



# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

September 2010



## Back to School



### TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

#### NAMED by Linda Pearlstein

Following the June 25th resignation of two of the Board's five members, two new members were selected at a special meeting held August 12 at the Bentley Inn.

The two are:

John Critser

Bobby Merrill

Critser will complete the 18 months left in resigned member Bob Gililand's term, and Merrill will succeed Tom Shola, serving until the February 2011 annual election. Jim Stepien, former Board member, was also nominated by member Mary Marryott. Members John Greco and Mark Adler both voted for Merrill and Critser. (See bio-sketches of the two new Board members on page 4.)

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been a busy summer. We had a lot of plantings put in on our common areas, the main entrance, the Park Trace entrance, the Cottages entrance, the bridge on Rivendell Boulevard and the center island on Rainbow Point Way.

After doing landscaping, it's necessary to adjust watering schedules, which led to my discovery that we have major problems with our irrigation system. The main problem is that we have one pump serving two distinct irrigation systems: one covering the Cottages and the other, the rest of the community. The pump is not capable of providing enough pressure for both sides to run sufficiently at the same time. So, a lot of coordination is required, which is not easy for various, complicated reasons. After meetings and discussions with our landscapers, pump experts, and irrigation specialists, I've come to the conclusion that Rivendell needs a second pump. We also need to upgrade several of our pop-ups.

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### SECURITY ALERT --

#### Protect Your Home From Theft

*(Board of Directors email notice sent July 27, 2010)*

Please be aware that three break-ins and robberies have occurred recently in Rivendell. The burglaries took place on streets that border the preserves or wooded areas. One apparently took place in daytime. The time of the others is unknown. One obtained access through an unlocked slider; the other "kicked in" the front door.

The police recommend keeping all doors, windows and sliders locked, even when at home.

If you are going to be away, please make sure that a neighbor knows how to contact you in the event of an emergency.

Please alert the authorities if you see any suspicious behavior.

### New Rivendell Website

#### Updated Instructions

Effective immediately, the Rivendell Community Association has retained its property manager, Lighthouse Property Management, to operate and maintain its website.

The new website can be accessed through the Lighthouse website at: [http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal\\_login.html](http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html) and is password protected.

To begin, click on *Association Members Login*. Your new Login ID is your 6-digit **LHM account number** (including leading zeros) followed by your last name, for example "001234Smith."

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Cavities, Dry Mouth, Diabetic, overweight?

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I also received complaints about the placement of some of the solar equipment. Upon inspection, these complaints seem justified. I also received demands that we simply remove all the solar materials. As a result of all the above factors, our irrigation systems will be on future agendas.

Our special Lakes Committee put together, and sent out, a Request For Proposals for the maintenance of our lakes and ponds. By the time you read this, we might have selected the winner.

The Pool Committee replaced the pool entrance gate, repainted the pool deck, and bought new furniture.

We saw more foreclosure activity that caused a two-day mini crisis due to an abandoned house with its garage and front door left open. This resulted in multiple emails trying to figure out how to legally close the place. Somehow, a solution materialized while I wasn't looking.

The hot weather seemed to accentuate the ongoing debate between homeowners and enforcement of our deed restrictions. The summer saw no let up in the emails from one side complaining about various infractions committed by their neighbors. The complaints ranged from unsightly landscaping, to pickup trucks after midnight, to visible kayaks, to dangerous, low-hanging tree branches. On the other side were the homeowners who received the violation notice letters and responded with accusations of vendettas and threatened law suits if we didn't stop persecuting them. What's a board member to do? Cautionary note: Once lawyers get involved, they NEVER go away, summertime notwithstanding.

Then there are those who believe the community should spend unlimited amounts of money to satisfy their particular concept of what our common areas should look like. They are relentless with their demands, and don't seem to understand or care that a lot of people chose to live in Rivendell because of our reasonable association fees.

I was also saved from boredom this summer by those homeowners who found it impossible to get along with their neighbors. I became involved because these situations resulted in official complaints by one neighbor about the other and sometimes by both at the same time. The best one was the homeowner who filed a complaint about the backyard of neighbor two doors down. After investigating, I learned that the complainant could not possibly see the backyard in question from his home, the street, or any normally accessible common area! It's amazing to me that some people can live in a paradise like Rivendell and be so angry about such inconsequential things.

Being on the board of Rivendell has been a revelation to me. To paraphrase Lieutenant Dan Muldoon, "There are a million stories in the naked HOA."

Sincerely,  
John Greco

## Dog Leash Gentle Reminder

Sarasota County Ordinance (chapter 14-41) **Prohibits** dogs and cats from running at large on any public property, or on the property of another except designated parks. Fines can be levied against owners declared to be in violation.

Fines will increase with each violation.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick up after your pet.

Report all incidents involving dog attacks to Animal Control Services, 861-9500.

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In other news, the Board:

Told homeowners that the Board is “not in control” in the 638 Rivendell Blvd. fence case. Said President John Greco, “it’s not up to us what happens next.” The Board’s former attorney’s estimate of \$20,000 to \$40,000 in legal fees was a serious underestimate, Greco stated. “We have no idea what our potential liability is,” he added. (The entire Board met with its attorneys in executive session last June to review the case’s status, options, and potential liabilities.)

Hired Lighthouse Management to operate the community’s web site, which will be password protected. Information on accessing the new site will be sent out shortly; the site will cost the community \$100 a month.

Allocated some \$69,500 in funds that were rolled over from 2009 to avoid additional taxes; the allocations included \$15,000 for legal fees, \$15,000 for landscape replacement, \$15,000 for preserve restoration, \$6,000 for irrigation pump and popup repairs, and \$5,000 for palm tree trimming.

Reported that the community pool now has a new entry and fence, new furniture, and a repainted deck.

Approved the memberships of four committees: Environmental, Landscape, Communication, and Pool. Committee meeting schedules will be posted on the new web site; homeowners wishing to attend the meetings may contact the appropriate committee chair. The size of committees will be jointly determined by the chair and the Board liaison. (Committee members’ names may be found on page 21 on the “Who We Are” page.)

Reported that RFPs had gone out for lake management contractors, who have until August 20 to submit their proposals.

Established a “Homeowners’ Open Discussion” period at the end of Board meetings.

Set September 1<sup>st</sup> as the next regular Board meeting.

### **Discussion**

Asked why the community had spent \$9300 for preserve restoration, rather than charging the relevant homeowners, Adler explained that the County had “gone after” the HOA for violating its regulations, had set a “hard deadline” for restoration, and was about to begin imposing fines. Thus, the Board acted quickly to correct the issues and avoid the fines. It is still possible to assess the homeowners, he added, noting that individual violations varied widely in scope and cost.

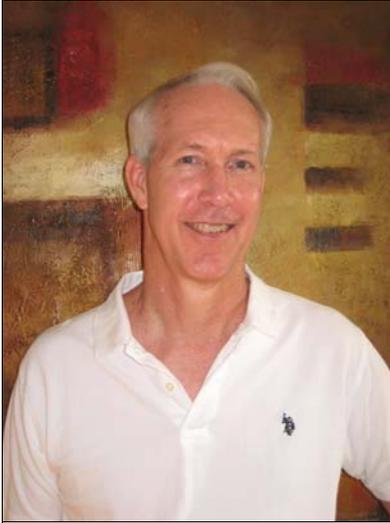
Asked whether the Board was going to pursue the issue of 1109 Mill Pond Ct.’s trees on common property, Board member Mary Marryott said, “Let’s put one fire out before we start another; let’s cap the well first.” Added Greco, “after meeting with our lawyers, I’m convinced more than ever that we would lose that case.” Several homeowners spoke strongly against “selective enforcement” of deed restrictions such as those involved in the 638 Rivendell Blvd. and 1109 Mill Pond Ct. cases. Greco said that the Board is “trying to limit our attorneys’ fees.”

