



# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

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January 2021

## Editor's Note

On Feb. 6, 2021, the RCA will hold its Annual General Meeting via Zoom. This year two Board positions are vacant and three candidates have expressed an interest. Their bios are below. On Saturday Jan. 9 at 10:00 AM there will be a "Meet the Candidates" event via Zoom, where any community member can ask questions. Information on how to participate will be sent by email ahead of the event.

Electronic voting by myHOast will begin on January 10. If you have not yet registered for myHOast, please do so as soon as possible. If you need help, contact Gary Mruz at gary.mruz@gmail.com.

## Candidate Bio For 2021 Board of Directors



My name is Paul Hitselberger and my wife Sharon and I have owned a home in Rivendell for the past 7 years. While we are not yet year-round residents, we do plan to retire here and I want to ensure that the place that we will call home one day remains the great place to live that it currently is and can continue to be. I have had 39 years of experience in the hotel industry and have

worked at all levels of property management, both residential and hotel, in that time. I have also served as a two-term president of my HOA in Ellicott City, MD. In that role, I was responsible for working with the County on several key projects for the betterment of our homeowners.

As a Board member, my objective would be to ensure that our community was properly run for the benefit of all homeowners, focusing on making sure that our amenities and features were maintained at a high level to maximize the value and enjoyment of all of our residents. As both an insider (living here all of 2020 and working from home) and an outsider (a snowbird in prior years), I do believe that I can provide perspective, help to bridge gaps and build consensus, which has been a hallmark of my career.

## Candidate Bio

### For 2021 Board of Directors



My name is Larry Dobias and my wife Nancy and I have lived in Rivendell for nearly 8 years. I retired as the President of AM Stabilizers, a chemical company which was part of the Functional Chemicals Division of Mitsubishi Corp. The company had multiple manufacturing sites producing vinyl additives sold globally. I was on the Board of Directors reporting to management

in Tokyo with P&L responsibility for the business. I served on a previous Rivendell Board for nearly three years as Treasurer and liaison to the Maintenance and Pond & Preserve Committees.

My priorities are:

1. Safely open the pool as soon as possible.
2. Review the agreements and relationship with Lighthouse and major contractors.
3. Reactivate a Maintenance Committee with regular meetings.
4. Allow member comments on Board issues.
5. Improve transparency and communication within the Board and with the community.

## Candidate Bio

### For 2021 Board of Directors



My Name is George Leo Smith and together with my wife Nadia and our three children, we have lived on Anna Hope Lane for the past 8 years. I hold a Bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, an MA from Holy Apostles College and Seminary, and an MPA from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

I was the Director of Operations for a building service contracting company in Hackensack before moving to work for an educational non-profit in Philadelphia. Ten years ago, I moved to Sarasota to head the

Youth and Young Adult Outreach Office of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. For the past three years I have served as the Director of Voter and Vote-by-Mail Services for the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections Office.

As a father and dog owner, I would focus on preserving the beautiful common areas of our neighborhood and making sure the mutually utilized amenities are safe and available for all residents to use. Additionally, I would encourage and support the continuation of Rivendell's tradition of hospitality, welcoming and assisting new neighbors.



## Happy New Year Rivendell By John Fitzgibbon, President, RCA

It has been quite a year for our community! In January we had our first Holiday Dinner at Mission Valley CC, with nearly 100 members attending to celebrate the joys of living in Rivendell. Our efforts to provide additional venues for socializing have grown to include the monthly Mix & Mingle at the pool, book clubs, a watercolor group, both an 'eat in' and an 'eat out' group, and multiple opportunities for card players.

In February, the Ponds & Preserves Committee announced plans for preserving our pond shorelines, beginning with implementation of a low mow zone near our ponds; the second annual community Garage Sale took place despite the rainy weekend; and the Board conducted its first Operations Workshop with assistance from Lighthouse Property Management. That workshop led the Board to conclude that we needed to change our operating model if we were to continue to function efficiently and prudently. This led to the hiring of a Community Association Manager (CAM) who was solely dedicated to Rivendell issues, no longer sharing their time and attention with numerous other communities.

