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Maintenance Committee Report

April 29, 2015 by Jim Stepien, Chair

I will apologize upfront for using the MC report to refute the misleading email statements being made about how the HOA and the MC contract out our maintenance services. But the MC has no other choice since we do not know which homeowners are being sent these emails.

The MC is sure you have seen emails in the past month referencing toxic chemicals directed at the MC and at the contractor used by the HOA for the past 5-6 years to maintain our preserve areas, so the Board invited the contractor to answer homeowner questions at the May Board meeting. Apparently this opportunity to ask their questions has not stopped the emails being sent to homeowners. Emails are still being circulated that make unfounded allegations against this contractor and now are being made against our lawn maintenance company, our lake management contractor and our property management company concerning their licensing. The HOA has procedures in place to assure that any contractor used is properly licensed and insured. Any statements to the contrary are an attempt to demean and undermine the work that the majority of this Board, the entire MC, and all your neighbors, are doing to make Rivendell beautiful. All the MC can ask is that you let the individuals sending out these emails know that you do not want to receive their unsolicited emails. The MC meetings have always been and will continue to be open to all Rivendell homeowners.

On to our meeting:

Pool - The MC reviewed the following items for the community pool: 1). We will be changing the entry system for the pool and restroom from the current key locks to a key/keyless code system. Prior to the changeover Lighthouse Property Management will

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Highlights of May 4 Board of Directors Meeting

By Carol Heckert;

Reviewed by Bobby Merrill

Attending: Gwen Stepien, Walter Perkowski, Joe Sefack, Vinny Barone, Bobby Merrill

The meeting opened with a presentation by Ted Kenny, a representative of Aquagenics, the company that removes exotics (vines, Melaleuca trees, etc.) from our preserves. The Maintenance Committee has asked the Board to extend the Aquagenics contract to remove exotics from our common areas, as well. Mr. Kenney said the herbicides used by Aquagenics are of the strength labeled Caution, rather than Warning or Danger, and are similar to Roundup, which many of us use in our gardens. There were many questions following his presentation. A suggestion by Greg Volack that Aquagenics post a sign following the treatment of an area was met with support from the audience.

In her Manager's Report, Shannon Banks announced that she has a new assistant, who will be dealing with many tasks pertaining to Rivendell. The assistant's name is Patti Strippoli, and her email address is pattistrippoli@mgt.tv.

Bobby Merrill, our Treasurer, reported that we are under budget by \$15,700, and have receivables of \$39,000.

The ARC reported for the months of March and April. Jessica Fenton, the chair, has resigned due to work conflicts. Maggi Verhagen was approved as the new chair, and John Fitzgibbon approved as a new committee member.

Maintenance Committee:

Pool:

- The committee recommended changing the entry and restroom locks to open by coded locks rather than keys.

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- The water heater at the pool is rusting. The Board approved up to \$2,000 for a new heater.

Landscaping:

- 6 foxtail palms were installed at the main entrance and 2 dead Sabal Palms were replaced.
- A request was made to irrigate and light the grassy area in front of Crane Pond. It was approved for up to \$15,000, using rollover funds.
- Tree replacement in common areas throughout the community was approved for up to \$8,000.

Other:

- In Crescent Park, the gazebo roof will be replaced with cedar shakes for up to \$1,500.
- Options for a new playground border and equipment are still under review.
- All signs and fences will be cleaned. We will seek an annual contract for this service.

New Business:

Homeowners of 4 houses will be fined \$1,000 per violation for ignoring 3 violation letters. One of the houses is in foreclosure, and another house has the same owner.

Homeowner Comments:

Ten homeowners spoke. Comments were about the following subjects:

- What happens if a fine is not paid (referred to attorney)
- The use of hazardous chemicals in common areas. Less hazardous herbicides recommended.
- Notification of new locks at pool (notification to all homeowners by mail)
- Irrigation of area behind Rivendell Blvd. near Stillwater Court (none for now)
- Accessibility of records at Lighthouse Property Mgt. (all records available)
- Trash cans at house on Placid Lake Drive always visible from street
- Homeowner does not want to receive any more emails that are not from the Board
- Request for 2 day garage sale turned down (one day per home) and replacement of pool furniture (have to wait until next year to stay within pool budget)
- Dead and dying trees on Rainbow Point Way (fusarium; one diseased tree to come down; plan sought from nearby residents if others must be removed)
- Board doing a good job.

