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The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

JUNE 2012



The "walkers" in order from left to right: Jim Stepien, Anna & Walter Perkowski with Buddy the dog, Nigel Day, Carole Myles, Carl & Nancy Schubert, Dave Gill, and Bill Bloom. ~ photo by walker Gwen Stepien

Status Report on Rivendell's Maintenance Projects

By Jim Stepien, Chair

The Maintenance Committee, with the support of the Board of Directors, has been making progress in our efforts toward a general cleanup of our community's common areas. We have started at the front entrance and will be working toward Rivendell Park as quickly as possible. We will then work with our landscape company to develop a plan to pro-

ceed to the other common areas located throughout the community. The pool has only minor repair and replacement issues at this time. The lakes/ponds and our preserve areas are being maintained according to our contract specifications.

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Rivendell Board Meeting
NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE
Monday, June 4, 2012 at 6:00 pm
Historic Spanish Point

Dates, times, and locations of Board and Committee meetings are based on the information available at the time of publication. Please contact a Board Member or Committee Chair to confirm meeting details.

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 2012**, p.9, 4.09 Hurricane Shutters)

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The *Woodlands Word* is usually delivered inside *The Sarasota Observer* the first Thursday or Friday of each month.

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Rivendell
RESIDENT & AGENT

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For ease of reference, the Committee information is grouped into three major categories: Landscape, Pool and Other.

LANDSCAPE:

Our Committee did a "walk around" of the area from the Old Venice Road to the front entrance and then along Rivendell Blvd. to the Pool on Saturday April 23, 2012. We were able to see numerous maintenance issues needing immediate attention, i.e. many large plants have started to damage the white fencing, the fencing needs repair for missing post caps and broken balusters, entrance signage needs painting, pump building deteriorating, many irrigation problems, such as broken heads, missing heads, disconnected zones - large areas of dead/dying grass, tree problems and significant amounts of dead plant debris.

Our new landscape company, **Sun State Landscape Management (SSLM)**, will be an important partner in moving toward our goal. They have demonstrated their willingness to assist us in our endeavors in many ways. For example, since we are currently in our dry season, SSLM agreed to use their mowing crews to "clean up" areas when our grass does not need cutting. You can see an example of this work all along the white fencing at our entrance, where a tremendous number of plants were removed that were damaging the fencing. The area on the north (Pine View School) side of Rivendell Boulevard had over three truckloads of dead plant debris removed from just this small area. We intend to continue this effort whenever dry conditions reduce our mowing requirements.

Our Committee plans on doing more "walk arounds" to see firsthand the needs of the various common areas within our community. We will then make recommendations to the Board for necessary maintenance issues. We did notice that we have some significant tree damage occurring throughout the community. SSLM has taken core samples from several trees that are diseased or dying. Of particular concern are the Phoenix palms at the north (front) side of the pool. Two appear to be dying and the others seem to be showing signs of stress. Due to their size, these palms would be extremely expensive to replace. Another concern is that many pines are showing signs of distress/deterioration (yellowing) from either borers or disease. SSLM will

provide our committee with an independent lab's core sample results and recommendations.

The ponds/lakes are looking good. The water is clear with little algae. Kudos to **Aquatic Systems**. We continue to look forward to the arrival of our rainy season for some much needed rain, as the water levels are the lowest in many years.

The preserves and wetlands maintenance is proceeding according to plan. Invasive plants are being controlled with significant reduction of the melaleuca. No preserve or wetland intrusions have been reported. Good job by **Aquagenix**.

POOL:

The Community Pool overall condition is good at this time with only some minor maintenance issues. Thanks to **Southwest Pools** for being responsive. Since repainting the pool, our committee has noted the following items in need of repair/replacement or improvement:

- Restroom signs are needed.
- Restrooms' (men's and women's) base moldings need to be replaced.
- Wall lights near restrooms and mechanical room need paint or replacement.
- Bulletin Board needs to be moved to outside of pool entry.
- Shower head pull chain needs to be replaced.
- Installation of a service gate near mechanical room to prevent acid from being carried through main entrance.
- Installation of a stall and partition in men's restroom.
- Fence damage repaired (finials) behind covered area.
- Fenced in tree well - remove trash and plant debris to open drain.

