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# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

**FEBRUARY 2015**



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DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM IN THE  
ANNUAL MAILER THAT YOU WILL  
HAVE RECEIVED FROM LIGHTHOUSE  
MANAGEMENT ALONG WITH  
YOUR VOTING BALLOTS.  
PLEASE ALSO SEE PAGE 19.**

Be sure to fill out the community directory update and send it to Lighthouse Management at 16 Church Street, Osprey Florida 34229.

The information you provide is used to update the master database maintained by Lighthouse Management of all Rivendell Residents. This information is used when Lighthouse needs to contact you. It is important that the information is current and accurate. The same form also tells us what information you would like to have published in the printed Rivendell Community Directory and on the website.

## **Highlights of Board Meeting, January 5, 2015**

**By Carol Heckert,**

**Reviewed by Walter Perkowski**

Attending: Gwen Stepien, Vinny Barone, Joe Sefack, Walter Perkowski

ARC Report: The ARC met on January 2, after missing the scheduled November and December meetings due to lack of a quorum. Volunteers are needed for the committee. The ARC will meet again on January 22.

### Maintenance Committee Report:

- The pool heater pumps are repaired and working properly.
- The problem with the irrigation pump in the front of the community is being investigated.
- The committee thanks Jeffrey Zych for an excellent job with the holiday decorations.

### Communications Committee Report:

- Given that the February newsletter follows the Annual Meeting, it will contain no pre-election coverage. The election results will appear in the March 2015 issue.
- All homeowners will have to submit a Community Directory Update Form if they wish to have their email addresses appear in the 2015 Community Directory and on the website. The form will be included in the Annual Meeting packet to be mailed to homeowners by January 19.

New Business: A motion was made and passed to further secure the website in order to comply with current privacy laws. This will be done by 1) updating the password annually, and 2) omitting it from the Woodlands Word. The motion was approved. Homeowners will receive a new password in the Annual Meeting packet.

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**Homeowner Comments:**

- Homeowner with ARC request criticized the ARC for not meeting for 2 months, and for requiring plats for all ARC requests. Said all homeowner information updates are not on the website.
- Homeowner asked how much time elapses between first violation letter and fining letter. Also praised landscaping work.
- Homeowner’s contractor needs ARC approval letter for roof sealing. Verbal approval already given.
- Homeowner questioned redress if neighbor’s equipment goes onto his property when installing a pool. ARC gives approval for pool, but not for incursion onto neighbor’s property. That must be settled between neighbors.

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**Phone Security**

Excerpted from “Cyberproof Your Phone” by Sid Kirchner, AARP, May 2014.



Robberies in major cities will often acquire a mobile phone. But there are also cyber-crooks who target smartphones remotely to collect the users’ stored data for identity theft. Smartphones access the Internet as well as text messages that are usually sent without encryption.

Ideas to stay safe:

1. If your phone has encryption, enable it. Learn how to do this at [help.unc.edu/help/encrypting-cell-phones](http://help.unc.edu/help/encrypting-cell-phones).
2. Use security software recommended by your carrier or phone manufacturer.
3. When using your smart phone to shop, use retailers’ dedicated apps rather than your phone’s browser.
4. Before installing apps, read their reviews and stick with trusted vendors such as Google or Apple. Avoid downloading apps that want your okay to

- reveal your identity and location.
5. Think before using public Wi-Fi networks. And don’t leave Bluetooth connections open.
  6. Don’t auto-save your user name and passwords on apps or if you use your smart phone to make financial transactions.
  7. Clear the browser history often to prevent smartphone thieves from retracing your steps to hijack your accounts.
  8. Install an app that will track and report the location of your phone if it is lost or stolen.
  9. Ask your wireless carrier how to remotely erase stored data if your phone is lost or stolen. Back up that data on a cloud account.
  10. Don’t click on links in text messages or smartphone emails from strangers.
  11. Consider carrying a low-cost “dumb” phone to use when talking in public places. Thieves won’t be interested.
  12. Finally, lock your phone with a PIN or password.

**Next Rivendell Board Meeting**  
 February 2nd, 2015  
 6pm at Bentley’s Hotel Osprey Florida  
 Any changes to this date will be posted on the website  
[www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)

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

## Helpful Household Hints - Batteries and Back-up Batteries

By Pam Babbitt



Our homes utilize many batteries and back-up batteries with some of them being more important or of a critical nature than others. Because our homes are different and have different systems, this is a very general list. The intent of this article is to remind you that if something stops working or begins beeping or chirping, it is time to check the batteries and possible back-up batteries.

**Smoke Alarms:** When you need to replace one, just go ahead and replace all of them.

**Pool Alarm:** The back-up battery for the pool alarm may be in the buttons by the doors.

**Cable/Internet/Modem Back-up Battery:** The cable/internet will still run without a back-up battery.

**Home Security Alarm Back-up Battery:** If you hear a quiet beeping sound coming from the wall keypad, it may indicate a low back-up battery.

