



# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

Your Community Resource

April 2019

## Continuation of Members Meeting, March 13

By Carol Heckert;

Reviewed by John Fitzgibbon

This meeting was called by the Board to continue discussion of the new Covenants and Bylaws, as the required number of votes to approve these documents had not yet been obtained. Sixty homeowners and our attorney, Paul Olah, attended. After a long and spirited question and answer session, President Ray Capuano called a vote as to whether we should continue to try to get the necessary number of votes for approval, or start all over again with a second revision of our documents. The homeowners present voted to revise the documents and start all over again.

President Capuano then called upon everyone present to participate by:

- 1) Giving suggestions for changes to the Document Review Committee chair, Joe Sefack.
- 2) Helping to market the revised document once it is completed. More community participation is needed.

An expanded committee will assemble over the coming months to revise the documents in order to address the suggestions made by the community.

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## Board of Directors Meeting, March 13

Attending: Ray Capuano, Larry Dobias, Maureen Emmons, John Fitzgibbon, Beth Miller (Lighthouse)

Peter Strauss has resigned from the Board of Directors.

### Alleys:

An attorney, with experience as an arbitrator, was hired to help resolve the issue of maintenance responsibility for the alleys in the Villas. Previous legal opinions resulted in conflicting opinions depending upon the source materials used by those lawyers, i.e. deeds versus easements. The new attorney will take both sources into account as well as all other pertinent documents, easements and regulations. Once his opinion is rendered, the Board intends to hold another Town Hall to assure that all resident concerns are addressed, after which the Board hopes to bring this issue to closure.

### Maintenance Committee: (Larry Dobias)

1. Tree planting: Green Topps will replace 30 trees that were removed with new trees for \$7,200, including irrigation. Approved.
2. The pump house will be replaced and refurbished by Water Technologies for \$14,140. Approved.
3. Lights in the front of the community were replaced for \$228. Approved.
4. Additional cameras will monitor the area around the pool for \$325, installed. Approved.
5. A fountain will be installed at the bridge for no more than \$7,500. Approved.

### Ponds & Preserves Committee: (Frank Freestone)

1. Committee members staffed a table at the Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team on Feb. 16.
2. Chair attended a Stormwater Class on Feb. 26.
3. Call for volunteers to become Pond Stewards.

### New Business

Board voted for Maureen Emmons to become Vice President and a check signer.

Next Meeting: April 3, 4:30 PM, Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Now and then it's good to pause in our  
pursuit of happiness  
and just be happy.

~ Guillaume Apollinaire, French Novelist 1880-1918

## Maintenance Activity in February by Larry Dobias, Board Liaison

Security Cameras installed at the pool including the parking lot.

Alley potholes were repaired.

Community sidewalks power washed the week of 2/11

Dead pines removed.

Lights replaced at the community entrance off Old Venice Rd.

## Power Washing Rivendell's Walkways

In February, the Board hired Dutchman Window and Cleaning Service to power wash our common area sidewalks. Now these areas are safer for walking because there is less danger of slipping and falling on slippery pavement. Aesthetics and curb appeal are also important reasons for tackling this project.

Residents that have sidewalks in front of their homes are responsible for their upkeep. If you're not sure if your sidewalk needs some TLC, check the common area sidewalks washed by Dutchman and see if yours compares favorably. Many thanks to the owners who have already cleaned their walkways. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



*Placid Lake sidewalk before & after power washing ~  
photos by Nancy Dobias*



## Earth Day - Saturday, April 27, 2019 Oscar Scherer State Park

10am to 4pm FREE Park Entry

<http://friendsofoscarscherer.com/earth-day>

Earth Day at Oscar Scherer State Park is always a success, and there are many fun activities for the entire family. There will be earth friendly vendors, environmental and informational booths, food vendors, guided hikes, demonstrations, a photo contest, tram tours, special speakers' tent, and more. The live music line-up is listed on the Entertainment flyer.

Get your hands dirty and join in the planting of new plants for the Big Lake restoration project or cleaning and trimming vegetation around Lake Osprey. Volunteers should be prepared to get wet and dirty! Contact the Ranger Station at 941-483-5956 for information, or email [Diana.Stinson@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Diana.Stinson@dep.state.fl.us).

