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The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

February 2017



Crescent Park Bulletin Board Revamp

By Nancy Dobias with photos by

Nancy Dobias

The Anna Hope Helpers Strike Again - Larry Dobias and Greg Volack were spotted in Crescent Park working on the community bulletin board. This time they replaced the old one with a new one that works. Rusty bolts, angry wasps and a confused lizard were "asked" to find another location as the old bulletin board was removed from the posts.

Once that was accomplished, a mop and bucket scrubbed off the remains of the wasp nest along with the rust and other debris that had accumulated between the bulletin board and the Rivendell sign. The drills and levels miraculously appeared (I think men must be born with them) and the new brackets and stainless steel screws were installed.



Either it's lots of fun working around the community or the Anna Hope Helpers just like seeing things getting done and looking good. One thing noticed during the project was that the sign on the back of the bulletin board is no longer accurate. Perhaps it is time to update this sign with accurate and complete phone information.



Highlights of January 4 Board Meeting

By Carol Heckert;

Reviewed by Bobby Merrill

Attending: Joe Sefack, Bobby Merrill, Gwen Leaning, Bruce Lorie

Reports:

Manager's Report: Shannon Banks absent due to family emergency.

Treasurer's Report: We are \$71,000 under budget, largely due to collection of past receivables to reduce bad debt expense by \$9,800, \$39,000 underspent on landscaping and \$16,000 underspent in administrative and legal fees.

Architectural Review Committee: November - 11 requests made; 10 approved. December - 12 requests made; 12 approved. Maggi Verhagen has resigned from the committee; Wayne Davis' name submitted to replace her. Wayne Davis approved, though all ARC committee members must submit their names for Board approval for the coming year. The new ARC procedures have been completed.

Maintenance Committee: Mulch has been spread in all common areas. Shannon Banks working on bids for lake access project, pool deck project, and tree replacement project.

Communications Committee: New community map presented to the Board. It is on the website, in color, under Community and was printed in the January Woodlands Word. The Board expressed its thanks to Pam Babbitt, who developed the map. The Board was asked if the New Resident Packet is being mailed to new homeowners, and if the map can be included in this packet. Will be answered by Shannon Banks upon her return.

Old Business:

The Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, February 1 at 5:30 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2705 N. Tamiami Trail in Nokomis. The Annual Meeting Packet, with information and ballots for two Board members, will be mailed to all homeowners on January 6. Homeowners are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting, as a quorum is needed.

New Business: None

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Please note:

**Information on the Board of Directors' election
will be in the March 2017 newsletter.**

(Highlights of Board Meeting continued from pg. 1)

Homeowner Comments:

- Several homeowners asked questions about the pavers proposed to replace the current deck of the community pool. (Response: Bid accepted; details being worked out by LHPM re restrooms and entry.)
- Should contract to change time on the pool clock twice a year for DST and EST.
- Palms overhanging Pine View Path are dangerous.
- Not enough getting done in the community. Suggest better communication between Board and Lighthouse Property Mgt. (Response: There were insufficient funds available for pool and playground projects. Time was needed to move reserve funds to allow expenditure for projects.)
- Need to communicate progress on projects to homeowners.
- Leaking fire hydrant by the pool not repaired. (County has inspected and claims flooding not from County water.)

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting on February 1, 2017.

Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

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

Next Rivendell Board Meeting (ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING)

Wednesday, February 1st 2017 at 5:30pm

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
2705 N Tamiami Trail**

Any changes to this date will be
posted on the website

www.rivendellcommunity.com

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Venice Audubon Events
Submitted by Norma Lee Rhines;

excerpted from Venice Audubon Wings & Things, Jan/Feb 2017

Great Backyard Bird Count Set For February 17-20, 2017

The annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) takes place worldwide February 17th through 20th. Please consider counting birds in your backyard, local park, or favorite beach, and contribute to this worldwide effort.