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Next Maintenance

Committee Meeting

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

Next Rivendell Board Meeting

TBA

at Historic Spanish Point in Osprey

Any changes to this date will be posted on the website
www.rivendellcommunity.com

2015 Name for the Atlantic Basin Tropical Storms National Hurricane Center <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnames.shtml>



You probably already know that tropical storms are named in alphabetical order, but it's a little more structured than just that.

The World Meteorological Organization, which is in charge of assigning names to hurricanes and tropical storms, has six lists that they cycle through. For example, 2015's list will be used again in 2021. The only time this changes is if a storm is so deadly or costly that the future use of its name on a different storm would be insensitive. If that occurs, the offending name is stricken from the list and another name is selected. The WMO looks for short, distinctive names when choosing new ones.

Only twenty-one letters of the English alphabet are in use, so none of the names start with less common letters like Q. In the event that more than twenty-one named tropical storms occur in the Atlantic in a season, additional storms will take names

from the Greek alphabet.

Will a storm be named after you? If you don't see your name, that could be because it's on the list of retired names. Or it could be listed as a future storm in another part of the world. For example, the Eastern North Pacific Names are different and the first one for this year will be "Andres".

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| Ana | Henri | Odette |
| Bill | Ida | Peter |
| Claudette | Joaquin | Rose |
| Danny | Kate | Sam |
| Erika | Larry | Teresa |
| Fred | Mindy | Victor |
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Blackburn Point Park By Kay Mruz



The weather over the first weekend in May was about as perfect as you can get! Gary and I decided to get out and enjoy the cool temps, low humidity and abundant sunshine by taking our lunch to Blackburn Point Park.

The park, which is located on the left side of Blackburn Point Road just before the Casey Key Fish House, recently re-opened to the public on April 30 after being closed for a huge renovation. Some of the new amenities you will find at the park are new boat ramps, a large parking lot for trailers and cars, a nice restroom facility, three fishing piers, a

boardwalk, several picnic areas (some with grills) and many benches with beautiful views of the park and Little Sarasota Bay.

Blackburn Point Park is a great place to enjoy a picnic or any family activity. Find a bench and enjoy a good book, bring your camera and photograph the wildlife, do some fishing, ride your bike to the park and watch the sunset over Little Sarasota Bay. Whatever your interest might be the newly re-opened Blackburn Point Park is worth checking out.



Photos by Kay Mruz. Check out the Woodlands newsletter on our website for color photos.

Anastasia (Anna) & Tony Shola By Judy Sokal



Anna wonders why Tony is by the window...

Anna and Tony are two lovely domestic short-hair cats lucky enough to live with doting owners in a beautiful home on Scherer Way. Anna was adopted from the vet at Palmer Ranch. She had come from North Carolina as a feral rescue when she was 3 years old. She is now a happy and healthy 8 lbs. gray and white 10 year old who adores playing with and teasing her brother, Tony. Tony was adopted at 6 months old from the Cat Depot, weighing only 8 lbs. He is now 6 years old, and is a thriving 20 lbs. orange tiger.

They are indoor (plus lanai) cats, but have the run of the house. They love being out on the lanai --Anna on top of the chaise, and Tony under it. They have been known to catch the occasional frog or anole (gecko) too. Although the smaller of the 2, Anna is the boss and princess, but they consider each other best friends. They have occasional boxing matches followed by marathons or steeplechases, and Anna has been known to take Tony's toys when he's not looking.



"Hey, it's raining frogs out here!"

Their days are busy, filled with visits to the cat condo to see who can get on top in the penthouse, but they also have favorite toys. Anna prefers her fish and mice, while Tony loves his rainbow to toss in the air and to play with the wand toy with Tom. Another favorite perch for Tony is the kitchen barstool where he watches dinner preparation. He can also open closet doors and plantation shutters, and spends hours watching the world go by. They both adore being brushed in their spare time.

During quiet times, Anna can be found on Emelia's lap, while Tony hangs out with Tom. Meal times are popular, and they like to check out each other's food bowls. Nobody can figure out why Tony loves flowers (to eat!) especially pink ones.

These are only two of the wonderful Rivendell pets we are interviewing. Do you know a Rivendell pet we'd like to meet? Call Judy Sokal at 941-966-5904 or email her at judysokal@gmail.com to let her know.



Tony has a penthouse view.....



while Anna lounges in the kitty condo lobby.

