



# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

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**January 2019**

## Highlights, December 5 Board of Directors Meeting

**By Carol Heckert; Reviewed by John Fitzgibbon**

Attending: Ray Capuano, Larry Dobias, John Fitzgibbon, Peter Strauss, Beth Miller (Lighthouse)

### New Developments:

- Maureen Emmons appointed to serve on the Board of Directors.
- New governing documents will be mailed to homeowners with Annual Meeting packet. Homeowners need to return ballot approving new documents.
- Bobcat Pond to become second pilot project for no-mow zone.
- Social Committee and Welcoming Committee official. Both need members.

### Treasurer's Report: (Larry Dobias)

- For those with automatic payment for semi-annual dues, bank has carried forward late fees. For others, late fees under \$200 will be carried forward only with Board approval.
- \$80,000 in CDs moved to account paying 2% interest.
- Discussed possible lien on house with \$1,000 fine on books for several years.

### ARC: (Maureen Emmons)

- 14 requests; all approved.
- ARC forms updated.
- New committee members needed.

### Maintenance Committee: (Larry Dobias)

- Regulator replaced at pump house after a power surge. Payment for new regulator with surge protector approved.
- Security cameras installed at community pool.
- Water fountain replaced at pool. Cost of \$1,054 approved.
- Seeking new janitorial service for pool.

### Communications Committee: (Barbara Gahry)

- New Contact Form to be included in Annual Meeting Packet for homeowners to fill out if phone number or email address has changed.

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## Bay Street Extension

**By Nancy Dobias**

Although the Bay Street Extension has not opened yet, it's certainly getting ready. Director Peter Strauss reported that there was a glitch in the order for the signal mechanism that bicyclists use when they want to stop traffic along a street.

However, lines have been painted, sidewalks have been poured along old Bay Street, and a new insulated vinyl fence was added to the Park Trace side of the Bay Street Extension. Presumably walkers and bicyclists will follow the sidewalk along the Park Trace pond and then cross over to the other side in order to access the new sidewalk that leads out to Tamiami Trail.

There's also a new split-rail fence on the other side of the street. This fence borders the property that may one day house a Visitor Center for those who use this section of the Legacy Trail.

Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead (FOJT) have devoted a lot of time clearing the site. This property includes a home, a maintenance building, a greenhouse, woods, open area, and two ponds. The county will hold hearings to determine the best use of the property (i.e. perhaps a dog park location).

If there are any questions, Directors Peter Strauss or Larry Dobias may have the answers.



**Bay Street  
Extension with  
vinyl fence and  
possible visitor  
center & rail  
fencing ~ photos  
by Nancy Dobias**



**Our Documents are being revised and  
require a 2/3 majority of YES votes.  
Check out the update in the Document  
Committee report on page 3.**

(Highlights continued from pg.1)

- Covenants and standing rules will be omitted from Community Directory due to their being in transition. Both old and revised documents are on the Rivendell website. Old documents will be removed once new ones are approved by 2/3 of homeowners.

Document Review Committee: (Joe Sefack)

- New governing documents will be mailed with the Annual Meeting packet in January. A 90-day period will follow to obtain approval signatures on the accompanying ballots. Envelope to be labeled Important Notice. Homeowners urged to return ballots ASAP.

Ponds & Preserves Committee: (Frank Freestone)

- Pond Steward Initiative begun at Bobcat Pond, led by Edith Norby. Homeowners asked to voluntarily create a no-mow zone along the pond behind their houses to help prevent erosion. Board approved Bobcat Pond as second No-Mow Zone pilot project.
- Bird survey conducted; article in The Woodlands Word.
- UF Extension Service has scheduled training for volunteers to sample Rivendell ponds for water quality.
- Two communities, Botanica and The Meadows, have contacted us seeking information about our pond management practices.

Social Committee: (John Fitzgibbon, Carolyn Kenney)

- Committee officially formed to hold social events and accommodate group interests within the community. Carolyn Kenney to chair; John Fitzgibbon to serve as Board liaison.

Welcoming Committee: (John Fitzgibbon)

- Committee forming, with John Fitzgibbon as Board liaison, to welcome new homeowners to the community. John and Barbara Gahry will meet with LHM to develop a process for identifying new homeowners, contacting them and obtaining contact information from them. Committee members needed.

New Business:

- 4 mailbox violations considered for fines following 2 letters with no response. Fines imposed.
- Maureen Emmons appointed to serve the remainder of Linda Bento-Rei's term on the Board beginning in January.

Homeowner Comments:

- Thanks to Board for pool renovation
- Would like to see home next to pool, about to go up for sale, converted into clubhouse. Ken Heckert is looking into permitting and costs. Will report back at next meeting.
- Suggestion that we pay The Cottages for use of their clubhouse for meetings.
- Suggestion that Board take a pro-active approach to voting for new documents.
- Would like reporting at Board meetings on nearby road construction.

