



# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

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## Highlights of June 2, 2011 Board Meeting

By Mary Kennedy

At its June meeting, the Board:

- Introduced Ken Heckert as the newly appointed Board member replacing Mark Adler;
- Submitted preliminary covenants document review proposal to attorney for cost estimate;
- Explained Aquagenix as vendor for management and maintenance of wetlands and preserves;
- Reviewed changes regarding installation of fence between Park Trace and Rivendell.

### Committee Reports

Communications Committee: A few residents did not receive the Woodlands Word on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Judy Sokal will contact *Pelican Press*; *OnTrac Publishing* has a decline in advertising clients. Residents can access *Woodlands Word* at Rivendell's current website - [http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal\\_login.html](http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html) (an incorrect website address was printed in 2011 Directory).

Landscape/Environmental: A review of vendors includes: Valley Crest Landscape for landscape and irrigation, Aquatic Systems Inc. for care of lakes and ponds, and new vendor Aquagenix for maintenance of preserves and wetlands.

1) Valley Crest Landscape focusing on median irrigation issues, developing three year plan of



## Landscape/Environmental Committee Report

By David Gill

As I write this in the first week of June, we have had a very dry month of May. The grass is turning yellow or brown, the lakes and ponds are down and have floating "stuff" on them, and today's *Herald Tribune* had an article about increased danger of wild fires. Hopefully, when you are reading this in the first week of July, the summer rains have begun. I will outline some highlights of current activity.

**Landscaping.** Valley Crest is continuing to mow, edge, and trim all common areas and next to most lakes and ponds. They have upgraded and adjusted irrigation heads in the front medians, around the pool and in some

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## Rivendell Board Meeting

NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE

Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

at 6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church of Osprey

Address: 265 North Tamiami Trail, Osprey

(just north of Bay Street traffic signal and on the west side of the street).

### Lighthouse Property Managers

A few changes  
have occurred  
at LHM.

Kyanne Merrill is still our  
main contact person.

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Shannon Banks is  
Kyanne's assistant.

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park areas. They have applied pesticides on turf in some areas and parks to control chinch bugs and fire ants. There will be a work order to control the grape vine growth in some parks. The Board has authorized up to \$6,000 to cover new plants in the 5 medians on Rainbow Point Blvd. The Committee is working to select plants and ground cover. Adjustments to irrigation and new mulch will complete the project. In Crescent Park, we are pursuing work orders and proposals to replace the trash can, repair the bulletin board, add mulch to the playground, re-stain the wood where needed, attack the weeds again and over-seed the bare areas in the turf. We are talking to a professional arborist to give us options and proposals to trim trees along our boulevards, both for this summer and as a three-year maintenance plan.

**Lakes and Ponds.** Aquatic Systems continues to work on 4-5 ponds per week to control the submersed and floating algae. It requires several treatments for the yellow, dead material to sink or dissolve. Blue dye has been added to some ponds to reduce sunlight that allows the algae to grow. A good heavy rain will help. We have also asked for proposals to control some types of excess shoreline weeds, reeds and cattails.

**Wetlands and Preserves.** Aquagenix has begun to cut and spray nuisance vines and exotic non-native species along Pine View Trail and in selected preserve areas. They will be here every month killing vines and controlling exotics in various preserve and buffer areas, as required by our permit with the Sarasota Resource Protection Department. They will also be in the preserves behind some homes assessing the progress of natural regrowth as a required follow-up to the Restoration Plan submitted to the County in 2010. If they need to do more work, they intend to try to contact the homeowners nearest the work area and explain what needs to be done. You can help by not allowing your grass and plantings to encroach into the preserve areas, or by cutting "anything" down in the preserve. If you have questions please contact Kyanne Merrill at Lighthouse Property Management and someone will get back to you.

The next meeting of the L/E Committee is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm**, probably at Dave Gill's home. Please call if you wish to attend or have constructive suggestions. Discussions will include: plantings at front entry, a long term plan to add a few young trees in selected parks, planting more Bahia grass to cover dead areas at some ponds, and additional mowing around some ponds.



**Pine View Trail Before Aquagenix began removing vines and non-native plants.**  
~ photo by Judy Sokal.



**Same area of trail after Aquagenix removed the vines and non-native plants.**  
~ photo by Judy Sokal.

maintenance, adhering to map of scheduled maintenance, mowing to lakes edge (high water line); Board approved \$6000.00 or less for new plants/grasses on Rainbow Point median; \$400.00 for Rainbow Point Park.