**Garage Key Pad:** There is a battery in the garage door keypad. Replace the battery first if the garage door doesn't operate when you enter your code.

**Irrigation System Back-up Battery:** Check and replace back-up battery (usually 9v) in your irrigation system. If there is a power interruption and the back-up battery is dead, the time settings maybe lost and your yard won't be irrigated.

**Other items that usually require batteries:** This list is long, but not exhaustive.

1. Wireless doorbells
2. Remotes – for TV, DVD, CD, holiday lights, LED candles, ceiling fans remotes, etc.
3. Digital camera
4. Game controllers
5. Alarm clocks and clock radios
6. Analog clocks
7. Travel alarm clock
8. Cordless phones
9. Car key fob
10. Flashlights
11. Electric toothbrushes
12. Cordless electric pencil sharpener
13. Educational toys
14. Remote-control cars, planes, etc.
15. Wine opener
16. Laptop computers
17. iPads or tablets

18. iPhones or Smart Phones

19. iPods

20. Wireless mouse

21. Wireless keypad

22. Back massager

23. Home security camera

24. Calculator



### Storage of extra batteries:

- DO practice proper battery storage by keeping batteries in a cool, dry place at normal room temperature. It is not necessary to store batteries in a refrigerator.
- DO keep in original packaging when possible.
- DO discard a battery if it feels warm.
- DON'T store batteries or battery-powered devices in hot places — elevated temperatures can lead to capacity loss, leakage or rupture.
- DON'T carry loose batteries in a pocket or purse with metal objects like coins, paper clips, etc. This can short-circuit the battery, leading to high heat or leakage.
- DON'T store new and used batteries together.

### Safe disposal of batteries:

1. Cover the terminal ends with a piece of electrical tape so if the ends touch, a short will not be created.
2. Tape the terminals before placing in a bag to take to a recycling center (Lowe's, Home Depot).

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MAINTENANCE HINT?

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Please send your helpful  
"Household Hints" to  
Marilyn at [marilynprobert@gmail.com](mailto:marilynprobert@gmail.com)



## Places To Go: Sleeping Turtles Preserve, North and South, Venice

Excerpted from [www.scgov.net/NaturalLands](http://www.scgov.net/NaturalLands)



*Photos from [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net)*

**Sleeping Turtles Preserve North** is located at 3462 Border Road, Venice, where the bridge crosses the Myakka River.

This preserve consists of land purchased through the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program. The Preserve is named after Sleeping Turtles, a landmark on the Myakka River noted on naval maps from the 1800's.

While exploring the preserve's network of trails, visitors will see natural communities -- including floodplain swamps, upland mixed forests and seasonal wetlands. Visitors can also observe gopher tortoises, swallow-tailed kites, alligators and an assortment of birds.

The preserve is split by Border Road with the parking area and leashed pet access located **ONLY** on the north side of the road.

- Dogs are **NOT** allowed at the portion south of Border Road.
- The preserve has more than five miles of hiking trails, including a river trail, which allows for open viewing of the Wild and Scenic Myakka River.
- The hiking trails are unpaved but accessible for most visitors.
- Water, sun block, insect repellent, a rain jacket and sturdy shoes are recommended for hiking.
- All trail intersections are marked with numbered trail markers.
- Some trails may flood after heavy rainfall and several trails may be wet year-round where they intersect creeks and ditches.

Spanning over 200 acres, the individual sections of Sleeping Turtles Preserve North extend North and South of the dividing roadway, each offering

two loop trails that are intersected by smaller well marked cross trails allowing a variety of length and direction to your hiking.

Trails are improved areas – primarily hard packed sand – through old growth oak hammocks, pine forest flatwoods, and wetland areas. Most areas are through tree canopy, keeping them shaded on sunny days. Each main trail loop winds approximately 1.5 miles with stretches offering views along the Myakka River. Adding various cross trails can create hikes up to several miles throughout subtropical jungle-like growth of ferns, orchids, various mosses, and bromeliads. Wildlife such as eagles, osprey, hawk, bobcat, and gopher tortoise may be seen in the uplands area. Along the Myakka River waterfront areas alligators, otters, and wading birds are seen.



There is a public access canoe and kayak launch on the Myakka River at the northeast side of the Border Road crossing. Because of limited infrastructure and parking and access roadways the launch is kept closed and locked for limited entry. Obtain more information regarding access to this limited access canoe/kayak launch area by contacting Sarasota County at 941-861-5000.

### **Directions to Sleeping Turtles Preserve North**

From I-75, take exit 193

Proceed north 1/2 mile on Jacaranda Blvd. to the stop sign and turn right onto Border Road.

Proceed approximately 3 miles east on Border Road to the bridge over the Myakka River.

As you approach the bridge, the Sleeping Turtles

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Preserve North parking lot will be on the left (north side), immediately before the bridge.