Florida Law requires that the community be notified of and be allowed to attend any meeting where a quorum of Directors is present and given the Social Distancing needs imposed by the COVID 19 Pandemic, the Board expedited the purchase of a ZOOM license for our community, thus allowing access to all future meetings without the need to be physically present. ZOOM meetings have now become the norm for Board meetings and Committee activities.

Unfortunately, with the social distancing recommendations from public health, most social events were postponed until it was safer, or accomplished by ZOOM when possible. Similarly, the Community Pool was closed out of concerns over both public health and financial liability for our members.

We have subsequently revisited concerns over the pool closing by setting up an Ad Hoc committee, which includes well respected health experts, to determine if and how we can

safely reopen and to make those findings known as soon as possible.

On the bright side, the Board was able to codify our operational changes and a vision of our future procedures, in October's publication of the Rivendell Operations Handbook (Part I). I fully expect the new Board will conduct an analysis of our progress at the next Operations Workshop to determine if RCA operations have improved and what modifications (if any) are needed.

November brought some fundamental changes to the Board. After the October resignation of our Vice President (and Architectural Review Committee Chair), our Treasurer and President also resigned. This put a temporary halt to most Board actions until we could restructure, which we did by appointing three new volunteers to fill the roles. Two of the three appointed Board positions are up for election at our Annual Meeting on February 6, 2021. We have three qualified applicants for the two open Board seats, and I hope that each of you gives sincere consideration to our community's future when you cast your votes.

This would seem to be the appropriate point to advise you of another initiative the Board has taken. We have licensed myHOAst, software that provides maintenance of our community contact database, the ability to conduct opinion polls in the community and **ELECTRONIC VOTING**. Please! If you have not already done so, register with myHOAst. If you need help, feel free to contact Gary Mruz, our Website manager, for assistance.

I am confident that 2021 will have much brighter prospects with the hope that the imminent vaccine will abate the COVID 19 threat and we will have increasing opportunities to get involved with community issues and resume our social interactions.

On behalf of your Rivendell Community Association, have a happy, prosperous and safe New Year in 2021.



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## Board of Directors Meeting December 2, 2020

Attending: John Fitzgibbon, Cathy Daignault, Greg Volack, Kathambi Jones (Lighthouse)

President's Report: (John Fitzgibbon)

- Board of Directors Election: We are obligated to open the Annual Meeting to nominations from the floor. Almost half the homes in Rivendell have opted into HOASt for voting.
- Thanks to Ray Capuano, Steve Bragg, Maureen Emmons for their service as Board members. Thanks to Scott Christie and Barbara Gahry for their service as committee chairs, and to Carol Heckert for writing up the Highlights every month.
- Chuck Pertile is the new chair of the Maintenance Committee, and Kristine Nickel is the new chair of the Communications Committee.

Treasurer's Report: (Cathy Daignault)

We have \$425,000 in assets; \$188,000 in operating funds and \$237,000 in reserves. We have paid for the Clear Creek pump, but the work has not been completed. Greg Volack and Kathambi Jones will meet with the vendor to settle the issue.

Manager's Report: (Kathambi Jones)

Kathambi has been sending emails to homeowners with violations in order to reduce the number of violation letters sent. Unfortunately, many homeowners have not responded to these emails. If you receive an email from her, please respond.

ARC: (Neil Agruss)

- There were 15 requests in November and all were approved.
- Committee chairmanship will rotate among committee members, with one member attending each Board Meeting.

Ponds & Preserves: (Bob Frank)

- Preserve signs will go up behind 14 properties in order to meet County requirements.
- There will be a review of pond plantings. Most are thriving, but Solitude will replace the ones at Placid Lake and Eagle Lake that did not thrive.
- Thanks to Sue Remy for her articles in the Woodlands Word.

Maintenance Report: (Chuck Pertile)

- The clock at the pool was repaired.
- The pool bathroom was repaired and the storage area cleaned out.
- Palm and live oak tree trimming is needed throughout the community. Estimate from Greentopps under New Business.