Next meeting: January 9 at 4:30 PM

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## Special Notice

### From the Ponds and Preserves Committee

At the Annual Homeowner's Meeting on February 6, Mollie Holland, Sarasota County's Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team (NEST) Coordinator, will present her perspectives on cost-effective management of erosion and algae in SW FL storm water ponds.

## Next Rivendell Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 9th, 2019  
4:30pm**

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

Any changes to this date will be  
posted on the website  
[www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)

## Next Ponds and Preserves Committee Meeting

The Ponds and Preserves Committee  
will meet January 8th, 2019 2-4pm  
in the Cottages Clubhouse.

## Maintenance Committee Report- November 28

By Larry Dobias, Board Liaison

1. Eagle Isle
  - a. Signs
  - b. Paint Fence
  - c. Replace palms (\$4,000)
2. Brick Repair: Bridge Stanchions, Entrance Wall  
**Need to get proposals from brick masons**
3. Pool Chemical Security (\$5,000)  
**The two options are to install an enclosure or a fence around the chemical tanks Under review**
4. Install Security Cameras at the Pool  
**Four video cameras with recording device and monitor installed at a total cost of \$1,300**
5. Pump House (\$25,000)  
**Revised quotes obtained bringing the cost down, but specifications continue to develop**  
**A power surge resulted in the loss of the irrigation controller that had to be replaced at a cost of \$3,000**
6. Water Fountain at Rivendell Pond  
**Obtain proposals**
7. Sidewalk Cleaning  
**Board approved the project to clean approximately two miles of sidewalk and this will be implemented**
8. Christmas Decorations  
**Community Decorations hung Nov 28**
9. Gazebo Staining  
**Obtain proposals**
10. Pool landscaping

## Document Committee Report

By Joe Sefack, Chair



The Document Committee has completed updating our documents. Each homeowner (498 homes) will receive copies of the 3 documents along with a ballot and proxy. The documents are also posted on the Rivendell website next to the original documents. The 3 documents are comprised of:

**Covenants**

**Bylaws**

**Articles of incorporation**

The approval of 2/3 (332) of the 498 homeowners is necessary for the updated documents to replace the existing ones. The updating and revising of the documents is long overdue. Our updated and revised documents include the removal of references to the original builder, restrictions that are no longer enforceable, and additional language that addresses present conditions.

At our homeowner town hall meeting, held on October 20, more than 70 comments and changes were suggested to the committee. Many of these suggestions were incorporated, and that necessitated the mailing of a second set of documents.

Some of the changes are the elimination of references to the builder (declarant), revision of leasing restrictions, updating truck parking, fines, and incorporating amendments that were added through the years. The updated documents are more user-friendly and an improvement over our current documents.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERY HOMEOWNER TO VOTE AND RETURN THE COMPLETED BALLOT TO LIGHTHOUSE.

## Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

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



The Rivendell Community Web Site is available at

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

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# WHAT'S IN STORE FOR RIVENDELL REAL ESTATE IN 2019?

The upcoming year promises to be an exciting one for homeowners in Rivendell. Take a look at the below chart. Inventory is low, demand is expected to be high. Sales this year could bring record prices, all good news for residents thinking of selling.

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

## What will cause prices to jump in 2019?

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

**ANYONE THINKING OF DOWNSIZING OR UPGRADING TO THEIR DREAM HOME IN THE FUTURE SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO BUYING NOW AS WAITING COULD COST THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS MORE.**

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## Birding in Rivendell: How You Can Help Us Keep Track, Too

### By the Ponds and Preserves Committee



What a beautiful community we live in. To be surrounded by so much natural beauty and wildlife, we are indeed fortunate to call Rivendell "home."

Members of the Ponds & Preserves Committee spent the morning of November 17, 2018 participating in our first Bird Workshop - observing birds on and around our neighborhood ponds. Special thanks to Jack Foard, of the Venice Audubon Society, who accompanied us. He offered a wealth of information and enhanced our bird watching experience.

We saw approximately 75 birds - all in our Rivendell community - on 12 different ponds. Our bird sightings featured: Snowy Egrets, Little Blue Herons, Tri-Colored Egrets, Red Shouldered Hawks, Mottled Ducks, and a Limpkin.

Our committee will continue to observe the birds in Rivendell and monitor the numbers found. We hope that as the health

of our ponds improves, the number and diversity of birds in and around our community will increase.

Many of our lakes and ponds are not visible from our streets. If you live on a pond or lake, you can help us out in two ways:

- You can keep track of the birds on your pond by entering the information on the eBird app on your computer or phone. Click here for the link to the [Rivendell eBird](#) site.
- Another way is to give us permission to walk through your yard to observe birds when we are doing surveys. Do you love birds, too? If you would like to help monitor our birds, please contact Norma Lee Rhines at [nlrhines@gmail.com](mailto:nlrhines@gmail.com), Melle Lee Warren at [melle\\_lee@hotmail.com](mailto:melle_lee@hotmail.com), or Nancy Sinclair at [nancy-sinclair@comcast.net](mailto:nancy-sinclair@comcast.net).