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 mail instructions and the code to all owner addresses on file. 2). The water heater used for the shower and restrooms will be replaced with a tank-less system that will only heat the water when needed thereby reducing our electrical usage. 3). Options for new pool furniture were discussed and we will continue the selection process at a future meeting.
Landscape - 1). Replacement foxtail palms have been installed at the Old Venice Road entrance. 2). Dead Sabal Palms were replaced - one on Ibis Lake and one on Pine Pond. 3). An irrigation mainline break in Village Park was repaired. 4). The faulty irrigation control shutoff valve for Rivendell Blvd. was replaced. 5). Crane Pond irrigation and electric service, the final portion of last year's project, will be completed over the next few months. 6). Replacement tree plans were submitted by our contractor and will be installed in Clear Creek Park, Butterfly Park and Crescent Park over the next few months.
Preserves & Wetlands - 1). The Annual Preserve Monitoring Report was received; 22 possible homeowner violations were noted in the report. Members of the MC will be walking the cited areas with the County representative to determine the corrective action needed.

Lakes and Ponds - 1). The ponds/lakes have had some algae blooms as the result of the hot weather we had in April. Our contractor has been treating the affected areas and the ponds/lakes are looking good.

Other - 1). The gazebo roof at Crescent Park will be replaced with new cedar shakes. 2). The signs and fences throughout the community are scheduled to be cleaned. 3). The playground equipment options are still being reviewed and a proposal will be made to the Board in the near future.

One last item, we are always looking to welcome more volunteers to help the community by working with the Maintenance Committee. The MC meets the last Wednesday of each month at the Cottages Clubhouse at 7:00 PM.



Northern Mockingbird
Excerpted from Ken Reamy's article
in Wings & Things, Venice Audubon
Newsletter, Jan/Feb 2015, page 6

BIRD WORDS

*"Out of the cradle endlessly rocking,
 Out of the mockingbird's throat, the musical shuttle,
 Out of the ninth-month midnight...
 From the memories of the bird that chanted to me."
 ~ Walt Whitman, 1819-1892*

The Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus Polyglottos*) is the state bird of Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas. In Cherokee legend, the mockingbird is the giver of the gift of speech.

Mockingbird is derived from middle-English "mocken" from middle-French "mocquer" – to scorn or ridicule. Although this derisive connotation may remain, the current meaning of mock is to imitate or mimic. The specific name is from Greek "poly" – many and "glotta" – tongue or language. Northern refers to the hemisphere.

This widespread, enchanting songbird has been hailed the "King of Song". The male sings more than the female, obsessively and repeatedly; he can learn as many as 200 different songs and can mimic the sounds of insects, frogs, planes and pianos. Our monogamous mocker has white wing and tail patches conspicuous in courtship and territorial displays. Thriving in suburban yards on insects and fruit, adults share nest building and chick feeding.

Although used metaphorically as a vulnerable innocent in Harper Lee's novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the bird will defend its territory from other birds including hawks, as well as cats and humans.



*Photo ~ Island Real Estate Company
of Anna Maria Island*

Places to Go:

Cortez Kitchen Restaurant Submitted by Pam Babbitt, excerpted from information on www.thecortezkitchen.com

The Cortez Kitchen Restaurant is close to Bradenton and offers inexpensive, fresh seafood in a comfortable setting. Outdoor picnic bench seating is close to the boat docks, so it is always fun to watch the boats coming and going. The grouper is usually excellent -- if you want to try something different, try the Buffalo Grouper sandwich with Blue Cheese Dressing.

Tips:

- Look for a blue sign, which is a great reference point for the turn off of Cortez Road.
- The restaurant turns more into a bar around sunset.
- They often have live music on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.
- Fresh raw seafood is for sale in an adjacent building.

Address: 4528 119th Street West, Cortez, FL

Phone: (941) 798-9404

Hours: Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday – Sunday. Closed on Monday.



Savor Sarasota **June 1-14, 2015**

The Annual “Savor Sarasota” Restaurant Week will run from June 1 to June 14, 2015. This dining event features multi-course menus at \$15 per person for lunch and \$29 per person for dinner. The region’s eateries that are showcased have helped the area earn the distinction of having one of the highest concentrations of Zagat-rated restaurants in Florida. This website provides a list of participating restaurants and menus. Do check the website as restaurants are added to the list and also to determine if both lunch and dinner are available.

