the wildlife.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jodi Sondergaard

Raccoon Harassment By Ken Heckert

Raccoons frightened several Rivendell residents when they aggressively came after them. This behavior typically occurs after someone feeds a wild animal. The animal will approach a human – any human – to be given more food. As a result of the raccoons' aggressive behavior, a trapper had to be called to trap the animals and take them away. Lesson to be learned: **DO NOT FEED ANY THE WILDLIFE!** In this case, someone's well-intentioned actions resulted in harassed and frightened homeowners, Rivendell community having to pay a \$500 trapper's fee, and a family of dead raccoons.



Highlights of July 26 Board Meeting By Carol Heckert; Reviewed by Larry Dobias

ATTENDING: Ray Capuano, Ken Heckert, Larry Dobias, Jodi Sondergaard. Gwen Leaning has resigned from the Board.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Second round of compliance letters sent out for painting mailboxes. To date, community is 75% in compliance.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- \$169,000 spent this year. Only \$3,000 spent on legal fees. We are still operating under budget.
- Two fees on foreclosed homes approved as uncollectible; one overdue fee plus interest & legal fees collected.
- Playground equipment under budget by nearly \$10,000 due to refund for wrong color play set delivered.

ARC: 10 requests in June; all approved. 9 requests in July; 8 approved.

Guidelines are being finalized. Two additions were requested and approved:

1. Fences can be white picket or wrought iron style in white, black or beige. Beige is a new color allowed.
2. If a request is denied by the ARC, it can be overridden by the Board of Directors.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

- New trees will be planted in July to replace dead trees that were removed
- Meeting to be held with Aquatic Systems to discuss condition of lakes, given Aquatic's request for added funding to conduct tests on lakes.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Three committee members met with Lighthouse to improve transmission of homeowner contact information to our website and to reinstate newsletters to homeowners.

OLD BUSINESS: The Cottages' Board has contracted with Nostalgic Lampposts to paint all 84 mailboxes in the Cottages.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposals have been received from MRT to landscape the Placid Lake Island and the two community entryways in the style of the Rainbow Point Islands.

a. Old Venice Road proposal tabled, as scope of plan exceeded what was sought.

b. Park Trace entry plan approved for \$416.

c. Placid Lake Island plan tabled until decision made whether Washingtonian palms should be removed and replaced with one or two foxtail palms. Cost for each plan requested.

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- d. Decision to get estimate from Brown's Tree Service for tree removal, as cost may be less.
2. Extra irrigation for new trees approved for \$1,500.
3. Approval for Brown Tree Service to trim magnolia trees for \$2,200.
4. Insurance for the community checkbook will be increased from \$10,000 to \$250,000; additional increase in coverage will increase premium \$800 a year.
5. A Documents Revision Committee will be established to update our documents, a task which has never been done. Joe Sefack will chair the committee; Ken Heckert appointed Board liaison. Committee member names to be presented at the next Board meeting. Legal costs will be included in the 2018 budget.
6. The pool project will be undertaken in the following order: equipment room, restrooms, deck. Sallie Hawkins is the only volunteer offering to work on this project with the Board and Lighthouse.
7. Speeding is a problem in the community. Various means of dealing with the issue were discussed. Gary Mruz said the County would repave our streets next year, so that would be the time to add any traffic calming devices. Investigation will continue, and a warning will appear in the Woodlands Word.
8. Concern that false, negative emails are being sent out by a community resident. Homeowners advised to ask resident to stop. A lawyer has been consulted.
9. The Board President asked if extended discussion should continue in the future, or if he should limit discussion to shorten the length of Board meetings. The audience indicated a preference for extended discussion.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS:

1. One homeowner requested that his fine be waived if all violations corrected. A written plan was requested.
2. Objections to the color of the park bench at the entrance to Pine View Trail, the location of sale signs on lawns, and privately owned oak trees overhanging streets and sidewalks
3. The need for Fishing for Residents Only signs at lakes and concern that someone is feeding raccoons at Crane Pond.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, September 6.

Document Review Committee

By Joe Sefack

The Board appointed a Document Review Committee at the July 26 Board meeting. The committee is comprised of Joe Sefack as chairperson, Ken Heckert as Board liaison, and members Gary Mruz, Nancy Dobias, Carol Heckert, Bob Thierfelder, Mike Bergman, Ken Alarie, and Steve Bragg. The committee includes at least one homeowner from every sub-division.

The goal of the committee is to review our documents and, with the guidance of our Board attorney Paul Olah, to make changes that remove obsolete developer references, bring us into compliance with Florida law, and make our documents easier to read and understand. The revision procedure will be a lengthy process, and, when completed, it will need to be approved by the Board. It will then need the approval of two thirds of Rivendell homeowners to become official.

