



# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

*Your  
Community Resource*

**NOVEMBER 2012**

## **Rivendell Budget Adoption Meeting**

**Monday, November 5, 2012**

**5:30 pm**

**Prior to the Board Meeting at 6:00pm, Spanish Point**

*Dates, times, and locations of Board and Committee meetings  
are based on the information available at the time of publication.*

### **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

**By Jim Stepien, Chair**

The Maintenance Committee (MC) meeting consisted of a review and status of Board approved pending maintenance items and the general month-to-month maintenance items (landscape, lakes, preserves, pool and other) and new items.

We anticipate that by the time you read this article the following items will be completed:

- Pool restroom partitions
- Entry fence cleaning and repair
- Lake bank restoration
- Pool service gate plantings
- Common area mulch

#### **General maintenance items of interest:**

- a. Water lettuce in Gator Lake is being treated and monitored by Aquatic Systems.
- b. A significant irrigation break was repaired near the entrance to the community pool. At that time, we noticed the unsafe sidewalk and have requested the County grind down the uneven joints to reduce the trip hazard. The MC will continue to discuss and try to resolve the continual sidewalk problems.
- c. New sod along the north side of Rivendell Blvd is being treated for fungus (cause of the brown areas).

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### **SEEKING VOLUNTEERS for TWO CRITICAL PANELS: ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND MAINTENANCE for 2013**

**Qualifications** for committee membership include the ability to work well with others, good judgment, and a desire to serve the community.

Volunteers help maintain the beauty and appeal of your neighborhood.

**If you would like to join** either of these important committees, please submit a brief statement highlighting your interest and qualifications to Kyanne Merrill, Lighthouse Property Management, at [kyannemerrill@mgnt.tv](mailto:kyannemerrill@mgnt.tv).

**If you are currently a member of either committee** and wish to serve again in 2013, please communicate this also to Kyanne Merrill, Lighthouse Property Management, at [kyannemerrill@mgnt.tv](mailto:kyannemerrill@mgnt.tv).

**Submissions for committee  
membership are being accepted.**

#### **Notes:**

**ARC** meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month, start at 6:00 pm, and usually last less than an hour.

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**New business discussed:**

- a. Removal of invasive plants, vines, poison ivy and other detritus from Crescent Park and Village Park. Two of our vendors (Aquagenix and Sun State Landscaping) will be working together to kill and remove the unwanted plants. Estimates will be obtained and presented to the Board for their consideration.
- b. The MC has reviewed the condition of the palm trees on our common areas to determine trimming requirements for this year. We have received an estimate of \$25 per tree. The MC will present options for the Board to consider.
- c. Nancy Schubert and Carol Heckert presented ideas and plans for improving the traffic island at the corner of Placid Lake and Rivendell Blvd. The MC discussed this area as well as the bridge plantings. More information and discussions will take place at the next MC meeting.
- d. Discussed the condition of the common area behind the fence along Old Venice Avenue along with possible improvements that may be needed. In the same general area, from the entrance to near the main pump, there is a strip of common land that contains several large oak trees that need pruning.

**Next Maintenance Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 7, 2012**  
**at 7:00PM**  
**at the Cottages Clubhouse**



(Seeking Volunteers, continued from page 1)

**MC** meetings, when necessary, are held on the first Wednesday of the month, start at 7:00 pm and usually last more than an hour.

**Volunteers** are needed for a one-year term. The appointed committee members will begin their service after Board approval at the Annual Election, usually held in February.

**BACKGROUND**

The Board revised a Standing Rule for the ARC application process on March 5, 2012.

**The new revised standing rule reads as follows:**

Establishment of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) (Revised March 5, 2012)

- The ARC will have a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 members. The Board member appointed as liaison will not be a voting member of the committee.
- The Board will solicit volunteers to serve on the committee at the beginning of each year prior to the Annual Meeting. Volunteers for membership on the ARC will be asked to apply by submitting a letter of intent to the management company, who will disseminate the applications to the ARC Chairperson and Board Liaison.
- The new Board will vote on recommendations for ARC members submitted by the ARC Chairperson and Board Liaison at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting.