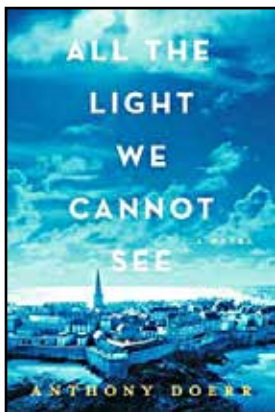
<http://www.savorsarasota.com/whats-cooking>

A few of the participating restaurants include Blue Rooster, Bijou Café, Café’ Gabbiano, Café’ Venice Restaurant & Wine Bar, Crow’s Nest, Fins at Sharky’s, Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse, Libby’s, Marker 4, Mattison’s City Grille, Mattison’s Forty-One, Michael’s on East, Saltwater Café, Seasons 52, Selva Grill, Siesta Key Oyster Bar, and The Capital Grill.

<http://www.savorsarasota.com/whats-cooking>



Book Group Schedule By Marilyn Probert



The Book Group will meet on Monday, June 8, to review *All the Light We Cannot See*, a Pulitzer Prize winner by Anthony Doerr. This novel tracks the parallel lives of Marie-Laure, a blind French girl, and Werner, a young German orphan, as they struggle to survive during World War II. Werner is enthralled by the radio; he

especially loves to listen to a French broadcast for children aired by Marie-Laure's great-uncle Etienne. Eventually their paths cross when Werner, as a teenage soldier, is assigned to find and destroy all broadcasting apparatus in St. Malo. This is where Marie-Laure and her father had fled after the fall of Paris. She now lives there with her great-uncle, who, at great personal risk, has continued broadcasting news and information to his countrymen in occupied France. Pat Sobczak will host the group at 803 Placid Lake Drive. Please call Pat at 918-4633 if you'd like to attend.

The July selection will be *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro. Set in Boston, this novel details the choices of Claire Roth, an artist who earns a living by copy-

ing famous paintings to be sold by a well-known Internet dealer. This is legal because the buyers know that they are purchasing copies. When Aiden Merkel, a respected gallery owner and collector, comes to Claire with a scheme to have her copy an original Degas painting, Claire, against her better judgment, agrees. The carrot that Aiden dangles is that he will give Claire a show in his gallery. After Claire begins work on her copy, she begins to suspect that the "original" is a forgery. As you can well imagine, complications arise.

In August we will discuss *The Girl on the Train*, a psychological thriller by Paula Hawkins. Every morning Rachel takes a London commuter train with a scheduled stop that allows her to observe nearby residents' activities. She is particularly interested in a couple that routinely have their morning coffee on their patio. Then one morning everything changes and Rachel finds herself embroiled in the lives of strangers.

All Rivendell residents are welcome at Book Group gatherings. We meet at 7:30pm on the second Monday of the month; please notify the month's hostess if you'd like to participate.



LOOKING FOR RIVENDELL CLASSIFIEDS?

ITEMS FOR SALE, ITEMS WANTED, LOST AND FOUND, HELP WANTED, GARAGE SALES, RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS and SERVICE PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS

All Rivendell Classifieds are now on the community website

www.rivendellcommunity.com

Contact Lighthouse Management for the password to the residents section of the website.

**For other information regarding the Rivendell classifieds please contact Gary Mruz
gary.mruz@gmail.com**

Q & A: Best practices for a good night's sleep

Excerpted from the Herald-Tribune originally printed in The New York Times, by C. Claiborne Ray, 2/04/2014 <http://health.heraldtribune.com/2014/02/04/qa-best-practices-for-a-good-nights-sleep>



Q: *Why do I wake up at exactly the same time every night, without any stimulus? It doesn't even matter what time I went to bed.*

A: What you are experiencing is probably a normal period of relative alertness that happens in the middle of the night, said Dr. Carl W. Bazil, director of the division of epilepsy and sleep at New York- Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center. "Most people realize that there is a natural drowsiness midday, usually around lunchtime," Brazil said. "This is why many fortunate cultures developed the siesta."

But the reverse normally happens at night. The two interludes are both part of the body's circadian rhythm, which he said is "controlled by an internal clock but of course influenced by lots of external things," like caffeine, light, exercise and stress.

Bazil said it might also help those who wake up mid-sleep to know that "before the advent of electrical lighting, it was normal for people to go to bed at sundown, sleep for about four hours

and arise during that natural alertness for a few hours before returning for a 'second sleep.'"

