



The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

November 2010

Stick Bug Menace

by Anita Voth as told to Judy Sokal

Have you noticed some odd bugs that look just like sticks? Rev and Anita Voth and their darling dog Apollo did. They thought that these bugs were harmless until one evening, when Apollo spotted a stick bug and wanted to play. Rev held him back, but suddenly Apollo shook his head. The next morning, Anita found Apollo with his right eye sealed tight and in obvious discomfort. When Anita opened his eye it was swollen, red and draining.

A visit to the vet resulted in the Voths' learning about the serious danger of some stick bugs. Stick bugs spray a caustic secretion from 10"-12" that can severely burn the area of contact, particularly eyes. Apollo had a burned cornea with ulceration. The vet added that humans could be affected as well. Please watch your pets, and remind your kids to keep a safe distance. Check the web site to identify the stick bugs that are common on Florida's west coast. <http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enpp/ento/entcirc/ent408.pdf>



Male and female of Anisomorpha buprestoides Ocala National Forest. Information and photo obtained from Florida Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Entomology Circular No. 408, Sept/Oct 2001.



Message from the President - November 2010

At our September ARC meeting, a controversy arose which greatly surprised me and caused me to feel that another explanation of the ARC's basis for decisions is warranted.

A homeowner submitted an application for approval to install motion sensor activated lighting on the corners of her house. She followed all ARC application rules and supported her application with signed letters from her neighbors stating that the proposed lighting is acceptable to them.

You will see in the ARC minutes published in this issue that the application was approved, but one committee member chose to abstain. She presented as the rationale for her abstention that no ARC approval was required since motion sensor activated lights are not specifically mentioned in the Rivendell Covenants. This is troubling because it is a serious misreading of the governing documents, which provide the basis for the ARC's legitimacy.

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Another House Robbed - And It Was Mine By Judy Sokal

On Saturday evening, September 18th, Jon and I returned home from visiting grandchildren to discover that our home had been broken into. The thieves entered through the master bedroom slider, smashing all of the glass out of it. They never opened a door or window so the alarm system did not activate. My glass-break detector did not go off either. (I later learned that it was broken.)

My first action was to call 911 and report the robbery. When the deputy finally arrived, we walked him through the house and showed him where the losses had occurred. We felt lucky the household contents had not been trashed but unlucky that the thieves seemed to know the monetary value of the stolen objects, including huge original oil paintings right off the walls. (Unfortunately, these also had great sentimental value.)

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Cavities, Dry Mouth, Diabetic, overweight?

Eat More Candy!

Dr. Greenspan has been a proponent of a naturally occurring sugar substitute Xylitol and has found that using Xylitol gum and candies helps to keep the mouth moist, sugar levels down, reduces appetite and has an anti microbial effect.

Xylitol has very low glycolic index so it's diabetic friendly and tolerated very well by almost everyone.

Richard J. Greenspan, a Sarasota dentist for over 18 years, knows the importance of good nutrition and true mind body awareness. For years he has been informing and educating patients about the importance of a healthy life style and good oral hygiene practices.

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Rivendell
RESIDENT & AGENT

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Our Covenants are contained in a legally binding document that was originally written by the Developer of Rivendell. Only the following items requiring approval are specifically mentioned in the Covenants; Fences & Hedges, Play Equipment, Decorative Objects, Signs, Fruit Trees and Hurricane Shutters.

Everything else is covered by the following paragraph: "No STRUCTURE shall be altered, nor shall any tree removal, change of exterior color, or other work be commenced which in any way materially alters the exterior appearance of any STRUCTURE or landscaping without the prior written approval of the COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION acting through its ARC. The COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, acting through its ARC, shall establish and may from time to time modify, standards and criteria to be applied to all modifications and changes to STRUCTURES and landscaping on the COMMITTED LANDS."

This has always been interpreted to mean that you must apply to the ARC for approval of exterior alterations that have an affect on your neighbors, or are visible from the street or common areas.

The "standards and criteria" called for in the paragraph above are contained in the "Guidelines to Exterior Modifications." These Guidelines are not an integral part of our Covenants. They are published by the ARC with approval from the Board in order to assist homeowners who are preparing applications. They are not intended as, and could not possibly be, an all-inclusive list of every conceivable exterior modification.