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## Through The Lens: The Limpkin

By Kay Mruz



Rivendell has an interesting tie to Hollywood. The voice of Buckbeak, the Hippogriff in "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," is really the call of a limpkin. While out for a walk, I spotted one of these famous birds roosting in a tree.

Limpkins are wading birds about 25-29 inches in length with a wingspan of 40-42 inches and weighing around 2.5 lbs. Their feathers are dark brown with streaks of white covering much of the body. Males and females look alike. They have long, droopy, yellowish bills. When the bill is closed, a tiny gap forms at the tip, which helps the bill perform like tweezers. The tip of the sharp bill is curved slightly to the right. These adaptations help the limpkin extract apple snails from their shells in a matter of seconds. Limpkins are good swimmers and poor flyers and do these activities only when necessary. Also referred to as "crying birds", the limpkin's call has been described as a series of eerie shrieks and wails. These calls can be heard mainly at night and in the early morning hours. Limpkins roost in trees at night where they run among the branches with surprising ease.

Limpkins are found wherever there is an abundance of apple snails, which is usually in freshwater marshes, ponds, lakes, rivers, and wooded swamps.

Limpkins search in shallow water for their main food source, apple snails, by probing the mud and vegetation with their beaks. As a secondary food source, limpkins will also eat other types of snails and mussels. On occasion they will eat insects, worms, and frogs.

Limpkins build their nests in a variety of places. All nest sites are located near water with the nest itself located on the ground, in shrubs, or in trees up to 20 feet off the ground. The nest is a platform consisting of reeds and grasses lined with softer plant material. The female will usually lay 4-8 eggs that are olive blotched with brown and grey. Incubation is done by both parents and takes 27 days. The eggs will hatch within 24 hours of each other. Young limpkins leave the nest within a day of hatching and follow the parents. They are guarded and fed by both parents. The chicks reach adult size at seven weeks and head out on their own at about 16 weeks.

I know the tie to Hollywood is a bit of a stretch but it is always interesting to learn about Rivendell's diverse wildlife.

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### CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**GUITAR LESSONS:** Daniel Yohann, a Pine View junior, is offering private guitar lessons. Daniel is an accomplished guitarist and experienced teacher. ½ hour or 1 hour lesson. Reasonable rates. Call 941-375-1242.

**COMPUTER REPAIR AND INSTRUCTION:** Very reasonable flat charge and hourly rates. 29 years' computer experience - Rivendell Resident Gary Mruz 941-786-6019. gary.mruz@gmail.com

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## Get Your Cameras Ready for the 2013 Directory!

By Judy Sokal

It's hard to believe that we are back to work on our *2013 Community Directory* already, due for publication in March. Our theme for 2013 is "The Birds of Rivendell." We are looking for photos from all of you for inclusion, so send your **high-resolution photos to Barb Gahry at [bgahry@aol.com](mailto:bgahry@aol.com)**. We hope to include both waterfowl and backyard garden birds. Our publisher, Sundown Publishers, will choose the final photos.

This is also the time to let Barb know if you have a new email or cell phone number you'd like to add to the 2013 Directory. It is important to share your email so that the Board can let you know quickly about important issues as they arise.

Many thanks to all who sent in their garden photos for the 2012 Directory, and thank you in advance



*Roseate Spoonbills spotted in Rivendell Lake on September 8, 2012*

for your participation for 2013. Our Directory is the standout of all those published annually. Happy birding!

**Please submit your fine-feathered friend photos by December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## Did You Know?



The All Star Bridge Club offers duplicate bridge games on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 PM. Sheila Pies is the Club Manager and if you have questions, need a partner, or a ride, call her at 941-587-6808, or email her at [sheilapies@gmail.com](mailto:sheilapies@gmail.com). We have a lesson from 12:15 PM to 12:45 PM, and we also serve a light lunch. Private lessons are available, and our goal is to provide competition in a welcoming environment.

We are located at South Gate Community Association, 3145 South Gate Circle, Sarasota, FL 34239, (941) 955-4597. This is at the circle where Tuttle and Siesta Drive meet.