Joe Sefack, former Board President, complimented the Board for the way it conducted the August 12 meeting. “The last meeting was a disaster; this was a completely different meeting – in a good way.” ■

## ***MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS***



**JOHN CRITSER** has lived in Rivendell since 2004. Before that, he lived in Palmer Ranch and served as President of the Board of Directors for the HOA in The Hamptons as well as on various committees during and after the turnover of the HOA from Lennar to the homeowners. His formal background includes a B.S. (Real Estate & Urban Development) and MBA (Finance) from Ohio State University and USF, respectively. He has more than 30 years of business management experience in a wide range of disciplines. He is currently the CFO for a large medical/surgical practice in the Sarasota area. ►



**BOBBY MERRILL** has been a Rivendell resident since 2000. His company, Merrill Brothers Homes, Inc., built many of the homes in The Cottages section of Rivendell. He is thus familiar with homeowner association issues, having developed and built numerous communities in the Sarasota/Bradenton area.

His current company, Arox Land Development Corp., installs and maintains sewer, water, and storm water systems so he is also familiar with the SWFWMD requirements for maintenance of storm water retention ponds. Prior to becoming a contractor, he was a licensed CPA with David Fields & Co. and also worked for the accounting firm KPMG in Chicago. He holds a B.S. in civil engineering from the University of Tennessee and an MBA from Northwestern University. ■

## Sod versus Plugs

Homeowners have understood for some time that they must replace damaged lawn areas with sod, not plugs. But Architectural Review Committee members reviewed the history of this “regulation” at their July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and concluded that homeowners are in fact allowed to use plugs – which are far less expensive. Application for approval must still be made to the ARC.

From the ARC’s July 27<sup>th</sup> minutes:

“Rivendell guidelines stipulate that lawns are to be sodded and not plugged. An investigation into this guideline by the ARC at this meeting revealed that it is not a deed restriction nor a Board Standing Rule, but originated from the development builders, pertaining to “home sites” which were to be sodded and not plugged.

The ARC interpretation of this guideline is that it was intended to be applied to new construction on the lots, providing a complete lawn for the entire land site in a short period of time. Thus it should not constrain a homeowner of an existing lot from utilizing plugs on a small area of the lawn, to repair damage or provide small area coverage – which is the case in this application. Therefore sod or plugs maybe used at the owners discretion for the area noted in the application.” ■

## New East Bay St. Trailhead Park By Meredith Pike

A new 10-acre park at the east end of Bay Street and bounded in part by Legacy Trail was the topic of a public meeting held last May by the Sarasota County Parks and Recreation program. Currently known as the “East Bay Street Trailhead Park,” the park will be developed in phases. Rivendell Board member John Greco attended the meeting.

The first phase of development would include parking areas, nature trails, and the use of an existing house for community meetings. Future improvements could be open play areas, picnic shelters, a playground, and restrooms. Currently on the parcel are a single family home, a maintenance building, a pond, and an area that served as a tree nursery. The land was acquired in 2008 through the Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition program.

Suggestions for names of the park will be opened to the public, and then on September 15th the County Commission will hold a public meeting to select a name.

The addition of this East Bay Street Trailhead, and the upcoming completion of the trail bridges over Donna and Roberts Bay, will add to the pleasure of living in Rivendell because of the easy accessibility of so many natural areas. <http://www.scgov.net/ParksandRecreation/Parks/EastBay.asp> ■

## The Hazards of Oak Trees

### By Judy Sokal



*Before the two oak trees were removed*



*After the oak trees had been replaced with new palm trees*

Did you hear the one about the homeowner who comes home to find a huge lake in her front lawn? Well, I was that homeowner, and now I can laugh. But it wasn't funny when it was happening.

Last December, Jon and I arrived home to find a huge amount of water in our yard, flowing down the street. Of course I panicked, but Jon calmly said he thought that we had a broken sprinkler pipe. I remember racing into the house to call my sprinkler repairman who suggested turning off the water to the irrigation system, which, Jon had already done. Problem #1 had been solved. We were no longer creating Fordingbridge River. But the question remained, "What had gone wrong?"

We had to wait a couple of weeks for the answer, and it involved lots of digging and breaking up of my beautiful concrete borders to find the answer: huge oak tree roots. And that is when my education in oak trees began. Yes, they grow well here, and are very sturdy, but there is a reason they never blow down in hurricanes: the roots are huge and deep. Unfortunately for us, those very roots that make our oak trees so strong, wreak havoc to our residential infrastructure, including curbing, pavers, sidewalks, and, yes, even sprinkler and water pipes.

I couldn't believe the thickness of the roots that had broken through a main part of my sprinkler system. We had dealt with the occasional paver lifting up and a broken piece of concrete border. (Jon would cut out the errant root.) But broken irrigation pipes were another matter. More seriously, our repairman warned that it was only a matter of time before the tree roots on our second oak tree would interfere with our County water pipes. It was not stated as an "if" but a "when." I took photographs of the broken pipes next to the invasive roots, and realized that I would need ARC approval to take down the trees. I received ARC approval after explaining my problem and presenting our new landscape plan. The company I worked with, *Paradise Tree and Lawn Service*, was able to provide the replacement landscape plan, as well as take down the trees, and grind down the roots.

I also learned that this problem is typical of new home communities where builders are required to put in a certain number of trees that are then planted with no regard to their future growth or how they might affect the underlying pipes and cables, etc.

Some of the oaks in Rivendell are fine where they are, but others cause serious damage. It's good to be aware of what systems are under the ground when planning where to plant. Our situation was so serious, we had no choice but to replace our oaks with palms that posed no threat to the property. It is never an easy decision to remove a tree, but we know we made the right decision. ■

## New Pool Improvements: Tom Faessler, Chair of the Pool Committee By Mike Bergman



*New pool entrance*



*New lounge chairs*

There was a flurry of activity at the pool this July, as Pool Committee Chair **Tom Faessler**, committee member **Bo Potter**, and Board Liaison **Mary Marryott** purchased new pool furniture, replaced the front gate, and painted the pool deck.

The deck lounges were severely worn, so many were replaced with better quality versions with welded aluminum frames and heavy webbing. On behalf of Rivendell, Tom's wife, **Susan**, arranged for the old furniture to be donated to a very worthwhile non-profit organization, **Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities (CHAC)**. The organization will refurbish the lounges and sell them to help care for the folks they serve.

The Director of Community Haven sent the Rivendell HOA the following thank you.

*"We extend our sincere appreciation to you for opening your heart to Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities. For over 56 years we've been able to provide support services such as early intervention education, occupational training, employment, and supported living. From the Board of Directors, the staff and the wonderful people we are dedicated to serving, we thank you."*

The front pool gate has been in need of repairs for sometime. It was replaced with new gates placed forward of the archways at the entrance. The new gates are stronger and will make it more difficult for people to climb over to gain unsanctioned access to the pool. Finally, the pool deck received a new coat of paint, along with the trellises in the front, and the floors of the rest rooms and storage room. The doors were also repaired.