Last year more than 162,000 checklists were submitted worldwide, identifying 5,689 different species & over 18 million birds. Information gathered and reported online during the count helps scientists track changes in bird distribution. Though rarities and out-of-range species are exciting, it's important to keep track of more common birds, too. Many species around the world are in decline and tracking changes in distribution and numbers over time is vital to determine if conservation measures are needed. You can count birds for as few as 15 minutes on one day or watch for many hours each day at multiple locations. You choose your level of involvement.

- Submit a separate checklist online for each new day, for each new location, or for the same location if you counted at a different time of day. Estimate the number of individuals of each species you saw during your count period.
- Learn how to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count at <http://gbbc.birdcount.org>. The GBBC is a joint project of Cornell Lab of Ornithology & National Audubon Society with partner Bird Studies Canada.

Venice Area Audubon Society (VAAS) Open House, Plant & Bake Sale, March 11, 2017

10 a.m. to Noon, Venice Audubon Center, Annex Road, behind the R. L. Anderson Administration Building.

Everyone is welcome and while visiting take a guided tour of the Rookery - perfect timing to see nesting birds. A raffle for a handmade bird quilt will also be held. Purchase yummy baked goods like pies, cakes, breads, brownies, cookies, and other homemade items. Or buy a few native plants. FREE BOOKS as well as a selection of bargain priced birding-related books will also be available.

The Photo Contest is open to everyone: Rules for the Photo Contest are posted at <http://tinyurl.com/zmqvkb7> or at the Center. Or visit website: <http://veniceaudubon.org>, then find "Download Documents" and click on the link "VAAS 2017 Photo Contest Rules."

- Tickets are available at February meeting and at the Open House.
- Proceeds benefit the VAAS Education programs: Audubon Adventures Program for 4th & 5th grade classes, and the Bird Study program for 2nd grade classes and the NEW 5th Grade Jr. Jay Watch Program. These programs help over 2,000 area children learn & experience bird identification, native habitats, and other wildlife.
- For information call: 941-496-8984 or Email: info@veniceaudubon.org

Black-bellied Whistling Ducks

Submitted by Norma Lee Rhines; excerpted from R. Holder,

Venice Audubon Wings & Things, Dec 2016

These attractive ducks are known to combine nests in a great pile. Different females lay eggs in one large nest. Two ducks stay with the eggs and incubate them while the others leave, mostly going north during late spring and summer. The adult Black-bellied Whistling-Duck is dark overall with a black belly set off by bright-pink bill and legs.

At the Venice Audubon Rookery, one of the two ducks was usually on the nest. A month later the chicks hatched. When they are about two months old, the adults leave the nest calling out to the youngsters to join them at a nearby bank.

In fall and winter large flocks return and can be heard as they go whistling by. They do whistle rather than quack!

Norma Lee Rhines, Rivendell resident, reported that there is a family of Black-bellied Whistling Ducks in the pond near the Blackburn Point Medical Center (corner of Old Venice Road and US 41 - right here in Osprey).



Two adults with young ducks on the bank (sometimes as many as 32).

Coyote Information

Excerpted from Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the City of St. Petersburg

The Warden at Oscar Scherer State Park reported that there has been an increase in coyote sightings in the area and that at least one keeps its home in the Park. Owners of small pets need to be aware when outdoors with their pets.

In November 2016, homeowners on Fordingbridge Way saw three coyotes after dusk in their backyard. Another resident has seen several coyotes that appear to live near Bay Street. They have also heard them at night.

NOTE: Due to the striking similarity in color pattern of the coats, gray foxes are frequently misidentified as coyotes. However, gray foxes are much smaller than a coyote. Coyotes stand about 25" tall.