The Covenants require a 2/3 affirmative vote of all RCA members to be changed. The Guidelines can be changed by a simple majority vote of the Board. ■

Sincerely,
John Greco

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING
February 10, 2011
Mark Your Calendars Now
And Consider Running for one of
Two Board Seats up for Election

Be a Block Captain

A great opportunity to meet your neighbors!

We need someone to cover
676 to 735 Shadow Bay Way.
 You don't need to live on
 Shadow Bay Way to volunteer.
 Duties include delivering the
 Directory once a year
 and you may be asked to help
 once or twice more.

Contact CindyCWS1@aol.com

Email Address, Please

We lack email addresses for almost
 1/3 of Rivendell Residents.
 We want to keep you up-to-date on community
 activities and to keep ALL homeowners informed.
*Your email address will not be distributed
 to any outside agency.*

**Please send your name and email address to
 Barb Gahry at Bghary@aol.com.**

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Slider into master bedroom from the lanai

Our adrenaline must have kicked in as we set about cleaning up. I began with the fingerprint powder left by the investigating officer while Jon swept up broken glass from the bedroom carpet. Looking around the bedroom, we guessed that the thieves had taken one of our pillowcases to collect small items and our bedspread to wrap up large paintings. They had even taken my Publix cloth shopping bags to cart more valuables from the house.

I made sure to redo my home as quickly as possible to remove any images of the break-in from my mind. By Monday morning, new glass had been installed, and I had begun to rearrange paintings; by Wednesday, I had a new bedspread. New emotions surfaced daily; first great sadness, then anger at our alarm company (who wouldn't be angry?), then fear that the robbers would return for more. In reality, I think the chances are small, but I am taking greater precautions around my home to mitigate future break-ins.

Why am I sharing this loss with all of you? I want to pass along some advice that I have learned from alarm people, deputies and other members of the Communications Committee.

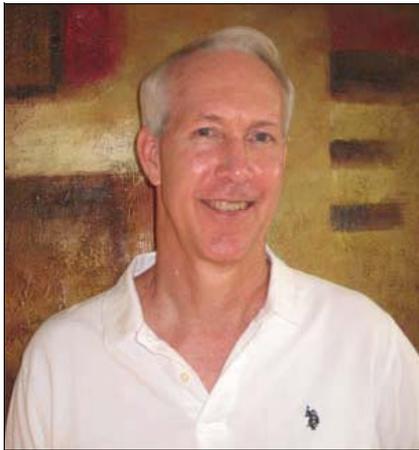
- * Call Lighthouse to report the burglary.
- * Test your alarm system every two weeks, otherwise, ADT or other companies have no liability.
- * Make sure your alarm system has motion detectors with heat sensors.
- * If you can afford them, get vibration detectors on your sliders as well.
- * Replace your sliding glass doors with newer models that have thicker glass that cannot be smashed out. When our homes were built, that was not the code.
- * Use motion detector lights outdoors (and get ARC approval prior to installation).
- * Leave indoor lights on with timers.
- * Have a radio playing.
- * There is nothing better than a barking dog.

I will be OK, and Jon has already forgiven the thieves, believing that there is something wrong with people who would do such a thing. But this experience is something I will always remember with a clenching in the pit of my stomach. I can never replace the items of sentimental value. That's what hurts the most. We sincerely hope that none of our Rivendell friends and neighbors experience anything similar. ■

New Board Members Seek Community Consensus

By Mike Bergman

Our two new Board members have a common goal. They want community input on issues that determine our property values. Without a clubhouse, golf course or tennis courts, our greatest asset is our common property. **Bobby Merrill** and **John Critser**, along with Mark Adler, John Greco, and Mary Marryott, would like to form a consensus among the residents about what we want the community to look like. They are seeking to formulate a **Master Plan** that would govern the appearance of our common areas. The goal would be to please the majority of residents with a neat appearance that also provides a habitat for the many species of wildlife that our residents cherish.



Bobby Merrill



John Critser

Bobby Merrill comes to the Board with a background in development and building. As Merrill Brothers Homes, he built several of the homes in the Cottages, as well as his current residence. His company developed several other communities in Sarasota and Manatee counties. His current company is Arox Land Development Corp., where he deals with sewers, water and storm water systems. He has gained a lot of experience working with SWFWMD on the requirements for maintaining our storm water retention ponds. He previously worked as a licensed CPA and is a civil engineer.