Bo Potter keeps the pool area clean and sparkling in his capacity as a vendor, while Southwest Pools maintains the water quality. Bo noted that the pool is being used more lately. Carol Heckert, the newest member of the pool committee, added that the pool is clean and refreshing and the water quality is delightful. The entire crew urges you to come and enjoy the pool. We hope to see you there! ■

## Working the Deadline: The names and numbers behind the news...

By Nancy Wettlaufer

The *Woodlands Word* frequently carries interviews of Rivendell committee chairs; this month, we thought you might like hearing about the team that gets the newsletter to you each month. Did you know, for example, that:

A single volunteer, Linda Pearlstein, has overseen the final layout of each issue of the *Woodlands Word* for the last 5½ years (longer if counting the emailed version that existed prior to publication by OnTrac). Our newsletter maintains its high quality journalistic standards because Linda is an experienced professional editor.

Our editorial team of four coordinates articles from 10-20 loyal writers (listed every month on our Who We Are Page). A board liaison, currently Mark Adler, ensures clear two-way communication between the Communications Committee and the Board of Directors, and a webmaster posts an electronic copy each month on Rivendell's web site.

Publishing 60 newsletters in 5½ years required meeting a total of 120 publisher deadlines. Every month, editors face a submittal deadline by the fifteenth of each month and a final PDF review at the end of each month;

A deadline, by definition, occurs at a totally inconvenient time – e.g. when you are in an intensive care unit awaiting the outcome of your son's kidney transplant surgery, or when your co-editor is 12 time zones away in a hot air balloon over Cappadocia and cannot be reached for a decision. Or babysitting your grandchild while your daughter is attending a retirement reception honoring Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

Even if all deadlines are met and 500 copies are printed, one last task remains – home delivery – not always a given. On one occasion our hired carrier suddenly chose to leave town after throwing all 500 copies of *The Word* in a dumpster; more recently, the recession forced The Observer to stop home delivery entirely. Happily, the Pelican Press is now delivering *The Word* reliably to your driveway.

Getting the *Woodlands Word* to your drive in a given month can take as many as 50 Rivendell volunteers, a gazillion emails and half that number of phone calls. In emergencies, our network of approximately 35 Block Captains and volunteers, chaired by Cindy Schmidl, steps in to deliver *The Word*.

### Meet the editors behind the numbers:

- ~ **Judy Sokal, Committee chair and editor**, was highlighted in the April 2010 *Woodlands Word*. She contributes articles, edits as needed, and coordinates the activities of the Communications Committee. Her goal is to keep residents informed through the web site and newsletter.
- ~ **Linda Pearlstein, Layout editor**, was science reporter for a daily newspaper for 10 years. She then spent two decades as, successively, managing editor for a Bell Laboratories newsletter, a software company's magazine, and a software users' group magazine, before retiring as a technical writer for Eli Lilly pharmaceuticals. These days, having survived her son's recent kidney transplant surgery, she is helping to plan his wedding this fall, mapping the family's upcoming visits with their 4-year-old grandson, and working as a consumer analyst.
- ~ **Norma Lee Rhines, Copy editor**, was a Wide Area Network Technician at Motorola in Massachusetts before moving to Florida. She enjoys hiking, biking, and serving on the Board of the Venice Audubon Society. So you know when she's not hiking or biking, she is chasing birds. Norma Lee is also part of a writing group and contributed the July/August 2010 article about hiking the volcanoes of Hawaii. She has devoted time for planting and watering plants in Rivendell.
- ~ **Pam Babbitt, news story acquisitions, aka Hunter Gatherer**, was a special education teacher, gifted high school coordinator, elementary principal, and district curriculum and assessment coordinator. During her first year in Osprey, she taught full time at *Riverview High School* where she continues part time work during state and national assessments. She enjoys boating, walking, swimming, traveling, and attending the Rivendell Book Group for great discussions. ■

### 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.**

## Rivendell Volunteer Cuddles At-Risk Babies By Meredith Pike

For the last four years, **Arline Flourney** has been volunteering one day a week to cuddle babies at Sarasota's **First Step: Mothers and Infants Program**. This program is a branch of **First Step**, a non-profit treatment facility for men and women recovering from addiction. The Mother and Infants Program provides a safe haven for pregnant women and new mothers during their rehabilitation while living in a dorm setting. The program also provides guidance counseling, group and individual therapy, prenatal care, nutrition, life-skills advice and GED classes. The Mother and Infant Program works with the women to deliver healthy babies -- they currently enjoy a 100 percent success rate!

Arline lived in Washington, DC before settling in Florida 6 years ago with her husband. She learned of this unique program while attending a cocktail party, conversing with another Mother and Infant volunteer. Arline has a son, a daughter, and is a proud grandmother of two, so this program seemed to be a perfect volunteer experience for her, given her profound love of children.

Arline spends her time at the Mother and Infant Program rocking babies, changing diapers, and bottle-feeding while the mothers attend classes, take naps or learn life skills. She says it is extremely fulfilling because it is all about cuddling and hugging babies, minus the other responsibilities. The volunteers also serve as role models, showing parents how to interact with babies or demonstrating nurturing skills such as reading a short story to calm a fussy baby.

Arline stated, "I have gained many insights from this experience, and the Program has allowed me to assist beautiful mothers who are talented but just chose the wrong path." The Program also demonstrates some worthwhile benefits of tax revenues well spent. When asked to sum up what volunteering means to her, she replied, "It is an unselfish act that I enjoy doing."

Sarasota First Step has been in existence since 1985. Due to the long-term dedication of the volunteers in the Mother and Infant Program, there is little turnover. However, there are still volunteer opportunities available elsewhere within the First Step Program. ■

## REAL ESTATE CORNER By Barb Gahry

Every now and again, I am asked by my neighbors, "How's the real estate market?" My immediate answer is GREAT...for buyers, that is. But it is clear that we receive mixed messages from the media on a daily basis. One day, "Home Building is on the Mend", the next, "Home Construction Sinks to the Lowest Level Yet" or "Market Slows as Buyers Get Picky" and then "Is a Housing Shortage Looming?" In the July issue of Sarasota Association of Realtors' (SAR) magazine, the headline was "Sarasota real estate market at highest level since 2005; prices remain stable". The headline for August: "Property sales again reach the highest level of the year in June 2010". Sarasota's home sales actually increased by 35% in June according to SAR, and prices, in general, did not decrease to any significant degree.

Media coverage generally reports on the national picture or the Florida market, as a whole. BUT real estate is not only localized, it can also vary from neighborhood to neighborhood. For example, Rivendell saw a significant increase in the number of sales from 1/1/2010 to 6/30/2010. There were 22 homes that sold as opposed to 12 in the same period last year. Yet, Willowbend only had 6 sales from 1/1/2010 to 6/30/2010 as compared to last year when 14 were sold.

As of this writing, there are 15 homes in Rivendell in the foreclosure process. Many of these are not being sold through a short sale and are sitting empty and deteriorating over time. Sales prices are, unfortunately, affected by short sales and by foreclosures. It is projected we will not see home prices increasing until 2012.