Q: *Is it best to sleep on your back, side or stomach?*

A: "This mainly matters if you have sleep apnea, which is often worse on your back," said Dr. Carl W. Bazil, director of the division of epilepsy and sleep at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center. "Snoring is often worse as well, as many bed partners can attest."

Otherwise, for adults, comfort is much more important, Bazil said. Even in a favored position, nerve compression can occur if you do not move during sleep, which is why you sometimes awaken with a bit of numbness. Fortunately, the body tends to reposition itself naturally.

For infants, the advice is different. Since 1992, the American Academy of Pediatrics has said that babies should sleep on their backs, even if being put down for a short nap.

In general, adults need at least seven hours of sleep, and being mindful of diet and exercise during the hours leading up to bedtime can help ensure a restful night.

When you have changes to your email addresses, home phone numbers or cell phone numbers please fill out the community directory update form that you will find in this newsletter.

Send the form to:

**Attn: Rivendell - Shannon / Patti
Lighthouse Management
16 Church Street
Osprey Florida 34229.**



The information you provide is used to update the master database maintained by Lighthouse Management of all Rivendell Residents. It is important that the information is current and accurate. This information is used when the Board or Lighthouse needs to contact you. The same form also tells us what information you would like to have published on the website and within the annual printed Rivendell Community Directory.

RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

MATHEMATICS TUTORING: Calculus and Statistics. Specializing in AP courses.

Retired Math teacher from the NE with 30+ years experience in public and private schools. New Rivendell resident. Your home or ours! Multiple student discount available. ref: Who's Who in American Education, New Jersey Governor's Teacher Award. Limited enrollment and accepting reservations for Fall 2015. Call Carol: **941-866-0270** OR email rgdontheroad@yahoo.com

BABYSITTER: 14 year-old Rivendell Pine View student has certified American Red Cross Babysitter's Training with Pediatric First Aid and CPR. I absolutely love kids! Call **Zoe Gavette** at **941-918-8200**.

LAMPPOST REPAIR: Rivendell Resident **Bill Bloom** is offering lamppost repair services. Is your lamppost light staying on? Charge is \$40 for parts, labor and cleaning. Replacing a burned out bulb is \$15, and this includes new bulb and cleaning. Call **941-918-8386**.

BABYSITTER: **Sivan Yohann**, **941- 408-5549**, a Pine View junior and a very experienced babysitter. I will keep your kids busy with soccer and crafts and all sorts of activities. I am extremely friendly and responsible! References available upon request.

BIKE REPAIRS, KAYAK AND BIKE RENTALS: **Mike** and **Sheila Lewis** offer free delivery and pick-up to Rivendell residents for bike and kayak rentals, bike repairs and maintenance. Call **941 346-1797**-or email ssrentals@aol.com or visit their web site at www.siestasportsrentals.com

COMPUTER REPAIR AND INSTRUCTION PLUS ALL HOME ELECTRONICS (TABLETS, SMART PHONES, TV's, DVD's, NETFLIX and MORE): For Rivendell & Willowbend residents I charge a very reasonable \$20 an hour rate. I also offer flat charges such as \$40 max for any computer virus repair taking over one hour. I am a Rivendell resident with thirty years computer and home automation experience. Call **Gary Mruz** **941-786-6019** or email gary.mruz@gmail.com

WANTED: CAVALIER KING CHARLES OWNERS! Do you have a well mannered, potty trained Cavalier and would like to reciprocate sitting services with me while you or I are away, or use as back-up in case of emergency? Must be up to date on all shots and flea/heartworm protected. No monies involved, just assurance that our babies are being well taken care of and loved while we are on vacation. Apollo would love to have a new friend. Call **Anita @ 941-321-0452** if interested.

SEAMSTRESS NEEDED: Rivendell resident Lois Konet has several dresses that need re-hemming. Fee is negotiable. Can anyone help her out? Please call **Lois** at **941-966-8917** or email her at loisjkonet@yahoo.com.

UPGRADING YOUR COMPUTER OR PRINTER? If your old one is in good condition, please consider donating it to a needy student about to begin high school. For more information, call **918-9528**.

Rivendell Residents

Please send your name, phone number, and a description of the service you can provide to other Rivendell residents. Email your information to Marilyn at marilynprobert@gmail.com

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RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2015

A *SPECIAL MEETING* of the Board was scheduled immediately follow the Membership meeting, at Bentley's Resort located at 1660 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M.