The Committee will be looking into future needs and making recommendations to the Board of Directors related to mechanical equipment, aesthetics and enhancements.

OTHER:

The Committee, together with LHM, is in the process of obtaining information for the best method to repair, repaint or refinish our tall lampposts, along with recommendations for individual mailbox/lamp care. We are also determining if light bulbs are available that will provide light to the sidewalks with less intrusion into nearby private homes.

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Pressure washing of the entry fence has been scheduled and will include portions of the sidewalk when mold/mildew is present.

The entrance signage on the south side entrance wall will be repainted.

SUMMARY:

The Committee is looking into new and improved methods of keeping homeowners apprised of the many and varied maintenance activities taking place every week within our community. Internet, digital photography and email are all being considered.

We welcome volunteers and/or suggestions for community improvements.

Sarasota County Fertilizer Ordinance

Sarasota County's fertilizer ordinance 2007-062 aims to cut down on the amount of pollution getting into area waterways.

- It prohibits applying fertilizers that contains nitrogen or phosphorus between June 1 and September 30.
- It sets a fertilizer-free zone within 10 feet of any body of water.
- It requires training for commercial applicators.
- It has penalties for violators.

http://www.scgov.net/environmentalservices/water/Surface-Water/documents/1756_001.pdf



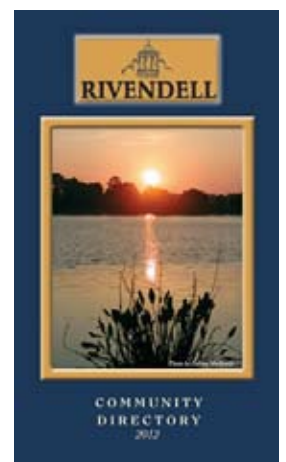
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RIVENDELL COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS By Judy Sokal, Chair

1. The Communications Committee continues to run smoothly. The 2012 Directories have been delivered. Many thanks to Barb Gahry, who produces the Directory almost singlehandedly, and Cindy Schmidl and her team of block captains, who deliver the Directory. Anyone who has not received a copy should call Cindy Schmidl (918-1570).
2. We continue to send a representative to every board meeting so that meeting Highlights appear in the monthly Woodlands Word. We also encourage committee chairs and the Board president to share brief updates with the community through the WW.
3. For the first time in many years, there will be an August issue of the Woodlands Word. For this issue, we would love short essays with photos of trips our neighbors take over the summer months.
4. The publishers of the Woodlands Word have requested that we discontinue the very popular column of Service Provider Recommendations. Instead, we ask all Rivendell residents to encourage their favorite providers to consider placing a paid ad in the Woodlands Word -- it reaches almost 500 residents, and will help ensure the continued production of our free community newsletter.

The 2012 Rivendell Directory has been delivered! If you haven't received your copy please contact your Block Captain or Cindy Schmidl at CindyCWS1@aol.com



Who Do You Think You Are? By Debbie McMurry

Yes, I did “borrow” the phrase from the popular TV show. Ancestry.com is the source behind the show. I have been a member of this website since 2003. I have discovered my family tree and my husband’s family tree, with a few others tossed in. My husband is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), a very prestigious club. He joined under his great grandmother’s maiden name. Through Ancestry, I found both his father’s and mother’s family tree, so he now has two supplemental surnames added to his SAR membership.

My own grandmother was a Van Epps. Van Epps helped build the city of Schenectady; the French and Canadian Indians kidnapped my 7th great grandfather, Jan Baptist, on Feb 8th, 1690. He was only 13 years old, his father and two brothers were killed during this massacre. Jan Baptist escaped three years later. While he was held captive, he learned the Indian language and later was used as an interpreter. My patriot is Jacobus Van Epps.

I could continue to go on about our family trees, but the Woodlands Word isn’t large enough to contain it. My point is we all have a history! My closest friend from high school told me he had nothing in his family tree. When I looked, I found that his great grandmother was the daughter of the man who founded the town of Parrish, Florida. His 4th great grandfather was a soldier in the Continental Army. We all have stories!