**Sleeping Turtles Preserve South is located at 2800 N. River Road, Venice at the North End of River Road (at I-75 exit #191).**

Approximately 5 miles of both improved and simple plowed dirt trails, service roads, and firebreaks crisscross throughout Sleeping Turtles Preserve South. A variety of hiking distances and directions are available. One of the north side trails runs the perimeter of a 10-acre lake with a few picnic tables and benches. Though the South Preserve actually borders the Myakka River, only one of the trails offer direct access or views of the river. As with most waterfront preserve areas, wildlife sightings of bobcat, deer, river otter, feral pig, raccoon, squirrel and opossum are possible.

This is one of the publicly owned properties along the Myakka River, although not one where you can see views of the river. Currently, there are no trails leading to the river's high banks through thick vegetation along the waterfront.

An assortment of wildflowers, such as false foxglove, blazing star, pennyroyal and spider lily may be found in various locations throughout the preserve.

**Trail Information:** Sleeping Turtle South is a 3-mile loop trail with an elevation gain of 212 feet and takes about two hours. The trail is good for all skill levels and primarily used for walking.

- Accessible trails are marked and include short loops as well as service roads and firebreaks.
- These are unpaved but accessible for most visitors.
- Be prepared for outdoor conditions by bringing water, sun block, a rain jacket and sturdy shoes.
- Some trails may flood after heavy rainfall.
- The preserve has limited parking along the road shoulders and is accessible via walk-thru gates at the northeast corner of the intersection of east Venice Avenue and North River Road as well as near the northeast corner of the intersection of North River Road and the southbound entrance ramp to Interstate 75, Exit 191.

**Information** for Sleeping Turtles Preserve North and South, call 941-861-5000 and ask for Natural Resources. Hours for both Preserves:

7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. April through October  
 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. November through March



## My Inherited Passion

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I have many memories from my early childhood of talking into my Grandpa's pocket, so his body-aid would pick up my voice. Both my grandfather, Howard and my Mom, MaryEllen, were profoundly hard of hearing.

My Mom's hearing was due to surgical procedure. She had been wearing hearing aids for years before I came into the industry 14 years ago. The first time I fit her with aids she was startled by how much better she heard. I knew the technology had not improved dramatically so it wasn't until I realized she had been using moderate technology levels. That experience showed me how much it had cost her in connecting with others and being part of the group by wearing aids not fit for her busy lifestyle.

She didn't have to buy a moderate set, I just don't think she knew how much benefit and ease of listening a higher level of technology would provide for her challenging hearing and busy lifestyle.

I do understand that there are times when you have to compromise due to financial strains. If you have to compromise do so knowingly. Be aware of what you are choosing between.

Having my life, my family so directly affected by hearing loss I am truly passionate about helping others hear their best. I lived in a family that had frustrations that occurred from not hearing someone or frequent misunderstandings.

I help people with a hearing loss participate in their family moments. I have sought out additional training to ensure I have the ability to help.

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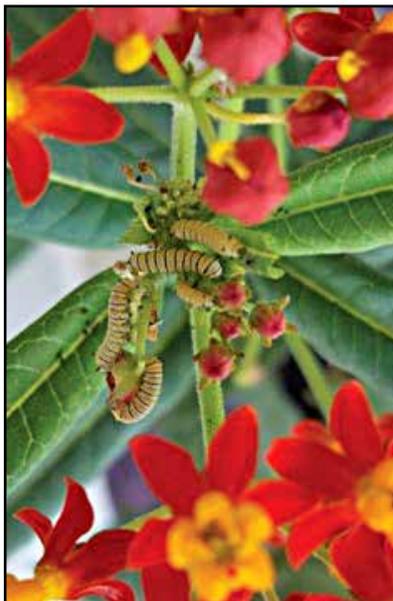
## The Monarch Butterfly: Program on February 24th, 2015

Excerpted from Wings & Things, Venice Audubon Newsletter, Nov/Dec 2014, page 5 Birds, Bees, and Butterflies by Darla Cordonnier and Bonnie Holder

The Venice Area Audubon Society (VAAS) Butterfly Garden committee will be presenting a program in February on the magnificent Monarch butterflies.

The Monarch butterfly numbers have been in decline for almost two decades. The Nature Conservancy is one organization that notes the Monarch population has dropped from nearly a billion in 1996 to about 33 million in 2013. Concerns for the Monarch have prompted heads of state in the U.S., Canada and Mexico to devise a plan for saving their endangered migration. Loss of the various species of milkweed on which Monarchs depend has been just one of the many contributing factors.

The Venice "Wings & Things" authors, Darla Cordonnier and Bonnie Holder, raised and locally released over 100 Monarchs in 2014. However, these butterflies are probably part of a local population that does not migrate. Who can blame them for wanting to stay in Venice!