**All are welcome!**

## Trashcan Theft in Rivendell

By Judy Sokal

In late September, we were made aware of a theft of trashcans on a Thursday morning on Scherer Way. The homeowner usually retrieves her trashcans in a timely manner, so they must have been taken early that morning, right after the trash pickup. To be safe, please take in your empty trashcans as soon as you can to avoid a similar theft. We are always saddened when something like this happens in our otherwise peaceful and safe community. Do be watchful of vehicles cruising early in the morning. If you see something suspicious, please try to get a vehicle description and tag number.



***Don't forget to "Fall Back".... Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 4th***



## Book Group By Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will meet on Monday, November 10, to analyze "When Everything Changed" by Gail Collins. In 1960 most women aspired to be wives and mothers; their main choices in the workplace were traditionally low-paying jobs - nurse, teacher, secretary. My, how things have changed! In 2008 Hillary Clinton was a viable candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, and women can now be found holding jobs previously felt to be suitable only for men. Ms. Collins takes us down Memory Lane from 1960 to 2008 and reminds us of the events that took place that now allow women to be respected and productive members of society, as well as wives and mothers. Linda Pearlstein will lead the discussion, and Cindy Schmidl will host at 1100 Mallard Marsh Drive, phone 918-1570.

On December 10 the group will take on "In the

Garden of Beasts" by Erick Larson. In 1933 Hitler was Chancellor of Germany and William E. Dodd, a college professor from Chicago, was named U.S. Ambassador to Germany. Dodd, along with his wife, son, and headstrong daughter, Martha, watched as events unfolded in that seminal year. Seen mainly through the eyes of the ambassador and his daughter, Larson describes why Hitler's actions were not seen as a serious threat until Berlin and Europe were involved in a horror-filled bloodbath. The picture that Larson paints of attitudes in the United States was not a pretty one, either. Carol Heckert will lead the discussion, and Mirinda Roy will host the group at her home at 757 Placid Lake Drive. Mirinda's phone number is 918-2740.

"Turn Right at Machu Picchu" by Mark Adams will be the subject in January. In this humorous work, the author tries to follow in the footsteps of Hiram Bingham III who "found" Machu Picchu in 1911.

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

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## Meet Flat Stanley and Prepare for an Adventure!

Submitted by Nancy Wettlaufer & Norma Lee Rhines; compiled by Pam Babbitt

Flat Stanley is a wonderful little fellow who loves travel and adventures. He is happy to go wherever you go and do whatever you do. And he loves to have his picture taken! Flat Stanley is fun for all ages. If the child is Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, they may need help writing their story. Students older than 4<sup>th</sup> grade might enjoy producing a PowerPoint presentation featuring their Flat Stanley.

**Flat Stanley** is a 1964 children's book written by Jeff Brown as a bedtime story for his sons. He wrote six other "Stanley" books. After Brown's death, other authors have written more tales.

**Meet Stanley Lambchop:** He's an ordinary boy with a problem. Stanley and his younger brother Arthur were given a big bulletin board by their Dad for their pictures and posters. Dad hung it on the wall over Stanley's bed. During the night the board fell, flattening Stanley in his sleep. Stanley survives and makes the best of his altered state, and soon he is entering locked rooms by sliding under the door, and playing with his younger brother by being used as a kite. Flat Stanley visits his friends or relatives by being mailed in an envelope or sent via email. Stanley even helps catch thieves by posing as a painting on the wall. Eventually Arthur changes Stanley back to his proper shape with a bicycle pump.



Recently Flat Stella has entered the wide world of travel and adventure.

### Resources

There are many resources on the Internet and there is even an *iTunes App* for Flat Stanley.