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

The following Directors were present:

Gwen Stepien Walter Perkowski Bobby Merrill Joe Sefack Vinnie Barone

A quorum was declared to be present.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Sefack, it was voted unanimously:

MOTION 15-01: To motion, Gwen Stepien to be elected as President,
Motion passed.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Stepien and seconded by Mr. Perkowski, it was voted unanimously:

MOTION 15-02: To motion, Joe Sefack to be elected as Vice President.
Motion passed.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Ms. Stepien, it was voted unanimously:

MOTION 15-03: To motion, Bobby Merrill to be elected as Treasurer.
Motion passed.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Stepien and seconded by Mr. Sefack, it was voted unanimously:

MOTION 15-04: To motion, Mr. Perkowski to be elected as Secretary.
Motion passed.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Sefack and seconded by Mr. Perkowski, it was voted unanimously:

MOTION 15-05: To motion, Mr. Barone to be elected as Director at Large. Motion passed.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Stepien and seconded by Mr. Perkowski, it was voted unanimously:

MOTION 15-06: To motion, to assign the following Board members as the liaisons for the committees:

Maintenance Walter Perkowski

ARC.....Joe Sefack

Communications.....Bobby Merrill

Upon a motion made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Sefack, it was voted unanimously:

MOTION 15-07: To motion, to assign the following members will serve as the chairpersons to each committee:

Maintenance Jim Stepien

ARC..... Jessica Fenton

Communications..... Carol Heckert

With no further business before the Board, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Shannon M. Banks, CAM

DATED: This 5th day of February, 2015.

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RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING- March 2, 2015

A *REGULAR MEETING* of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 6:00 P.M., at the Historic Spanish Point at 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M., by the President Ms. Stepien.

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

The following Directors were present:

Bobby Merrill Joe Sefack Gwen Stepien Walter Perkowski

Vincent Barone was absent; A quorum was declared to be present.

Mr. Stephen Covert, Principal of Pine View School, provided a presentation on the current project going on at Pine View. He reported that the resent [sic] survey of the property was conducted to prepare for the upcoming HVAC repairs and updates. All construction will be on campus and there are no plans to alter the path or parking of the school. There will be no construction vehicles or project related traffic entering through the Rivendell entrance. Mr. Covert offered to coordinate a meeting/presentation with the Mr. Rika regarding the traffic flow concerns.

On matters relating to the minutes of the previous meeting a motion was made by Mr. Sefack and seconded by Mr. Merrill to approve the Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes of January 5, 2015. The motion was passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS,

Manager's Report, Ms. Banks provided a report (see attachment #1).

Ms. Banks provided a summary as to the proposed collection resolution and noted that copies were provided to the Board prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Ms. Stepien:

MOTION 15-8: to approve adopting the proposed collection resolution prepared by Lighthouse Property Management. Motion Passed Treasurer's Report, Mr. Merrill reported that the association is currently in good standing and slightly under budget in the landscape.

Committee Reports,

ARC, Mr. Sefack reported the committee met on February 24, 2015 to consider nine (9) applications, seven (7) were approved and two (2) were put on hold for more information. The committees next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2015 in the Cottages Clubhouse.

Maintenance Committee, Mr. Stepien reported that the committee met on February 25, 2015 and he provided a report as follows:

1. Update on landscape maintenance - no issues
2. Update on Lakes - no issues
3. Update on Preserve Wetlands - no issues
4. Pool - heater replacement
5. Proposals

- main irrigation pump maintenance contract -semi annual \$250

A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Sefack:

MOTION 15-9: to approve the semi-annual main irrigation pump maintenance contract for a total of \$250.00 annually. Motion Passed

- irrigation at Park Trace entrance (WB NTE \$1,100) Clock timer, 2 zones and 19 spray heads and piping.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkoski and seconded by Ms. Stepien:

MOTION 15-10: to approve the irrigation improvements by West Bay, not to exceed \$1,100.00. Motion Passed

6. New items we are looking at: - playground equipment, gazebo repair, pool furniture, pool locks, pool mechanical equipment, irrigation issues, landscape lighting, community seating, tree replacement, and entrance landscape.

Communications Committee, Ms. Heckert reported that Kay and Gary Mruz are currently working with Lighthouse to update the owners information spread sheet for the preparation of the printed directory.

Old Business;

No old business was discussed.