Pool Committee: (Cathy Daignault)

The 9 person committee is working on guidelines to re-open the pool. Some guidelines under discussion:

- Restrict entry to owners and residents (no guests)
- Limit the number of people allowed entry at one time
- Put away all chairs; people can bring their own
- Bathrooms cleaned twice a day
- Hand sanitizers in bathrooms
- Must sign a waiver to go to the pool
- Must wear a mask when not in the water

CERT: (Paul Englert) No activity until pandemic ends

Fining Committee: Would like someone to volunteer as the 5th committee member

Old Business: Fire mitigation proposal: (Frank Freestone)

- Sarasota County has approved our plan to have them mow the firebreaks in 2021. A motion to approve the plan was passed unanimously. Prior to the mowing, we must pay for a gopher tortoise survey and have some overhanging branches trimmed. The County requires that ecological mowing take place in perpetuity.
- Kristine Nickel requested collaboration with the Communications Committee when working with outside organizations.

New Business:

- Motion approved for Larry Dobias and George Smith to serve as Board members until the February election.
- Motion made for Greentopps to trim 47 palm trees plus live oak trees throughout the community at a cost of no more than \$18,400. Motion approved.
- Motion made for Lester Tree Service to trim trees in Rainbow Point Park for \$750. Motion approved.

Homeowner Comments:

PS: Trees near Park Trace border need maintenance. (Kathambi has requested proposal from West Bay)

CP: People are appreciating the bench at Placid Lake

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 6 PM via Zoom. Time changed to accommodate those who work..



### Rivendell Book Group Continues with Zoom

The Rivendell Book Group meets at 7:30 pm on the second Monday evening of each month. In keeping with "social distancing" guidelines, we continue to meet online. We are asking participants to log on 10-15 minutes early to avoid online glitches.

On January 11th, 2021, we will be discussing This Tender Land by William Kent Kreuger. Our discussion will be led by Beryl Nord.

If you would like to join the group at its next Zoom meeting, please contact Adele Kellman (adele.kellman@gmail.com or on 908-464-7003) to receive an invitation. We welcome newcomers.



# JANUARY SUDOKU PUZZLE

Sudoku Puzzle #K217IU  
Presented by Puzzle Baron

Rated: Medium

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## **Rivendell Calendar of Events - January 2021**

Due to Covid-19, many events and activities have been canceled for the month of January. Most groups are meeting virtually via Zoom. Occasionally there may be additional board-related meetings that may also be scheduled. For the most up-to-date information check the Rivendell website at [www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)

January 6...Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for 6:00pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. The dial-in phone number will be provided closer to the meeting date.

January 7 and 21...Bridge Group meets the first and third Thursday of the month. Contact Barbara Loe at 651-398-2256 for more information.

January 9...Meet the Candidates event via Zoom at 10:00 AM. Community members can question the three candidates for this year's two open Board positions.

January 11...Rivendell Book Club will meet via Zoom at 7:30 pm. Details to be provided closer to the meeting date. The book under discussion is *This Tender Land*, by William Kent Kreuger. Contact Adele Kellman at [adele.kellman@gmail.com](mailto:adele.kellman@gmail.com) or 908-464-7003 for more information.

January 14... Watercolor in the Woodlands is a new activity that began in November 2020. This event will be held the second Thursday of each month via zoom from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. All experience levels welcome. Contact Maria Ilioff at 607-427-4192 or [miloff85@gmail.com](mailto:miloff85@gmail.com) for more information.

January 14...Communications Committee meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. For more information contact Kristine Nickel at 941-918-0016 or [kristinenickel@comcast.net](mailto:kristinenickel@comcast.net)

January 19...Rivendell Book Club II will meet via Zoom at 7:00 pm. The book under discussion is *Homegoing*, by Yaa Gyasi. Contact Maria Ilioff at 607-427-4192 or [miloff85@gmail.com](mailto:miloff85@gmail.com) for more information.

January 19...Maintenance Committee (MC) meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. For more information contact Chuck Pertile at [noplans12@gmail.com](mailto:noplans12@gmail.com) or 847-337-3710.

January 26...Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meets the last Tuesday of the month at 4:30. The meeting will be held via Zoom. For more information contact Neil Agruss at 630-287-7007 or [hrtdoctor729@msn.com](mailto:hrtdoctor729@msn.com)

Euchre is canceled for January. For more information contact Mike and Annie Francis at 585-749-0430

Social Committee is canceled for January. Contact Carolyn Kenney at [kenneysrq@gmail.com](mailto:kenneysrq@gmail.com) for more information.