How do you find YOUR family story? Bite the bullet and join Ancestry.com, the best genealogy site on the web. Start with some information about your family as far back as you can; back to your great grandfather works best. Enter your family’s names. Just like the commercial states, “Little green leaves (hints) start waving at you.” Those hints can be census records, town records, and birth and death records. Each hint gets you further back in time. I also use the Find-A-Grave website. By entering in your ancestor you may be able to find his or her grave. This can provide proof you can use if you choose to join SAR or DAR. Google has a site where newspapers from all over the country for many years back can be obtained. Or something as simple as a “search” on your computer will help you find your heritage.

I have included a few websites to get you started:

<http://ancestry.com/>

<http://news.google.com/newspapers>

<http://seekingmichigan.org/>

http://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/?Tab_ID=0

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cs&>

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

<http://archive.org/details/texts>

<http://www.usgenweb.org/>

<http://www.ancestorhunt.com/>

<http://www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/barbour-collection.htm>

http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rbillard/vital_statistics.htm

<http://www.bklyn-genealogy-info.com/Marriage/index.html>

<http://connecticut-genealogy.com/Stratford-Genealogy.cfm>

<http://www.americanancestors.org/search.aspx?FN=Joshua&LN=Luther&Ca=096&Run=1>

<http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogynewyork.htm>

http://www.schenectadyhistory.org/families/firstsettlers/vant_vaneps.html

http://openlibrary.org/works/OL153799W/Early_Connecticut_marriages_as_found_on_ancient_church_records_prior_to_1800

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Rivendell's Janet Tehrani: Dancing With Our Star By Mike Bergman

"A month before a competition or a showcase performance the pace really steps up," Janet "JT" Tehrani explained. "Instead of the usual twice a week lessons with each partner, we kick it up to 4 or 5 times a week."

On the day of the competition, the DJs play specific music for each dance challenge. Dancers won't know which songs will be used, so they must muster up all their knowledge and training and bring it to the floor. You can't be sure that the judges will single out all your moves from the crowded dance floor, so JT concentrates on doing her personal best, rather than winning. She'll set goals for self-improvement. She'll work on her arm movements, floor craft, performance quality, and try to connect with the audience. Put together everything she knows with the hours and hours of practice, and the knockout costumes, add in the fees to the instructors, and entry fees, all this guided by her love of dancing, for the big moment where she gets to perform for..... **90 seconds**. And the winner is very often JT. Hopefully, she has done her personal best, wowing the audience and the judges. It leaves her exhilarated. Most of all, she's done what she loves best, and Janet loves to dance.



Radim Lanik is her professional instructor for **International Latin**. That's the five dances set to tighter, more specific moves in the **Rumba, Cha-Cha, Samba, Paso Doble, and Jive**. Radim also designs and makes the fabulous costumes that JT will wear for the competition. **Tibor Varga** teaches her **American Smooth**, which allows for more interpretive expressions of the four dances: **Foxtrot, Waltz, Viennese Waltz, and Tango**. Janet will need 4 costumes, two Latin and two Smooth, for the nine dances she will perform. There are various ascending levels of expertise, from Beginner and Bronze, through Silver and Gold, all the way up to Professional. JT dances at the Gold and Above Gold level.

Janet has been dancing for about six years now, at the **SaraDance** (www.saradance.com) studio at 5000 Fruitville Rd in Sarasota. Unlike some of the national dance chains, the instructors here work as independent contractors, paying the facility for floor space and working directly for their customers. Dancers get to choose their own instructors, dances, schedule, and level of intensity, in a friendly, professional atmosphere. For those interested in social dancing, there are nightly group lessons, followed by practice sessions. JT suggests getting your dancing star off the couch and give **SaraDance** a try.

You might ask how JT keeps herself fit enough to follow this intensive dancing routine. Simple. She teaches Group Fitness classes at the **Lifestyle Family Fitness** center in Sarasota and Venice. These are full-featured facilities that include complete gyms, free weights, Nautilus equipment, bikes, rowers, ellipticals, steppers, treadmills, and more. She's had extensive experience, beginning with teaching group fitness while still in high school in Connecticut. She taught while in college and after, until the birth of her son, Matt. In the early 1990's, JT kicked it up in earnest, teaching at a YMCA until moving here to Osprey. She started at the Lifestyles in 2005, and has been at it since.