Bobby is the **Secretary of the Board** and is currently tasked with finding a solution to our irrigation problems. He is responsible for acquiring a second pump and pump house to irrigate our common property so the original unit can be turned over to the Cottages. Merrill feels that our deed restrictions, bylaws and rules need to be enforced evenly by using good common sense and reason to resolve community problems.

John Critser is a businessman. He holds a BS in Real estate and Urban Development and an MBA in Finance. He has managed many businesses, large and small, over the past thirty years. He will use this expertise as **Board Treasurer** and liaison to the Landscape – Environmental Committee. John feels that a Board member should not bring his personal agenda to the position, but rather use good business sense in running the community. He will demand accountability from our vendors and will exercise strict oversight of their contracts. As Treasurer, he will strive to keep costs reasonable and Budget based so the long-term needs of the community will be met. We need to be fiscally responsible to keep up property values and maintain the appearance of the neighborhood. Critser agrees that our bylaws need to be enforced and that good judgment should prevail in interpretation.

Both new Board members have been helping to oversee the development of a **scope of work** for maintaining our common areas. Under a Master Plan, the work will be broken down into three areas: **Ponds, Wetlands / Uplands and Landscaping**. There will be three separate contracts with specific obligations for our vendors. These tasks will be easily verifiable by our HOA and the contractors will be continually held accountable. With community consensus, the Master Plan will provide the vendors with the guidance needed to make the community a beautiful, environmentally responsible place to live. Both gentlemen urge us to put our differences aside and work for the common good of the community. ■

OUR COMMITTEES AT WORK

POOL

by Tom Faessler

The pool heaters have been serviced and were activated for the season on Oct. 10, 2010.

COMMUNICATIONS

by Judy Sokal

The Communications Committee will now meet on the third Wednesday of the month to better meet the deadlines of the Woodlands Word. The community is always welcome to attend.

LANDSCAPE/ ENVIRONMENTAL

By Ken Heckert

The 2010 Rivendell Landscape/Environmental Committee modified its mission statement to read:

“The Rivendell Landscaping/Environmental Committee seeks community participation in projects and actions designed to protect and enhance the natural beauty of our surroundings. The Committee shall focus community attention on the Rivendell lakes, wetlands, parks and common areas, as well as on broader environmental issues. The broader issues shall be those that are affected by our choices as individual homeowners and as a community, such as water and energy usage, runoff concerns, and other watershed protection issues. The Committee will assist the Board of Directors in the management of the Contractors who provide services for our common areas, including ponds, wetlands, preserves, upland areas and landscaping. The Committee shall provide recommendations to the Board relative to design and operation of the Contracts; however, authority to enter into a Contract or direct a Contractor rests with the Board.”

To this end the committee has defined the roles and reporting relationships between the committee, the board of directors, the residents, our management company and our vendors. **A new protocol is being implemented** in which Lighthouse Property Management will be the point of contact for all interactions between vendors and the community. Homeowners will contact LPM for all contractor issues.

To assist our property manager with the vendor interaction, the Landscape/Environmental Committee will establish a single point of contact between the committee and each vendor. One committee member has been designated as the primary day-to-day contact to each vendor. This volunteer will work closely with our Lighthouse manager to monitor the efforts and quality of work of our vendors. All committee correspondence with the vendors will be shared with LPM and the Board committee liaison.

Lake Manager (Aquatic Systems Inc)

Rivendell has a well-defined, signed contract for the management of our lakes and ponds. Carl Schubert and Ken Heckert (the lake manager liaisons) met with Aquatic Systems district manager Jeff Whaley and Mike Wisdom, the manager he has assigned to the Rivendell account. Mike Wisdom completed an analysis of the ponds and began to treat Gator Lake, Rivendell Lake, Koi and Egret ponds. They plan to treat the lakes twice each month throughout the year unless emergency situations arise. The next treatment was to have taken place during the week of October 25th.

Wet Lands/ Preserve Manager (Beautiful Ponds) Dave Gill and Mike Bergman will work with Lighthouse to formalize a contract containing work to be performed and a specified price.

