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Neighborhood Workshop, Palms at Casey Key

by Carol Heckert

A neighborhood workshop was held on March 20 to present a proposed zoning change for the parcel of land off Old Venice Road that abuts both Willowbend and The Cottages. Over 40 homeowners from Rivendell and Willowbend attended; more from Willowbend would have attended if not for a conflict with their Annual Meeting. The presentation was facilitated by Brian Lichterman for the developer, Ryland Homes. Sarasota County Planner John Wilhelm and an engineer for the project also spoke.

The concept plan shows 31 single-family homes lining a single street that exits onto Old Venice Road. There is a retention pond and open space/focal point at the far end of the street. The plan also shows a 20-foot buffer behind the houses on both sides of the parcel and a 10-foot buffer behind the sidewalk on Old Venice Road. The individual lots are 50' by 120' in size. Homes could be up to 35' in height.

The parcel of land consists of 2.78 acres. The requested zoning change to RSF4 (Residential Single Family 4) would permit 4.9 units per acre. However, the plan shows 3.1 homes per acre. In response to questions from the audience, the engineer said that they cannot fit more single-family homes on the parcel, which brings into question why the request is for RSF4 rather than RSF2, which would permit 3.5 units per acre.

Questions from the audience were numerous, concerning density, size and type of buffer zones, drainage, traffic on Old Venice Road, price range of houses, environmental impact, possibility of a lift station, and zoning issues. There were particular concerns that the zoning change would be non-binding, allowing subsequent changes to be

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Highlights of April 7 Board of Directors Meeting

by Carol Heckert;

Reviewed by Gwen Stepien

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

Highlights of the meeting were:

- Shannon Banks is our new property manager at Lighthouse Property Mgt.
- \$900 was approved to replace the second heat pump at the pool
- \$500 was approved to replace the chemical bin pump at the pool
- Littoral ponds will be replanted shortly
- Alleyway repaving, involving 55 homes, was discussed

Maintenance Committee Report

The County found a leak under the cone on Rivendell Blvd. and will repair it.

Pine trees have been dying due to a disease caused by a combination of fertilizer and irrigation (over-watering). Following consultations with 8 experts, Dave Gill recommends that dead pine trees be removed and replaced by trees better suited to an urban environment.

Other maintenance items are in the introductory section of this report.

Communications Committee Report

Barb Gahry has resigned as Community Directory Chair after producing the Directory for 13 years. The committee will work with Lighthouse Mgt. and our webmaster, Gary Mruz, to work out a means for going forward.

Old Business

A homeowner in the Villas has sought help in organizing to get the alleyways repaved. This involves 55 homes, 46 of which are in the Villas. The alleyways are the private property of these 55

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(Board Meeting Highlights continued from Pg.1) homes, except for the community property behind Crescent Park and the community pool. Lighthouse presented a plan that was rejected by the Board. The Board wants the Villas Board to be involved. They wish Lighthouse to obtain an objective evaluation, get additional estimates, and then have a letter sent to the homeowners to authorize billing.

New Business

The Maintenance Committee has requested that the landscape contract be rebid. The Board suggested two companies that should be asked to bid: West Bay, which landscapes the Patio Homes, and PDL (Performance Driven Landscape), the new landscaper for The Cottages.

Homeowner Comments

- Complaint about a dirty fence
- Complaint about a pickup truck parked in a driveway. Director Barone will draft an updated standing rule about trucks parked overnight in driveways.
- Complaint about canoeing or kayaking in our ponds

Meeting Dates

The next two Board meetings will be held on May 5 and June 2.

(Neighborhood Workshop continued from Pg.1) requested at some later time. The developer’s representatives responded that the concept plan we were shown was what was planned.

The approval process for this zoning change will take 3 to 5 months, and there will be several levels of review, including a Planning Commission public hearing in the next few months.

Willowbend’s representatives have requested that the Willowbend Board oppose the rezoning.

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**New HOA Fees
Payment Option**

Lighthouse has added an online E-Check payment option on its website:

<http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/>

Owners can make a one-time payment or they can set up a recurring payment. They can also link accounts between Rivendell and Woodland Villas at Rivendell.