Next Maintenance Committee Meeting TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

The Maintenance Committee needs volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jodi Sondergaard
jodisondergaard@mgmt.tv

Next Rivendell Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 6th 2017
at 6pm

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
2705 N Tamiami Trail

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

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KUDOS

Rainbow Point Way Islands & Park Rejuvenated

Contributed by Nancy Dobias

All Rivendell residents should be proud of the transformation on the Rainbow Point Way Islands and Park. The community should expect the same quality in other common areas as well. The value of our community rests with how we maintain and update our look. More areas are yet to be improved. More changes are coming to Rivendell.

Thanks to the residents who provided input by taking photos, writing emails, and attending meetings requesting the re-make

of the Rainbow Point Way Islands and Park. The goal was to improve and update the look of Rivendell; and that goal has been accomplished.

At the end of July, a top coating of dark mulch was put near the entrance to Rainbow Point Park (not shown in this photo). The dark mulch enhanced the entrance and also coordinated with the Rainbow Point islands.

Thank you to the Board for staying with the vision, to the Maintenance Committee, and to the volunteers for bringing it to fruition.

Rainbow Point Way Islands Remodeled and Rainbow Point Park Rejuvenated~ photos by Nancy Dobias



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A Park Bench

Contributors Nancy Dobias & Norma Lee Rhines



A bench invites you to sit down, rest, watch the world go by, and be grateful for the beauty around us.

Who can resist a park bench? Who can predict what a park bench might mean to someone? A Rivendell resident recovering from hip replacement appreciates one of the two new park benches recently installed in our community. A special thanks to the people who arranged for this bench!

Part of Fred's physical therapy is to walk, and his goal is to walk to the new bench each night.

~ photo by Norma Lee Rhines



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Paint Palette Books for Rivendell

By Kay Mruz, Sub-Committee Chair



The Rivendell Architectural Review Committee (ARC), working with Sherwin Williams and a sub-committee of five hard - working homeowners (Cathy Daignault, Margaret Flynn, Catherine Middleton, Helena Nordstrom and Melle Lee Warren), has put together a paint palette book for Rivendell in an attempt to provide Rivendell homeowners with suggested color schemes for the exterior of their homes.

In the book, you will find eighteen different color combinations that each show one main house color, two suggestions for trim and two suggestions for front door colors. These colors are provided only as suggestions and you may choose your own color schemes. However, only color schemes used exactly as laid out in the paint palette book qualify for an expedited

ARC process. Four copies of this book were made with the actual paint chips. One book is located at the Sherwin Williams paint store at 4871 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL, two books are located at Lighthouse Property Management and the ARC will have the remaining book.

Homeowners do not have to purchase Sherwin Williams paint. You may go to any paint store you choose. Color matching any of the color combinations should not be a problem. However, Sherwin Williams will offer a discount to our homeowners. If you are not already in their system, a clerk will assist you in setting up an account so you can receive your discount.

It is the ARC's hope that homeowners will find the paint palette book a useful tool when deciding on a new home color.



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New Trees in Rivendell Information provided by Dave Gill and Nancy Dobias with photos by Nancy

The tree planting project included a variety of trees and shrubs intended to replace those that needed to be removed (i.e. dead palms and dying pine trees). The new trees and bushes will add interest and color to our community.

Rivendell is lucky to have Dave Gill and Greg Volack apply their knowledge to select the new vegetation. Dave wanted Rivendell to maintain the "woodlands" look, so he was put in charge of selecting suitable plants. Once Dave compiled his list, he and former MC Chair Greg Volack modified the list and agreed on approximately 28 new trees. Next, Dave and Greg looked for common areas that might be good sites for the trees. Stakes marked the proposed locations. Residents were notified to contact Dave if they had a concern with the proposed locations. At the end of July, MRT Nurseries planted our new trees.



**Hong Kong Orchid
in Crescent Park**



Orange Geiger in Butterfly Park

The photos are a small sample of the new foliage along with a tentative list of what else might be planted where. If you aren't sure what the trees and bushes look like, just Google the name!

Check out the new trees and please let Dave and Greg know how much you appreciate their work!

- Golden Pond (on Placid Lake Drive): 1 Sabal Palm Tree.

- Clear Creek Park (on Rivendell Boulevard): 3 Sabal Palms and 1 Royal Poinciana.

- Butterfly Park (at Lost Creek Court and Mallard Marsh

Drive): 3 Louisiana Red Copperleaf, 2 Yellow Tabebuia, 2 Orange Geiger, and 2 Southern Red Cedars.

- Crescent Park (at Anna Hope Lane and Mallard Marsh Drive): 6 Silver Palmetto Bushes, 2 Foxtail Palms, 2 Southern Red Cedars, 1 Yellow Tabebuia, 1 Gumbo Limbo, 1 Cassia Glauca, and 1 Hong Kong Orchid.