Landscape Manager (Nanak) Ken Heckert will oversee Nanak's work to upgrade the irrigation system to elevate rotors so they evenly water the grass and add rain gauges to the system.

Committee Accomplishments Carol Heckert has negotiated with a vendor, Trees “R” Us, to remove wax myrtle trees that have grown in front of common area lakes. These wild trees obstruct the view of the lakes from the road.

Bobby Merrill and Ken Heckert are working on a project to install a dedicated irrigation pump for Rivendell Blvd, Village Park and Rainbow Point. The pump will use recycled water from Rivendell Lake. They must determine the capacity needs of the irrigated areas.

Task force members Dave Gill, Frank Freestone and Mike Gruenfeld will begin a preliminary Master Landscape Plan draft to define the scope of work for management of lakes, wetlands and uplands. ■



Pamela Day and Designing Women Boutique By Judy Sokal

Speak to Pam Day for just five minutes, and you will find yourself swept up by her enthusiasm for Designing Women, its mission and achievements. Pam, who has been the manager of this upscale boutique for 4 years, fell into the job by chance. Originally the owners of a gift shop after moving to this country, she and Nigel wanted more time to spend with their family and, when the opportunity presented itself, Pam decided to give Designing Women a try.

This up-scale consignment boutique, "where fashion meets philanthropy," donates all of its profits to worthy not-for-profit organizations in the Sarasota Community. These include the Sarasota Ballet, Big Cat Habitat, Asolo Repertory Theatre, Ringling College of Art and Design, Resurrection House and many others. Shoppers at Designing Women can find new, consigned, and donated items including furniture, accessories and women's clothing. It is known for its designer labels and personal service.

The staff is all volunteers, managed by Pam and supported by a board of Trustees and an auxiliary, called the Ambassadors' Guild. One of the Ambassadors is a Rivendell resident, Judge Judy Hillery, who became involved with Designing Women around five years ago and has participated in sidewalk sales and monthly salons. She, too, shares Pam's enthusiasm for the organization.

Designing Women gave the Big Cat Habitat their very first grant, which in turn helped the Habitat obtain additional grants from other endowments. Local ballet dancers have benefited from donations to their Shoe Fund, which helped them purchase additional toe shoes for work. It's not all about cash grants, either. One recent donation to the shop of gorgeous silk pajamas ended up packaged with bedroom slippers in lovely gift bags that were donated to SPARCC, a local organization for battered women.

Every December Designing Women hosts a Gala benefit featuring a 60-foot runway show, followed by entertainment, cocktails and dinner. This year, the event will move from a tent at the store to the ballroom at Michael's on East. Pam and her volunteer team work countless hours organizing a series of events from December first to fifth leading up to the Gala, which, she says, is becoming a favorite on the social calendar.

The shop has many regulars who come for the fashions as well as the satisfaction that comes from helping local non-profits. Groups also come to the Designing Women Boutique to shop together and even share lunch. Sounds like a fun outing for some of us in Rivendell. To learn more about this unusual store, visit www.designingwomenboutique.org or call 941-366-5293. ■

The Volunteers: Laurel Civic Association By Mike Bergman



*Sandra Terry, Director of Laurel Civic Center
photo by Judy Sokal*



*Sara Jones, Rivendell Resident, tutoring student
photo by Judy Sokal*

Help a kid. **Feed** a needy family. **Provide** affordable housing. **Advocate** for a clean, safe neighborhood to live in. The Laurel Civic Association exists to meet these needs of the Laurel neighborhood, just south of Osprey. Forty years ago, there were no services available for residents, and simple amenities such as paved streets, running water, streetlights, and garbage collection did not exist. After a long school day, there was very little for the kids to do, and little or no help with their homework. Neighbors joined together in a grass roots effort to remedy all this.

The early leaders raised needed funds and began to get improvements done. Adult volunteers began to tutor the children. People were able to buy the land under their houses. Along the way, Mrs. Sandra Terry became the executive director, cheerleader, fundraiser and miracle worker. The Laurel neighborhood suffered from odd plots of land that had become garbage dumps, and some of the older homes were decayed and abandoned, so Mrs. Terry organized neighborhood cleanups, and found the means to acquire these properties and build affordable homes.