*Baby Monarch caterpillars feeding on milkweed plant*  
photo VAAS

**Event:** Everyone is invited to attend a special Venice Area Audubon Society presentation on February 24 featuring Canadian Ronald Doering, who will present first-hand accounts from visiting the mountains of Mexico to chronicle their plight, migration and wintering behavior. He and his wife, Beth, will share their personal experience of raising and releasing Monarchs locally.

**When:** Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00pm for the social period and the program starts at 6:30pm

**Where:** Venice Audubon Center at 4002 S. Tamiami Trail (at Annex Road, behind the R. L. Anderson Administration Building in Venice).

**More information:** Phone: 941-496-8984 or Email: [info@veniceaudubon.org](mailto:info@veniceaudubon.org) or call Darla Cordonnier at 941-724-2378, or visit the VAAS website event calendar at: [www.veniceaudubon.org/event/magnificent-monarchs-and-habitat-lost](http://www.veniceaudubon.org/event/magnificent-monarchs-and-habitat-lost)

### The SUB-ASSOCIATIONS' Annual Meeting & Election Dates

**The Cottages:** Thursday, Feb 19th, 7:00pm at Cottages Clubhouse. (RU1NA = Rivendell Unit 1 Neighborhood Association) Contact Carole Myles, Bill Vanik, Margery Arendt or Mike Georgopolis for more information.

**The Villas:** Contact Dianne Enger, Ruth Sellick or Sherry Sholtis for more information.

**The Patio Homes:** Contact Edward Diggs, Jayne Irene, or Bruce Whalen for more information



## Great Backyard Bird Count

Excerpted from Bob Clark's article in  
*Wings & Things*, Venice Audubon Newsletter,  
 Jan/Feb 2015, page 7

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) will be held Friday, February 13, through Monday, February 16, 2015. The annual four-day event engages bird watchers of all ages and from beginning bird watchers to experts. This information helps researchers at Audubon, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and Bird Studies Canada learn more about bird populations throughout the world.

Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes — or as long as they wish — on one or more days of the event and report their sightings online at <http://www.birdcount.org>. While many participants count just the birds at feeders in their backyards, many others pick out a favorite spot, such as a park, a preserve, a walkway or golf course.

To find out more about this free, fun event, visit the official website at <http://www.birdcount.org>. You'll learn how to set up a free GBBC/eBird account, learn more about available educational resources, and find out how to submit your final counts.

Remember, this is an activity for birders of all ages and birding levels, so remind your family and friends to count those birds!

## Ping Pong Ball



You are playing a game of Ping-Pong in the back yard of a friend's house. When you miss the ball, it bounces across the lawn and rolls into a small but deep hole. The hole goes down too far for you to reach the ball with your hand, and the hole bends so much to one side that you can't get the ball by poking a stick into the hole. After a few minutes you think of an easy way to get the ball.

**What did you think of?**

**Answer on page 10**

## Cassariano Italian Eatery

By Catherine Middleton



Well known for its many stores and restaurants, Venice Avenue "on the Island" is the location of this Italian eatery. The owners are Luca Cassani and Antonio Pariano – hence the name. They moved to this location about a year ago and it has proven to be quite successful. The restaurant is nicely decorated and there is outside dining available.

I had lunch there with a group of friends from the gym. The servers were attentive and kept our water and tea glasses full. There were twelve of us and everyone enjoyed her choice of entrées. I decided, since I was in an Italian restaurant, to have a dish I rarely order – eggplant Parmesan. I was expecting thick slices of breaded eggplant in a heavy tomato sauce topped with cheese and with a side of pasta. However, I was pleasantly surprised when I was presented with an oval-shaped casserole dish filled with thinly sliced eggplant, very lightly breaded, in a mild tomato sauce and with a layer of cheese in the middle. It was the perfect portion for lunch.

The menu is quite extensive and others of the ladies had salads and sandwiches. I think the spinach salad with goat cheese, pancetta, and polenta croutons was a group favorite.

I have heard the dinners are excellent, as well. Prices are moderate to expensive, depending upon your point of view. The swordfish dinner, for example, is \$28.50. Cassariano's is located at 313 Venice Ave. and their phone number is 485-0507. For a look at the menu and photos of the venue, click on: <http://www.cassariano.com/home>

## SHOWER & BATH MAKEOVERS

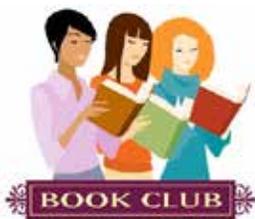
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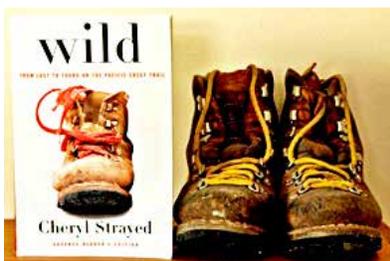
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## Book Group Schedule By Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will meet on Monday, February 9, to discuss *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*, a nonfiction

account of author Cheryl Strayed's adventures while hiking some 1100 miles from the Mojave Desert to the border of Washington state. Woefully unprepared for such a trek, Cheryl's experiences range from sad to funny to scary as she "learns while she goes." For those of you who prefer watching to reading, the movie *Wild*, based on Cheryl's book and starring Reese Witherspoon, has recently been released and may still be playing. Anita Sarno will lead the discussion at Carol Heckert's home at 808 Placid Lake Drive. Carol's phone number is 941-918-9528; please call her if you'd like to participate.