Mix and Mingle Social at the Rivendell Community Pool has been put on hold. Contact Kathy Halaiko at [halaiko@yahoo.com](mailto:halaiko@yahoo.com) for more information.

Dine In and Dine Out Groups are canceled for January. For more information contact Kristin Ellison at [kristinellison1@gmail.com](mailto:kristinellison1@gmail.com)

To make additions or corrections to the Calendar of Events, please contact Lesley Sterling at 703-919-0744 or [lesley.sterling@yahoo.com](mailto:lesley.sterling@yahoo.com)

## Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead present free "TreeJuvenation Florida" webinar



Join Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead (FOJT) for their "TreeJuvenation Florida" webinar, a 1-hour workshop on January 13, 2021. A grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation is underwriting this webinar.

**Webinar Description:** We're celebrating Florida Arbor Day by offering a workshop on the many benefits you and your community derive from trees, including improved physical and mental wellness, reducing carbon dioxide, lowering temperatures, mitigating heat-island effects, and how trees contribute to cleaner water and air. This presentation will answer many questions you might have about why adding trees to your landscape is important and how they add more life to your yard.

**Admission is free but you must register to receive an invitation for the webinar.**

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Or visit [www.ojtfriends.com/webinars](http://www.ojtfriends.com/webinars).

**Host:** Rebecca Tasetano, Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

**Presenter:** Marguerite Beckford, UF/IFAS Sarasota County Commercial Horticulture Extension Education Agent.

**Presenter Bio:** Marguerite Beckford is the UF/IFAS Sarasota County Commercial Horticulture Extension Education Agent. Her current Extension education focus areas are Urban

Forestry, and Environmental Landscape Management (ELM). Since launching Florida's first trademarked urban forestry Extension program – Treejuvenation© Florida, Marguerite has sourced funding to plant 300 community trees, has hosted urban forestry Extension community events with over 400 participants, and served on the inaugural tree committee which was successful in earning New College of Florida, the designation as Florida's 21st Tree Campus USA© location. Working as a UF/IFAS Extension Agent in Miami-Dade County, Marguerite obtained a grant to launch a countywide landscape irrigation conservation project by establishing Miami-Dade's first Urban Mobile Irrigation Lab. This project resulted in a 75% increase in HOA water conservation. She has also worked on agronomic research projects in Trinidad & Tobago, and the British Virgin Islands. Marguerite's additional professional accomplishments include participating in project partnerships with the South Florida Water Management District and the USDA's Soil and Water Conservation District; receiving the City of Medley's Mayor's Community Partners Award, and a UF/IFAS Faculty and Staff Superior Accomplishment Award.

### About Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead is a Chapter of Friends of Sarasota County Parks, a 501c3 non-profit registered in Florida. Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead mission is to support, promote and enhance Osprey Junction Trailhead, a Sarasota County Park adjacent to The Legacy Trail. You can email us at [friends@ojtfriends.com](mailto:friends@ojtfriends.com).





# WILDLIFE WINDOW: Painted Bunting & Yellow-throated Warbler Welcome Back, "Snowbirds" Songbirds

Photo-story by the P&P Committee

Welcome back to all our "snowbirds" – both human and winged. We are excited that two of our favorite songbirds have returned to Florida for the winter. Let's learn more:

**Painted Bunting** (*Passerina ciris*, cardinal family). With their vivid fusion of blue, green, yellow, and red, male Painted Buntings seem to have flown straight out of a child's coloring book. Females and immatures are a distinctive bright green. This colorful songbird is common in the Southeast, around brushy areas and woodland edges. It is often secretive, staying low in dense cover. However, males sing from higher in the trees, partly hidden among foliage or sometimes out in the sun on an exposed perch. Their song is a series of short, musical phrases of thin, sweet, high-pitched notes lasting about two seconds.

**Yellow-throated Warbler** (*Setophaga dominica*) is a small migratory songbird with a sharp and pointed bill. These warblers forage by hopping along tree branches, probing into cracks, crevices, bundles of pine needles, and Spanish moss. They build cup-shaped nests in trees, and are concealed amongst conifer needles or Spanish Moss. They are insectivorous, yet will include berries and nectar in their diet outside the breeding season. The males' songs are clear, descending whistles that sound like high cees or sharp chips.