2) Aquatic Systems works on 3-4 lakes weekly on submerged vegetation and surface algae.

3) Aquagenix has begun removal of invasive non-Floridian vegetation in preserves, and wetlands.

Documents Modernization and Simplification: Joe Sefack presented the following preliminary recommendations prepared by himself, Dave Gill and Barry Portugal:

1. Revision of article 4, paragraph 4.02a regarding vacant, unoccupied homeowner property.

2. Remove unnecessary references to developer/declarant.

3. Edit restrictions that now may be illegal and /or obsolete.

4. Combine revised amendments and covenants into one document. Presently there are 51 pages in Covenants and 36 pages in Amendments.

- Course of action required for changes involves submission of proposed changes to an attorney, an allotment of funding from the Board, presentation of changes to community at large through a Town Meeting. Aim for completed document February 2012 (RCA Annual Meeting).
- Board discussion included concerns of obtaining a two-thirds approval for revisions, taking one issue such as dealing with abandoned properties instead of attempting to rewrite the entire document, determination of cost factors involved.

ARC: No report. Committee chair and John Greco, Board Liaison, absent.

Pool Committee: No report. Committee chair and John Greco, Board Liaison, absent.

Manager's Report: Pool clock repair addressed; ongoing liaison with Valley Crest Landscape.

### **New Business**

Aquagenix: The Board recently entered into a contract with a new vendor, Aquagenix, for management and maintenance of Rivendell's wetlands and preserves. \$1700 was also approved for "Creative Wetlands" to write a County-required one-year follow-up report on encroachment in preserve areas. The report must show evidence that Rivendell is actively removing invasive vegetation and restoring the five areas of offense previously sited by the County to their natural vegetative state.

Kyanne Merrill of Lighthouse emailed residents June 1st alerting them of Aquagenix's activities in the community. Michael Wright, Division Branch Manager/Wetlands Division, personally visited some of the homeowners to alert them about Aquagenix activities in the preserve buffer behind their homes.

### **Other Items**

Park Trace Fence: The approved and newly installed hog-wire fence running 200 feet between Park Trace and Rivendell has been removed. Park Trace residents contested its presence, called the County, and had the fence reviewed. A four-foot metal chain link fence running 400 feet will be installed in its place. Approved landscaping will be put in on Rivendell's side of the fence to help shield the fence and return the natural vegetative look at the north end of Loon Lake.

Solar Equipment: It has been decided to dispose of the solar power system. A-1 Electric will remove all components in exchange for their salvage value, leaving the five pumps for possible future community use.

### **Homeowners Discussion**

- Requested that Special Meetings convened by the Board be made known to the community at large.
- Requested clarification on who is responsible for alley repairs behind the Villas. It was determined that each Villa homeowner is financially responsible for the repair of the alley behind their property.
- Expressed concern regarding maintenance of Rivendell's fire hydrants. Kyanne Merrill will contact fire department regarding their maintenance schedule in Rivendell.

**Next Board Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, September 8, 2011** at 6:00 PM in the First Baptist Church, 265 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey. All homeowners are encouraged to attend the meeting.

## **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.

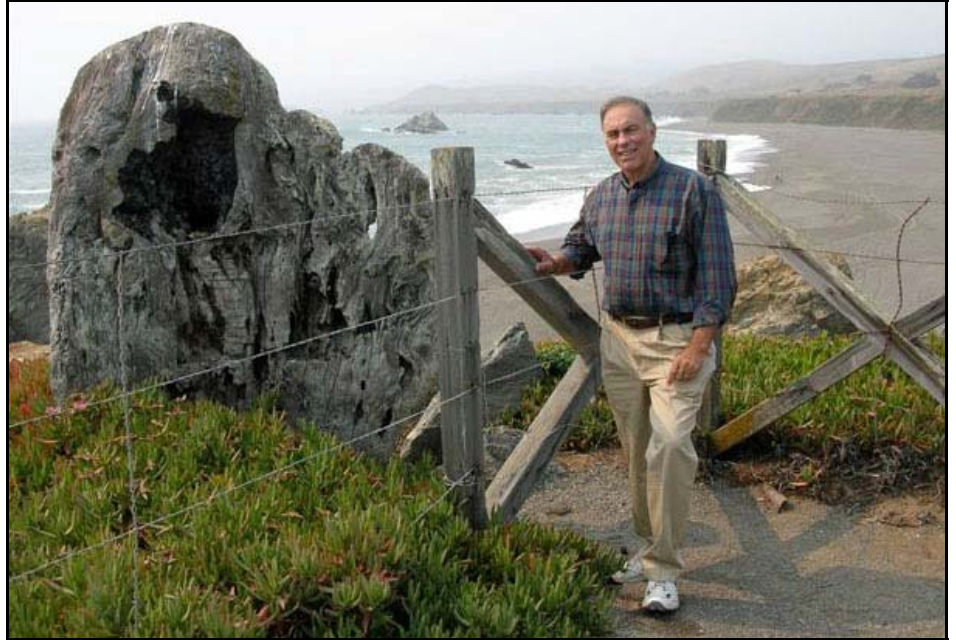
## Ken Heckert, our Newest Board of Directors Member