The March selection will be *Me Before You* by JoJo Moyes. In this novel Moyes explores the relationship that develops between "Master of the Universe" Will Traynor and his caretaker Louisa Clark. Will had led a very active life before an accident left him wheelchair-bound. Lou, an ordinary girl living an ordinary life, needs the job desperately, but she finds that Will's moody, bossy ways are difficult to deal with.

For the April meeting we will read *The Drowning Guard: A Novel of the Ottoman Empire*. Set in Istanbul in 1826, we are introduced to Esma, the favorite sister of Sultan Mahmud II. Each evening she seduces a Christian only to have him drowned the next morning by the man she really loves, a Christian guard named Ivan Postivich.

All Rivendell residents are welcome at Book Group gatherings. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call the month's hostess if you'd like to attend.

## Banana Pudding By Carol Heckert



### Ingredients

- 1 small box instant vanilla pudding
- 1 small box instant French vanilla pudding
- 1 9 oz. Cool Whip, thawed
- 1 8 oz. sour cream
- 3 cups milk
- 1 box vanilla wafers
- 5 to 6 bananas

### Directions

Mix the first 5 ingredients and beat well with electric mixer. Layer vanilla wafers, sliced bananas and 1/3 of the pudding mix. Continue layers ending with pudding on top. Top with crushed vanilla wafers (about 4) and chill.

### Tips

- 1) If you use small bananas, it may be necessary to use a few more.
- 2) To assemble the pudding, any size of dish could be used. A 13" x 9" glass baking dish produces 3 layers. While a smaller, taller dish, would probably have more than 3 layers.
- 3) This recipe can be assembled in any number of ways and is delicious. Bon appétit!

(Solution to puzzle on Pg.11)

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# Volunteers!



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**BABYSITTER:** 14 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 junior, 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**.

**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 **941-918-8386**.

**BABYSITTER: Sivan Yohann, 941- 408-5549,** a Pine View junior and a very experienced babysitter. I will keep your kids busy with soccer and crafts and all sorts of activities. I am extremely friendly and responsible! References available upon request.

**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** or visit their web site at **www.siestasportsrentals.com**

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**BABYSITTER, PET SITTER: Nathalie Michalowski,** resident of Rivendell, 25 years old, and certified babysitter/nanny, offers baby-sitting service. I'm very responsible, I love kids, and have 9 years' experience. I also offer pet sitting service. References are available upon request. Please call at **941-726-5958**.

### 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**

### Ping Pong Ball Answer

Fill the hole with water and the ping-pong ball will float to the top.



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Puzzle ID: #H076SC

**Across**

- 1. Grippped
- 5. Holy, to Henri
- 10. Garbage containers
- 14. Carolina college town
- 15. Many a Mormon
- 16. Oriental nursemaid
- 17. Baked in a cream sauce
- 19. Zapata's 'zilch'
- 20. Portraitists' family name
- 21. Post-Renaissance language
- 23. Peer Gynt's mother
- 26. Vacation complex
- 27. Consumer service agcy.'s morning meal
- 32. Tic-tac-toe victory
- 33. Actor Bruce of radio's "Sherlock Holmes"
- 34. Abates
- 38. Moroccan tree
- 40. Rain-snow mixture
- 42. Filmdom's Vittorio De \_\_\_
- 43. \_\_\_ Kabloozie (character voiced by Ruth Buzzi in "Sesame Street" shorts)

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- 45. Like many statesmen
- 47. Dad, to Grandpa
- 48. Sign of spring #3
- 51. Pocatello potatoes
- 54. "To \_\_\_ His Own" (1946 Olivia de Havilland movie)
- 55. Place that often has picnic tables
- 58. Carries
- 62. "Get \_\_\_ writing!"
- 63. Star of the Food Network
- 66. Ornamental border
- 67. U.S.S.R. collective
- 68. Ancient region bordering Palestine
- 69. One-dish meal
- 70. Dutch river
- 71. Moscow's land: Abbr.