**Protect their Habitats.** By keeping our ponds and preserves healthy, diverse wildlife such as these beautiful migrating songbirds, are attracted to Rivendell. Let's enjoy their beauty, plus keep our property values strong. We remind you to view the amazing wildlife photos on the P&P website and Wildlife Photo Gallery (at [www.rivendellcommunity.com/ponds](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com/ponds)).



The colorful Painted Bunting enjoys wintering in Rivendell.



The Yellow-throated Warbler are small migratory birds with sharp and pointed bills.



(Photos by Bob Frank)

## Pool Update



The RCA Board has formed an Ad Hoc committee, headed by Director Cathy Daignault, that is investigating the safest method to re-open the pool. Many community members have been consulted, CDC guidelines have been reviewed and the committee has formulated a plan

and a set of rules that they believe is a reasonable compromise. As soon as the RCA's attorney has provided an opinion that the proposed rules are legal, there will be an email blast to the community advising what the necessary steps will be for those wishing access.

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**Book Group II**  
**Next Meeting: January 19, 2021,**  
**7:00pm via ZOOM**

Book Group II continues to meet via ZOOM. We read a wide range of literature. Each person suggests a few books and the group discusses the options and votes. The discussion is generally led by the person who selects the book. New members (and their friends) are welcome! Contact Maria Ilioff at 607-427-4192 or milioff85@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group! The sign in information will be sent the day before or morning of the meeting.

The read for January is:

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi



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## A New Year's Resolution you may be able to keep

By Kristine Nickel

Before you scroll on, stop. This is not *another* how to shave off 20 pounds in 20 days or slack off on the drinking or Netflix binging. If the past 9 months have taught us anything, it is to be as resilient as possible. The perfect storm of pandemic, politics and constant apprehension has taken its toll on most of us. And the need to stay somewhat sane and roll with the punches looks like it will certainly continue into the New Year.

I was contemplating all of the above while walking my four-legged companions through Butterfly Park last week. Just being in that quiet space, feeling protected by the magnificent oaks called to mind a practice I had read about two years ago. It's called "forest therapy" or "forest bathing" and has become so popular in Europe and Japan that studies have been undertaken to determine if there is indeed psychological benefit from spending extended time in nature.

It turns out that spending at least two hours a week outdoors in a natural setting is linked with good health and well-being, according to a 2019 study published in Scientific Reports. Here's the good news: It didn't matter how those two hours were achieved; a walk along, say, the Pine View path or a longer hike in our neighboring state park would suffice as long as the weekly threshold was met.

The study was based on data from almost 20,000 people in England. Those who reported spending at least two hours a week in nature had consistently higher levels of both physical and mental health than those glued to a screen. While being in nature is certainly associated with being active, there is definitely more to it. Quoting the study, exercising in nature,

under the trees "may be more psychologically beneficial than in other locations, suggesting a complex interaction between the two."

Aren't we fortunate that we have so much nature in Rivendell! I highly recommend Butterfly Park or sitting along the pond in Rainbow Point Park. Even walking down Rivendell Boulevard with cars buzzing past, you can't help but connect with nature, using your senses to stay in the present moment. That's the idea behind forest therapy — simple but offering complex benefits for our well-being.

For more information about forest therapy, visit [www.natureandforesttherapy.org/](http://www.natureandforesttherapy.org/).



Photos Courtesy of Nancy Dobias



# NEW YEAR Greetings

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Although I found Blair to have an abundance of knowledge, patience and humor, his greatest attribute is INTEGRITY. He honestly wants to help. I would recommend Blair Post and Contemporary Hearing to any person desiring to improve their hearing." ~ M.J. Bridle, Venice

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## LMZs Installed on All Rivendell Pond Shorelines.

Thanks for your cooperation.

The Rivendell Board issued a new Standing Rule to install 3-foot Low-Maintenance Zones (LMZs) on all pond shorelines - including ponds adjacent to homes - to reduce erosion and nutrient runoff. This enforceable rule will help keep our Stormwater system and ponds healthy.