New Business,

Management advised the Board of the accountings request to write off the late fee balances due as of December 31, 2014 in the amount of less than \$100.00. A motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Mr. Sefack:

MOTION 15- 11: to approve writing off the late fee balances due as of December 31, 2014 in the amount of less than \$100.00. A total combined of \$25.18 to be written off to bad debt. Motion Passed Management advised the Board of the request to forward three accounts (Acct # 2210, 2224, 3304) to the associations attorney to file the claim of lien. A motion was made by Ms. Stepien and seconded by Mr. Merrill:

MOTION 15- 12: to approve forwarding of three accounts (Acct # 2210, 2224, 3304) to the associations attorney to file the claim of lien. Motion Passed

Management advised the Board of the accountings request to write off the uncollectable balance of \$175.72 on account # 183. A motion was made by Ms. Stepien and seconded by Mr. Merrill:

MOTION 15- 13: to approve write off the uncollectable balance of \$175.72 on account # 183. Motion Passed

Matters relating to the violation at 916 Eagle Isles Ct.; the violation of a truck parked in the driveway was discussed by the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Sefack and seconded by Ms. Stepien:

MOTION 15-14: to motion a fine in the amount of \$1000.00 for the violation of Section 4.01 (i) of the Deed restrictions. Motion Passed

Owner Comments, An owner commented that in the March newsletter it indicated the owners to begin vetting their vendors, she feels as though the Board does not to the same for vendors servicing the association. She also commented on that she does not feel as though Aquagenix is properly licensed for spraying in the preserves and on common areas.

An owner living on Mallard Marsh indicated her concern for the plants encroaching from Oscar Scherer Park and noted she contact the state/ county in regards to Boards actions. She was requested to put her findings in writing so that the committee could follow up.

An owner reported on the extension Bay Street to Honor (Park Trace) extension sooner than later according to county officials with Park & Rec, summer or end of year estimated start time.

An owner noted his concerns that were presented to the Board in writing.

Due to an escalation in hostility a motion made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Mr. Sefack, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

ATTACHMENT # 1
RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
A Corporation Not-For-Profit
 c/o LIGHTHOUSE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.
 16 Church Street
 Osprey, FL 34229
 941-966-6844 Phone 941-966-7158 Fax

Manager's Report

On Site/Maintenance-

- _ Weekly community visits
- _ Compliance inspection: 2/27/2015
- _ Follow up compliance inspections done weekly
- _ Requested Street Light repairs as reported
- _ Coordinated the removal of the C. Park tree and sidewalk repair (done)

Administrative-

- _ Forwarded financials to Board for review.
- _ Forwarded draft agenda to board for review.
- _ Forwarded draft minutes for review.
- _ Forwarded ARC requests to committee.
- _ Forwarded approved minutes to publishing in the newsletter.
- _ Send out email blast in regards to BOD meeting.
- _ Discussed AR matters with accounting and requested motion form the board
- _ Prepared a collections process resolution for the Boards consideration (summary provided to Mr. Merrill)
- _ Process all invoices for check run
- _ Obtained addendum for the Aquagenix contract to included additional areas (provided)

Correspondence-

- _ Letters sent to homeowners regarding submitted ARC forms.
- _ Compliance violation notices sent
- _ Email Correspondences

Shannon Banks, CAM
 Managing Agent

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.

Architectural Review Committee Agenda - April 28, 2015

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6 pm with a quorum of committee members present. Cindy Caria, Jim Stepien, John Martin, Margaret Verhagen. Board Liaison: Joe Sefack
 The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	588 Meadow Sweet Circle	Painting	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2 nd : John Vote: Unanimous
2.	855 Placid Lake Drive	Painting	Resolved: Approved Motion: John 2 nd : Maggi Vote: Unanimous
3.	943 Scherer Way	Remove Oak	Resolved: Denied Motion: Cindy 2 nd : Jim Vote: Unanimous Needs survey
4.	1120 Millpond Court	Painting	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 nd : Cindy Vote: Unanimous
5.	510 Meadow Sweet Circle	Fencing	Resolved: Approved Motion: Maggi 2 nd : Jim Vote: Unanimous
6.	1113 Millpond Court	Door	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 nd : John Vote: Unanimous
7.	1192 Mallard Marsh Drive	Trees	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2 nd : Jim Vote: Unanimous
8.	539 Meadow Sweet Circle	Porch & walkway	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 nd : Cindy Vote: Unanimous
9.	757 Placid Lake Drive	Hurricane shutters	Resolved: Approved Motion: John 2 nd : Cindy Vote: Unanimous