By the way, the first Earth Day occurred in 1970 and was started by U.S. citizens who were concerned about oil spills, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, the loss of wilderness, and the extinction of wildlife. Earth Day enlisted support from rich and poor, city dwellers and farmers, and industrialists and labor leaders. It is now celebrated throughout the world by more than a billion people in over 190 countries.



## Next Rivendell Board Meeting

Wednesday April 3rd, 2019 4:30pm

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2705 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis

Any changes to this date will be  
posted on the website

[www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)



## Next Ponds and Preserves Committee Meeting

The next Ponds and Preserves Quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 2nd at 2pm in the Cottages Clubhouse.



### Sarasota County Reminds You to Fertilize & Irrigate Responsibly

Sarasota County has an ordinance aimed at controlling fertilizer runoff into county waters and a set of guidelines related to managing irrigation.

- ✓ Fertilizer cannot be applied from June 1 to Sept. 30, annually. Confirm that your commercial contractor is certified by the County. If you're doing it yourself, reduce the amount of fertilizer applied to your lawn as much as possible.
- ✓ Fertilizer should not be applied within 10 feet of a pond or preserve. A low-maintenance zone that is 6-foot wide is also recommended.
- ✓ Irrigate only on your allowed day (even house numbers on Tuesday, odd on Thursday).
- ✓ Check sprinkler heads and ensure rain sensors are working properly.

Online? Click below for more information:

- [The Woodlands Word](#) article – Nov. 2018: [Pond Algae, Fertilizer, Irrigation and Us](#)
- More details: [Sarasota County Recommendations for Fertilizer and Irrigation](#)
- Visit [Rivendell Ponds & Preserves website](#)

### Call for Volunteers: Rivendell Pond Aquatic-Planting Project

By the Ponds and Preserves Committee



The Spring planting season for aquatic shoreline plants in our ponds is rapidly approaching. Experience at Venice G&CC, Valencia Lakes and other neighboring communities has shown that volunteer planting projects for community ponds

have been very successful. For our project, plants and refreshments will be provided by the HOA. Specific plans for planting dates and location will be developed shortly; expert oversight will be part of the planning process. Be a part of a team to work together to both contribute to beautifying your community, as well as helping to control pond erosion and algae!

Please contact Frank Freestone at [paddlemania@verizon.net](mailto:paddlemania@verizon.net)

### Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

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



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## Mix 'n Mingle with Your Neighbors by Adele Kellman



The first Rivendell Mix 'n Mingle was held on February 28th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm and was a great success. Kathy Halaiko is organizing this on-going event where neighbors bring their drinks and appetizers to the pool for a friendly reception. It was a beautiful night and there was good turnout; at least 45 people arrived! There were delicious snacks, too: chips and dips, popcorn, and even some sandwiches. And Kathy provided nametags for everyone. The March event was held on Wednesday, March 27th, but beginning in April, the Mix 'n Mingle will be on the 3rd Thursday of the month. With daylight savings time having begun, mosquitoes should be no problem. Bring your friends to this fun event. Reminders and any updates will be posted on Nextdoor.com.

The upcoming schedule is

Thursday, April 18th 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 16th 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

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## The Social Committee is Moving Ahead By Adele Kellman

The Social Committee met at Debra Jones' home on March 5th. The group welcomed new member, Barbara Gildner, and gave a big round of support to Sallie Hawkins for the successful Rivendell Community Garage Sale. Committee events currently running are:

- The "Dining Out" group, which meets on the third Saturday evening each month, is hosted first for drinks at a group member's home before dining locally. The first dinner was hosted and organized by Kristin Ellison; Adele Kellman will host and organize the second dinner. If you want to join this group, or to form a second group, please contact Kristin at kristinellison1@gmail.com.
- The "Dining In" group meets in a member's home for dinner. The host provides the entrée to the meal and the guests provide the rest of the meal. The first dinner was held in March at Kristin Ellison's home. Again, please contact Kristin if you want to join, or to form a second group.
- The "Mix 'n Mingle" Program, organized by Kathy Ha-laiko, is a gathering of the community at the pool with everyone bringing their drinks and snacks. The first event was very successful, as described in a separate article. It was decided that, beginning in April, the event will be held on the third Thursday of each month, weather permitting.
- A bridge group organized by Debra Jones meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. If you are interested in playing bridge with the group, please contact Debra 517-515-4884

Ongoing events will be posted on a new monthly calendar included in *The Woodlands Word* and the Rivendell website. But reminders of larger events such as the "Mix 'n Mingle" and new annual events in the future will be routinely posted in [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com). Community residents are urged to join the Nextdoor website, and to check the site regularly for upcoming events and any date changes.