- All LMZs are installed on community-owned common ground.
- They will be maintained on a regular schedule by the community landscaper to a standard 3-foot width and trimmed to 8-12"
- Shorelines bordering preserves, previously mowed to the edge, will have mowed maintenance paths at the tops of the banks, and the slopes of the banks will be allowed to grow naturally.
- Please do not make any changes to LMZs now being trimmed by the community landscaper.

Online? Click below for more information:

[Woodlands Word article – May 2020 - RCA Board Votes to Implement Mandatory LMZs on all Ponds](#)

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## 2021 Ponds & Preserves Management Program

By the Rivendell Ponds and Preserves Committee

### RIVENDELL PONDS PLAN

- Includes: 24 Named Ponds with 65 acres of Open Water.
- Erosion is visible on most Rivendell pond shorelines leading to common-ground property loss. Our HOA is responsible for maintaining the Stormwater System, pond shorelines, and all community common-ground.
  - Manage erosion damage with **“Rivendell Natural Shorelines”** around all ponds. Continue to develop 3-foot LMZs (no-mow zones) and install aquatic plants over the next few years.
  - Appearance matters – the HOA contractor will continue to trim all LMZs 8-12” for a neat and uniform look.
  - Reduce use of toxic herbicides that encourage algae growth.
  - Benefits: Avoid costly engineered remediation. Stabilize shoreline banks. Filter excess nutrient runoff. Improve water quality. Support wildlife habitats. Keep property values strong.

### RIVENDELL PRESERVES PLAN

- Includes: 14 Wetlands & Upland Preserves covering 115 acres.
- Preserves and buffer areas must be left alone – any activity beyond homeowners’ property lines is an incursion. Do not plant, build, cut or remove any vegetation, or deposit yard waste in protected areas. Incursions are enforced.
  - In accordance with an agreement with Sarasota County, the HOA is responsible for managing the upland buffer

surrounding each preserve and the “conserved buffer” bordering Oscar Scherer State Park (OSSP).

- Ongoing management actions include: removing invasive plants, inspection & correction of incursions in preserve and buffer areas, and install signs to mark preserves boundaries.
- 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (with FL Forest Service). Mowed fire breaks to be installed in OSSP buffer to reduce accumulated vegetation in conserved uplands, improve access & reduce fire danger threat.
- **Ongoing Mowing Plan for HOA:** Use mechanical equipment to reduce vegetation and wildfire risk to meet County-specified requirements for upland management.

### HOMEOWNERS & RESIDENTS IMPORTANT ROLE

- Follow Sarasota County guidelines for responsible fertilizing and irrigation. Respect the fertilizer ban between 6/1 – 9/30. Plus, no fertilizer ever within 10 feet of preserve, pond or any hardscape surfaces.
- Reduce water usage where possible. Irrigate (if needed) on your assigned day (Tuesday for even house numbers, Thursday for odd - before 10am or after 4pm). Maintain good working sprinklers & rain sensors.
- Take pride in Rivendell. Enjoy the abundance of wildlife and experience harmony with nature while strolling around our community. **If you can, get involved!** Lend your talents - volunteer on a committee that interests you. Meet neighbors. Keep Rivendell a special community for all.



**“Rivendell Natural Shoreline” – Egret Pond:  
3-foot LMZ and aquatic plants.**

(Photo by Paul Remy)



**Experience harmony with nature – such as  
this Great Blue Heron enjoying lunch.**  
(Photo by Sheila Pies)



**Get involved! Lend your time and talents. Help keep Rivendell  
a beautiful place for us and our wildlife friends.**

(Photo by Bob Frank)



**Please leave the Preserves alone.  
Let’s keep them healthy.**



## Architectural Review Committee Report - Tuesday November 24, 2020 4:30 PM

Meeting called to order 4:32 PM

Quorum present: Neil Agruss, Richard Jurick, Susan Lanza, Joe Zwerling, Joe Casale

Maureen Emmons, Acting Chair

Meeting held via Online Conference call.