Coyote Facts

1. Coyotes are found throughout the State of Florida. They have been in the state since the 1970's.
2. Coyotes are in the same family as dogs, wolves, and foxes. Adults are medium in size (2 feet in height, 20 – 35 lbs.). Males are generally larger and heavier than females. Their fur is generally salt-and-pepper gray, with tan or brown patches. They have a thick, bushy tail, long, pointy nose, and pointy ears.
3. Coyotes are adaptable, living in land and marsh habitats. They have adapted and thrive in urban and suburban areas.
4. Coyotes are opportunistic, generalist feeders. They are omnivores (plant & animal eaters); eating just about anything or scavenging on road kill and carcasses. Their diverse diet allows them to adapt easily to a variety of habitats and areas.
5. Coyotes usually hunt alone, sometimes as a pair, but rarely, as a pack.
6. Coyotes are most active at dawn or dusk but have been seen any time of the day. Range averages 5-10 square miles. They breed once per year during winter months, denning in thickets, brush piles, hollow logs, or burrows. Pups are usually born in spring after about 60 days of gestation; litters average six pups.
7. Coyotes are generally shy & elusive. However, feeding of coyotes will result in eliminating their natural fear of humans.

Coyote Frequently Asked Questions

How can pets be protected?

- Keep pets indoors or in an outdoor cage from dusk until dawn. A fence may help deter coyotes, but is not foolproof.
- Feed your pets indoors. If you must feed your pet outside, do so during the day. Never leave pet food out at night.
- Make sure all trash is in a secure container.
- Install motion sensitive lights in your backyard and around your house.
- Clear brush and vegetation to remove habitat for small animals (rodents) that may attract coyotes and to remove areas that coyotes can hide while stalking their prey.
- Always keep pets on a leash when walking in parks, forested areas, or residential areas.
- Never feed coyotes.



What should I do if I see a coyote? Make sure the coyote knows they are not welcome; make loud noises, throw rocks, or spray them with a garden hose. It is important that coyotes retain their natural wariness of humans. If the coyote is not fearful of humans or becomes a nuisance, contact Light House Management, the Sheriff, or Animal Services.

What should I do if approached by a coyote? Coyotes are not large animals and rarely pose a threat to people, especially adults. Use common sense around coyotes and other carnivores. If a coyote approaches, shout at the coyote and wave your arms. Make noise using a "coyote shaker" or air horn. Throwing stones, spray from a water hose, pepper spray, or a paintball gun can be effective. A solid walking stick, or a golf club, is a deterrent at close range. Make a coyote shaker by placing a few washers, pebbles, or pennies in an empty drink container.

What diseases or parasites do coyotes carry? Distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, and mange. Coyotes can be infected with rabies. Numerous parasites can live on a coyote including mites, ticks, fleas, worms, and heartworm.

Have there been encounters between people and coyotes? Encounters are occurring more often. As coyotes become used to people, they may lose fear of people and become difficult to scare away. Several coyote attacks on dogs and cats have been reported over the past few years in Florida. In some cases, pet owners were present at the time of the attack. If the pet owner tries to intervene they may receive minor bites or scratches. However, no humans have been the targets of attacks in Florida. Never leave unattended children in areas suspected to be frequented by coyotes.

What should an adult do if a coyote approaches a child? Usually an adult who yells and approaches quickly can startle the coyote. That gives the adult time to quickly lift the child. Then back away while being ready to defend.

How can I report a coyote attack or encounter? Report the incident to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission by calling the regional office nearest to you or by calling 888-404-3922.

Can coyotes be removed? A professional trapper can be hired to remove coyotes. The FWC does not license nuisance wildlife trappers but maintains a list of registered trappers. The USDA Wildlife Services can provide assistance with wildlife trapping; call 866-487-3297.

Why won't FWC just eradicate coyotes? Research from Florida and other states has shown that removing coyotes is an inefficient and ineffective method to control local populations. This is because coyotes can compensate by increasing litter size and new coyotes can move into habitat others have been removed from.

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(Coyotes continued)

When did coyotes first appear in Florida? The expansion is due to several factors: coyotes eat different types of food, there have been widespread changes in habitat, which have created more places for coyotes to live, and red wolves are no longer present, so coyotes have less competition. Coyotes benefit from having a large number of pups in each litter (an average of 6, but that number can range from 2 to 12) and a short duration before pups become adults.