**Down**

- 1. "David Copperfield" character
- 2. If not.
- 3. "Livin' La Vida \_\_\_" (#1 hit of 1999)
- 4. Where crime scene evidence might be analyzed
- 5. "Vieni \_\_\_ Mar" (Italian tune)
- 6. \_\_\_ Z (everything)
- 7. \_\_\_ Crunch (cereal brand)
- 8. Korean leader Syngman \_\_\_
- 9. Samantha's mother on 'Bewitched'
- 10. Card games
- 11. Italian baritone Pasquale \_\_\_
- 12. Very depths
- 13. Won't
- 18. Gain knowledge
- 22. \_\_\_ majesty

- 24. Spaniard's six
- 25. Aerie builders
- 27. Feathery neckwear
- 28. Brian \_\_\_, a king of Ireland
- 29. Husband of Ruth, in the Bible
- 30. Starting points in shipbuilding
- 31. Provide with feathers
- 35. Emphatic assent in Acapulco
- 36. B-school subj.
- 37. Performed an aria
- 39. 'Stat!'
- 41. Buddhist monastery
- 44. Mythological archer
- 46. Valium drug company
- 49. Off the correct path
- 50. Seagoing fishing boat
- 51. Crocuses, e.g.
- 52. Coup--

- 53. Set \_\_\_ (save)
- 56. Rowing pair
- 57. Police hdqrs.
- 59. Language of Karachi
- 60. Cambodian neighbor
- 61. Sylvia \_\_\_, British leading lady
- 64. Bit of a titter
- 65. Pledge of Allegiance ending

(Solution on Pg. 8)

# ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA

1/2/2015

The ARC meeting was called to order 4:00 pm with a quorum of committee members present.  
Members: Jim Stepien, Cindy Caria, John Martin. Board Liaison: Joe Sefack

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
<i>Old Business</i>			
<i>Apologies: for the inconvenience to the homeowners and the committee members. With the months of November and December being not only a busy holiday season, but also a well-noted season for illnesses, there was simply no available time to gather a suitable number of members to hold a meeting in November and December.</i>			
1.	1211 Lost Creek Court	Roof seal	Resolved: Approved Motion: John 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cindy Vote: Unanimous
2.	700 Shadow Bay Way	Front door	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cindy Vote: Unanimous
<i>New Business</i>			
3.	908 Scherer Way	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: John 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Vote: Unanimous
4.	1093 Mallard Marsh Drive	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Vote: Unanimous
5.	1159 Mallard Marsh Drive	Landscape	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cindy Vote: Unanimous
6.	908 Scherer Way	Remove tree	Resolved: Approved Motion: John 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cindy Vote: Unanimous
7.	819 Shadow Bay Way	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Vote: Unanimous
8.	514 Meadow Sweet Circle	Landscape	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cindy Vote: Unanimous
9.	812 Foothill Court	Landscape	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John Vote: Unanimous
10.	656 Clear Creek	Pool resurface	Resolved: Approved Motion: John 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Vote: Unanimous
11.	751 Fordingbridge Way	Replace trees/fence	Resolved: Denied Motion: Cindy 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Vote: Unanimous <i>Reason: No plot plan</i>
12.	1128 Mallard Marsh Drive	Solar panels	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cindy Vote: Unanimous

13.	1180 Mallard Marsh Drive	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: John 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cindy Vote: Unanimous
14.	731 Shadow Bay Way	Repaint door and shutters	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Vote: Unanimous
15.	815 Golden Pond Drive	Replace sod	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cindy Vote: Unanimous
16.	807 Golden Pond Drive	Replace sod	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John Vote: Unanimous
17.	811 Golden Pond Drive	Replace sod	Resolved: Approved Motion: John 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Vote: Unanimous
18.	742 Shadow Bay Way	Landscaping	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Vote: Unanimous
19.	786 Placid Lake Drive	Landscaping	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cindy Vote: Unanimous
20.	694 Clear Creek Drive	Roof seal	Resolved: On Hold Motion: John 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cindy Vote: Unanimous <i>Reason: Contractor must be vetted</i>
21.	541 Meadow Sweet Circle	Landscaping	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John Vote: Unanimous
<p><i>Applications will be reviewed by the board for new members of the ARC at the first of the year.</i></p>			

Next meeting **January 30, 2015 at 6 pm.**

Motion to close the meeting: Jim

Second: John

Vote: Unanimous

ARC meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

**Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting  
NO FEBRUARY MEETING**

Applications are due to Lighthouse Management by the  
third Tuesday of each month.

# RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING- December 1, 2014

*Editors' Note: The following are the official minutes of the Rivendell Board of Directors. As such, they are published as they are received. The Woodlands Word is not responsible for any errors in spelling, grammar, or content. The official Board Minutes can also be viewed on-line at the Rivendell website.*

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M., by Shannon Banks 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:

Vincent Barone      Bobby Merrill      Joe Sefack      Gwen Stepien

Walter Perkowski; A quorum was declared to be present.