<http://www.flatstanleybooks.com>

<http://www.flatstanley.com>

### Templates/Patterns

<http://www.flatstanley.com/resources?subpage=templates>

<http://www.flatstanleybooks.com/parents/parents-downloads/>

[http://lgdata.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/docs/2766/451927/flatstanley\\_template.pdf](http://lgdata.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/docs/2766/451927/flatstanley_template.pdf)

<http://elementarylibguides.spsd.sk.ca/content.php?pid=290142&sid=2714547>



### Getting Started

1. Read the book *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown.
2. Make your own Flat Stanley or Flat Stella using a template or create your own (remember to have a front and a back). Use poster board or glue your paper Flat Stanley to a piece of cardboard so he stays sturdy during his travels. Color both sides. To protect him from water at the beach or swimming pool cover both sides with clear contact paper.
3. Now share an exciting adventure with your Flat Stanley or teach Flat Stanley how to do something new! And take a photo!
4. Or mail him to a friend or relative so they can take Flat Stanley with them to the park, to the store, the beach, or just watching TV. He can have an adventure with them and then tell us all about where he visited.
5. Take photos of Flat Stanley on his adventures, and tape the pictures to a page (or capture on your computer). Write all about Stanley's adventures.
6. Share your photos and stories of Flat Stanley with your family, friends, or classmates. You could make your own Flat Stanley adventure book.

Oh the places you'll go ☺



## Flat Stanley visited Norma Lee and Fred Rhines two years in a row!

Their granddaughter, Windy, was able to travel to Alaska, Hawaii, and even meet an astronaut at a shuttle launch via her Flat Stanley. Fred and Norma Lee also took Flat Stanley to a Red Sox game. People three rows back yelled, "Hey – that's Flat Stanley." Do you know where else he has been? When the plane went in the Hudson River a few years back, a man was photographed balancing on a wing and holding a brief case. Guess who was in that brief case? You are right – it was Flat Stanley.



Here I am at Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. I saw whales, eagles, bears, seagulls, glaciers and snow-capped mountain ranges. This wilderness park was so beautiful.

## Where in the world is Flat Stanley now?



It is warmer here than in Alaska.  
A canoe ride is always fun.



Grandma Norma Lee sure likes to hike in volcanoes.



This is getting way too intense!  
Aloha Dante'.



I was happy to meet Astronaut Winston E. Scott.  
My friend Grace brought me to the Kennedy Space Center.



Here I am with my friend, Grace in the Mercury spacecraft. This bathtub size capsule carried the first humans in space.



Here I am at the Kennedy Space Center. I watched Space Shuttle Discovery take off. It took off on March 15 at 7:43PM. I saw Discovery blast off with astronauts for the International Space Station that is going around the earth.  
LIFTOFF!

**More Flat Stanley Adventures to come in the next issue!**

## Sleeping on the Summits

By Mike Bergman and  
interviewee David Tomer

"There's a storm coming your way," **Chris Tomer** told his friend and climbing partner, **Dr. Jon Kedrowski**. "Be careful up there." Chris, the son of Rivendell residents, David and Diane Tomer, has been collaborating with Jon on a mission to climb and sleep on all 55 of Colorado's highest mountain peaks, and to produce a definitive how-to coffee table book on the subject. This historic effort had not been attempted nor accomplished prior to this. The proud Rivendell parents of their son Chris reported that photography is another of his hobbies that he uses to support on air TV presentations, during teaching seminars, and for speaking engagements.

Chris Tomer is a meteorologist on Denver's TV stations Fox31 and CW2. His job commitments allowed him to go along on only a dozen of the climbs, but to keep Jon safe, he provided up-to-the-minute weather data on all the peaks. On the night of one particular climb, Jon could feel the charged-up atmosphere of an oncoming storm. The zippers on his jacket and tent started to buzz. He heeded Chris's warning, grabbed his pack and shoes and got off the peak seconds before a lightning bolt blew out his tent and fused two metal poles together.

Colorado ranks as one of the foremost meccas for serious mountain climbing. There are 55 peaks over 14,000 feet high, known as "fourteeners." Conventional wisdom has climbers setting out before sunrise to reach the apex and descend before the violent afternoon storms prevail. Chris and Jon took the opposite approach. They would actually scale the peaks during the stormy weather so they would reach the summit in time to photograph the sunset, sleep overnight, and get more photos of the sunrise in the morning. It would take all of Jon's climbing expertise and Chris's meteorological skills to keep them safe to meet their goals.

It took ninety-five days to finish their quest. Several climbs required two attempts due to turbulent weather. There was always the element of danger since Jon and Chris traveled light, carrying a minimum of gear, eating cold food, and hiking fast. Jon made 74 climbs, with Chris joining him on the

twelve toughest. They had been climbing together for a dozen years, ever since they met at Valparaiso University. They were very fit and experienced, and knew they had each other's backs.