What are the major impacts of the coyote in Florida? Coyotes have not caused major changes to our ecosystems (no large declines in numbers of any native species). However, when they prey on threatened or endangered species (i.e. sea turtle eggs), localized control measures are required. Coyote numbers have stabilized in north and central Florida, but their numbers may continue to increase in south Florida because coyotes reached that area more recently.

Benefits of coyotes: Predators are important. For example, coyotes prey on rabbits and rodents, which can be pests. Coyotes can be a benefit for many bird and small mammal species because, as a larger predator, coyotes may control smaller predators such as raccoons, foxes, and feral cats.



Coyote photos courtesy of Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission and University of Florida



How secure is your personal mail in blue collection boxes?

Submitted by Ted Lysak

"Fishing" from the blue U.S. Postal collection boxes in order to steal outgoing mail, checks, and identities is becoming more common across the country. Coral Springs, Florida, reported problems in June 2016. In some areas, such as LA, the blue collection box drop open door is being sealed shut and replaced with a slot big enough for only one letter at a time. Drive-up slots are also being covered and locked during the night, as "fishing" occurs overnight.

Thieves prefer checks and personal information that could lead to identity theft. They also counterfeit checks or "wash" checks and use them for financial gain. How do thieves steal from the collection box mail? Homemade devices used to steal mail may include the following:

1. A weight, attached to rope, with duct tape facing out can be dropped into the collection box with the goal of having the mail stick to the tape, to be pulled back out.
2. Using a pillowcase or sack, tape, and hanger, a thief places the homemade device at the mouth of the box. It is placed so it can't be seen. As customers drop off their mail, it goes into the pillowcase and then the thief pulls the pillowcase out.

Prevention: It is still safe to put mail in a collection box, but adjustments have to be made. The best advice is to ensure that mail is in the box before the last pick up time of the day. Don't leave outbound letters in the collection boxes after hours, overnight, or on a holiday or weekend when it won't be picked up and will sit there.

Also, take the extra time to park and walk into the post office. Be alert. If you see something suspicious, like someone hanging around a collection box or a car parked for a long time at a collection box, report it. These crimes are investigated. Tampering and stealing U.S. mail is a federal crime.



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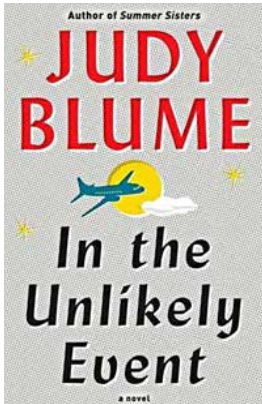
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Book Group Schedule

By Marilyn Probert



On Monday, February 13, the Book Group will meet to discuss Judy Blume's novel *In the Unlikely Event*. This is a story of how fictitious people's lives were affected by three plane crashes that actually occurred in Elizabeth, New Jersey, within a two-month period from December 15, 1951 to February 11, 1952. Cindy Schmidl will host the group at 1100 Mallard Marsh Drive; please call her at 941-918-1570 if you plan to attend.

In March, *Cooking for Picasso* by Camille Aubray will be the topic. Set on the French Riviera in 1936, Ondine's parents, owners of Cafe Paradis, receive an unusual request. A man, traveling incognito, wants his meals prepared and served to him at his rented villa in utmost secrecy. Seventeen-year-old Ondine is given this task. Flash forward to present day: Ondine's granddaughter, Celine, learns from her ill mother that her late grandmother once knew Picasso. Intrigued, and to satisfy her mother's curiosity as well as her own, Celine goes to France to find out more.

On April 3, a week earlier than usual, we will discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Harold undertakes a rather long walk from Kingsbridge on the south coast of Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed, the northernmost town in England, a trek of some 627 miles.

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month (except for the one-time change in April) at 7:30pm. All Rivendell residents are welcome; please notify the month's hostess if you plan to participate.



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Although I found Blair to have an abundance of knowledge, patience and humor, his greatest attribute is INTEGRITY. He honestly wants to help. I would recommend Blair Post and Contemporary Hearing to any person desiring to improve their hearing.