By Mike Bergman

When the Board needed to replace Director Mark Adler, who recently moved out of the community, they sought someone with the experience to step right in and lend a hand. Ken Heckert stood out for his accomplishments during his two-year tenure on the Board, from 2007-2009. As President, Ken had sought the advice and wisdom of Lloyd Keith, the head of our management company, Lighthouse. Mr. Keith held a seminar for the Board members, teaching the basics and legalities of governing a community. The Board was educated on its fiduciary responsibilities, and on the need to treat all of our residents equally and respectfully. Ken was also responsible for having County Commissioner Jon Thaxton speak at our annual meeting. As Board Treasurer, Ken helped shape our operating budget.

Ken's background makes him highly suitable for the Board position. After getting a BA degree at Duke University, he went on to earn an MBA in finance at the University of Delaware. He spent his career developing and implementing corporate information systems for DuPont, Sun Oil, Aetna Healthcare, and First Union Bank. Heckert's entire professional career was spent gathering information, analyzing facts, and sharing the information with others to broker consensus.

Ken was also a founder and past Chair of the Rivendell Environmental Committee. Under his watch, we got our midge problem under control, and planted many beautiful butterfly gardens around the community with financial assistance from county grants. He is keenly interested in preserving and improving our environment, and ensuring oversight of our landscape and environmental vendors. This includes our new wetlands contractor, Aquagenix, who has started to clean up the Pine View trail, and to eradicate grapevine and other non-desirable plants. Another pressing issue is compliance with Sarasota County by keeping our residents from encroaching in the preserves behind their homes -- under penalty of fines. Ken will also share responsibility for blocking encroachment on our property by our neighbors to the north, and for upgrading landscaping and irrigation in the front of Rivendell. And then there is next year's budget to deal with.



Ken Heckert ~ photo by Carol Heckert

Ken hopes to see more of our residents participating in the governing of our community, and in our committees. He'd like to finish his term knowing that Rivendell looks appealing to the public, and that our property values are maintained and improved. He'd like Rivendell to be known as a nice, friendly place to live, with neighbors helping neighbors to bring back pride in our community.

## Rivendell Resident Dies

**Pamela Fay Kearsley Rand**, beloved wife of Cliff Rand of 1101 Mallard Marsh Dr., passed away on May 18. She was born in the Isle of Man and was a long-time resident of Short Hills, NJ before moving to FL in 1997. She was a realtor in New Jersey, and a member of the Daughters of the British Empire. She and Cliff were members of The Oaks Club in Osprey. Mrs. Rand fought rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, and two heart attacks, before succumbing to cancer after a two-year battle. She will be missed by all her neighbors and friends here in Rivendell.

The community extends its warmest condolences to her family and friends.

## Hurricane Names for 2011

Every year, there is a pre-approved list of 21 names for tropical storms and hurricanes. Hurricanes are named alphabetically from the list in chronological order. There are six lists that continue to rotate. The lists only change when there is a hurricane that is so devastating, the name is retired and another name replaces it.

### 2011 Hurricane Names

The 2011 hurricane name list is the same as the 2005 hurricane name list although five hurricane names were retired after the devastating 2005 hurricane season, so on the 2011 list:

*Dennis was replaced by Don,  
Katrina was replaced by Katia,  
Rita was replaced by Rina,  
Stan was replaced Sean, and  
Wilma was replaced by Whitney.*

**In 2005, the list of 21 hurricane names was exhausted, therefore the Greek alphabet was utilized for the 22nd-27th storms of the season.**

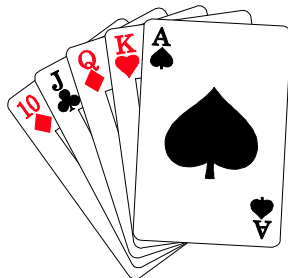
### 2011 Hurricane Names

Arlene	Harvey	Ophelia	Alpha
Bret	Irene	Philippe	Beta
Cindy	Jose	Rina	Gamma
Don	Katia	Sean	Delta
Emily	Lee	Tammy	Epsilon
Franklin	Maria	Vince	Zeta
Gert	Nate	Whitney	