For more information please contact Anabel Martinez at anabelmartinez@mgmt.tv



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

Next Rivendell Board Meeting
May 5th, 2014
6PM at Historic Spanish Point
in Osprey
Any changes will be posted on the
Website www.rivendellcommunity.com



We would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to Barb Gahry for organizing the annual Rivendell Directory plus the leader of our block captains Cindy Schmidl and the following residents who delivered the directories to our community!

Ken Alarie, Robert Axiom, Rosanne Beatty, Roz Bergman, Ruth Callahan, Carole Costa, John Costa, Margaret Flynn, Carol Gathy, David Gill, Janet Hall, Sallie Hawkins, Carol Heckert, Ken Heckert, Rosa Jones, Curt Kennedy, Charles Kiblinger, Paul Moscoe, Dennis Pavlock, Bo Potter, Fred Rhines, Janet Romig, Allen Roeter, Mirinda Roy, Kathi Schneider, Joseph Sefack, Diane Tomer, Barbara Valdahl, Nancy Wettlaufer, Deborah Yohn



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Baby Barred Owl

Who lives in a tree house at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary? Information and photos submitted by Pam and Brian Babbitt

The next best thing to visiting the Everglades is a trip to **The Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary** located northeast of Naples. It is a natural attraction with its old growth cypress forest. It offers wildlife, nature viewing, and photographic experiences. A 2.25-mile raised boardwalk goes through four distinct environments: pine upland, a wet prairie, a cypress forest, and a marsh. This 11,000-acre Sanctuary includes the largest remaining virgin bald cypress forest in North America. Benches and rain shelters are along the trail, and volunteer naturalists are usually available to answer questions. Allow about 2-3 hours to walk the entire boardwalk. For those who do not wish to walk the full 2.25 miles, an optional trail is one mile. Wildlife sightings vary depending

on the time of year, the weather, and the time of day. Birds, reptiles, mammals, insects, and native plants may be seen.

This natural system is managed by the National Audubon Society to maintain and to preserve the natural processes that have been occurring for thousands of years. Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary is open daily. Go to www.corkscrew.audubon.org or call 239-348-9151 for information and directions.

On a visit at the end of March, as we neared the end of the trail, we saw a dozen people staring high up at a tree that was close to the boardwalk. And this cute baby Barred Owl was staring back! An Audubon volunteer estimated its age at about 7 or 8 weeks old. We didn't see a parent.



Don't make me come down there!



The Sanctuary also has less fuzzy inhabitants



Savor Sarasota June 1-14, 2014



The Annual "Savor Sarasota" Restaurant Week will run two full weeks, from June 1 to June 14, 2014. This dining event features multi-course menus at \$15 per person for lunch and \$29 per person for dinner. During the event, the region's eateries that are showcased have helped the area earn the distinction of having one of the highest concentrations of Zagat-rated restaurants in Florida. This website provides a list of participating restaurants and menus. Do check the website as restaurants are added to the list and also to determine if both lunch and dinner are available. <http://restaurantweek.savorsarasota.com/whats-cooking>

A few of the participating restaurants include Café Gabbiano, Café Venice Restaurant & Wine Bar, Caragiulos Italian-American, Cosimos, Euphemia Hayes Restaurant, H2O Bistro, Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse, Inkanto, Mattison's City Grille, Mattison's Forty-One, Michael's on East, Oh Mamma Mia, Roy's Hawaiian Fusion, Selva Grill, and Siesta Key Oyster Bar.

Lunch At P.F. Chang's Reviewed by Judy Sokal

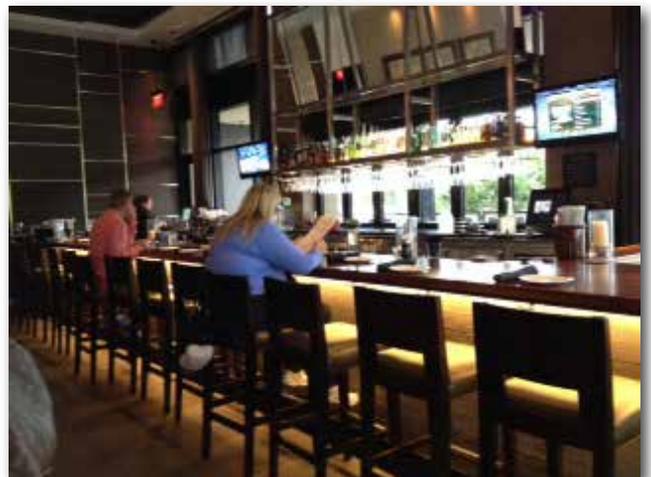


A dear friend was celebrating her birthday, so we decided on somewhere a bit more elegant for lunch than our usual Ruby Tuesday or Sweet Tomatoes. We opted to visit the recently opened PF Chang's- nowhere near our homes, but neither of us had been there and wanted to see how it matched up to its namesake in Tampa.