Janet teaches five classes, at both facilities, several of which are set to music. Most are high intensity, depending on class abilities. They are: **Step Aerobics, Body Pump** (a barbell/weight lifting class), and **Body Step**, both licensed formatted programs. You can also get a great cardio workout with the **Spin** class on stationary bikes and the class favorite, **Zumba** dance moves. Janet and all of the other instructors are nationally certified, so you'll be in good hands. JT says it's a great place to work out.

To see color photos of Janet's beautiful gowns, visit the Rivendell website at Lighthouse Management, click on news letters, and select the June 2012 issue: http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html



~ photos by Dave Swanson

Meet Neighborhood Assistants Who Help Enforce Rivendell Rules

By Nancy Dobias

I found some Residents of Rivendell who can assist with on-going neighborhood concerns:



This thick-skinned volunteer keeps Rivendell residents and guests away from the shores of ponds behind homes. Currently he is patrolling one of the tributaries coming from Oscar Scherer to make sure there are no errant people hiking or fishing for the elusive "big one." ~ photo by Nancy Dobias



This volunteer has the skills necessary to make aerial swoops over the dog walkers to ensure all messes are properly cleaned up, bagged, and toted home for disposal. No more plastic "gifts" left behind in the hedges bordering Rivendell's many sidewalks. ~ photo by Nancy Dobias



"Veterans of Color"

By Carol Heckert

Chuck Walker, a Rivendell resident, was one of the war veterans interviewed in the documentary film, "Veterans of Color," shown at the Sarasota Film Festival. The "veterans of color" recounted their experiences during World War II, the Vietnam War, and the Korean War, including the widespread racial discrimination that impacted each soldier in different ways. It was shocking to hear how poorly these brave soldiers were treated as they risked their lives for our country. It was also uplifting to see how they overcame their unfair treatment and seized opportunities to ultimately lead successful lives. Although it was a sad reminder of the not too distant past, we were glad we could witness how each of the veterans dealt with the society of that time.

Hats off to Chuck for his service to our country; we are glad to be able to call him a friend and neighbor.

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Book Group

By Marilyn Probert



The Book Group will meet on Monday, June 11, to talk about *Dreams of Joy* by Lisa See. This novel continues the saga of Pearl and May of *Shanghai Girls* and details their lives in America. When their daughter Joy is traumatized after learning of her true parentage, she runs away to China to find her "real" father. While away at college, Joy had become captivated by the communistic ideals of Red China, but actually living there has been an eye-opener. Trish Woodrow will lead the discussion at my house at 775 Fordingbridge Way, phone 966-3512.

The group will not meet during July and August. Over the summer we'll be reading *Maine* a novel by J. Courtney Sullivan. It is June, and the Kellehers are gathering at their beach house for a month of regrets and recriminations. The story is told from the perspective of four women: Alice, the widowed 83 year old matriarch, Alice's granddaughter Maggie, a successful author, Maggie's mother Kathleen, the black sheep of the family, and Anne Marie, the unhappy wife of Kathleen's brother Patrick. Secrets and simmering resentments abound, and the "vacation" is anything but peaceful. The meeting will be held on September 10 at Pam Babbitt's home at 743 Fordingbridge Way with Hope Kocian as discussion leader. Please call Pam at 918-8781 if you'd like to attend.

All Book Group meetings are open to Rivendell residents; we meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Please call the month's hostess if you'd like to participate.

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Applesauce Raisin Cake

(Serves 8 to 10)

By Elaine Roeter and served at the February 2012 Book Group Discussion

Ingredients

½ pound (2 sticks) sweet butter
 2 cups granulated sugar
 2 cups chunk-style applesauce
 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 2 teaspoons baking soda
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 cup raisins
 Lemon-Orange Icing

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Butter and flour a 10-inch tube pan.
2. In a mixing bowl, cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Stir in applesauce and vanilla, mixing thoroughly.
3. Sift flour, nutmeg, cinnamon, and flour together; then sift dry ingredients over applesauce mixture, sprinkle in raisins, and blend gently, but thoroughly.
4. Pour batter into tube pan and set on the middle rack of the oven. Bake for 1 hour and 10 to 15 minutes, or until a cake tester inserted into the cake comes out clean.
5. Cool in the pan for 15 minutes. Turn out on a cake rack and cool completely.
6. When cool, drizzle with:

Lemon-Orange Icing

1 cup confectioners' sugar
 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 ½ tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 1 ½ tablespoons fresh orange juice

1. Sift confectioners' sugar and cinnamon into a small bowl.
2. Dribble in juices, stirring constantly until icing is smooth. Drizzle over cooled cake.