Debra Jones reported that a second book group was being considered. If you are interested in being part of such a group, please contact Debra at 517-515-4884. Lenora McComas has been working to form a Mahjonn group and Barb Gildner, Bjazy10g@aol.com, has been reaching out to people interested in games or cards, other than bridge. Melle Lee Warren reported that she is exploring an activity associated with March Madness which may be advertised on the Nextdoor website. Melle Lee is looking to organize activities associated with college sports. Adele Kellman reported that she would delay efforts at organizing kayaking until the following fall.

Finally, the group discussed offering more annual events. The Rivendell Community Garage Sale will continue as an annual event, perhaps to be combined with fundraising for a charitable cause from a community bake sale located at the pool. The group is considering a fall "Welcome Back" event for the community, possibly a cookout at Jetty Park. If you have any interest in helping organize community-wide events, including those earlier than next fall, please contact Carolyn Kenney at [kenneycsq@gmail.com](mailto:kenneycsq@gmail.com).

### Next Communications Committee Meeting

The Communications Committee meets on the last Thursday of every month at 7pm.

Contact Barb Gahry ([barbgahry@gmail.com](mailto:barbgahry@gmail.com))  
for meeting location and other details.

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## Irish Brown Bread

By Jan O'Halloran, Simplest way to make the Irish brown bread of your dreams,  
The Washington Post March 2018

[www.washingtonpost.com/news/voraciously/wp/2018/03/09/the-simplest-way-to-make-the-irish-brown-bread-of-your-dreams/?utm\\_term=.20823f323e7c](http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/voraciously/wp/2018/03/09/the-simplest-way-to-make-the-irish-brown-bread-of-your-dreams/?utm_term=.20823f323e7c)

This Irish home cook's recipe makes an easy, healthy, moist, and nutty-tasting loaf that keeps well, thanks to oats and ground flaxseed. It is an unusual recipe but good!

### Ingredients:

Butter, for greasing the parchment paper  
2 cups plain whole-milk yogurt, low-fat yogurt, or fat-free yogurt (do not use Greek yogurt)  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
2 tablespoons flaxseed meal (ground flaxseed)  
1 large egg, beaten  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 pound quick-cooking or instant oats (do not use regular rolled oats or individual packets of instant oats)  
1/4 cup whole or low-fat milk

**Step 1:** Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line an 8-by-4-inch loaf pan (metal or glass) with buttered parchment paper (can skip the parchment paper and just butter the loaf pan).

**Step 2:** Combine the yogurt and baking soda in a mixing bowl. Stir gently — small bubbles should begin to form, and the mixture should fizz a bit. Add the flaxseed meal, beaten egg and salt, folding very gently from the edges toward the center.

**Step 3:** Fold in half of the oats, then add the rest of the oats, and finally the milk, stirring to form a slightly sticky, dense dough. Transfer to the loaf pan and smooth out the top and sides, making sure the dough is sitting as evenly as possible.



**Step 4:** Use the tip of a sharp knife to make a shallow slit lengthwise down the center, beginning and ending about an inch from the edges of the loaf pan. Bake (middle rack) for 1 hour, until the top is a deep golden brown.

**Step 5:** Carefully remove the loaf from the pan and discard the parchment paper.

Then, put a sheet of aluminum foil onto the oven rack, and place the bread on it, upside down. Bake for 10 minutes, until all sides are a uniform shade of brown.

**Step 6:** Transfer the bread to a wire rack to cool completely, right side up; it will seem quite moist, but will firm up as it cools. Cool completely before serving (with salted butter) or storing.

### Notes:

- For a sweeter variation, add 3/4 cup of halved dried figs. This is a base recipe that takes well to experimentation.
- Wonderful texture. It's great toasted; serve with salted butter and/or a jam. Try it with marmalade, honey, or Nutella!
- If using a metal bread pan: the bread was done in 50 minutes. with no need to remove from the pan and brown the outside for the final 10 minutes. It was perfectly cooked. The crust is great.