10.	1065 Scherer Way	Sod	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 nd : John Vote: Unanimous
11.	1065 Scherer Way	Garage door	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 nd : Cindy Vote: Unanimous Approval is for exterior garage entrance door
12.	1065 Scherer Way	Window	Resolved: Denied Motion: Cindy 2 nd : Maggi Vote: Unanimous Glass block not consistent with existing upper window
13.	1065 Scherer Way	Painting	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2 nd : Jim Vote: Unanimous
14.	1035 Oak Meadow Lane	Arbor	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2 nd : Maggi Vote: Unanimous
15.	940 Scherer Way	Trees	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2 nd : Maggi Vote: Unanimous
16.	940 Scherer Way	Pool cage expand	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2 nd : John Vote: Unanimous
17.	940 Scherer Way	Pool cage replace	Resolved: Denied Motion: Cindy 2 nd : John Vote: Unanimous Composite roof not allowed on cage roof
18.	1204 Mallard Marsh Drive	Color information request	Resolved: Approved (partial) Motion: Cindy 2 nd : Maggi Vote: Unanimous Approved items 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 Denied items 4, 5

Next meetings: **June 30** and **July 28** at **6pm**. Motion to close the meeting: Jim Second: Maggi
Vote: Unanimous ARC meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Seen Recently in Rivendell
Homeowner Tom Shola recently took this photo of a deer by Otter Lake.



"Looking back, I would have thought they would have planted more roses."



The Rivendell Community Web Site is available at

WWW.RIVENDELLCOMMUNITY.COM

Please contact Lighthouse Management for the password to the RESIDENTS section.

The updated web site password was also provided to each resident within the annual voting ballot/proxy mailer.

Community Directory Update Form

To: Rivendell Homeowners

From: Rivendell Communications Committee

Please check the information about yourself in this Community Directory to see if it is correct. If not, fill out the form below.

Your update will:

1. Enable Lighthouse Property Management to correct their Masterfile
2. Ensure correct information on the community website within the next few months
3. Provide correct information for the 2016 Community Directory

If you change your phone number or email address during the course of the year, please fill out and send this form to Lighthouse Property Management at that time.

Lighthouse Property Management needs your complete information. However, you may opt out of having much of it included in the Community Directory by checking off the options at the bottom of this page.

Please sign and return this form to **Lighthouse Property Management** via email (shannonbanks@mgmt.tv), fax (941) 966-7158, or mail it to their office at **16 Church St, Osprey, Florida 34229**.

Owner(s) Name: _____

Home Address _____ Phone #: _____

Alternate Address: _____ Mobile #: _____

_____ Mobile #: _____ (optional)

Email Address: _____

Email Address: _____ (optional)

_____ Do NOT include my landline number in the directory

_____ Do NOT include my mobile number(s) in the directory

_____ Do NOT include my Email address in the directory

The Association cannot control distribution of the directory once delivered to the homeowners and asks all homeowners to not provide information from the directory to any third parties. This consent will remain in effect for all future directories while you are a unit owner.

Owner signature

Date

RCA Committees 2015

Communications

Board Liaison: Bobby Merrill

Chair: Carol Heckert (carolheckert@verizon.net)

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Architectural Review (ARC)

Board Liaison: Joe Sefack

Chair: Margaret Verhagen (drmaggiv@gmail.com)

Committee Members: Jim Stepien, John Martin, Cindy Caria, John Fitzgibbon

Maintenance Committee (MC)

Board Liaison: Walter Perkowski

Chair: Jim Stepien (jimstepien@gmail.com)

Committee Members: Dave Gill, Carol Heckert, Carole Myles, Bruce Lorie, Sallie Hawkins, Curt Kennedy, Kevin Humbert, Jane Lettich

Access the Rivendell website at:

<http://www.rivendellcommunity.com>

The RESIDENTS section of the website is password protected. Please contact Lighthouse Management for the password.

Your input and feedback are always encouraged and welcomed.

Deadline: Submit articles and information to Judy Sokal (judysokal@gmail.com) by the tenth of the month.

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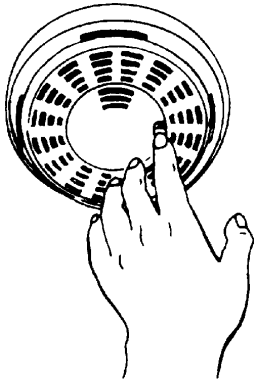
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