The good news is that the Sarasota real estate market has shown that it is stronger in sales than many other areas of the country and other areas of Florida. The National Association of Realtors recently reported an 8.9-month supply of housing inventory nationally. The Sarasota Association of Realtors' recent report is that there is a 6.6-month supply. Six months is considered a normal market with the number of buyers and sellers becoming equalized. ■

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **The Sarasota County Government**

website lists several opportunities for life long learning:  
<http://sunecat.co.sarasota.fl.us/lifelonglearning.aspx>

- **The Adult and Community Education Center**

[www.ace-sarasota.com](http://www.ace-sarasota.com)

The Adult and Community Education Center provides classes in Art Appreciation, Crafts, Dance, Drawing, Sports, Picture Matting & Framing, Music Appreciation, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, Theater, Literature, Environmental, Self-Improvement, Cuisine, History, Foreign Language, Digital Photo, Ebay, and Computers.

- **John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art**

[www.ringling.org](http://www.ringling.org)

The Museum offers "in gallery" sessions, formal lectures, and multi day programs that focus on the Museum's collections as well as traveling exhibitions. The docent corps is an additional opportunity by providing ongoing training to these individuals who provide visitors with a personal link to the Ringling experience.

- **Pierian Spring Academy**

[www.PierianSpringAcademy.org](http://www.PierianSpringAcademy.org)

The Pierian Spring Academy provides quality level, low-cost, non-credit academic courses. Courses cover content from the humanities, sciences, and the arts and are taught by qualified academicians and recognized experts. Courses and related lectures are offered during the fall and winter. Classes are held at G.WIZ and Argosy University and meet for two hours per week and vary in length from 4 to 12 weeks. Call 941-716-2471.

- **Ringling School of Art and Design**

[www.ringling.edu/continuingstudies](http://www.ringling.edu/continuingstudies)

Ringling School's Continuing Studies offers non-credit classes and workshops in art studio, design, computer arts, and history. Certificate Programs as well as PreCollege Perspective, Visiting Artist Workshops, Art Travel, and Retreats are available. C.E.U's are available for recertification requirements in several professional fields.

- **Sarasota County Libraries**

[www.sclibs.net](http://www.sclibs.net)

All Sarasota County Libraries offer informational and cultural programs, discussion groups, and displays for the public. Offerings vary from library to library. Events are listed in newspapers, website, and at libraries.

- **Sarasota County Parks and Recreation**

[www.parksonline.scgov.net](http://www.parksonline.scgov.net)

Sarasota County Parks & Recreation offers a wide range of educational and leisure activities at our many recreation centers and parks for all ages ranging from informational to fitness to music to nature activities.

- **Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning**

<http://sillsarasota.org>

The Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning (SILL) offers a series of lectures in various disciplines January through March in the following areas: Music; Arts and Humanities; Contemporary Public Issues; International Challenges; and International Affairs Seminars. Lectures are also held in Venice. Prices are minimum.

- **State College of Florida (formerly Manatee Community College)**

[www.mccfl.edu/CommunityEd](http://www.mccfl.edu/CommunityEd)

MCC Corporate and Community Development (CCD) provides quality learning through noncredit continuing education, community services and credit-related activities. Course offerings are based upon the interests and needs of the community. Schedules vary each term at locations in Manatee and Sarasota counties and online.

- **U.S.F. Academy for Lifelong Learning**

[www.sarasota.usf.edu/senioracademy](http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/senioracademy)

USF provides educational programs covering a broad spectrum of topics. Areas of emphasis include Science, Fine Arts, Politics and History, Foreign Language, Practical Arts, Literary and Performing Arts.

- **University of Florida/IFAS - Sarasota County Extension**

<http://sarasota.extension.ufl.edu>

The Sarasota County Extension Service provides practical education and information services in: Integrated Agricultural Management, Environment & Natural Resources, Horticulture, Family & Consumer Sciences, 4-H/Youth Development, Florida House Learning Center, Sustainability, and Community Gardens Projects. ■

## A New Place to Visit

The Chihuly Collection presented by the Morean Arts Center is a stunning, permanent collection of world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly's unique glass artwork. The Collection is located on the St. Petersburg waterfront along Beach Drive; it opened July 2010.

The exhibit is unique as it is the first installation of Chihuly art in a building designed specifically for that purpose - art and architecture working together to create a visitor experience unlike any other exhibition of Chihuly's art. The Collection includes Chihuly's spectacular large-scale installations such as Ruby Red Icicle Chandelier.

The Collection is open seven days a week and docent-led tours are available every half-hour on the quarter hour beginning at 10:15 am. To enhance your experience, go to the Morean Arts Center Glass Studio & Hot Shop where you can watch glassblowers create one-of-a-kind pieces, have your own personal glass blowing experience, and shop for unique glass art created by local and regional artists. The Glass Studio & Hot Shop is at the main Morean Arts Center facility less than a mile from the Chihuly Collection.

There are a limited number of public, metered parking spots so visitors are encouraged to park at the Dolphin Parking lot on the Pier (East end of 2nd Ave N), and take the Central Avenue Shuttle and the Looper Trolley. Some places to eat include: 400 Beach Drive Seafood & Tap House, the official restaurant for the Chihuly Collection, Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club, Marchard's Bar and Grill, Alfresco's Promenade Lounge and Coffee Bar, and Fred's Steakhouse.

Other restaurants near the Chihuly Collection on Beach Drive & Morean Arts Center on Central include: MFA Café, Moon Under Water, NOLA Café, Parkshore Grill, Cassis American Brasserie, Fresco's Waterfront Bistro, Ceviche Tapas Bar & Restaurant, Columbia Restaurant, Savannah's Café, and The Garden Restaurant. ■

Chihuly Collection St. Petersburg Florida  
400 Beach Drive 727-896-4527

[http://moreanartscenter.org/chihuly/page.php?cat\\_id=9](http://moreanartscenter.org/chihuly/page.php?cat_id=9)

## SERVICE PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS

**Premier Dentistry of Sarasota**, is located at 2477 Stickney Point Road, Suite 100A, Sarasota, (in "The Office Park" at the intersection of Gateway Avenue and Stickney Point Road). Phone: 941-924-7571 or <http://www.premierdentistry.com>. We highly recommend our dentist, Jason J. Swartz, D.M.D., and his competent staff for your dental care. *Pam and Brian Babbitt*

**Irrigation Services**, 941-737-5207. We recently had a terrific experience with Mike Getzen; he was very efficient as well as reasonable. *Elaine and Allen Roeter*

**Sammy Mizel, palm tree removal expert**, 407/383-2427. Sammy has been removing Washingtonia Palms in the common areas of The Cottages. Individual homeowners are welcome to contact Sammy for similar work. *Mike Georgopolis*

**Shear Paradise Salon**, located in the Bay Street Village and Town Center, is owned by Debbie Helm, a Rivendell resident. The salon offers hair and nail services. There is also a specialist who provides makeup, facials and waxing services. The staff is friendly, on time for appointments and are accommodating as can be! For a relaxing environment and exceptional staff, schedule a visit to Shear Paradise. 941-918-222. <http://shearparadisosalon.net/staff.html> *Barb Gahry*

**Colonial Roofing, 706-2444**. Chris Knox, Sarasota Branch Manager, did an excellent job of repairing a serious leak in our roof last December. He analyzed the problem expertly, examined the relevant area personally, and best of all, emailed us **photos** along with his written proposal. The work was done professionally. Best bottom line – the roof has not leaked since! *Linda and Robert Pearlstein*

**Pool Cleaning, 918-0460. Nigel Day (cell: 780-4891 home: 918-0460)**. Nigel Day has been taking care of our pool for the past two years. We find him enormously efficient, punctual, neat, and extremely courteous. If for some reason he is unable to take care of our pool on our specified day he is very good about rescheduling and always gives us a heads-up about his vacation time. If anyone is in need of pool maintenance, I would highly recommend Nigel. *John and Ellen Popp* ■

### Service Provider Recommendations for Updated Edition

The Communications Committee is updating the **Service Provider Recommendation List**. Send us 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](mailto:judysokal@gmail.com)**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**BABYSITTER** -- 10th grade Pine View female student available for babysitting. Former camp counselor and CPR-certified. Please call **Molly Benkaim** at 941-961-3385.