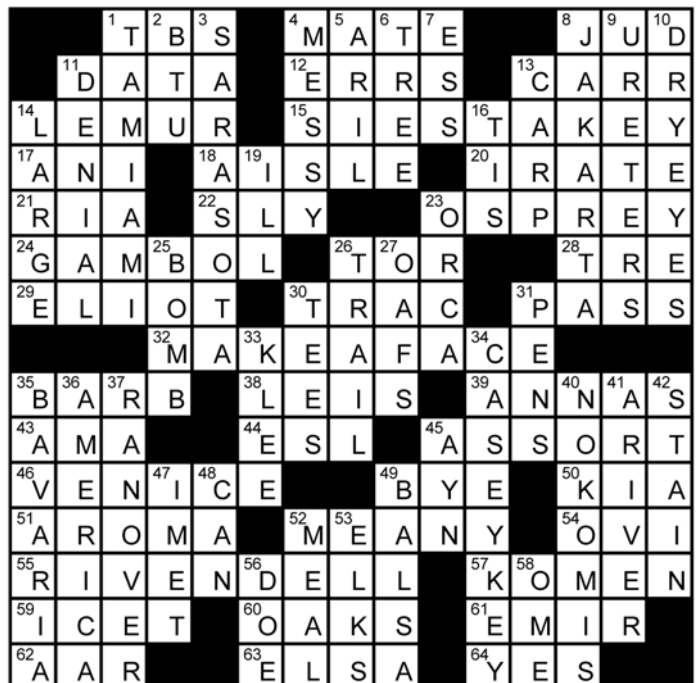


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## Hurricane Preparations by Deborah Berzins

Excerpted from June 2007 Woodlands Word as part of our previous  
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)  
Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan

**If you are not here during hurricane season, you are still responsible for securing your property and any loose objects that could endanger your own or neighbors' property.**

Decide where you will go, if ordered to evacuate. Tell family members and how you can be contacted.  
Take inventory and photos or video of valuable possessions with you.  
Clean your yard, lanai, and other outdoor areas of all potential flying objects.  
Protect the windows and glass doors on your home.  
Fill car's gas tank(s) and check the oil, tire pressure. Gas station pumps do not work without electricity.  
Swimming pool/spa - leave the pool filled and super chlorinate it.  
Get cash. Banks and ATMs will not operate without electricity, and stores may not accept credit cards.  
Fill bathtubs with water for cleaning & flushing toilets. Line tub with plastic or caulk the drain to prevent water loss.  
Prepare your grill for use in the event of power loss (charcoal, lighter fluid, matches or propane).  
Fill coolers with ice.

### Residential Emergency Kit

Money/cash (assume credit cards do not work)  
Put in a waterproof container: Last year's tax returns, inventory of possessions, sales receipts, insurance policies, medical information, personal phone book, credit card numbers, valuables, photos, etc.  
Paper and writing implements  
Tall boots & work gloves for each household member  
Two-week supply of prescription medicines  
Two coolers, one for food and one for ice  
Two-week supply of nonperishable food (special dietary food, if needed)  
One-week supply of drinking water---1 gallon per person per day  
One-week supply of pet food and water  
Water purification kit (tablets, chlorine bleach-plain or iodine)  
Non-electric can opener  
Disposable plates, cups, utensils  
Flashlight and batteries for each family member  
Extra batteries for all battery operated items (flashlights, camera, radio)  
Portable radio or TV and batteries  
NOAA Weather Alert radio  
Fire extinguisher  
First aid kit including bandages, antiseptic, pain reliever, and anti-diarrhea medicine, first aid booklet  
Mosquito repellent and Citronella candles  
Can of spray paint  
Duct tape  
Repair tools and materials for quick damage repair  
Clean-up supplies (chlorinated bleach, mop, buckets, towels and disinfectant)  
Plastic tarp  
Plastic trash bags  
Infant needs (medicine, water, diapers, ready formula and bottles)  
Personal hygiene items---toilet paper, paper towels, pre-moistened towelettes, toothbrush, comb, deodorant  
Camera and film/memory card/video, batteries

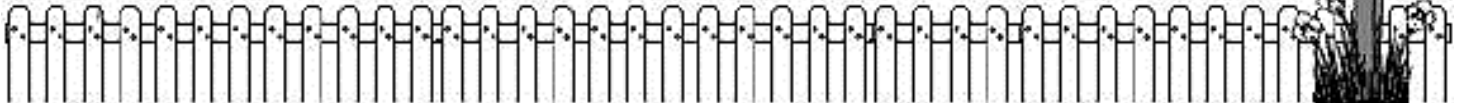
### Evacuation Kit

If you go to a shelter, in addition to the items in the Residential Emergency Kit, take the items listed below. Place loose items in airtight bags- keep handy for rapid departure. Place other items in suitcases.