Adjourned: 4:50 PM

|    | Request                     | Address            | Assigned To  | Second       | Status   |
|----|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| 1  | Replace Sliding Doors       | 832 Placid Lake    | Rich Jurick  | Joe Zwerling | Approved |
| 2  | Tree Removal                | 1105 Millpond      | Neil Agruss  | Joe Casale   | Approved |
| 3  | House Paint no change       | 1113 Millpond      | Susan Lanza  | Neil Agruss  | Approved |
| 4  | New Garage Door             | 755 Shadow Bay     | Joe Zwerling | Joe Casale   | Approved |
| 5  | House Paint Palette         | 755 Shadow Bay     | Joe Zwerling | Joe Casale   | Approved |
| 6  | Remove Tree                 | 758 Shadow Bay     | Susan Lanza  | Neil Agruss  | Approved |
| 7  | House Paint                 | 1128 Mallard Marsh | Rich Jurik   | Neil Agruss  | Approved |
| 8  | House Paint Palette         | 1189 Lost Creek    | Neil Agruss  | Joe Casale   | Approved |
| 9  | Concrete Pad for trash cans | 755 Shadow Bay     | Rich Jurik   | Joe Zwerling | Approved |
| 10 | New Sliders                 | 928 Eagle Isle     | Joe Zwerling | Neil Agruss  | Approved |
| 11 | Paint Palette               | 1140 Mallard Marsh | Rich Jurik   | Joe Zwerling | Approved |
| 12 | Shingle Roof                | 516 Meadow Sweet   | Joe Casale   | Susan Lanza  | Approved |
| 13 | House Paint                 | 1093 Mallard Marsh | Susan Lanza  | Neil Agruss  | Approved |
| 14 | Remove/replace Palm         | 778 Shadow Bay     | Neil Agruss  | Rich Jurik   | Approved |
| 15 | Shingle Roof                | 1010 Oak Preserve  | Susan Lanza  | Neil Agruss  | Approved |

#6 Tree stumps must be ground after tree removal.

#9 Trash containers must not be visible from the street or adjacent units. Trash should be secured to prevent animal intrusion.

Next meeting Tuesday December 29th at 4:30 PM Via Conference call. Request cutoff December 22nd

Conference call details will be sent upon request. Contact Neil Agruss at [hrtdoctor729@msn.com](mailto:hrtdoctor729@msn.com).

## Rivendell Community Contacts

### Committees

#### Block Captain Committee

Chair: OPEN

Board Liaison: **George Smith**

#### CERT Committee

Chair: Paul Englert (paule253@hotmail.com)

Board Liaison: **Cathy Daignault**

Members: Need Volunteers. Please contact Paul if interested.

#### Communication Committee

Chair: Kristine Nickel (kristine@nickelcommunications.com)

Board Liaison: **Larry Dobias**

Newsletter: Frank Diteljan, Carol Heckert, Norma Lee Rhines, Lesley Sterling,

Directory: Kay Mruz

Webmaster: Gary Mruz

#### Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Chair: Rotates Across Members

Board Liaison: **Greg Volack**

Questions or Submissions: rivendell@mgmt.tv

Members: Neil Agruss, Joe Casale, Richard Jurik, Susan Lanza, Joseph Zwerling

#### Fine Administration Committee (FAC)

Chair: Robert Thierfelder (rcthierfelder@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: **George Smith**

Members: Ken Alerie, Bill Bloom, Mary Kennedy

#### Maintenance Committee (MC)

Chair: **Chuck Pertile** (noplans12@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: **Greg Volack**

Members: Need volunteers. Please contact Greg or Chuck if interested.

#### Ponds & Preserves Committee

Chair: Bob Frank (frank@ohio.edu)

Board Liaison: **Larry Dobias**

Members: Dave Gill, Ken Heckert, Tom Hurban, Carolyn Kenney, Edith Norby, Sue Remy, Norma Lee Rhines, Allie Sandow, Nancy Sinclair, Melle Lee Warren

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Chair: Cathy Daignault

Board Liaison: Cathy Daignault

No members

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941-460-5560 Ext. 225

**Property Manager:** Kathambi Micheu Jones

(rivendell@mgmt.tv)

### Rivendell Website

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

Contact Lighthouse Management for password to RESIDENTS section.

### Woodlands Word Deadline:

Submit articles and information to Frank Diteljan

([frank@ditwebb.com](mailto:frank@ditwebb.com))

by the tenth of the month.

### Updates to the Contacts Page:

Frank Diteljan ([frank@ditwebb.com](mailto:frank@ditwebb.com))

### Nuisance Alligator

Call Florida Fish & Wildlife - SNAP 866-392-4286

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