On matters relating to the minutes of the previous meeting a motion was made by Ms. Stepien and seconded by Mr. Sefack to approve the Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes of November 5, 2014. The motion was passed.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS,

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

**Treasurer's Report**, Mr. Merrill provided a report noting the association is under budget by approx. \$39,792.00 this is due to the landscape budget coming in under budget by approx. \$38,000. There are still pending projects for 2014 and invoices to be processed due to recently completed projects. It was also reported that the AR has been reduced and management has requested the association consider writing off the uncollected balance from 581 Meadow Sweet Cir. A motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Mr. Perkowski:

**MOTION 14- 39:** to approve writing of the balance due of \$399.40, from 581 Meadow Sweet Circle to bad debt. Motion Passed

## Committee Reports,

**ARC**, Mr. Sefack reported the November meeting was rescheduled to December 2, 2014 due to a lack of quorum obtained.

**Maintenance Committee**, Mr. Stepien reported the following:

- Main submerged pump is being evaluated for repair
- Pool impeller was repaired
- Heat pump error codes are being investigated, still under warranty
- All dead Pines have been removed
- Mulch installed is about completed, pending two park areas
- Holiday decorations were put up by Jeff Zych, It was greatly appreciated.
- Requested proposals to clean out the area behind the pool. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Sefack:

**MOTION 14-40:** to approve West Bay to clean out the area behind the pool in an amount not to exceed \$400.00. Motion Passed

- Requested proposals to clean out the Rivendell Park area. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Sefack:

**MOTION 14-41:** to approve West Bay to clean out Rivendell Park in an amount not to exceed \$1650.00. Motion Passed

**Communications Committee,** Requested the Board provided an insert regarding the upcoming election process, so that the Bio's and intents can be published prior to the Annual meeting. It was discussed that the notification as to how to submit your intent will be included in the January newsletter and all bios received will go in the Annual meeting mailer.

**New Business,**

Matters relating to the nominating committee, Ms. Stepien advised the Board that she received four (4) volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Sefack and seconded by Mr. Barone:

**MOTION 14-42:** to appoint Barbra Gahry, Gary Mruz, Kay Mruz and Mike Bergman to the nominating committee for the 2015 election.

Mr. Sefack noted that he and Ms. Stepien attended a Board member training course and learned that the Board should always review the current Insurance Policies and management contracts. He requested they both be forwarded for review.

The Board scheduled their next meeting for January 5, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

**Owner Comments,**

An owner asked what is the surveying going on near the Pine View trail. It was reported that the school intends on placing portable classrooms on undeveloped land owned by the school.

An owner wanted to advise the attending membership the rezoning meeting for the proposed build next to Rivendell has been scheduled for December 9, 2014 at 1:30 pm.

An owner asked if the department of the County that repairs the sidewalks is the same to repair the curbing. It was noted that management believes this is a different department but advised the owner the issue has been reported and a service request number was issued.

An owner asked regarding the gator removal guidelines and protocol.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made by Ms. Sefack and seconded by Mr. Perkowski, the meeting adjourned at 6:49P.M.

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Shannon Banks, CAM  
Lighthouse Property Management

**ATTACHMENT # 1**

**RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
*A Corporation Not-For-Profit*  
c/o LIGHTHOUSE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.  
16 Church Street  
Osprey, FL 34229  
941-966-6844 Phone      941-966-7158 Fax

**Manager's Report**

## On Site/Maintenance-

- Weekly community visits
- Compliance drive conducted on 11/24/2014
- Requested the repair to several sidewalk areas (ongoing)
- Requested Street Light repairs as reported
- Requested the repair to a breaker box for lights 16-18 (pending)
- Coordinating the removal of the C. Park tree and sidewalk repair (tentative date 12/8)

## Administrative-

- Forwarded financials to Board for review.
- Forwarded draft agenda to board for review.
- Forwarded draft minutes for review.
- Forwarded ARC requests to committee.
- Forwarded approved minutes to publishing in the newsletter.
- Send out email blast in regards to BOD meeting.
- Coordinating the Annual meeting arrangements

## 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: 34

Shannon Banks, CAM  
Managing Agent

## WHO WE ARE

### RCA Committees 2015

#### Communications

**Board Liaison:** Bobby Merrill

**Chair:** Carol Heckert (carolheckert@verizon.net)

**Database Liaison:** Barb Gahry

**Block Captains:** Cindy Schmidl

**Newsletter:** Linda Pearlstein, Judy Sokal, Kay Mruz, Marilyn Probert, Pam Babbitt

**Reporters:** Ed Lin, Catherine Middleton, Norma Lee Rhines

**Reporter Representative:** Mike Bergman

**Webmaster:** Gary Mruz

#### Architectural Review (ARC)

**Board Liaison:** Joe Sefack

**Chair:** Jessica Fenton (jessiqtpi@yahoo.com)

**Committee Members:** Jim Stepien, John Martin, Cindy Caria, Margaret Verhagen

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

**Board Liaison:** Walter Perkowski

**Chair:** Jim Stepien (jimstepien@gmail.com)

**Committee Members:** Dave Gill, Sallie Hawkins, Carol Heckert, Carole Myles, Curt Kennedy, Joe Lucente

**Access the Rivendell website at:** <http://www.rivendellcommunity.com>

The RESIDENTS section of the website is password protected. Please use the word osprey in lowercase when prompted to enter a password.