Duplicate keys/car keys  
Sleeping bags/air mattresses; pillows, blankets  
Extra clothing for the conditions, shoes, glasses, etc.  
Folding chairs, lawn chairs, cots  
Games, books, playing cards, toys  
Snacks/non-perishable food (peanut butter, protein bars, nuts, raisins, crackers).



# Cottages Postings



## UPDATES and BOARD ACTIONS RU1NA:

Grass plugs program, work in progress - first phase completed. Second phase beginning this summer.

County plan for handicapped access, walkway, curb cut, and crosswalk – approved work planned for sometime this summer.

Palm tree trims now complete for the year.

Ongoing discussion about homeowners' unsafe speeding in the private alleyway. Homeowners contacted and have pledged to slow down and not speed.

Board passed county plan for clubhouse access and walkway front – street side. Now awaiting county project start-up.

## FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

July Board Meeting - Thursday, 7/21/11

October Board Meeting - Thursday, 10/21/11

## SOCIAL COMMENTS

No Socials for July 2011

WANTED: Intermediate Bridge Players for games at the Clubhouse. Please call Ed Kearns, 966-7184.

## FLAG DAYS

Monday, July 4 – Independence Day

## Gulf Gate Library Volunteers Needed!

By Allen Roeter

If you have been considering volunteering at a local institution, you might think about libraries. I have been volunteering at the Gulf Gate Library for about a year. It has been a terrific experience. Because of the budget crunch, libraries depend more and more on volunteers to do the essential work of shelving books, checking in books, and tagging books that are on hold.

I have also been assigned to the computer room. The library has 12 computers for the patrons to use – three of them are for “guests,” those without library cards. I assist people with logging onto the computers and, when necessary, making a reservation. I also help them with the printer that is connected to the computers.

The environment in the library is very pleasant, and the professional staff is most grateful for our help. The library is particularly in need of volunteers now when some of the “snowbirds” have gone north. If you are interested, ask for Linda at the Gulf Gate Library (941) 861-1230.

I'm there three days a week for two-to-three hours a day; however, some people are there only once a week for an hour. The staff is very appreciative for any time spent. You'll have a good time!

<http://suncat.co.sarasota.fl.us/Libraries/Gulfgate.aspx>  
7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota, FL 34231

## Ooh La La French Bakery

By Pam Babbitt

If you like flaky buttery crusts, creamy fillings, or crusty bread, then you must stop by “Ooh La La French Bakery” for breakfast treats or dessert pastries!

Éclairs to crusty baguettes as well as sandwiches and quiche are available for taking home. The bakery does have a few small tables if you just can't wait to start eating!

Open Tuesday – Friday from 9 am - 6 pm and Saturday 9 am - 3 pm. Located at 2705 Mall Drive, Sarasota (by Gulf Gate). 922-0169

<http://www.gulfgate.biz/MallDrive/OohLaLaFrenchBakery.aspx>



## SERVICE PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS

### Painter Ready, 941-400-9992, George Rodriguez.

We recently had our house painted by George Rodriguez and his sons, and were very pleased with the job they did. They power washed the house and lanai, caulked the whole house under the roof, and put on two coats of paint, all for a very reasonable price. They even helped us choose our colors. They clearly care about their work and aim to please. We have no hesitation recommending this company. George can be reached at 941-400-9992. *Carol & Ken Heckert (also Barb Gahry and Mirinda Roy)*

### All Brands Window Service & Glass, 941-484-3037.

We were very pleased with the professional service provided by Wayne and Lisa Lane, owners of All Brands Window Service & Glass. We needed new rollers to help our glass doors slide more easily, and they performed the job quickly and neatly. They can also repair or replace windows, screens, tub and shower doors, glass, hurricane shutters, and vinyl and acrylic lanai enclosures. *Marilyn Probert*