We arrived just before noon on a Saturday and were delighted that there was plenty of seating available. The main dining room was very large, minimalist décor, mostly tables, not booths. The wait staff was friendly, but the service was spotty. We both expected more professional servers, but perhaps things are different at dinner.

The menu had plenty of variety without being overwhelming. Mary tried the chicken lettuce wraps, and found them delicious. My egg drop soup was delicious - very different from the normal egg drop soups in Chinese restaurants. Mary's main course was the orange peel chicken that was quite good, but my Asian grilled Norwegian salmon was just OK - overcooked. One nice surprise was a complimentary dessert of key lime pie with mango glaze. It turned out to be our favorite of anything we ordered. There were several lunch specials that were very well priced, and I would recommend going for lunch for the value.

P.F. Chang's is located on the corner of Mound (Rt. 41) and Osprey Ave near downtown (766 S. Osprey Ave.) And the phone number is 941-296-6002. It is open 11-10 seven days a week.



An Unforgettable Wedding

By Richard "Digger" T. Vogt

I played at many unusual wedding receptions when I was a band member, and I think the most bizarre gig we ever had was the wedding of the daughter of Elroy Bannister. Now Elroy is a story in himself, but his daughter's wedding was one for the books. Her name was Josephine, or Josie as she was known to her friends and family, and she was going to marry Montgomery Fallon. Elroy was determined it would be a lavish affair, as was his style.

Elroy made his fortune in the home security field and was now squandering his wealth on what he considered essential to maintain his reputation. He had a home in the rolling hills of upstate New York and was known to throw lavish parties for the locals (but limited to those who could be helpful in advancing his agenda). He was a huge man standing about six foot five inches tall and carrying an overload of about 125 pounds. He always wore a huge cowboy hat accompanied by Tony Lama lizard skin boots that accentuated his massive frame.

To call Josephine homely was to be kind. She certainly got shortchanged in the looks department. But Elroy was determined she would not be a spinster. Montgomery Fallon had regal blood flowing through his veins that he traced to European roots and was eager to highlight the lineage to anyone within earshot. But alas, Monty was a deadbeat! He played the saxophone well but that is where his good qualities ended. By marrying Josie, he was planning to get some of the gravy that Elroy was pouring on his own potatoes.

The marriage ceremony and reception would be held at Elroy's home and we were told to be set up and ready to play the first song immediately after the pastor confirmed the merger of the two hapless souls. As the guests arrived, they were herded into the living room where the ceremony would take place and they immediately started digging into the salt-laden hors d'oeuvres, made so to encourage the consumption of the alcohol-laced punch.

Elroy had a pet monkey that he doted on, and the little beast was flitting around the room scaring the daylight out of the women, much to the delight of their spouses. He would run up to a woman, lift up her dress and stand there staring as the men in the

room roared with laughter. Elroy thought this was great. The monkey's name was Ralph and there was no doubt that he'd been trained by Elroy.

The pastor had no sooner started the ceremony than a woman started screaming Monty's name and demanding the wedding be stopped. She claimed to have first pick on Elroy's soon to be son-in-law. It turned out that she was a former spurned lover overcome by the spiked punch, and order was soon restored. Monty was relieved, Elroy was furious, and Josephine didn't get any better looking. When the pastor reached the part of the ceremony where he asked if anyone objected to the marriage, silence reigned, and Elroy breathed a sigh of relief.

Our first song request was for "The Eyes of Texas" and as we played, the crowd rose to their feet spurred on by Elroy. The reception room was cavernous and obviously designed by Elroy. It had mounted animal heads adorning the walls and I expected to see Teddy Roosevelt parading amongst the throng at any moment.