The Laurel Civic Association became incorporated, achieved 501(c)3 tax exempt status, and ultimately Mrs. Terry partnered with Sarasota County to get a recreation center built in the community; finally, the Association acquired extra space to provide their many programs. The Association partnered with the USDA food distribution, and the All Faiths Food Bank to feed needy families. Now there is a food distribution at the facility once a month.

Kids can come in after school, get perhaps their only hot meal of the day at the Kids Cafe, and do their homework with the aid of volunteer mentors. During the summer, there is a reading program in place to keep at-risk kids from falling behind.

A summer camp and a teen empowerment program are also available that provide a hot lunch while costing families almost nothing. In addition, an Easter egg hunt and a community Christmas party are two of the many free, safe, social events that take place under the supervision of positive adult role models. The children earn points for Christmas gifts through their homework program. Once a month, the Sarasota County Health in Motion Van visits the facility, providing access to any residents who might not otherwise seek medical help.

Laurel Civic Association is funded by donations and grants, and has a few paid staff but mostly volunteers. It offers an opportunity for Rivendell residents to step in and help. Three of our neighbors, **Judy Sokal**, **Sara Jones**, and **Carol Heckert** help out in the after school program. More volunteers are needed to help there as well as with other programs. There is also a great need for people with special skills to help on the Board. Sandra Terry would appreciate volunteers with fundraising skills, grant writers, and a CPA willing to donate some time. Here is a place where we could really make a difference in our neighbors' lives. Feed the hungry. Provide a clean, safe, nurturing environment. **Help a kid**. It will make you feel great, and they will love you for it.

To help, please contact Sandra Terry at 941-483-3338, or Judy Sokal at 966-5904. ■



Southern Black Racer - *photo by Kay Mruz*



Southern Black Racer Close - *photo by Kay Mruz*

Through The Lens

By Kay Mruz

Photography has forced me to take a longer look at things I would otherwise avoid at all cost, i.e. snakes! This Southern Black Racer (*Coluber constrictor priapus*) was in some shrubs by our drive and I actually took a moment to really look at it. I thought, "What a beautiful snake."

Racers are the most commonly seen snakes in Florida and are found in pinelands, hardwood hammocks, prairies, sand hills, scrub and cypress strands. Hunting by day, they are opportunistic feeders catching whatever they find in their habitat. Classified as a constrictor, the Racer is more likely to crush or suffocate its prey by pinning it to the ground with its mouth. Not only are Racers excellent swimmers and climbers but are also FAST. They use this speed to flee from enemies, most often man. However, if the Racer feels cornered, it may turn and charge in an attempt to frighten. Do not attempt to capture one. Racers are non-venomous but can deliver a very painful bite. If you still feel the need to catch one and succeed in doing so, expect to be sprayed with musk and defecated upon. As another means of defense, the Racer will vibrate its tail in dry leaves and grass; this results in a sound convincingly similar to a Rattlesnake.

Juveniles are tan or grey and have a series of reddish or brown blotches down the middle of their backs. Because of these blotches, they are often mistaken for Pygmy Rattlesnakes. This "mistaken identity" may help fool their enemies long enough to escape, but upon closer inspection you can see that they lack the heavy body and stocky head of a Pygmy Rattlesnake. This coloring fades to black when the snake reaches 12" long. An adult Racer is 24"-55" long. Breeding is between March and August with ten to twelve eggs being laid in small mammal burrows, under rocks or in logs. ■

SERVICE PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS

JENCO Design Services, 941-882-0820. We would like to recommend JENCO Design Services for design, renovation, and reconstruction services. They did an extensive amount of work in our home, including demolition of old tile flooring, installation of new tile and wood floors, kitchen renovation, and installation of crown molding. If you are looking for professionalism, attention to detail, quality, and reliability, you'll want to talk with these folks. Call Jay or Jen Mullineaux at 941-882-0820. *Barbara and Dennis Gahry*

Paramount Home Services, Inc., 423-0052, Cell Phone 323-7603. Patrick Hanko did crown molding and wood trim in seven rooms at our house. We were very happy with the finished product. He does quality work at a reasonable price, arrives promptly and works neatly. We had no cleaning up after he left. He also installs cabinets and does general carpentry work; he has been recommended by others in our neighborhood. *Ed and Cindy Schmidl*

Pet Sitting: Eve Day, 941-780-0821. Eve is a neighbor in Rivendell who does pet sitting. We had her come to our home to care for our Maltese while we were on a cruise last spring. Eve followed all instructions and gave us the peace of mind to know Sami was happily at home in her normal routine while we were gone. Eve's pricing is very reasonable. *Howard & Teri Post, 1001 Oak Preserve Lane*

Send in your Favorites!