Congratulations Chris Dower - "FIRST" Champion By Judy Sokal

Chris Dower, Pine View Senior and Rivendell resident, became involved in FIRST (For the Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology) Robotics in his junior year. Dean Kamen, the inventor of Segway scooters, created the FIRST program in 1989 in order to encourage youth in the U.S. to enter the critical fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Chris and others formed a robotics team through SCTI and in their first year in the Robotics event (beginning January of 2011), they placed 2nd for rookie teams, and 33rd out of 60 teams in a regional competition in Orlando last spring.

Chris and his team, The Jungle Robotics, encouraged by last year's excellent results, recruited additional members for this year's activities and competed again in Orlando and Boca Raton. They placed first in Boca Raton, enabling them to participate in the international competition in St. Louis, Missouri the 3rd week in April, along with a total of 400 worldwide teams. The Jungle Robotics placed 78 out of 100 in their division, but for Chris the real joy was not in "winning or losing," but in the creative process of robotics.

Chris hopes that adults interested in robotics or other science subjects will get involved and perhaps mentor a high school student. The team also hopes to engage in outreach next year so that the community can become more involved in this new and exciting field of technology.

Based on the regional results of his work in robotics, Chris has earned a scholarship from his college, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Albany, NY, where he will continue his education in science and technology this fall. <http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/frc>

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ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA



7th Annual Selby Instructors' Summer Showcase Exhibit and Sale

June 7 to September 30, 2012

10:00 am to 4:30 pm daily

Selby Gardens offers horticultural classes throughout the year on plant care and gardening related topics. Fun and diverse classes guaranteed to simulate your creative side are also offered. Classes include: Botanical Illustration, Beading, Creative Writing, Ikebana (flower arranging), Nature Printing, Paper-making, Photography, Plein Air Painting, Sumi-e Painting, Watercolor Painting, Wreath-making, Yoga and more.

The Selby Instructors' Annual Exhibit and Sale showcases the artwork of the talented instructors. On the second Saturday of each month throughout the exhibit, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, visit with the instructors and learn more about our unique classes.

Event Contact: mshelley@selby.org

32nd Annual Juried Photographic Exhibition at Selby Botanical Gardens!

From April 27 through June 3, 2012, the Museum of Botany and the Arts at Selby Gardens will display the work of talented photographers.

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and Standing Rules
Refer to pages 6-14 of 2012
Rivendell Directory



Home Owners Semi-Annual
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Due July 1, 2012



Savor Sarasota Restaurant Week
June 1-14, 2012
Presented by Visit Sarasota County
Summer never tasted so good!



Try out the restaurants participating in the seventh annual "Savor Sarasota", for two weeks from June 1-14, 2012. This eating extravaganza features 3-course meals at **\$15 per person for lunch and \$25 per person for dinner**. Savor Sarasota highlights the region's eateries, which have helped the area earn the distinction of having one of the highest concentrations of Zagat-rated restaurants in Florida. The website, which provides a comprehensive list of participating restaurants, allows you to look at the lunch and dinner menus for each establishment.

<http://www.savorsarasota.com>

More restaurants are being added, so check often.

62 Bistrot	Lavanda	Vernona @ the Ritz-Carlton
Bijou Cafe Libby's Cafe & Bar	Lynches Pub & Grub	Selva Grill
Cafe L'Europe	Mattison's City Grille	Siesta Key Oyster Bar
Cafe Venice Restaurant & Wine Bar	Mattison's Forty-One	The Broadway
Caragiulos Italian-American	Mi Pueblo El Restaurante	
Crow's Nest	Michael's On East	
Daiquiri Deck Raw Bar	Mozaic	
Derek's Culinary Casual	Ophelia's On The Bay	
Dry Dock Waterfront Grill	Patricks 1481	
Duval's New World Cafe	Pattigeorge's	
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H2O Bistro	Salute!	
Harry's Continental Kitchens	Sam Snead's American Grill	
Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse	Sangria Tapas Bar	

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MOTHER'S HELPER/BABYSITTER: Sivan Yohann, 966-7766. Pine View 8th grader would love to play with your toddlers after school while you're trying to get dinner ready, or babysit your kids so you can have a well-deserved evening out! I am extremely friendly and responsible!