The result of their effort is a state of the art how-to guide about conquering each peak, along with their exploits, stunning photos of the mountains and their wildlife, and QR codes (Quick Response code—similar to UPC barcodes) taking the reader directly to their video links. Their visually lush book, ***Sleeping on the Summits*** and companion calendar are available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Signed copies may be obtained from the following website: [www.christomer.com](http://www.christomer.com) and [www.sleepingonthesummits.com](http://www.sleepingonthesummits.com).



***Dr. Jon Kedrowski and meteorologist Chris Tomer pose on South Maroon Peak during morning fog.***



***Jon and Chris on Longs Peak for sunset.  
~photos by Jon and Chris***



# ATTENTION!

An email Board Broadcast was sent on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 2:07pm.  
The Subject line looked like this:

**Subject:** BROADCAST- 10.15.2012 Meeting Rescheduled

- If you did **not** receive this Board Broadcast, please email **Barb Gahry** with your name and correct email address.
- Also, to avoid Board Broadcasts from being routed to your junk mail folder or considered as spam, please add this address/sender to your Address Book:  
Board of Directors **rivendellboard@gmail.com**

Email your correct information to **Bghary@aol.com**

## Seeking Nominees for Two Board Positions that will be up for election at the Annual General Election.

Start thinking now about volunteering to serve on the  
Rivendell Board of Directors

For more information, contact Kyanne Merrill  
at Lighthouse Property Management  
**kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv 966-6844**

### ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA Mark Your Calendar



**Belle Canto**

**December 8 at 8 pm**

A fun-filled and uplifting holiday concert  
at The Glenridge  
by this acclaimed female vocal ensemble.  
For more information call Judy Sokal at 966-5904  
or visit <http://bellecanto.org>

### Rivendell Board Meeting



**NEXT BOARD MEETING  
WILL BE  
Monday, November 5, 2012  
at 6:00 pm**

**Spanish Point  
337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida**

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## Bucket List: Alaska and Canada

### By Debbie McMurry

We all have our “bucket lists,” our to-do’s before we leave this world. One of ours was to see glaciers. Where else can you see glaciers but in Alaska? My husband and I took a three-week vacation to Alaska and Canada. We flew from Tampa at 4:00 AM to Dallas-Ft. Worth, and finally to Fairbanks, arriving at 9:00 PM. Yes, it was a very long day of flying: over 10 hours. When we landed in Fairbanks, it was so bright outside I thought it was noon! Alaskans say, “The sun never sets, it just skips along the horizon!” After the first night of tossing and turning, we found eye masks in a gift shop -- well worth their price in gold.

Vic and I decided to take the land tour first, cruise second, and then tour Vancouver for a few days. Our first day in Alaska was to visit the pipeline; huge doesn’t describe it. Not all of it is above ground; some of the pipeline actually goes through the mountains. The following day took us up one of the rivers on a paddleboat. We tried sitting in the front of the boat but it was so cold we took cover inside the cabin. We also visited a gold mine and, yes, we panned for gold. We traveled to Denali National Park on our third day, where we saw a momma grizzly and her cub.



*Another pair of Alaskan critters was a female moose and her calf.*

Mt. McKinley, aka Denali, has its own weather system surrounding it; we were two of only 30 percent who visit the mountain and actually get to see it.

The mountain is 20,320 feet above sea level; snow, which never thaws, was seen on the highest peaks. Before our coach came to pick us up for

our next destination, I sat on the deck of the Mt. McKinley Lodge; I noticed the potted plants in front of me shake fiercely. I thought to myself, “was that a tremor?” A few days after we finished the land tour, an earthquake of 6.0 was recorded in Anchorage. We traveled from most land destinations aboard a comfortable coach bus, finalizing our land tour on a glass-enclosed train. There was much more on our itinerary, but too much to include in this article.