Send us the name and phone number of your favorite plumber, electrician, hair stylist, landscaper, you name it- and we'll list it!

If you have a service provider you'd like to recommend, please email Judy at judysokal@gmail.com

Tile and Grout Cleaning: AmeriTech Industries, Brian Welcheck at 941-429-1959 and their website is www.Ameritechindustries.com. We recently had our tile and grout cleaned, colored and sealed by Ameri-Tech Industries. Brian Welcheck, the Operations Mgr., did an excellent job for a reasonable price. Our floors look better than the day we moved in. Brian did a very thorough job by moving all of the furniture and fixing a number of small cracks. He also recaulked and regROUTED our master shower and it turned out great. *Dave Swanson 966-6260*

Sears Carpet and Upholstery Care: 941-776-0540. Sears' carpet specialists Abraham and Miguel did an outstanding job of getting our nearly white carpets clean and spot-free. They showed us each room after they completed it; we were invited to ask for "re-work" if we felt it was necessary. They were professional, efficient, and competent; we would not hesitate to call them back as needed. *Linda Pearlstein 966-1533*

CLASSIFIED ADS

TABLE FOR SALE:

Barb Gahry, 941-586-3936.

36" round wood conference table \$50.

KAYAK FOR SALE:

Chuck Montgomery, 941-685-0069.

Kayak 14' Pungo by Wilderness. Excellent condition. \$600.

BABYSITTER Available:

Molly Benkaim, 941-961-3385

10th grade Pine View female student available for babysitting. Former camp counselor and CPR certified. Please call Molly if you'd like references.

COMPUTER SERVICES:

Michael Adler, 941-400-2455.

Do you need help with your computer? Or do you want to learn new skills? I have years of experience helping people and have been working on the tech support team at Pine View for the last 2 years. I have low rates, and am available every day of the week. I also work with cell phones, printers, cameras, etc. I live in Rivendell. *Email: Michael@adlermail.com*

2004 BMW FOR SALE;

Ellie Hartle, 918-2114.

This 325CI BMW convertible is dark blue, has a black top, and has only 17,000 miles... it's in great condition. Call for details.

BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE

by Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will meet on Monday, November 8, to analyze *People of the Book: A Novel* by Geraldine Brooks (who wrote the Pulitzer Prize winning *March*). The Book refers to the Sarajevo Haggadah (traditional Jewish literature) and its journey from 20th century Sarajevo back through the centuries to Seville in 1480. This rare illuminated text inspired the harrowing efforts of Jews, Christians, and Muslims to save it from destruction. Janet Berntsen will host at 710 Shadow Bay Way, phone 918-9240; Carol Heckert will lead the discussion.

On Monday, December 13, we will tackle *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed the World*, by Erik Larson. This is a nonfiction account of Chicago's 1893 World's Columbian Exposition (also called The White City) which inadvertently provided an ideal setting for serial killer H.H. Holmes. Pat Sobczak will lead the discussion at the home of Sallie Hawkins at 716 Anna Hope Lane. Sallie's phone number is 966-6916.

Next year, on January 10, 2011, the topic will be *Every Last One*, a novel by Anna Quindlen. A family, whose life seems quite normal, is shattered by a catastrophic act of violence.

All Rivendell residents are welcome at Book Group gatherings. The Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month, and all Rivendell residents are welcome. Please call the month's hostess if you'd like to join us.

**Next Board Meeting is
December 1st, 2010
at 6:00 pm
At Bentley's of Osprey**

Pelican Press Delivery

The *Woodlands Word* will be delivered inside the *Pelican Press*, usually the first Thursday of each month. If you have problems with delivery, please contact Judy at judysokal@gmail.com. **Seasonal residents** if you want to suspend delivery of the *Pelican Press*, call 349-4949. To **reinstate** service, call the same number.