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

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The Woodlands Word Needs Advertisers By Judy Sokal

We have been very fortunate to be able to distribute copies of the Woodlands Word to your driveways for many years, even with a change in publisher, distributors, and a sagging economy. However, **this may end if we cannot find enough businesses to advertise in our newsletter.** We are asking all of you to encourage your favorite service providers to place an ad in our newsletter, and remind them that the Woodlands Word reaches almost 500 residences. It is possible that your favorite electrician, plumber, etc. is not even aware that we have a newsletter. Please tell them that all they need to do to place an ad is **call On Trac (Joan) at 941-723-5003.** Advertising rates can be viewed at <http://www.ontracnewsletters.com> by selecting the Media Kit button or request to be contacted at <http://www.teledrex.com>

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Advertising in the Woodlands Word

The Woodlands Word offers two types of advertising:

1. Paid advertising for businesses and
2. Free classified ads for small personal items for sale or wanted.

1. Publisher information for paid advertising:

For business ads, contact our newsletter's publisher, On Trac Publishing. Please call Joan at 941-723-5003.

Advertisers may obtain advertising rates online at <http://www.ontracnewsletters.com> or <http://www.teledrex.com>

2. Classified Ads information for the Woodlands Word:

Small classified ads are for items such as garage sales, childcare opportunities, dog walking, etc. These ads usually run for just one month. However, young residents who are offering their services for babysitting, computer help, etc. can run an ad multiple times.

Please send your written ad to Pam at pbbabbitt@comcast.net by the 10th of the month in order to make the deadline for the next month's issue.

DID YOU KNOW? Explore Rivendell and Other Neighborhoods

Michael Saunders Website & Blog

The Michael Saunders website has a section that allows one to explore local neighborhoods. Just go to this website: <http://www.michaelsaunders.com/neighborhoods/>

Select County, which activates a pull down menu listing neighborhoods alphabetically, for example, Rivendell: <http://www.michaelsaunders.com/neighborhoods/rivendell/>

Now watch a video of the neighborhood, view listings, read area business reviews, and check market conditions.

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To begin, click on Association Members Login. Your new Login ID is your 6-digit **Lighthouse Management account number** (including leading zeros) followed by your last name, for example "001234Smith." Don't know your account number? Call Lighthouse at 966-6844.

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The Woodlands Word is seeking volunteer reporters to offer restaurant reviews, summaries of trips near or far, recommendations for businesses, and other items of interest to residents.

Contact Judy Sokal at
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Places to Go: Gulfport, Florida <http://gulfportflorida.us>



Looking for an interesting waterfront community? Discover charming Gulfport Beach. Close to St. Petersburg, it is located on Boca Ciega Bay and boasts a beach and fishing pier. Gulfport's Waterfront District offers dining in several restaurants including Pia's Trattoria Pasta and Panini Cafe, O' Maddy's (on the waterfront), Backfin Blue Cafe, Habana Cafe, La Cote Basque and Wine Bar, Peg's Cantina, Stella's Deli and Gelato.

Want things to do? Walk along Shore Boulevard to take in the scenic view of Tierra Verde across the bay, or walk the pier, or perhaps take a trek in the Clam Bayou Nature Preserve. Then spend a few hours shopping for paintings, gifts, souvenirs, or antiques, followed by enjoying the entertainment at Gulfport on the Rocks.

On the first Friday and third Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm, Beach Boulevard comes alive with artists, vendors, musicians, and food during the Gulfport Art Walks. Every Tuesday morning, year round from 9 am to 3 pm, there is a Fresh Market with food and other local vendors.

Directions from south end of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge:

I-275 North to the Gulfport Casino in the heart of the Gulfport Art District.