Anchorage was the port where our cruise ship was waiting for us; the ship was the Coral Princess. We would now continue our 7-day trip along Alaska’s coastline. On the first day, we entered one of the fjords to get up close and personal with the glaciers. I am having a difficult time trying to describe this sight; the Hubbard Glacier (largest) was over a mile wide at its mouth. Its height was taller than the cruise ship! The colors of blue, black, gray, and white blended to complete its beauty.

Breathtaking! We had a balcony suite with an incredible view. A large gray seal swam alongside the ship, turning over on his back as if to wave at us.

The ship docked at various ports, all primed for tourists. Vic and I took excursions rather than visit the little towns. One of the excursions was on a boat once used in the TV show, *The Deadliest Catch*. While we were on this boat, we saw more eagles than at any other part of our trip. The



fishermen anchored over their favorite fishing spots. One of the men pulled a large cage out of the bay that contained an octopus. Vic was one of the lucky ones who got to play with it. I was handed a box crab, "OK, so now what do I do with it?"

We went on an excursion designed to spot humpback whales. We did indeed see them, families of whales in many different areas of the bay. Incredible creatures, huge and majestic. Each time they surfaced, a burst of air came up from the water, sprayed many feet high, and then the whale came up and out of the water, crashing back down with a huge splash, with its tail slowly sinking into the water.



Many more glaciers to see...Mendenhall was one. Inside the Park center, which hung over the cliff to give spectators a better view of the glacier, was a large chunk of ice 250 years old.

We decided, while we were on the other side of the country, to visit Vancouver for a few days. Our first day took us to Butchart Gardens. The flowers were not in full bloom, due to the late winter. Normally on this day in June, we would have seen bursting colors. Actually, I couldn't tell the difference. We thought the entire park was spectacular.



We also visited the Capilano Suspension Bridge and Grouse Mountain. The suspension bridge caused my heart rate to increase as too many people on the bridge caused it to SWAY! Grouse Mountain still had snow -- only the second time in my life I have touched snow!

I encourage anyone who has not seen Alaska to put it at the beginning of your "List." Try to book First Class on the plane -- it will be well worth the price. Comfort was our major reason for this choice. I told my husband I wasn't going to fly for 10 hours to be in pain when we got to Alaska. The extra roomy legroom and comfy seats allowed us to stretch and enjoy the long trip. The flight attendant was very friendly; we were served meals, drinks, soda, snacks...while our friends in coach were cramped and hungry.

### **The Sarasota Observer Delivery**

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

**Seasonal residents:**

**To reinstate or suspend delivery of The Sarasota Observer, call Donna Condon at 366-3468.**

**Remember you can still read the Woodlands Word online by going to [http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal\\_login.html](http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html) and clicking on News Letters.**

**Be sure to visit the website to see the photos in color!**



## Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Tips

### A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR HOMEOWNERS

#### House Colors

- The ARC committee must approve the house color.
- A paint color chip, swatch, or sample must be included with your ARC Application.
- When choosing paint for the exterior of your home, remember that the paint color should be one of the approved colors based on the *ARC Exterior Guidelines* (March 2010).

#### Body (body of the house)

- Same color as the original or
- Neutral color, light to mid-range, beiges, tans, grays, olives, and corals.
- No blacks or whites.
- The entire house body must be painted the same color.

#### Trim

- Complimentary to house body, with slight variations in color and/or contrast.
- The entire trim package must be painted the same color.

#### Accents

- Any planned accent features must be painted in subtle variation from the body or trim.

#### Doors

##### Garage

- Door color must match the house body or trim.

##### Front

- Paneled doors with or without glass insets are permitted.
- Doors may be finished with wood stain, or paints in rusty reds, browns, dark greens, deep corals, grays, or other neutral colors.

#### Please follow the instructions on the application:

- A PLAT/SURVEY must be attached for all Landscape Changes and Exterior Alterations.
- A letter signed by your neighbor or a certified letter receipt sent to your neighbor for any proposed work that will have a direct effect on your neighbor.
- Applications, Plat/ Lot Survey/ Site Plan and/or color chips are due to Lighthouse Property Management one week prior to the next ARC meeting. Therefore send to LHM by the **third Tuesday** of each month.