The reception was a crazy fling. Ralph was still sneaking peeks and taking everyone's food from them as they watched, terror-stricken. But the crowd, emboldened by the punch that was heavily infused with alcohol, was on its feet ready to rock 'n roll.

In an instant, the mood of the gathering changed when a blood-curdling scream pierced the air. It was Josephine heaping epithets on Monty. She had found him in a coatroom doing the horizontal mambo with his spurned lover. Elroy came running to the aid of his newly married daughter and caught Monty with a right cross to the jaw that sent him sprawling. We, the band, had a ringside seat to the first family squabble. I don't know what happened to Josie and Monty, but I'm sure Elroy had a major influence on their future.

*If you'd like to read more of Digger's essays, you can read about his own wedding in his recently published memoir *Let's Do It Again*. For more information he may be emailed at vogtlandsouth@aol.com.*



Book Group Schedule By Marilyn Probert

At the May 12 meeting the Book Group will review *The Silver*

Star: A Novel by Jeannette Walls. After their mother leaves them, Bean, age 12 and Liz, age 15, fear that the authorities will put them in foster homes if it becomes known that the girls are living alone. After leaving a note for their mother to let her know where to find them, the girls run away to live with Uncle Tinsley who is at first reluctant to assume responsibility for them. The novel goes on to detail life with their uncle in a strange, new environment. Deborah Berzins will host the group at 679 Rivendell Blvd. Please call Deborah at 941-375-8944 if you'd like to attend.

Room: A Novel by Emma Donoghue will be the topic at the June 9 gathering. Ma and her five-year-old son Jack live in a one-room world of their own where Jack is quite happy. His mother had been kidnapped and imprisoned by Jack's father who shows up in the evening for sex while Jack is supposedly asleep in the wardrobe. To Jack, this is a normal existence, but Ma worries that as he grows older it will be difficult for the child to continue to accept this lifestyle. What to do?

The Book Group will not meet during July and August. The September selection will be Jeffrey Zaslow's *The Girls From Ames*, a nonfiction account of the lifelong friendships between eleven women who grew up together and maintained close ties throughout marriages, divorces, deaths - all the events in theirs and their families' lives.

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

Congratulations!

To Shannon Banks who has been promoted and is now Rivendell's manager for Lighthouse Property Management. Shannon and her assistant, Tina Beaver, can be reached at shannonbanks@mgmt.tv and tinabeaver@mgmt.tv The phone number remains the same: 941-966-6844.

We look forward to working with both of you!

PoetryLife Festival May 2 and 3

By Judy Sokal

On May 2 & 3, Florida Studio Theater and Bookstore1 Sarasota will host the annual PoetryLife Festival. The event this year will feature poet Mark Doty, the author of 8 books of poetry, and winner of Great Britain's T.S. Eliot Prize, the LA Times Book Prize, National Critics Circle Award, and the National Book Award for his publications. It will also feature poet Kevin Young, widely regarded as one of the leading poets of his generation, and winner of the Nat'l Poetry Series, John C. Zacharis First Book Award, and finalist for the Nat'l Book Award, and LA Times Book Award. All proceeds from PoetryLife will benefit creative endeavors in the Sarasota public schools.

All of the events, including poetry readings, panel discussions and luncheon, will take place in various venues of Florida Studio Theater. Reservations and tickets are required. For more information on the events throughout the two-day festival, go to www.poetrylife.org or call 941-365-7900. For ticket purchases call FST at 941-366-9000.

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

LAMPOST 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**.

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Power Down for a Good Night's Sleep

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<http://health.heraldtribune.com/2014/02/04/powering-down-for-a-good-nights-sleep>

Edited by Judy Sokal



Having trouble sleeping? Check for a glow, inches from the pillow. Using a smart phone, tablet or laptop at bedtime may be staving off sleep, according to Harvard Medical School scientists, who have found specific wavelengths of light can suppress the slumber-inducing hormone melatonin in the brain. And routinely getting fewer than 8 hours of sleep compromises alertness, reaction time, efficiency, productivity and mood. Drowsy drivers cause 1,550 fatalities annually, the National Department of Transportation estimates, and insomnia-related accidents in the workplace cost \$31.1 billion annually, a study last year found.