Prep Time: 15 minutes Total: 85 minutes,  
plus cooling Servings: 8 (makes one 8-inch loaf)

**Nutrition:** Calories: 270; Total Fat: 6 g; Saturated Fat: 2 g; Cholesterol: 30 mg; Sodium: 520 mg; Protein: 11 g; Total Carbohydrates: 44 g; Dietary Fiber: 6 g; Sugars: 5 g.



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## Book Group Schedule by Pam Babbit



The book group will meet on April 8, at Kathy Lysak's home, 738 Fordingbridge Way. Please call Kathy at 966-9859 if you plan to attend. The book selection is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn.

*The Alice Network* is an historical novel about two women - a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I, and an American college girl searching for her cousin after World War II. During 1947, the American college girl, Charlie St. Clair, is pregnant, unmarried, and banished to Europe to take care of her pregnancy. She hopes that her cousin Rose, who disappeared in Nazi-occupied France during WWII, might still be alive. Charlie heads to London, to find out what happened to her cousin.

A year into the Great War (1915), Eve Gardiner joins the fight against the Germans when she's recruited to work as a spy. She's trained by Lili, the "Queen of Spies", who manages a network of secret agents. Thirty years later, haunted by the betrayal that tore apart the Alice Network, Eve spends her days drunk in her crumbling London house until a young American barges in uttering a name Eve hasn't heard in decades, launching them both on a mission to find the truth.

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm. All Rivendell residents are welcome; please notify the month's hostess if you plan to participate. Following is the future schedule:

- May 13: *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, A Daring Escape, and the Making of Winston Churchill* by Candice Millard
- June 10: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate
- July 8: *A Paris Apartment* by Michelle Gable

## MIX & MINGLE

Come meet your neighbors at the newly formed Rivendell Social Committee's "Mix and Mingle" to be held at the Rivendell Community Pool on Thursday, April 18th, 5:30pm to 7pm. BYOB (plastic glasses ONLY), a chair and an optional snack. Hope to see lots of neighbors!

Questions: Kathy Halaiiko 941-914-6895 or [halaiiko@yahoo.com](mailto:halaiiko@yahoo.com)

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### These Noisy Kids

"Knock-it-off, are the only words I've heard from him this past week," said Donna.

Donna and Fred's grandkids are down for the summer. She called asking for help, since Fred was complaining that the kids are too loud. His irritation was causing tension and putting a damper on the summer vacation.

To make certain we got this one right, we asked him to bring in one of the grandkids.

When sounds are not commonly heard, the brain will pay extra attention to ensure you are aware of this new noise. It is a primitive mental response to keep us safe. This same effect is when you stay in a hotel and new sounds keep you from sleeping well. Your brain is not sure what to do with the new noise and wants you to decide if the sound is important.

When kids are out of the house, our brains adapt to the quieter environment. Then grandkids visit, bringing noise into what was a quiet home. These unfamiliar sounds get attention from our brain, and this constant attention is a bit exhausting, which can result in grumpy people.

Depending on the length of their visit, you may just need to accept the sound and focus on relaxing. For others however, the best fix is a program adjusted for the kids.

If you wear hearing aids and notice you are getting tired and irritable with kids in the house, you can have one program to reduce these sounds. Even though they may be here temporarily, a program set to allow you comfort and confidence around them can ease everyone's experience.

Donna and Fred brought in their granddaughter to ensure we got a program that would soften the sounds. We set up the program then they went to lunch with the whole family and called after lunch to let us know it went well, Fred was relaxed and engaged.

If you struggled when around younger people, it is time to have a checkup for your hearing. Call my office, 941-244-9300, with any questions about program settings.

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[www.scgov.net/PlanningServices/RezoneSpecial Exception Documents/Zoning.pdf](http://www.scgov.net/PlanningServices/RezoneSpecial%20Exception%20Documents/Zoning.pdf)

**WHAT IS ZONING?** Zoning's fundamental purpose is to protect a community's health, safety, and welfare. It is a system of land use regulations that classify how land can be used and prescribes standards for its development by helping to protect public and private interests, preserve critical areas, promote orderly growth, and encourage development in keeping with community desires. These land use regulations are a set of local laws that are codified into a document known as the Zoning Ordinance, or the Zoning Code.