#### When completing the ARC Application Form, complete the following steps:

1. Attach all requested documentation (site plan or survey; paint color chip; neighbor letter; etc.).
2. Make a copy of the ARC Application Form and your documentation.
3. Mail or deliver to: Lighthouse Property Management, 16 Church Street, Osprey, FL 34229



## Minutes of the Architectural Review Committee

### September 25, 2012

**Attendees:** Gwenda Stepien - Committee Chair, Nancy Schubert - Board Liaison, Joe Sefack, Shirley Borean, Mary Marryott, Mickie Konner

**Guest:** Greg Warner

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of 5 Committee members present.

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

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	943 Scherer Way	Remove 2 Washington Palms.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mickie Konner
2.	688 Stillwater Court	Removal of 5 Oak Trees.	Resolved: Denied Motion: Mary Marryott 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Shirley Borean Notes: Trees are on County Property.
3.	956 Scherer Way	Paint front door black.	Resolved: Denied Motion: Mary Marryott 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Shirley Borean Note: Too dark according to covenants
4.	1105 Millpond Court	Paint front door mahogany.	Resolved: Denied Motion: Mary Marryott 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Shirley Borean Note: Too dark according to covenants
5.	794 Shadow Bay	Install concrete slab side of Lanai.	Resolved: Denied Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mickie Konner Notes: Need Plot Plan
6.	808 Golden Pond Court	Remove 2 Washington Palms replace with two Foxtail Palms.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mickie Konner
7.	1160 Mallard Way	Remove 2 Washington Palms. Replace with two Foxtail Palms.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mary Marriott

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

**Next Meetings:** October 30, 2012, November 27, 2012

### The Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

meets the **last Tuesday** of each month at the Cottages Clubhouse.

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

**NOTE:** The ARC recommends that applications be received one week before the next meeting. Applications received after the monthly date will have to wait until following month.

**REMINDER:** If you are submitting an ARC Application Form for Landscape changes, you must attach a copy of your Site Plan (also called a Survey of Lot or Plot Plan or Plat). Your applications will NOT be reviewed without a copy and this would delay your work. The Site Plan should show names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping or fencing.

*Dates, times, and locations of Board and Committee meetings  
are based on the information available at the time of publication.*



## Fall Family Festival in Osprey

**November 3, 11am - 3pm, Saturday**

**Free and it is Fun!**

**By Sara Jones**

**Biology in the Bay** with Chuck Idelberger, Fishery Biologist with the State of Florida

**Kid's Workshop** with Venice Home Depot

**Old Fashioned Games** Sack races, water balloon toss, three legged race, and fitness

**Art Projects** Environmental Arts and Crafts with Pure Imagination Studios

**Native Plants** Decorate a pot and fill it with a plant

**Game Fish Art** Exhibit by Steve Whitlock

**Water Fun** with Southwest Florida Water Management District

**Live Music.....Face Painting**

**Food from Morton's Market** available for purchase

**Italian Ice** by The Orange Octopus

**Fire Truck** from Sarasota County Fire Department

**Wellness Tent** by Doctors Hospital of Sarasota

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**Thompson's Popcorn Wagon**

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**Parking:** Visitor parking for the festival is available at Historic Spanish Point, 337 North Tamiami Trail, First Baptist Church and First Church of God at the corner of Oak Street and Tamiami Trail. Sarasota Trolley Shuttle will pick up at the corner of Oak Street and Tamiami Trail.

**TREASURE HUNT**  
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For online registration:

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- Step #1** Registration and pick up clues  
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- Setp #2** Search area businesses collecting treasures and entry into the grand prize  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Step #3** Meet up at Oscar Scherer for free entertainment, refreshments and food.  
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
1843 S. Tamiami Trail Osprey
- Setp #4** Grand Prize Drawing at Oscar Scherer  
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm



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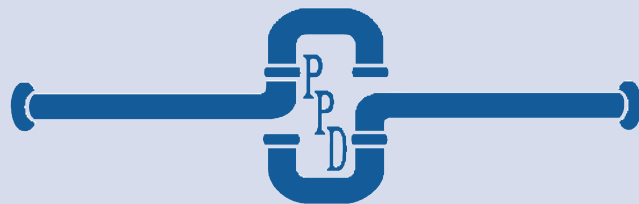
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