### Environmental Cleaning Services, 941-926-3029. Air Duct Cleaning, Mold Inspection and other services.

This is a locally owned and operated, licensed and insured, company that has been in business for over 25 years. This company is prompt, professional, well organized and reliable. They were clean, safe and efficient in their work. I am happy to recommend them. *Anella Bredemeyer*

### Send in your favorite Service Provider!

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

If you have a service provider you'd like to recommend, please email Norma Lee at [nlrhines@verizon.net](mailto:nlrhines@verizon.net)

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**GOING ON VACATION?** I will look in on your house and take care of anything that needs to be done, such as watering plants, feeding a pet, etc. Call **Steve Heckert at 918-9528.**

**COMPUTER HELP AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT:** Senior at Pine View, and experienced. Most work runs \$20 an hour, and I have a flexible schedule. Call **Chris Dower, 941-504-7064.**

**WANTED: Intermediate Bridge Players** for games at the Clubhouse. Call Ed Kearns at **966-7184.**

**BABYSITTER Available: Molly Benkaim, 941-961-3385.** 11th grade Pine View female student available for babysitting. Former camp counselor and CPR certified. Please call Molly if you'd like references.

**PET SITTING: Eve Day, 941-780-0821.** Rivendell neighbor who does pet sitting. Will follow all instructions and pricing is very reasonable.

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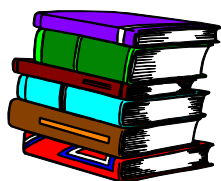
### Friday Fest : July 15, August 12, September 16

The Van Wezel presents the 10th Annual Friday Fest. These summer events are produced outdoors, on the bay front grounds of the Van Wezel and admission is FREE. Bring lounge chairs or blankets and enjoy the music. Food and drink will be offered by vendors.

**July 15: Yesterdayze – oldies**

**August 12: One Night Rodeo – country**

**September 16: Bird Street Players - reggae**



### BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE By Marilyn Probert

There will be  
no Book Group meetings in  
July and August.

"Zeitoun," a nonfiction work by Dave Eggers, will be the topic at the next meeting on September 12. After Hurricane Katrina struck, Abdulrahman Zeitoun, a prosperous Syrian-American and father of four, chose to stay through the storm to protect his house and contracting business. Eggers details facets of Zeitoun's life in an attempt to explain his sudden and mysterious disappearance. I will lead the discussion at Pam Babbitt's home at 743 Fordingbridge Way; please call 918-8781 if you'd like to participate.

On Monday, October 10, we will tackle Isabel Allende's novel "Daughter of Fortune," a novel that begins in the 1840s. Eliza Sommers, a foundling, was raised in Valparaiso, Chile, by brother and sister Jeremy and Rose Sommers. Eliza falls in love and has an affair with a young Chilean who subsequently gets "gold fever" and leaves for California. Eliza soon follows, and Allende describes the adventures that befall her as she searches for her lover. Sallie Hawkins will lead the discussion at the residence of Cindy Schmidl, 1100 Mallard Marsh Drive; please call Cindy at 918-1570 if you'd like to join in.

The November selection is "The Widow of the South" by Robert Hicks; this is a true-life historical novel which will be of especial interest to Civil War buffs. Any gentlemen interested?

Book Group meetings are held on the second Monday of the month and are open to all Rivendell residents. Please call the month's hostess if you'd like to attend.

### Lemon Cake served by Dori Davis

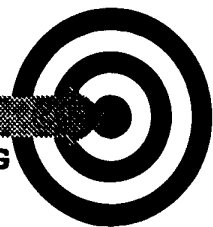
#### at the May Book Group meeting

Mix together dry; 1 package lemon Jello and 1 yellow cake mix. Add 3/4 cup water, 3/4 cup canola oil, and 1 tsp lemon extract or 1 tsp orange extract. Mix until well blended. Then add 4 eggs. Mix all together until fluffy. Pour batter into buttered and floured tube pan and bake 50-60 minutes at 350 degrees.

**Make glaze:** Blend 1/4 cup melted butter with 2 cups confectioners sugar and 1/3 - 1/2 cup lemon juice. When cake is done, punch holes in top with fork and pour glaze as you poke.

Cool completely and remove from pan.

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## Minutes Architectural Review Committee May 31, 2011

Attendees: Barry McClure – Committee Chair, Frank Pafumi, Allen Roeter, John Greco - Board Liaison  
Guest: Margery Arendt (homeowner)

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of 4 Committee members present.

The minutes of the prior ARC meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.