**COMPUTER SERVICES** -- Do you need help with your computer? Problems you don't know how to fix? Or do you want to learn new skills? Then contact me, **Michael Adler**. I have been using computers my whole life, and have years of experience helping people. I have been working on the tech support team at Pine View for the last 2 years. I can make using your computer easy and headache-free. I have low rates, and am available every day of the week. I also work with cell phones, printers, cameras, etc. I live right here in Rivendell, on Shadow Bay Way. Cell: **(941)400-2455**. Email: [Michael@adlermail.com](mailto:Michael@adlermail.com)

**LAMPPOST LIGHT SOLUTION** -- If you are gone and receive a violation letter - here is a solution: a Rivendell resident can help! Call **Bill Bloom** at **918-8386**.

**Light Staying On:** \$40 includes all materials and labor for photo sensor replacement.

**Light Bulb Burned Out:** \$12 includes new light bulb and installation.

(Other services available on request.)

## Babysitting Opportunities

If you are interested in providing babysitting/child care, please submit your name and contact information to Judy Sokal at [judysokal@gmail.com](mailto:judysokal@gmail.com).

The **Woodlands Word** will post your information in the October issue.

When residents contact you, be prepared to tell them your qualifications (how many times have you provided child care; what you charge per child per hour; and also be able to provide the names and phone numbers of people who can provide a recommendation for you).

Visit these helpful web sites:

- Babysitter Safety – What Parents and Sitters Need to Know .

<http://www.med.umich.edu/yourchild/topics/babysit.htm>

- Look at and/or print a Babysitter Handbook. This site also lists possible games and activities.

<http://www.youthonline.ca/babysitting/>

Check with the local YMCA, 4-H, and Red Cross offices for babysitting courses and certification.

## BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE by

### Marilyn Probert

The book group will meet on Monday September 13th to discuss "*Cutting for Stone*," a medical novel by Abraham Verghese. The lives of identical twins Shiva and Marion Stone are played out against a backdrop of love and betrayal and the terrible price they can exact. Pam Babbitt will lead the discussion at the home of Elaine Roeter, 1133 Scherer Way. Please call Elaine at 966-9816 if you'd like to participate.

"*The Space Between Us*" by Thrity Umrigar will be the topic on Monday, October 11. This novel, set in Bombay, India, concerns the close friendship of Sera, a well-to-do matron, and her housekeeper Bhima. Mirinda Roy, 757 Placid Lake Drive, phone 918-2740, will host the meeting; I will be discussion leader.

Tom Fulks, a Sarasota resident, is the author of "*Heresy? The Five Lost Commandments*." A group of doctoral students learn of the existence of five more commandments. If added to the first ten, these would make up the entire natural law of humanity, but conflicts and complications arise. We will discuss this novel at the November 8th meeting.

The Book 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. ■

## Tire Blowouts in Hot Weather

### Courtesy of Ed Lin

An accident can be the dangerous result of losing control of a car if a tire blows out.

It is important to:

- 1) Check the age of your tires to ensure that they are not more than 6 years old. This is crucial and its importance cannot be overstated. Watch <http://abcnews.go.com/Video/playerIndex?id=4826897>
- 2) Understand how the car will behave when there is a tire blowout and be prepared to do your best to compensate for the loss of control.
- 3) Ensure that your car tires are properly inflated. Substantial over-inflation (by 5 to 10 psi, pounds per square inch, or more) can cause a blow out since the tire gets hotter with travel. The more worn the tire (thin tread), the more likely a tire blowout will occur.



Remember to check for tire manufacture date, since old tires become brittle and can fall apart. Over-inflation by 2 to 3 psi above the manufacturer's recommended pressure will decrease roll resistance and result in better fuel mileage and is not sufficient to cause a blow out. Under-inflation causes overheating of the tire, which can lead to separation of the plies of tire, leading to a blowout.

When a blowout occurs:

- 1) Immediately stop accelerating, but do not step on the brake.
- 2) Grip the steering wheel firmly and steadily steer the car into the spin to regain control - in much the same way one would steer when fishtailing on ice. The key is to remain calm and not over-react. Hard swerving of the steering wheel only increases the chance of a rollover. ■

### 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.

### 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](mailto:judysokal@gmail.com)

and share your trip experiences.

We'll do our best to include your adventures.

### Fertilizer Regulations

(Reprinted from WW October 2008)

**Sarasota County's fertilizer law aims to cut down on the amount of pollution getting into area waterways.**

**Here is a look at what it calls for:**

- It prohibits residents from applying fertilizers that contain nitrogen or phosphorus between June 1 and Sept. 30.
- It sets maximum levels for the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus that legal fertilizers can contain.
- It sets a fertilizer-free zone within 10 feet of any body of water and creates a voluntary "low maintenance zone" within 6 feet of water bodies.
- It recommends use of "slow release fertilizers."
- It requires fertilizer application companies to create a training course.
- It has penalties for violators

<http://www.scgov.net/EnvironmentalServices/Water/SurfaceWater/documents/121107FertilizerBrochure.pdf>

### 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.

### 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](mailto:CindyCWS1@aol.com)

## Architectural Review Committee Minutes for July 27, 2010

*Editors Note: The Woodlands Word staff is not responsible for spelling errors, poor punctuation or grammar, language or content. The minutes are printed here as they were received,*

Attendees: Barry McClure, Frank Pafumi, Allen Roeter, Gwen Stepien, John Greco - Board Liaison

Old Business: Approval of ARC minutes from June 29, 2010

The Arc meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of Committee members present

The minutes of June 29, 2010 of Rivendell's ARC was unanimously approved as written.

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

Application from **537 Meadow Sweet Circle**. Removal of two Washingtonia Palms from front of property. Replace with two Foxtail Palms.

**Unanimously Approved** – Motion to approve by Frank Pafumi, Seconded by Allen Roeter

Application from **757 Placid Lake Drive**. Replace aluminum hurricane panels on front bay window with clear lexan panels, and replace front door with white accordion shutter.

**Unanimously Approved** – Motion to approve by Allen Roeter, Seconded by Gwen Stepien

Application from **504 Meadow Sweet Circle**. Removal of oversized magnolia from front property.

**Unanimously Approved** – Motion to approve by Frank Pafumi, Seconded by Allen Roeter

Application from **804 Shadow Bay Way**. To install Well on left side of property. Landscaping must cover well from sight at front of property.

**Unanimously Approved** – Motion to approve by Gwen Stepien, Seconded by Allen Roeter

Application from **534 Meadow Sweet Circle**. Removal of ixora plants and juniper plants and replace with grass – either sod or plugs.

**Discussion:** Rivendell guidelines stipulate that lawns are to be sodded and not plugged. An investigation into this guideline by the ARC at this meeting revealed that it is not a deed restriction nor a Board Standing Rule, but originated from the development builders, pertaining to "home sites" which were to be sodded and not plugged. The ARC interpretation of this guideline is that it was intended to be applied to new construction on the lots, providing a complete lawn for the entire land site in a short period of time. Thus it should not constrain a homeowner of an existing lot from utilizing plugs on a small area of the lawn,

to repair damage or provide small area coverage – which is the case in this application. Therefore sod or plugs maybe used at the owners discretion for the area noted in the application.