New Plantings at the Entrance to the Cottages! Photos by Carole Lane Myles



RECIPE ROUND UP Key Lime Bundt Cake By Kathy Halaiko

1 package lemon cake mix
1 package instant lemon pudding mix
3/4 cup water
1/2 cup vegetable oil
4 eggs
5 tbsp. key lime juice



Preheat oven to 350 degrees and lightly grease Bundt pan. Mix all ingredients well and pour into pan. Bake for 45 minutes.

Glaze:

1.5 cups confectioners sugar
3 tbsp. key lime juice

Mix well and spoon over cake.

Enjoy!



Book Group Schedule

By Pam Babbitt



September 11 will be the historical fiction novel *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. This *NY Times* bestseller is a story that traces generations over two continents, 300-years of history, and slavery. Two separated half-sisters, Effia & Esi, are born in 18th century Ghana. Esi is sold into the Gold Coast's slave trade, and sent to the U.S., while Effia is married to a British slaver and lives in the Cape Coast Castle. Unbeknownst to Effia, her

half-sister, Esi, is in the castle's dungeon. One thread follows Effia's descendants through Ghana warfare, slave trade, and British colonization. The other follows Esi and her children to the U.S. plantations and Civil War, from coalmines to Harlem dope houses to the present. Mirinda Roy will host at 757 Placid Lake Drive. If you plan to attend, please call her at 941-918-2740.

October 9: *Lake House* by Kate Morton. Living on her family's lakeside estate in Cornwall, England, Alice is a bright and talented 16-year-old who writes stories. One midsummer's eve, after a party with hundreds of guests has ended, the family discovers that their youngest child, 11-month-old Theo, has vanished without a trace. He is never found, and the family is torn apart, the house abandoned.

The Rivendell Book Group will examine the overt and subtle racism in America when reading the novel, *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult on November 13. Ruth is African American and a labor and delivery nurse with over 20 years' experience. Ruth begins a checkup on a newborn infant, only to be told that she's been reassigned. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth to touch their child.

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



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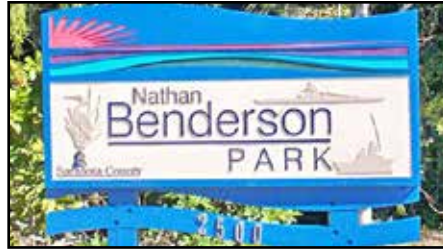
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Architectural Review Committee Report - July 25, 2017

Attendees: John Fitzgibbon - Chairperson, Kay Mruz, John Martin, Maureen Emmons, Wayne Davis

Absent: Ray Capuano - Board Liaison

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	820 Golden Pond Court	Repaint	Motion: Maureen 2nd: Kay Resolved: Approved
2.	1133 Scherer Way	Repaint	Motion: John M 2nd: Maureen Resolved: Approved
3.	1133 Scherer Way	Hurricane Shutters	Motion: John M 2nd: Maureen Resolved: Approved
4.	1086 Scherer Way	Repaint - Request denied because the body color is too pink and only one trim color is allowed.	Motion: John M 2nd: Resolved: Not approved
5.	747 Fordingbridge Way	Landscaping	Motion: Kay 2nd: John M Resolved: Approved
6.	672 Shadow Bay Way	Fence	Motion: Wayne 2nd: Maureen Resolved: Approved
7.	672 Shadow Bay Way	Gutters	Motion: Wayne 2nd: Maureen Resolved: Approved
8.	672 Shadow Bay Way	Repaint	Motion: Wayne 2nd: Maureen Resolved: Approved
9.	748 Fordingbridge Way	Replace Tree	Motion: John F 2nd: Kay Resolved: Approved

New Business/ questions: We did a final read through of the proposed ARC Guideline revisions. We need Board approval of revisions to two Board Orders before finalizing the revisions. Once received, John F. will wordsmith the revisions to comply with our discussions and forward the material to the ARC for a final review and vote. Hopefully, we can do this well before Labor Day.

Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The ARC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm
Location: Cottages Clubhouse

**ARC applications are due to Lighthouse Management
seven days prior to the meeting.**

Rivendell Community Contacts

Committees

Communication Committee

Chair: Carol Heckert (carolheckert@verizon.net)

Board Liaison: Larry Dobias

Block Captains: Cindy Schmidl

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Architectural Review (ARC)

Chair: John Fitzgibbon (john.fitz48@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Ray Capuano

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

Maintenance Committee (MC)

Chair: OPEN

Board Liaison: Ken Heckert

Members: Dave Gill, Carole Myles, Sallie Hawkins

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