**The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.**

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORK PLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	832 Golden Pond	Planting (2) pygmy palms	Resolved: approved Motion: Pafumi 2 <sup>nd</sup> : McClure
2.	533 Meadow Sweet Circle	Install white picket fence	Resolved: approved Motion: McClure 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Roeter
3.	562 Meadow Sweet Circle	Remove pine tree	Resolved: approved Motion: Greco 2 <sup>nd</sup> : McClure
4.	578 Meadow Sweet Circle	Remove (3) pine trees in back yard	Resolved: approved Motion: Roeter 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Pafumi
5.	1159 Mallard Marsh	Remove citrus tree	Resolved: approved Motion: McClure 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Pafumi
6.	516 Meadow Sweet Circle	Add window awning	Resolved: approved Motion: Pafumi 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Roeter Notes: Homeowner attended meeting and agreed to insure that existing tree maintains, or to add any future landscaping as necessary to maintain, compliance to guideline requirement of no visibility from street across the lake.
7.	706 Fordingbridge Way	Remove (2) oak trees	Resolved: approved Motion: McClure 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Roeter
8.	934 Eagle Isle Court	House painting	Resolved: approved Motion: Greco 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Roeter Notes: McClure abstained vote for his property application
9.	922 Eagle Isle Court	Solar Panels	Resolved: approved Motion: Roeter 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Pafumi
10.	563 Meadow Sweet Circle	House Painting	Resolved: approved Motion: McClure 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Roeter
11.	540 Meadow Sweet Circle	Remove Queen Palm	Resolved: approved Motion: Pafumi 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Greco
12.	Meadow Sweet Circle Clubhouse	Remove Queen Palm	Resolved: approved Motion: Pafumi 2 <sup>nd</sup> : McClure
13.	541 Meadow Sweet Circle	House Painting	Resolved: approved Motion: McClure 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Greco Notes: Pafumi abstained vote for his property application

New business: (none)

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

**Next Meeting June 28, 2011 6:00 p.m.**

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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Minutes of March 3, 2011 Meeting

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 6:00 P.M., at the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, located at 265 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M., by the President, John Critser.

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.

A motion was made by Ms. Sokal and seconded by Mr. Greco to approve the agenda as presented.

The following Directors were present: John Greco, John Critser, Judy Sokal, Bobby Merrill  
A quorum was declared to be present.

On matter relating to the minutes of the previous meeting of January 4, 2011 and Special Board of Directors Meeting of February 10, 2011 a motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Ms. Sokal to waive the reading and approve the minutes as presented.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**, Treasurer's report, Mr. Critser reported on behalf of the treasurer. A CD is due to renew in April and alternative rates will be researched. There have been some efforts on collecting past dues and all others are being pursued accordingly.

#### Committee Reports

Communication, Ms. Sokal reported the Woodland Word was delayed due to issues with the publishers. Directories will be out in April and the block captains will distribute them.

Architectural Review, Mr. Greco reported there were 12 applications. 11 were approved and 1 was denied because there were trees in the preserve area that cannot be encroached upon. Mr. Greco thanked Gwen Stepien for her service for the past four years. A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Ms. Sokal

**MOTION 11-10:** to approve that during the period from March 14, 2011 through June 30, 2011, ARC review and approval will not be required for the replacement of freeze damaged plants and grass provided that the new plantings are of a size which does not grow to a height or spread greater than the plants being replaced. Additionally, the replacement plants must not have aggressive root systems or seed products, or be listed as not recommended by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

Pool, the chair of the pool committee could not be here. The hibiscus plants are going to be removed and the hedge surrounding the pool will be trimmed back. It was reported that the inside clock face isn't working. Management agreed to address the matter.

Landscape/Environmental, Ken Heckert reported the committee, Board and Management met with representatives from ValleyCrest to review outstanding items and prioritize approved work. There are items that needed to be included in the landscape contract when it is reviewed and mow areas need to be clarified. Lake Preserve maintenance bids have been received, which are being re-

viewed and another bid will be obtained. The solar system irrigation would require renovations to be operable and would need to be powered economically. A service provider will check on the possibility of this.

Documents Modernization & Simplification, a Board liaison will be appointed.

**Manager's Report**, a report was given (see attachment #1) a motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Merrill

**MOTION 11-11:** to approve fining of 751 Fordingbridge Way, 990 Scherer Way and 672 Shadow Bay Way in the amount of \$1000 up to 10 days. Motion passed.