**Your input and feedback are always encouraged and welcomed.**

**Deadline:** Submit articles and information to Judy Sokal (judysokal@gmail.com) by the tenth of the month.

### Sarasota County Sheriff

**Non-emergency Contact number for our area is: 316-1201**

Please use this number for non-emergencies

## Rivendell Board of Directors

**Gwen Stepien, president**  
(gweninthesun@msn.com)

**Vinny Barone, first vice-president**  
(vabarone5@gmail.com)

**Joe Sefack, second vice-president**  
(jr.sefack@gmail.com)  
Liaison to Architectural Review (ARC)

**Walter Perkowski, secretary**  
(walter@SRQmoves.com)  
Liaison to Maintenance

**Bobby Merrill, treasurer**  
(bobbymerrill3@aol.com)  
Liaison to Communications

## Sub-Association Officers

### The Cottages Board of Directors

RU1NA = Rivendell Unit 1 Neighborhood Association

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Bill Vanik, 2nd Vice President  
Margery Arendt, Treasurer  
Carol Costa, Secretary

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Edward Diggs, President  
Jayne Irene, Secretary  
Bruce Whalen, Treasurer

### The Villas Board of Directors

Dianne Enger, President  
Ruth Sellick, Vice-President  
Fred Hawkins, Secretary-Treasurer

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### Question? Complaint? Concern?

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Assistant: Tina Beaver, tinabeaver@mgmt.tv

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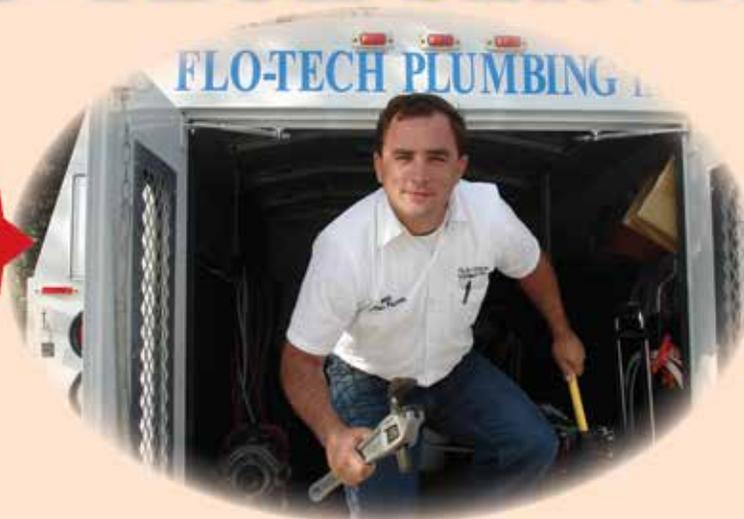
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# COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

From: Lighthouse Property Management

To: Rivendell Owners

As a consequence of a change to the Florida statutes concerning published directories, the Association may publish a directory containing the names, parcel addresses, and phone numbers of the unit owners. No owner consent is necessary for this basic information. However, a unit owner has the right to notify the Association in writing that the owner does not want one or more phone numbers listed in the directory.

A unit owner may also choose to have additional personal information included in the directory, including a facsimile number, email address, and alternate address (any address other than the primary address for mailing of formal notices from the Association).

Please assist the Board in maintaining current information we have on file for you by taking just a moment to fill out the lower portion of this form, sign and return it to Lighthouse property Management via email (tinabeaver@mgmt.tv), fax (941) 966-7158 or mail it to our office.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tina Beaver at Lighthouse Property Management (941) 966-6844.

Thank You.

Owner(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- No, do not include my landline number in directory
- No, do not include my mobile number in directory
- No, do not include my Email address in directory

I hereby consent to publication of my phone number(s), facsimile number, email address, and/or alternate address as set forth above in the resident directory to be provided to all owners. The Association cannot control distribution of the directory once delivered to the owners and asks all owners to be courteous and not provide information from the directory to any third parties. This consent will remain in effect for all future directories while you are a unit owner or until you rescind this permission in writing. Any termination of permission will take effect with the next publication of the resident directory.

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Owner signature

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Date



## LOOKING FOR RIVENDELL CLASSIFIEDS?

ITEMS FOR SALE, ITEMS WANTED,  
LOST AND FOUND, HELP WANTED,  
GARAGE SALES, RESIDENTS  
HELPING RESIDENTS, SERVICE  
PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS

All Rivendell Classifieds are now on  
the new community website

[www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)  
(password is osprey)

For other information regarding the Rivendell classifieds  
please contact Gary Mruz [gary.mruz@gmail.com](mailto:gary.mruz@gmail.com)

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