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Submitted by Pam Babbitt, excerpted from digmypics website & AARP Magazine Dec 2016

If your Rivendell home has boxes of photos, negatives, slides, 8mm films, and videotapes with "memories" you want to save, there is a relatively inexpensive and professional way to have your analog media converted to digital media (DVD's). This is a great way to conserve storage space and preserve important images of family, friends, and events.

I used DigMyPics.com and their service was excellent. The time from first contact to receipt of the DVD was about 3 weeks (turn around time varies with amount and type of media to be digitized). I was informed every step of the way.

There are many companies that offer this service (websites & retail stores). So assess your needs and do a little research to find the company that meets your requirements. AARP also recommends ScanMyPhotos.com for large orders.

DigMyPics.com started in 2002 and is a web based photo scanning and video transfer service. Their service includes features like internal tracking, package arrival emails, online photo viewing and reviewing, and manual individual image photo enhancement by professional photographers and artists.

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4. Accommodates all the various and odd types of film, etc.

The process:

1. Estimate how many photos, feet of film, or videotapes you have.

2. Fill out their order form online.

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5. They keep you informed every step of the way and you can view online scanning.

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Architectural Review Committee Report – December 22, 2016

Attendees: Chair John Fitzgibbon, Maggi Verhagen, John Martin, Kay Mruz, Maureen Emmons

Absent: Board Liaison Gwen Leaning

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	1011 Oak Meadow Drive	Repaint Exterior	Motion: Kay 2nd: Maureen Resolved: Approved
2.	1011 Oak Meadow Drive	Landscaping	Motion: Kay 2nd: Maureen Resolved: Approved
3.	549 Meadow Sweet Circle	Landscaping	Motion: John F 2nd: Maggi Resolved: Approved
4.	723 Shadow Bay Way	Landscaping, Flagpole	Motion: Maureen 2nd: John M Resolved: Approved
5.	723 Shadow Bay Way	Fence & Lighting	Motion: Maureen 2nd: Maggi Resolved: Approved
6.	554 Meadow Sweet Circle	Roof Repair	Motion: John M 2nd: John F Resolved: Approved
7.	1115 Mallard Marsh Drive	Replace Driveway	Motion: John F 2nd: John M Resolved: Approved
8.	1115 Mallard Marsh Drive	Repaint Exterior	Motion: John F 2nd: John M Resolved: Approved
9.	531 Meadow Sweet Circle	Back Screen Cage	Motion: John M 2nd: Maggi Resolved: Approved
10.	531 Meadow Sweet Circle	Reroof	Motion: John M 2nd: Maggi Resolved: Approved
11.	816 Shadow Bay Way	Landscaping	Motion: Maureen 2nd: Kay Resolved: Approved
12.	1081 Mallard Marsh Drive	Landscaping	Motion: John F 2nd: Maureen Resolved: Approved

New Business/questions:

- Maggi repeated her intention to retire from the ARC although she's willing to attend the January meeting if she is needed. John Fitz thanked Maggi for her years of faithful service. John then advised that Wayne Davis has expressed an interest in joining the ARC. John will see if Wayne can be brought on board for the January meeting thereby relieving Maggi from the task.
- Gwen had also indicated her desire to depart as the Board Liaison, and Bruce Lorie has supposedly expressed an interest in becoming the new Board Liaison for the ARC. John will seek guidance from the Board on both matters.
- John distributed hard copies of 2016 ARC Procedural Guide to the members. We had developed this as a tool last fall with the intention of updating the contents every year. John will also send this to the ARC members electronically with the intent of getting their input and critique. The revised Guide will, hopefully be completed by the end of January for distribution to the ARC and Board members.
- Kay reminded the ARC that the Paint Palette group will meet on January 17, 2017 at 1:00 PM in the Cottages Clubhouse. All ARC members are welcome to attend if they so desire.

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Deadline: Submit articles and information to Marilyn Probert (marilynprobert@gmail.com) by the tenth of the month.

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Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

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

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

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

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