**Unanimously Approved** – Motion to approve by Frank Pafumi, Seconded by John Greco

Application from **775 Fordingbridge Way**. Remove one Live Oak Tree due to roots heaving up decorative curbing and irrigation pipes. Replace with small Palm Tree.

**Unanimously put on hold** until next ARC meeting, pending further investigation and discussion with the homeowner.

Application from **541 Meadow Sweet Circle**. To add hardscape flagstone walkways from gateway entrance to lanai adjoining back pavers by the double slider doors – use of stepping stones to be placed for sitting area.

**Unanimously Approved** – Motion to approve by John Greco, Seconded by Allen Roeter

Application from **1112 Mallard Marsh Drive**. Plant two Crepe Myrtle trees in back yard.

**Unanimously Approved** – Motion to approve by Gwen Stepien, Seconded by Allen Roeter

Application from **702 Anna Hope Lane**. Removal of Shefflera, root growing under the patio, which will destroy pavers, and patio. Also remove bougainvillea growing against side of house.

**Unanimously Approved** – Motion to approve by John Greco, Seconded by Gwen Stepien

Application from **719 Shadow Bay Way**. To paint exterior of house, shutters and front door.

**Unanimously Approved** – Motion to approve by Barry McClure, Seconded by Allen Roeter

The Rivendell ARC meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

**Date for next ARC meeting, August 31, 2010 at 6:00 pm**

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Minutes of June 2, 2010 Meeting

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors was scheduled at 6:00 P.M. at Bentley's 1660 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL.

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Adler at 6:00 P.M.

Notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association and the requirements of Florida statutes.

The following Directors were present: Mark Adler, Bob Gilliland, John Greco, Mary Marryott, and Tom Shola ▶

A quorum was declared to be present.

Mr. Adler announced his resignation as President. A motion was made by Mr. Adler and seconded by Mr. Gililland

**MOTION 10-34:** to accept Mr. Adler's resignation and appoint John Greco as President and to have Mr. Adler assume the Vice President position. Motion passed.

Mr. Greco introduced himself as President and because of the most recent holiday celebration of Memorial Day; the members took a moment of silence.

Mr. Greco made a motion and Mr. Adler seconded

**MOTION 10-35:** to adopt the agenda for the June 2, 2010 Board of Director's Meeting. Motion passed.

Mr. Greco made a motion and Mr. Gililland seconded

**MOTION 10-36:** to adopt Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised as the rules that will govern the conduct of all future meetings of the Board. The Parliamentarian is the chair, which will be John Greco (President). Motion passed.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Gililland and seconded by Mr. Greco, the Board approved the April 7th Minutes as presented.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Mr. Gililland provided a report, (see attachment #1).

Mr. Gililland reported the annual audit was completed on time per Florida Statue Statues.

The tax return was completed with the 1120 H form filed on time. No taxes were owed.

A motion was by Mr. Gililland and seconded by Mr. Greco

**MOTION 10-37:** to approve the write-off of accounts #147 and #2146, which the association's attorney said are uncollectible (approximately \$3,000) against the allowance for doubtful accounts. Motion passed.

**OWNER COMMENTS,** some subjects of comments were:

- Filing liens
- Addressing all association matters to Lighthouse Management
- Conduct and respect during meetings
- Having Committee meetings in a neutral location rather than residents homes
- Posting Board motions so owners have an opportunity to comment
- Status of entry way gardens
- Transparency by Board/Board responding to e-mails
- Lilly pads in the Ponds/appearance of Lakes

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

Communications Committee, Judy Sokal reported the directories were very successfully distributed with the help of Barbara Gahry. The new website is efficient and there is a great environmental section. The delivery of the Woodlands Word had issues that have been sorted out with the carrier from the Pelican Press. New ideas for the news columns are welcome.

Webmaster, Mr. Shola reported last month's meeting minutes will be made available.

Emergency Response, Mr. Shola reported the recertification will be conducted on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Nokomis fire Department and e-mails will be sent to inform everyone. The website will be updated somewhat with information in the banner screen. Mr. Shola explained the definition of CERT: Community Emergency Response Team and their function are to be the first responders in an emergency situation.

Architectural Review Committee, Barry McClure reported the committee reviewed 21 total applications. There were 19 for landscape, 1 for painting, and 1 for hurricane shutters. Several of the applications were for the removal of palm trees, which is an initiative the Cottages had started. In the month of June residents will not need to apply for ARC approval if owners are replacing frost-damaged plants with the same size plants. The regular application process will resume in July.

Pool Committee, Ms. Marryott reported bids have been obtained to paint the pool deck and trellis, which were within the same price range. Ms. Marryott made a motion and Mr. Gililland seconded

**MOTION 10-38:** to approve the expense not to exceed \$3,000 to paint the pool deck. Motion passed.

Ms. Marryott reported proposals have been obtained for the installation of a new gate enclosure along with some other minor items. A motion was made by Ms. Marryott and seconded by Mr. Gililland

**MOTION 10-39:** to approve the expense not to exceed \$5,000 to replace the gate enclosure at the pool. Motion passed.

Landscape Committee, Mr. Gililland provided a report. The following items were addressed:

1. Lake edges and Parks were cleaned up.
2. Thirty trees trimmed on Rivendell Blvd. on the North side.
3. Landscape contractor performance monitored. Fertilizer applied 13-0-13 slow release with micronutrients.
4. New Projects: replacement of butterfly gardens killed by frost and trimming of 91 palm trees.

Request: "Landscape projects under \$10,000 for replacement of plants and grass, which do not exceed the landscape budget do not need additional approval by the Board."



Mr. Gililand made a motion and Mr. Shola seconded

**MOTION 10-40:** landscape projects under \$10,000 for replacement of plants and grass, which do not exceed the landscape budget do not need additional approval by the Board as long as at least two bids are obtained. Ms. Marryott suggested the amount be reduced to \$5,000.

After discussion, Mr. Gililand amended the motion and Mr. Shola seconded

**MOTION 10-41:** to amend the previous dollar amount of Motion 10-40 to \$5,000. Motion to amend passed.

**MOTION 10-40** Passed as amended with a \$5,000 limitation

Finance and Procurement, no report.

Environmental Committee, Mr. Heckert reported a meeting will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Greco reported that since the lakes have become such an issue a Committee should be appointed to develop a scope of work to bid out the lake management. A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Gililand

**MOTION 10-42:** to form a Special Committee to develop a scope of work that can be used to put the lakes management contract out to bid. The chair will be Mr. Bill Bloom, the Board liaison to be Director Shola and up to three additional members to be appointed by the president. Motion passed.

Management offered to assist in providing initial resources to the Committee to expedite this process.

Management Report, Kyanne Merrill of Lighthouse Management provided a report (see attachment #3). After discussion about mailboxes it was determined that information will be provided in the Woodlands Word relative to mailbox repairs.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Status of Restoration Plan Re: County Notice of Violations in Preserve Areas, Mr. Shola reported the completion of the plantings in the effected areas will be this week. The monitoring phases will begin and will continue for a considerable amount of time. The deadline to meet the requirements of the County is June 15<sup>th</sup> and has been completed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Legal Representation, a motion was made to Mr. Adler and seconded by Mr. Shola

**MOTION 10-43:** to hire Kevin Wells, PA and dismiss Dan Lobeck, PA with gratitude for all association business including collections.