**IS ZONING PERMANENT?** No, the zoning ordinance can be changed. Changes are referred to as text amendments or a rezoning when changing the zoning map. Zoning regulations exceptions can be made through the Rezone/Special Exceptions process. An explanation of this process is provided below. For more information on changing Zoning Designations, please visit <https://www.scgov.net/DevelopmentServices/Pages/Zoning.aspx>

### THE REZONES AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PROCESS

1. **PRELIMINARY MEETING PRE-APPLICATION MEETING:** A land or project developer attends a required pre-application meeting with the Development Review Committee (DRC). A written summary letter must be provided within 7-10 days.
2. **NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP:** A neighborhood workshop is required with surrounding property owners. A county planner will attend this meeting to explain the process.
3. **STAFF REVIEW:** Staff review involves a ten (10) day sufficiency and a five (5) day formal review. Staff and Applicant schedule a Planning Commission hearing date.
4. **PUBLIC NOTICE:** Public Notice is both for Planning Commission and County Commission public hearings, by newspaper advertisement, signs posted on the property and a mailed notice of public hearings.
5. **PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING + RECOMMENDATION:** A Planning Commission hearing is held and a recommendation is made to the Board of County Commissioners. All information that is submitted either before or at the Planning Commission hearing is included in the information that is forwarded to the County Commissioners for their consideration.
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### Book Group II

A second book group has formed and the first meeting is April 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Natalie Elman's house, 1163 Mallard Marsh Dr. The group is discussing *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Please call the hostess at 973-715-2680 if you would like to attend!

## One Book One Community

Each year one book is selected to foster the expression of ideas within the community through the shared love of reading. The Sarasota selection for 2019 is *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. It is a New York Times bestseller that tells a twisting true-life mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history. This is the story of how the Osage people became the richest people in the world and were systematically being murdered as a result. Then the fledgling F.B.I. took up the case and worked with the Osage to expose the chilling conspiracy.

As a part of the 2019 One Book One Community program featuring the book "Killers of the Flower Moon," several upcoming events are scheduled to continue community engagement and spark conversation!

- Search for your Native American ancestors: Discussion includes CDIB cards, Tribal enrollment, Ancestral Dawes Rolls data (lists of individuals who were eligible for membership in the Five Nations consisting of Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muskogee, Seminole), and more.
- Attend a genealogy lecture.
- Enjoy a theatrical reading of excerpts of the book by the Asolo Play Readers.
- Learn about the history of the FBI.

Event dates: Tuesday, April 2; Friday, April 5; Friday April 12; and Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

To find times and places, contact Sarasota County Library website: <https://scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com/events/upcoming>



The Rivendell Community Web Site is available at

[WWW.RIVENDELLCOMMUNITY.COM](http://WWW.RIVENDELLCOMMUNITY.COM)

Please contact Lighthouse Property Management for the password to the RESIDENTS / INFORMATION section.

## Rivendell Bridge Group

The Rivendell Bridge Group now meets on a regular basis the first and third Thursday of each month from 1-4 in participants' homes. There are 12 members (men and women) who play so far, so two tables of bridge have gathered each meeting. Please contact Deb Jones at 517-515-4994 if you would like to be added to the call list.



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	# SOLD	CURRENT LISTINGS	MONTH'S SUPPLY	AVERAGE SALES PRICE
2018	30	10	4.3	\$442,230
2017	24	-	-	\$414,267
% Change	25%	-	-	6.75%

## What will cause prices to jump in 2019?

- 1** Season is rapidly approaching. Many Rivendell residents are leaving the cold weather up north to enjoy Florida's wonderful winter climate.
- 2** The Mid-Term elections are history. The preoccupation with politics will diminish.
- 3** With 70 Million baby boomers retiring over the next decade, we are poised for tremendous growth.
- 4** Local demand also strong because of Rivendell's walking distance to Pineview School, recognized as one of the best in the nation.
- 5** Mortgage interest rates are climbing and could reach 6% in 2019. With rates rising, many buyers will take advantage of today's rates immediately rather than waiting.