**Remember you can still read
the *Woodlands Word* online**
by going to the new website that can be accessed through the Lighthouse website at:
http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html and is password protected.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC)
meets the **last Tuesday** of each month
at The Cottages Clubhouse;
applications are due to Lighthouse Management
by the **third Tuesday** of each month.
Any received **AFTER** the third Tuesday
will be considered the following month.

Minutes of the Architectural Review Committee September 28, 2010

Attendees: Frank Pafumi, Allen Roeter, Gwen Stepien

Residents: Judy Sokal

Old Business: Approval of ARC minutes from May 25, 2010

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of Committee members, present with Judy Sokal as the attending resident.

The August 31, 2010 Rivendell ARC MINUTES were unanimously approved as written.

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action:

690 Clear Creek Drive: Pressure wash roof and house.

Unanimously Approved – Motion to approve Allen Roeter, second Frank Pafumi

690 Clear Creek Drive: Paint house, garage and front door - color Valspar 5007-3B Mellow Spring Green. Trim color - white.

Approved - Motion to approve - Allen Roeter, seconded Frank Pafumi, recommending dark green for front door. Gwen Stepien voted against request.

771 Fordingbridge Way: Exterior security lighting – motion and sensor lights at four points on the house.

Approved - Motion to approve - Allen Roeter, seconded Frank Pafumi.

Gwen Stepien abstains – Gwen believes that no ARC approval should be needed as motion sensor lights on houses are not specifically mentioned in the Rivendell covenants.

820 Placid Lake Drive: Take out old concrete driveway replace with brick driveway.

Unanimously Approved: - Motion to approve Frank Pafumi, seconded Allen Roeter.
(work completed prior to ARC application)

Note: Committee recommends that a note should be made in *The Woodland Word* that applications must be received one week before meeting, therefore any applications received after this date will have to wait until following month. Also if homeowner starts or completes work to be done before application has been approved, homeowner may incur a fine.

The Rivendell ARC meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Date for the next ARC meeting: October 26, 2010 at 6:00 PM

Rivendell Website Instructions

Need an ARC approval application form?

Want to read the *Woodlands Word* on-line and see the photographs in color?

Access the Rivendell website through the Lighthouse website at:
http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html

It is password protected. To begin, click on *Association Members Login*. Your new Login ID is your 6-digit **Lighthouse Management account number** (including leading zeros) followed by your last name, for example "001234Smith." Your account number can be found on past statements from Lighthouse, or by calling Lighthouse.

Your temporary password, which you will change after your first login, is LHMTEMP123. Follow the prompts to create your own password for future use.

In the event you have any issues logging into the new website, please contact Lighthouse Property Management at 966-6844, and ask for help.

Large documents like the *Woodlands Word* news letters may take up to 30 seconds to appear on your screen. Please be patient.

Courtesy Call Please

When bicycling and over-taking pedestrians, please give a call-out of "on-your-left" or "Good Day" or "Watch Out". As we age, we often do not hear bicycles approaching from behind us, so this would help alert the walkers to your presence.

Where have you been lately?

Let us hear from you.

We'd like to write a series of interesting travelogues from Rivendell readers.

Please contact Judy Sokal at
judysokal@gmail.com

and share your trip experiences.

We'll do our best to include your adventures.

Security Alert

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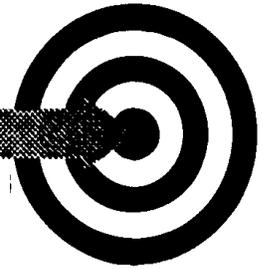
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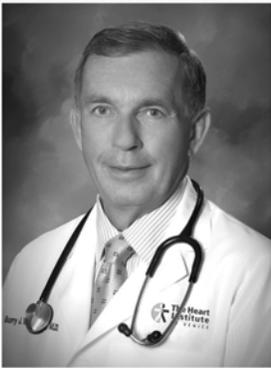
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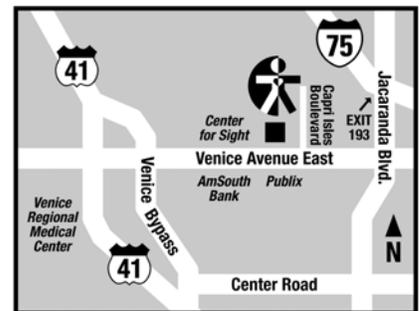


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