The Board discussed having a Special Meeting for the Board to meet with Kevin Wells to discuss litigation matters. The motion was withdrawn and the matter was tabled until after the Special Meeting with Kevin Wells.

Discussion of Rollover funds, Mr. Gililand made a motion and Mr. Shola seconded

**MOTION 10-44:** to revise the budget by reallocating the rollover funds as follows:

- Legal increase by \$12,000
- Lake Maintenance increased by \$12,000 for lake clean-up
- \$20,000 allocated to wetland restoration (new account #7840)
- Landscape service/replacement be increased by \$10,000 and the remainder of \$15,000 be left as rollover to cover contingencies

After discussion, the Board agreed to table the matter. Motion did not pass.

A motion was made by Mr. Gililand and seconded by Mr. Shola

**MOTION 10-45:** to approve the expense of \$15,000 be moved from Landscaping Contract to Wetlands/Environmental to cover mowing of the back of the lakes and top of the bridges or repair of pig damage where necessary. Motion passed.

Mr. Gililand confirmed bids will be obtained for these projects.

Mr. Gililand made a motion and Mr. Shola seconded

**MOTION 10-46:** to approve, at the recommendation of the auditor to have legal council review changing the name on the reserve account from "Road Reserve Maintenance" to "Pool Parking lot". Motion passed.

Mr. Gililand made a motion and Mr. Adler seconded

**MOTION 10-47:** to have Management obtain bids on having a professional reserve study done to check the adequacy of our reserve accounts to cover replacements. Motion passed.

Mr. Gililand made a motion and Mr. Shola seconded

**MOTION 10-48:** to instruct Management to refund Phase I of \$1586 to the members of RCA during the next billing cycle to clear these funds. Motion passed.

Mr. Gililand made a motion and Mr. Shola seconded

**MOTION 10-49:** to approve the expense of \$4,000 from the General Contingency Reserve to replace the existing pump shed which is not on our reserve schedule. Motion passed.

Mr. Gililand made a motion and Mr. Shola seconded

**MOTION 10-50:** to approve an e-survey of our members to gather comments on various issues related to our community with review of the survey questions by all Board members prior to distribution. Ms. Marryott was opposed. Mr. Adler abstained. Motion passed with a 3-1 vote.



Reformation of RCA Committees, after lengthy discussion a motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Shola

**MOTION 10-51:** that all standing committees, with the exception of the ARC, be dissolved but that the existing Chairs and Board Liaisons be retained.

The following rules for the formation of Standing Committees will apply:

- All standing committees will have a minimum of 3 and maximum of 7 members. Committees shall have a chairperson and shall include at least one member of the Board who will also serve as Liaison to the Board.
- Committee members will have a term of 1 year, unless terminated earlier by a vote of the Board.
- Volunteers for membership on committees will be asked to apply at the beginning of each year by submitting their bio and objectives to the Board
- Members and the Chairs of committees will be selected by a vote of the Board.

Ms. Marryott made a motion to table the matter until the November meeting after some of the current projects have been completed. There was no second. Motion did not pass.

After discussion, Mr. Greco amended the motion

**MOTION 10-52:** to amend the motion to read "All standing committees will have a minimum of 3 and a maximum number of members to be determined by the chair and Board liaison." Motion to amend passed.

**MOTION 10-51** Passed as amended with a 4-1 vote.

Ms. Marryott was opposed.

Scheduling of Next Meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Adler

**MOTION 10-52:** to approve scheduling regular meetings to be held quarterly and call Special Board meetings as needed. Ms. Marryott was opposed. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

The next regular meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Kyanne Merrill  
Managing Agent

Dated: This 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010 ■

## Trash Too Early is Unsightly

Sarasota County Ordinance states that collection containers and other items should NOT be placed at the curb before 5:00 pm of the day *before* your scheduled collection day. Containers must be removed from the curb by 10 am the day after collection and stored inside the garage, on the side of, or behind the house. You may call Solid Waste Code Enforcement to report code violations at 861-5000.

Neighbors who place their trash out days In advance make our neighborhood look terrible and attracts animals. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

For the exact wording:  
Sarasota County Code of Ordinances  
CHAPTER 106 SOLID WASTE  
ARTICLE II.  
COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING\*  
Sec. 106-47. Responsibilities of the customers.  
<http://library8.municode.com>

## Hurricane Shutter Regulations Summarized

Clear (Lexan) hurricane shutters may remain up on the front of a house or street side of a corner house throughout the hurricane season, which lasts from June 1 to November 30.

Clear shutters or those painted to match the house or trim may remain up on other parts of the house that are visible from a street, alley or other home.

Any other shutters that are visible from a street, alley or other home may go up within 10 days of the expected arrival of a hurricane, and must come down within 2 weeks following a hurricane.

Because the amended hurricane shutter restriction gives every homeowner the ability to protect his or her house whether here or away, the new deed restriction will be strictly enforced.

(For exact wording consult *Rivendell Community Directory 2010*, p.9, 4.09 Hurricane Shutters)

continued from page 1 "New Rivendell Website"

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.

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

## **Rivendell Treasurer Report ending April 30, 2010**

April revenues were \$105,454.59, with expenses of \$85,458.20 for the same period. We currently have a surplus of \$19,996.39.

Reserve Funds total \$169,653.92. All Reserves are invested in CD's or money market funds.

Respectively submitted, 6/02/2010  
Bob Gililand, Treasurer

## **LIGHTHOUSE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC. Manager's Report 6.2.10**

### On Site/Maintenance-

- Streetlights in Median repaired by Smith Electric- 4.8.10
- Property inspection- 4.14.10
- Pump basket for pool replaced by Southwest Pools- 4.16.10
- Compliance follow-up check- 4.19.10
- Property inspection, met with Pool Committee and 2 companies to bid on entrance/gate modifications- 4.27.10
- Property inspection, posted agenda- 5.3.10
- Property inspection- 5.7.10
- Property inspection, follow up check on several compliance issues- 5.13.10
- Property inspection- 5.21.10
- Property inspection, posted agenda- 5.28.10

### Administrative-

- Forwarded financials to Board for review
- Forwarded draft agenda to board for review
- Forwarded draft minutes for review
- Forwarded ARC requests to committee-weekly

- Forwarded approved minutes to Ms. Babbitt for publishing in the newsletter
- Obtained paint specifications for pool deck from Sherwin Williams
- Contacted Mirasol regarding solar panels- the tech met with Mr. Faessler onsite.
- Contacted Sarasota County regarding lifted sidewalk in front of 908 Scherer Way.
- Forwarded requested copy of management contract and D&O policy to attorney's office
- Set up new contact information with Nanak Landscaping's account manager.
- Obtained 3 bids for repainting pool deck and trellises. Forward to Pool committee.
- Contacted Nanak's regarding bushes around pool area and drainage by pool heater

### Correspondence-

- Letters sent to homeowners regarding submitted ARC forms
- Year end financials mailed to owners upon request
- Letter sent to owner in Willowbend regarding barking dogs.
- Mailed the audit and auditor's report to Mr. Gililand

### Compliance-

- 1060-dead grass in side yard around bushes. Final notice sent 4/5/10. Board to decide if they want to start fining.
- Compliance letters mailed to homeowners. 51 Total.