"Sleep is in a battle for our time with work life, social life and family life," said David Hillman, a sleep specialist at the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in Perth, Western Australia, and the chairman of the Sleep Health Foundation. "For a lot of us, it comes off a poor fourth in that battle." Regular sleep disturbances are associated with ailments including obesity, diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

BROWSING IN BED

The National Sleep Foundation in Arlington, VA commissioned a survey that showed that more than half of respondents in the U.S., Canada and Britain, and two-thirds in Japan, used a computer, laptop or tablet in the hour before bed. At least two-thirds of people in all countries surveyed watched TV in the hour before bed. Only about half said they get a good night's sleep on work nights. "It's a massive issue, particularly when you talk about technology," said Sarah Loughran, a sleep researcher at the University of Wollongong, south of Sydney. "We're not just talking about mobile phones but iPads, TVs, laptops. A lot of these things are in the bedroom." While the noisy ping of a nocturnal e-mail or text message can interrupt sleep, staring at the gadgets' screen late at night may be more detrimental.

"It's our exposure to artificial light, particularly in the evening between the timing of sunset and when you normally go to bed, that's dramatically changed the timing of our endogenous circadian rhythms," one expert said. After being awake 8 or 10 hours, people start to run out of steam, prompting their

internal clock to send out a surge of wakefulness that builds until melatonin is produced to suppress the circadian system and facilitate sleep. Light exposure in the evening delays the melatonin surge.

Two research groups in Britain and the U.S. published studies showing that short wavelengths of light in the blue part of the spectrum are the most active in suppressing melatonin. Energy-saving light-emitting diode lights, known as LED, are especially problematic. LED lights are used in flat-panel televisions, computer displays and smart phone screens and they are replacing less-efficient incandescent light bulbs worldwide. Setting a technology curfew and using yellow-based lighting in the evening that can be dimmed and switched off completely by 10:30 p.m. will improve chances of a good night's sleep.

A HIGH-TECH FIX

Michael Herf, creator of the Picasa online photo-sharing software bought by Google Inc. in 2004, has come up with an answer: a computer program that automatically alters the intensity and spectrum of light emitted by the display according to the time of day. The free software, called f.lux, has been downloaded 8 million times since Herf and his wife developed it in 2008. The night-time setting reduces exposure to the most alerting wavelengths of light by 70 to 90 percent by relying on other colors on the spectrum that interfere less with the circadian system. In theory, f.lux should make a difference, according to one sleep expert. But it's no magic bullet.

There's another reason computers, phones and other technology can perturb sleep when used shortly before bed, says the University of Wollongong's Loughran. Engaging the brain with information that's exciting or provocative can trigger emotional and other hormonal responses, including the release of adrenalin. You have to put yourself in an environment where you can feel relaxed and safe, where you can go back into your inner world just before you go to sleep. The ideal bedroom has no distracting bright light or noise.

Sleep specialist Russell Rosenberg, offers simple advice: "Relax, turn off the mobile phone and TV, and create a more pleasant bedtime routine."

Maintenance Committee Report March 26, 2014

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

At our meeting we discussed the following new items and ongoing projects:

We are moving forward on the irrigation/electric project. Permits are being requested and actual work may begin within the next couple of weeks.

Landscape Status:

1. Our landscape company will be submitting a plan and recommendation for improving the landscaping behind the fence along Old Venice Rd.

Pool Status:

1. The main pool pump motor failed. Our new pool company, Pebble Pools, responded very quickly and had the motor replaced the same day.

2. One of the chemical disbursing pumps had been on temporary loan from SW Pools and was removed at the end of their contract. Pebble Pools will replace with a new pump.

3. The County Health inspection identified an electric outlet that was wired incorrectly and must be rewired.

Lakes/Pond Status:

1. The main well pump that replenishes Rivendell and Gator Lakes has been shut off until after the littoral plantings

2. Littoral plantings are going to take place in April.

Preserve/Wetlands Status:

No issues

Other Status:

1. The County will be fixing a hole that developed on Rivendell Blvd between Rainbow Point Way and Clear Creek Drive.

2. We are assisting the Board in their discussions with the County; the goal is to obtain final sign-off on some old grants that were given to our community. A final sign off will remove any unclear Association responsibilities or County expectations for future Rivendell Boards and committees.