#### New Business

Matters relating Park Trace, there was discussion of private owners of Park Trace encroaching onto Rivendell property. Mr. Schmitt provided a report and suggested the property line be re-surveyed. A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Ms. Sokal

**MOTION 11-12:** to approve a 4 ft woven hog wire driven fence for 200 feet at the cost of \$1400. Motion passed.

Management agreed to contact the attorney to determine if the letters to Park Trace owners should come from the association or directly from the attorney. After this determination is made Management will coordinate with Dieter Schmitt for the fence installation.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Critser

**MOTION 11-13:** After the installation of the fence, landscaping enhancements will be made by the committee in an amount not to exceed \$2500. Motion passed.

Matters relating to appointment of standing Architectural Review Committee Members, Mr. Greco made a motion and Mr. Merrill seconded

**MOTION 11-14:** to approve the following:

- Barry McClure as chairman through February 2012.
- Frank Pafumi through February 2012.
- John Greco as Board Liaison through February 2012.
- Allen Roeter and John Beatty through February 2013.

Motion passed.

Pool Committee, Mr. Merrill made a motion and Ms. Sokal seconded

**MOTION 11-15:** to approve Mr. Greco as pool committee liaison, and committee members: Lory Yohann, Carol Heckert, Bo Potter and Tom Faessler. Motion passed

Communication, Ms. Sokal made a motion and Mr. Greco seconded

**MOTION 11-16:** to appoint Dave Gill as Landscape/Environmental chairperson and the following committee members: Carol and Ken Heckert, Carl Schubert, Denny Pavlock, Charles Kiplinger, Frank Freestone. Motion passed.

Matters relating to review and approval of landscape improvement and renovation proposals, a motion was made Ms. Sokal and Mr. Merrill seconded

**MOTION 11-17:** to approve the following expenses:  
 Account 7610-Landscape Non-Contract Maintenance-\$1188  
 Account 7620-Landscape Mulch \$11,120  
 Account 7650-Landscape Replacement \$7,427.  
 Motion passed.

Mr. Critser made a motion and Mr. Greco seconded

**MOTION 11-18:** to approve the clean out of the main pump on a contract basis in amount not to exceed \$1500. Motion passed.

Matters relating filling a vacancy on the Board of Directors, a motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Mr. Sokal

**MOTION 11-19:** to accept Mark Adler's resignation as submitted. Motion passed.

Mr. Critser reported an announcement in the Woodland Word will be included to invite any interested member to submit their name for the open position.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 at 6pm.

**Owner Comments**

There were the following comments:

- An owner inquired as to the status of the insurance company defending the association in litigation matters. Mr. Greco reported there is nothing for the insurance company to defend at this time.
- Mow zones need to be determined. The Landscape Committee agreed to establish a map indicating this which will be provided to ValleyCrest.
- A light specification should be developed and made available to residents and put in the Woodlands Word. The Board agreed to consider this.
- There have been package delivery theft issues recently in Park Trace which the members should be made aware of.
- Dave Gill announced there will be a landscape meeting held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

*Kyanne Merrill, CAM*

*Dated: This 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Minutes of the Special May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Meeting**

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

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 9:30 A.M., at Lighthouse Management Conference Room, 16 Church Street, Osprey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M., by the President, John Critser.

Notice of the meeting was delivered to each Director and posted on the property prior to the meeting, in accordance with the requirements of the Association Documents and Florida Statutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Sokal and seconded by Mr. Greco to approve the agenda as presented.

The following Directors were present: John Greco John Critser Judy Sokal. Bobby Merrill was absent. A quorum was declared to be present.

**New Business,**

Matters relating to appointment of Board member for vacant position, a motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Ms. Sokal

**MOTION 11-20:** to appoint Ken Heckert to fill the vacant board term, which will expire in February. Motion passed.

Matters relating to selection of wetland/preserve maintenance vendor, a motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Critser

**MOTION 11-21:** to approve a one time expenditure for Creative Wetlands to complete the follow up study of the preserve/wetlands remediation areas for Sarasota County in an amount not to exceed \$1,725. Motion passed.

**MOTION 11-22:** to approve the contract with Aquagenix for initial (\$20,000) and ongoing (2,000/mo) wetlands and preserve maintenance for the remainder of 2011. Motion passed. Dave Gill was appointed as the contact person for Creative Wetlands.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Ms. Sokal

**MOTION 11-23:** to approve the revised allocation of roll-over for the Landscape Budget for 2011. See attached. Motion passed.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

*Kyanne Merrill, CAM*

*Dated: This 1st day of June, 2011.*

## WHO WE ARE

### RCA Committees 7/2011

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