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## Architectural Review Committee Report - February 26, 2019

Meeting called to order 5:55 PM

Quorum present: Neil Agruss, John Greco, Susan Lanza, Richard Jurik, Alex Castro

Board Liaison: Maureen Emmons, Acting Chair

	Request	Address	Assigned To	Second	Status
1	New roof shingles	550 Meadow Sweet	Alex Castro	Richard Jurck	Approved
2	Install swing set	672 Shadow Bay Way	John Greco	Alex Castro	Approved a
3	Landscape	699 Rivendell Blvd	Susan Lanza	John Greco	Approved
4	New windows	901 Scherer Way	Neil Agruss	Susan Lanza	Approved
5	Remove two palm trees	1028 Oak Meadow	Alex Castro	Richard Jurik	Approved
6	Landscape	1115 Mallard Marsh	Richard Jurik	Susan Lanza	Approved
7	Paint house / blue trim	1344 New Forest	John Greco	Susan Lanza	Rejected b
8	Paint house same color	1119 Mallard Marsh	Neil Agruss	Richard Jurik	Approved
9	Paint house same color	1120 Mallard Marsh	Neil Agruss	Richard Jurik	Approved
10	Paint house same color	1124 Mallard Marsh	Susan Lanza	Alex Castro	Approved
11	Paint house similar colors	1160 Mallard Marsh	Neil Agruss	Susan Lanza	Approved
12	Paint house	1151 Mallard Marsh	Susan Lanza	Alex Castro	Approved
13	Replace front door	1155 Mallard Marsh	Richard Jurik	Alex Castro	Approved
14	Paint house - Paint Palette	682 Clear Creek Dr	n/a		Approved
15	Replace roof and window	755 Shadow Bay Way	Neil Agruss	Alex Castro	Approved
16	Remove tree/paint house	819 Golden Pond	Alex Castro	John Greco	Rejected c
17	Hurricane windows/doors	766 Shadow Bay	Richard Jurik	John Greco	Approved
18	Paint house	928 Eagle Isle	Susan Lanza	Alex Castro	Approved
19	Landscape	1036 Oak Meadow	Alex Castro	Neil Agruss	Approved
20	New roof shingles	526 Meadow Sweet	Alex Castro	Richard Jurik	Approved

- a. Two members abstained.
- b. Trim color not accepted. Must be repainted with a lighter or darker shade of base of home.
- c. House and trim must be different to maintain 'polychromatic *ambiance*'.

Meeting adjourned: 6:40 PM

Next meeting **Tuesday April 30** at 4:30 PM at the Cottages Clubhouse. Request cutoff **April 23**.

### Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The ARC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm in the Cottages Clubhouse

**ARC applications are due to Lighthouse Management  
seven days prior to the meeting.**

## Clever Monkey Craft Grill and Bar

By Judy Sokal



We enjoy eating at home and generally prepare healthy salads and soups for lunch and grilled fish or chicken for dinner. (I know - so virtuous.) But sometimes we get bored or feel too tired to cook, and just want to run out to "grab a bite." We noticed that Norma Jean's, on the west side of Rt. 41, had changed hands and was renamed "Clever Monkey." So we decided on the spur of the moment to give it a try. The décor had changed very little, and there were still TV sets at every table and large screens in the back. But it wasn't noisy or too crowded and felt relaxed. The service was friendly, but don't go if you're in a hurry.

We thought the food was very good on our first visit, and decided to return again. For the first visit, Jon had pork loin chops and was shocked (and delighted) at how tender and delicious they were. He could only eat ½ so we boxed up the remainder and he had a second meal at home. He loved the French fries too, and had them on both visits. I was pleased to see the Impossible Burger on the menu. It is a veggie burger that claims to taste like beef, and it really does. I chose it on both visits and Jon tried it on our second visit and loved it.

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## Contact Information Sheet

Homeowners must complete and return the Contact Information Sheet (CIS) available on our website: [www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)

This sheet includes emergency contact information (remember Hurricane Irma September 2017) and provides correct and needed information for Lighthouse Property Management, (LHM). The information will also be useful for the Rivendell Community Directory; however, you may opt out of having some of your information printed in the directory.

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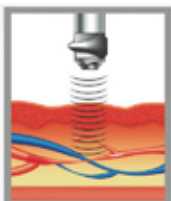


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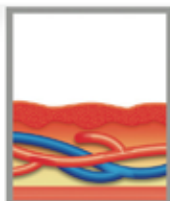
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