I would encourage all homeowners to attend our monthly meetings for accurate information on any of our ongoing projects. We would also welcome new members to help with the MC's volunteers efforts to manage the many needs of our community. Please report any problems you notice to Lighthouse Property Management.

Next MC meeting April 30, 2014 at 7pm in the Cottages Clubhouse.

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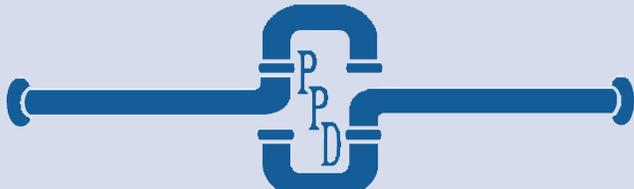


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Minutes Architectural Review Committee March 25, 2014

Attendees: Cindy Caria– Committee Chair, Members: Jim Stepien, Jessica Fenton,
Bruce Lorie, Mary Marryott. Board Liaison: Joe Sefack

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of Committee members present. The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	827 Placid Lake	Paint house same color	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim Stepien 2 nd : Jessica Fenton Vote: Unanimously
2.	494 Meadow Sweet	Replace dead trees	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy Caria 2 nd : Bruce Lorie Vote: Unanimously Cottages approved
3.	529 Meadow Sweet	Add new landscaping	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy Caria 2 nd : Jessica Fenton Vote: Unanimously Cottages approved
4.	534 Meadow Sweet	Paint house same color	Resolved: On hold for paint chips Motion: 2 nd : Vote: Unanimously Cottages approved
5.	731 Shadow Bay	Paint shutters and front door Pure White	Resolved: Disapproved Motion: 2 nd : Vote: Unanimously
6.	691 Clear Creek	Install gutters	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jessica Fenton 2 nd : Jim Stepien Vote: Unanimously
7.	1056 Scherer Way	Landscape curbing	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jessica Fenton 2 nd : Bruce Lorie Vote: Unanimously
8.	1050 Scherer Way	Paint exterior of house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jessica Fenton 2 nd : Bruce Lorie Vote: Unanimously

ARC meeting adjourned at 6.45 pm Next meeting May 27 2014.

Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

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

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

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

NOTE: The ARC recommends that applications be received one week before the next meeting. Applications received after the monthly date will have to wait until following month.

REMINDER: If you are submitting an ARC Application Form for landscape changes, you must attach a copy of your Site Plan (also called a Survey of Lot or Plot Plan or Plat). Your application will NOT be reviewed without a copy and this would delay your work. The Site Plan should show names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping or fencing.

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



We have numerous items FOR SALE in the classifieds section of the website. Please check out the various resident sections on the website for service provider recommendations, residents helping residents, for sale and more!

Within the past 30 days the new Rivendell website has seen 98 unique visitors who viewed 683 pages. Those visitors have been from the United Kingdom, Brazil, Florida, Connecticut, Illinois, New York, Maryland and New Jersey.

REMEMBER: The PASSWORD to access all resident sections on the website is osprey typed in lowercase!

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**March 3, 2014**

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 6:04 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:

Bobby Merrill Walter Perkowski Joe Sefack Gwen Stepien

Vincent Barone was absent.

A quorum was declared to be present.

On matters relating to the minutes of the previous meeting a motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Ms. Stepien to approve the Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes of January 13, 2014 & the Special Board of Directors meeting minutes of February 4, 2014 as presented. 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 of the most recent financials stating that the expenses are under budget. He also commented on the email that was sent out by a resident and provided clarification on financial matters noted in the email.

Committee Reports,

ARC, Ms. Caria reported there was not a meeting in February due to a quorum could not be obtained and they rescheduled this meeting to March 6, 2014. The March 25, 2014 meeting is still set.

Maintenance Committee, Mr. Stepien reported the following:

- The lake clean up has provided a positive response from the residents.
- Pool maintenance contract was awarded to Pebble Pools.
- Littoral zones to be replanted in March.
- The concerns presented about the water levels at the front two ponds were addressed by repairing the irrigation pump. Follow up reports to follow with any additional recommendations.
- Landscape by pump shed to be replaced.
- Committee is discussing a plan of action for the dead/ dying trees on common area.
- Committee discussed clearing the landscape behind the fence along Old Venice Ave. and possibly replacing with Areca Palms.
- Sarasota County inspected the Preserves & Wetlands and reported they were pleased.
- Pressure washing to be done at: Eagle Isles Entrance, Crescent Park, Bridge and Main Entrance.