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| Roof/Fence                           | 8  |
| Dogs-barking                         | 1  |
| Yard Condition/Weeds/Palm Fronds     | 18 |
| For Sale signs                       | 1  |
| Garbage Cans                         | 2  |
| Mailbox                              | 2  |
| Lights                               | 15 |
| Trucks                               | 1  |
| Basketball hoop/play equip./yard art | 3  |

Kyanne Merrill, CAM  
Managing Agent

## Road Rambles: Snook Haven Retreat

by Nancy Wettlaufer

Snook Haven Restaurant and Fish Camp offer a little of something for everyone. Entertainment throughout the year, food, river cruises, canoe and kayak rentals, and of course a gift shop! Visit them on-line. Directions From I 75: 1) get off exit 191, River Road; 2) See the sign about 1 mile down on the left; and 3) Turn Left onto a dirt road and go straight until the end.



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## 2010 Atlantic Hurricane Names

By Matt Rosenberg, About.com Guide

<http://geography.about.com/od/physicalgeography/a/2010hurricane.htm>

Below you will find the listing of hurricane names for the Atlantic Ocean for the year 2010. For every year, there is a pre-approved list of names. These lists have been generated by the National Hurricane Center since 1953. At first, the lists consisted of only female names; however, since 1979, the lists alternate between male and female.

Hurricanes are named alphabetically from the list in chronological order. Thus the first tropical storm or hurricane of the year has a name that begins with "A" and the second is given the name that begins with "B." The lists contain hurricane names that begin from A to W, but exclude names that begin with a "Q" or "U."

There are six lists that continue to rotate. The lists only change when there is a hurricane that is so devastating that another hurricane name replaces it. Thus, the 2010-hurricane name list is the same as the 2004 hurricane list although four hurricane names were retired after the devastating 2004 hurricane season. So on the 2010 list Charley was replaced by Colin, Frances was replaced by Fiona, Ivan was replaced by Igor, and Jeanne was replaced by Julia.

### 2010 Hurricane Names

**Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Igor, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Matthew, Nicole, Otto, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tomas, Virginie, Walter.**

In the event that more than 21 named hurricanes occur in the Atlantic in a season, additional storms will take names from the Greek alphabet: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.

## Peter Wilson

Peter Wilson passed away on Aug. 16, 2010. He and his wife Doreen lived on Mallard Marsh Drive since 2001. Peter was a wonderful man who was liked and respected by everyone who knew him.

He contributed greatly to our community. As the developer left us few documents at turnover, Peter established a relationship with Sarasota County officials and obtained key documents and maps of Rivendell for the community. He chaired the Landscape Committee for 3 years, and remained a committee member thereafter. As a retired engineer, he utilized his professional skills to plan and oversee the addition of street lighting on Rainbow Point Way and Mallard Marsh Drive. Peter was a key member of the Landscape Committee from the outset to the present.

Doreen and Peter organized the Woodlands Circle Dinners, which provided a way for neighbors to meet at monthly dinners at each other's houses. These dinners lasted until 2006. Peter's other activities included membership on the Osprey Revitalization Committee, St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the Sarasota British Club. An avid gardener, he contributed greatly to Selby Gardens as a volunteer there, winning awards for his hibiscus plants. Peter and Doreen also volunteered at a number of the local theatres. We shall all miss Peter, and extend our sincere condolences to Doreen.

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By Denny Arant

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## Did You Know

### Gut Bacteria Causes Weight Gain submitted by Ed Lin

Source: Washington Univ. in St. Louis

Switching from a low-fat, plant-based diet to one high in fat and sugar alters the collection of microbes living in the gut in less than a day, with obesity-linked microbes suddenly thriving, according to research at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. The study was based on transplants of human intestinal microbes into germ-free mice.

Over time, humanized mice on the junk food diet became obese. Their weight gain was in lock step with dramatic shifts in the types of intestinal bacteria present compared to mice on a low-fat diet. Using DNA sequencing technology, the researchers found that mice on the high-fat, high-sugar diet had more microbes and microbial genes devoted to extracting calories from their "western" diet. These microbial genes were turned on when the mice were switched to the diet high in fat and sugar.

"Pinpointing triggers of obesity or malnutrition in humans is hard because there's a host of factors - genetic, cultural and environmental, such as diet - that are extremely difficult to control," says senior author Jeffrey Gordon, director of Washington University's Center for Genome Sciences. "Recreating the human gut ecosystem in mice gives us a way to control these variables. The information gained from these studies allows us to develop hypotheses that we can test in humans." Researchers can use these humanized mice to discover the types of microbes that bloom in response to particular diets, with the goal of identifying a new class of probiotics that aid in the digestion of certain foods and nutrients.

After one month on the low-fat, plant-based diet, half the mice were switched to a high-fat, high-sugar "western" diet. Stool samples from all the mice were analyzed 24 hours after the diet change and then again weekly for two months. Compared to mice on the low-fat, plant-based diet, mice on the western diet had a significantly greater proportion of two classes of gut bacteria, Erysipelotrichi and Bacilli, which both belong to a phylum of intestinal microbes called the Firmicutes, and a reduction in members of another phylum known as the Bacteroidetes - changes that Gordon's earlier studies have linked to obesity in mice and humans. Further, by sequencing the microbial DNA, the researchers determined that mice on the high-fat, high-sugar diet had a greater representation of microbial genes devoted to breaking down and processing simple sugars and other components of a western diet. They also showed these genes were activated in the mice eating the unhealthy diet. Interestingly, when the researchers transplanted the gut microbial communities of humanized obese mice to germ-free mice, the recipient mice gained weight and fat, even though they ate a low-fat, plant-based diet. The researchers also showed that gut microbes and their genes can be passed on from generation to generation, suggesting that it is possible for mothers to pass their microbial communities to their children.

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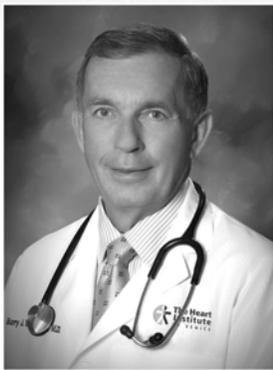


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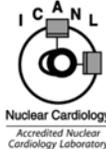
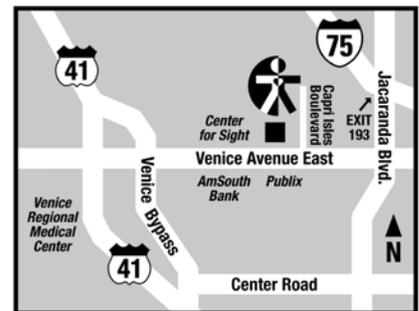
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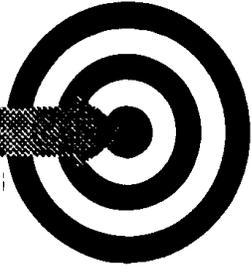


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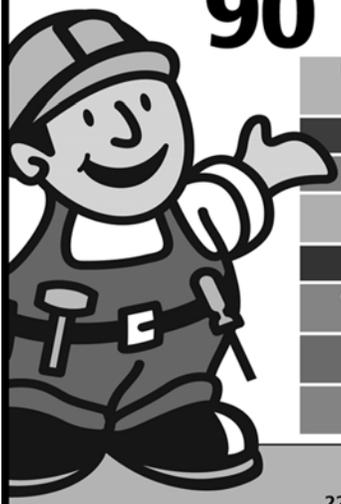


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