1. Head **west** on **I-275 N** - Partial toll road
2. Take exit **18** for **26th Ave S**
3. Turn **left** at **26th Ave S**
4. Turn **right** at **34th St S/US-19 N**
5. Turn **left** at **22nd Ave S**
6. Continue on **Gulfport Blvd S**
7. Turn **left** at **54th St S**
8. **54th St S** turns **right** and becomes **Shore Blvd S**

Minutes Architectural Review Committee April 24, 2012

Attendees: Gwenda Stepien – Committee Chair, Nancy Schubert – Board Liaison, Joe Sefack, and Mickie Konner
The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of 3 committee members present.
The minutes of the prior ARC meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	691 Clear Creek Drive	Landscape lighting front/rear	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2nd: Gwen Stepien Notes:
2.	731 Shadow Bay Way	Paint shutters on front of house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2nd: Mickie Konner Notes:
3.	581 Meadow Sweet	Paint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Mickie Konner 2nd: Joe Sefack Notes:
4.	526 Meadow Sweet	Landscaping, remove old plants, replace with new	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2nd: Gwen Stepien Notes:
5.	526 Meadow Sweet	Install picket fence in front of house.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2nd: Mickie Konner Notes:
6.	541 Meadow Sweet	Remove old plants, replace with new	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Gwen Stepien 2nd: Joe Sefack Notes:
7.	541 Meadow Sweet	Put small landscaping stones around house	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Joe Sefack 2nd: Mickie Konner Notes:
8.	1159 Mallard Marsh	Remove tree back of house	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Mickie Konner 2nd: Gwen Stepien Notes:
9.	1159 Mallard Marsh	Replace front windows with hurricane type windows	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Joe Sefack 2nd: Gwen Stepien Notes:
10.	931 Scherer Way	New lights on garage	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Mickie Konner 2nd: Gwen Stepien Notes:
11.	1020 Scherer Way	Paint trim on house Same color	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Mickie Konner 2nd: Gwen Stepien Notes:

12.	1020 Scherer Way	Place cage over small opening on back lanai	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Gwen Stepien 2nd: Joe Sefack Notes:
13.	922 Eagle Isle Court	Solar Panels on roof	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Joe Sefack 2nd: Gwen Stepien Notes:
14.	812 Golden Pond	Remove tree from lanai Plant palm tree in back	Motion: Resolved: APPROVED Gwen Stepien 2nd: Mickie Konner Notes:
15.	980 Scherer Way	Paint house	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Mickie Konner 2nd: Joe Sefack Notes:
16.	769 Placid Lake	Power wash house and paint same color	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Joe Sefack 2nd: Mickie Konner Notes:
17.	1099 Scherer Way	Remove old plants in front of house, plant an English garden in place	Resolved: DISAPPROVED Motion: Joe Sefack 2nd: Gwen Stepien Notes:
18.	925 Eagle Isle Court	Major construction changes to house	Resolved: DISAPPROVED Motion: Gwen Stepien 2nd: Joe Sefack Notes: Not a proper application
19.	564 Meadow Sweet	Paint house, trim, door and garage	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Mickie Konner 2nd: Joe Sefack Notes:
20.	531, 541, 543, 526, 578, and 586 Meadow Sweet	Tree removal	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Mickie Konner 2nd: Gwen Stepien Notes: Homeowners must comply with all county ordinances

New business: None
 ARC meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.
 Next Meeting: May 29, 2012.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC)
 meets the **last Tuesday** of each month (June 26) at 6:00pm
 Location: Cottages Clubhouse
 Please contact a Board Member or Committee Chair to confirm meeting
 details.

Applications are due to Lighthouse Management
 by the **third Tuesday** of each month.
NOTE: The ARC recommends that applications be received one week
 before the next meeting. Applications received after the monthly date
 will have to wait until following month.

Places to Go In St. Petersburg: The Gizella Kopsick Palm Arboretum



Palm Arboretum in St. Petersburg

Visitors to this St. Petersburg downtown oasis will experience the wonderful diversity of palm trees. The park boasts 500 palms and cycads from 150 different species that include the common coconut palm as well as the more exotic African oil palm, sugar palm and grugru palm. This lovely park, with its brick-lined walkways, is named after the resident who initially funded its development. Signs identify all the palms in the garden, which has pathways wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs.