Dave Gill presented the Board with a sample sign they are looking to install at the lakes, ponds and parks throughout the neighborhood. The committee is requesting approval for up to \$1000.00 for the sign project. Mr. Perkowski made a motion and Mr. Sefack seconded. (see attachment # 2)

MOTION 14-08: to approve up to \$1000.00 for the common area sign project. Motion passed.

The committee advised the Board of their proposals received in regards to installing irrigation in certain common areas where it has never been installed and Lighting improvements throughout the community. They discussed

the process and different vendors involved; a binder was presented to the Board for ease of reference. The committee is requesting approval for up to \$49,000.00 to proceed. Mr. Perkowski made a motion and Mr. Sefack seconded.

MOTION 14-09: to approve up to \$49,000.00 for additional irrigation installation and lighting upgrades, to be expensed from the rollover funds. Motion passed.

Communications, Ms. Heckert reported the new website is up and running and advised that the residents password is "osprey"

Old Business,

Matters relating to the Sarasota County grant. Mr. Perkowski and Mr. Stepien met with the County and inspected the area. They are in continued discussion with the county and will be coordinating a resolution. They discussed possibly approaching their attorney to finalize the arrangements to confirm no future action will be needed once resolution is agreed upon.

New Business,

Matters relating to Architectural Review Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Sefack and seconded by Mr. Merrill:

MOTION 14-10: to appoint the following members to the Architectural Review Committee: Mary Marryott, Jessica Fenton, Jim Stepien, Bruce Lori. Motion passed.

Matters relating to the designation of check signers, a motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Sefack.

MOTION 14-11: to designate Bobby Merrill, Gwen Stepien and Joe Sefack as check signers. Motion passed.

The Board scheduled their next meeting for April 7, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Owner Comments,

Several owners commented on the recent email that was sent out requesting clarification and Board input. The Board commented as they saw necessary.

Ms. Beatty discussed the comments made in the Treasures report section and made statements in regards to research she had done about the associations finances and handling of such. She commented that she was relieved that this Board has decided to coordinate with Sarasota County to resolve the pending issues with the grant.

An owner wanted to thank the Board and committees for their service.

Ms. Hawkins presented the Board with the proposals to repave the alley obtained by her as an owner. She is hoping the Master association and the Villas can coordinate a plan of action to have the alley repaved. The Board is willing to research the options available and will discuss at a later date.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Shannon Banks

Dated: This 13th day of March, 2014.

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Manager's Report

On Site/Maintenance-

- Compliance drives through community (2.14.14)
- Requested street light repairs as needed.
- Coordinated the repair of the Filter lid repair (done)
- Coordinated the pressure cleaning of :
 Eagle Isles Entrance, Crescent Park fence & Bulletin Board, Woodlands Sign and bridge columns,
 Community entrance brick wall and columns
- Obtained bids for pool maintenance service

Administrative-

- Forwarded financials to Board for review.
- Forwarded draft agenda to board for review.
- Forwarded draft minutes for review.
- Forwarded ARC requests to committee.
- Approved minutes posted to website.
- Forwarded approved minutes to Ms. Babbitt for publishing in the newsletter.
- Posted newsletter to website.
- Send out email blast in regards to BOD meeting.

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: 27

Roof/Fence/Structure	6
Yard Condition/Weeds	3
Play Equipment	1
Vehicles	1
Mailbox Lighting	15
Garbage/ Clutter	1

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Architectural Review (ARC)

Board Liaison: Joe Sefack
Chair: Cindy Caria (cindyarc14@gmail.com)
Committee Members: Mary Marryott, Jessica Fenton, Bruce Lorie, and Jim Stepien

Maintenance Committee (combining Landscape/Environmental & Pool)

Board Liaison: Walter Perkowski
Chair: Jim Stepien (jimstepien@gmail.com)
Committee Members: Bill Bloom, Dave Gill, Sallie Hawkins, Carol Heckert, Carole Myles, Curt Kennedy, Joe Lucente

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

Your input and feedback are always encouraged and welcomed.

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

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