- **Hours:** Daily, 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.
- **Parking:** Free lot and free on-street
- **Interesting facts:** The Park is the result of two dedicated residents, Gizella Kopsick and Elva Rouse, who shared an interest in beautifying the city through parks and open spaces. This outdoor space was specifically designed to be accessible to people in wheelchairs, which included Gizella Kopsick, the benefactor who provided the funds.
- **Features:** Over 2 acres with benches and beach access.

<http://oldnortheast.patch.com/listings/gizella-kopsick-palm-arboretum>

901 North Shore Drive NE, St. Petersburg or call 727-893-7335



Indian Wild Date Palm



Cuban Petticoat Palm



Queen Sago Palm ~ photos by Brian

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Enjoy!



Florida Gardening Calendar

Comments or suggestions?
Dr. Sydney Park Brown
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June

Central Florida Edition

What to Plant

Annuals: Annuals that can take full sun during the increasingly hot summer months include celosia, portulaca, vinca, and some coleus. **See:** [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#)

Palms: Summer's warm, rainy months are the perfect time to plant palms. **See:** [Transplanting Palms in the Landscape](#)

Herbs: Plant heat loving herbs, including basil, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary. **See:** [Herbs in the Florida Garden](#)

Vegetables: Vegetables to plant now are okra, southern pea, calabaza, Malabar spinach, and sweet potato. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

What to Do

Pests: Monitor the garden weekly for harmful insects. Knowing which insects attack a plant can aid in identification and treatment. **See:** [Landscape Integrated Pest Management](#)

Irrigation: June is normally the start of the rainy season, but if rainfall is spotty, monitor lawns for drought stress and water as needed. Focus on new plantings and follow watering restrictions. When rains begin, shut down irrigation system. **See:** [Fertilization and Irrigation Needs for Florida Lawns and Landscapes](#)

Propagation: Now is a good time to produce more plants by air layering, grafting, division, or cuttings. **See:** [Propagation of Landscape Plants](#)

Palms and cycads: Watch for nutrient deficiencies or other problems and use an appropriate treatment. **See:** [Physiological Disorders of Landscape Palms](#)

Pruning: Summer flowering shrubs, like hibiscus, oleander, and crape myrtle, bloom on new growth; lightly prune often during the warmer months. [Azaleas](#) can still be pruned without harming next spring's buds. **See:** [Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs](#)

Rejuvenate lawn areas: For areas where grass doesn't grow well, try replacing with versatile ground covers. **See:** [Florida-Friendly Guide to Plant Selection](#)

Lawn problems: Lawn insects are very active during the warm months. Check frequently for damaged areas and determine whether damage is from pests, disease, or lack of water so your remedy is effective. **See:** [Insect Management in Your Florida Lawn](#)

Soil Solarization: Clean up your vegetable garden and solarize the soil to kill pests and disease. **See:** [Introduction to Soil Solarization](#)

What to Do Every Month

- Adjust irrigation based on rainfall.
- Deadhead flowers to encourage new blooms.
- Monitor the garden for insects and disease.
- Plant trees, shrubs, and perennials and water until established.
- [Mow lawns](#) at recommended heights:
 - St. Augustine & Bahia: 3-4"
 - Centipede: 1.5-2.0"
 - Dwarf St. Augustine: 2.5"
 - [Zoysiagrass](#)

UF Resources For Gardeners

- UF/IFAS Publications (EDIS) <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- Solutions For Your Life <http://solutionsforyourlife.com>
- *Gardening in a Minute* Radio Program <http://gardeninginaminute.com>
- Florida Master Gardener Program <http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/>
- Living Green <http://livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Shingles and the Vaccine

Have you had the Shingles Vaccine? You can usually get the vaccine after the age of 60. Talk to your physician about getting the vaccine when you are "shingle free".

Visit the following web sites for more information. Take care of yourself!

Shinglesinfo.com Homepage FAQs

Shingles - MayoClinic.com

Shinglesvaccine: Should I get it? - MayoClinic.com

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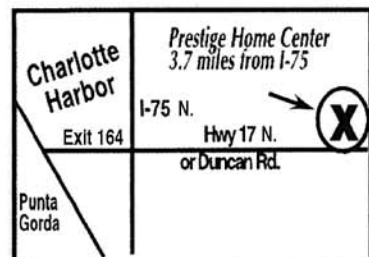
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