Want to learn more about what the Ponds & Preserves Committee is doing? Visit the Ponds' website and click on the link below the "Program Summary" bar. Online? [Just click here.](#)



*Jack Foard, Venice Audubon Society & P&P members: Nancy Sinclair and Melle Lee Warren*



*Anhinga in Rivendell*



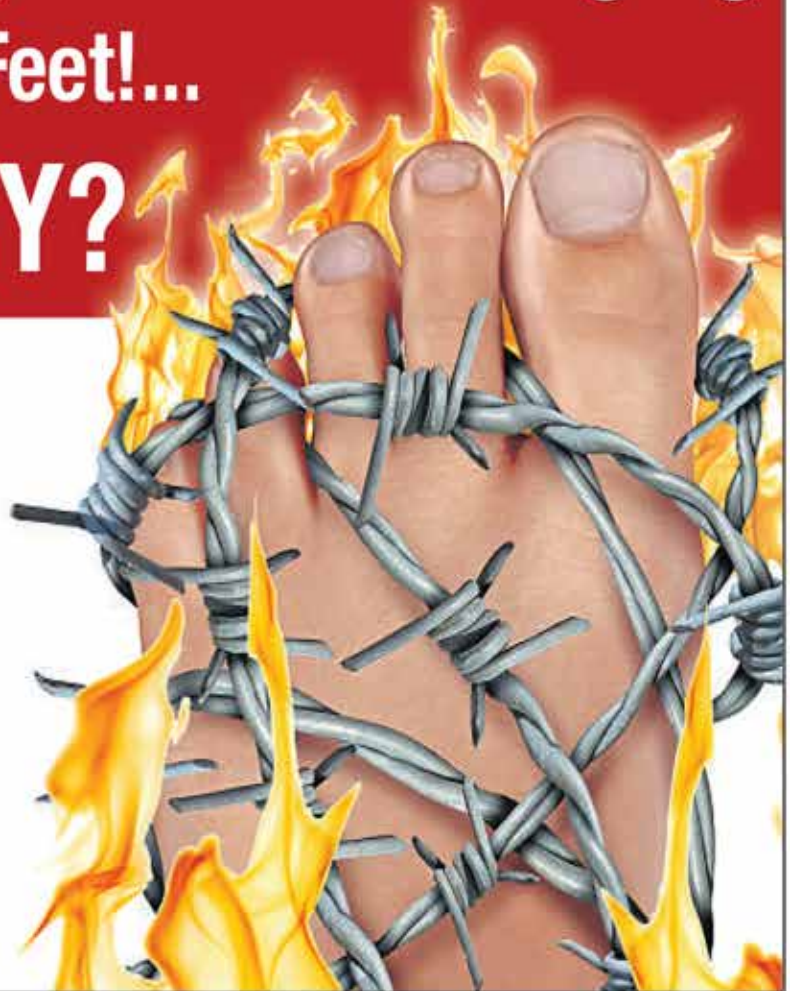
*Sandhill Cranes at Millpond Lake*



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## Meet New Rivendell Board Member, Maureen Emmons

By Lesley Sterling



Maureen Emmons wants to make The Woodlands of Rivendell a community of which we can all be proud. A resident since 2016, Maureen jumped right in by becoming a member of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Before agreeing to fill a vacancy on the Rivendell Board of Directors, which became available earlier in the year, Maureen served as chair of the ARC. Maureen will serve on the Board through 2019, fulfilling the obligation of the seat that had become open by the resignation of a previous board member.

When I spoke to Maureen in preparation for this article, the first thing that struck me was how open and friendly she is. It's often hard to get Homeowners Associations to agree on plans and procedures, but it appears that Maureen has the right approach: she's a team player who wants to make sure that our neighborhood is maintained to the standards we have come to expect. Maureen is no stranger to Homeowners Associations. A native of Connecticut, she served on the board where she lived.

Maureen officially retired from her career as an application software analyst in 2017. Back when she started 30 years ago there were few women in the field. When she started, they were still using punch cards! You can just imagine the advances she has seen in her profession.

Maureen and her husband Randy raised two sons who are both leading productive and fulfilling lives: one as a mechanical engineer and the other who started out as an engineer but fell in love with games. He is now a designer with a leading gaming company in Los Angeles.

Today, Maureen likes to spend time with her dogs, and when time permits, she enjoys creating beautiful beaded jewelry.

Let us all wish Maureen great success as she begins her new position on the Rivendell Board of Directors.



## Sarasota County Reminds You to Fertilize and Irrigate Responsibly

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

✓ Fertilizer cannot be applied from June 1 to Sept. 30, annually. Confirm that your commercial contractor is certified by the County. If you're doing it yourself, reduce the amount of fertilizer applied to your lawn as much as possible.

✓ Fertilizer should not be applied within 10-feet of a pond or preserve. A low-maintenance zone that is 6-foot wide is also recommended.

✓ Irrigate only on your allowed day (even house numbers on Tuesday, odd on Thursday).

✓ Check sprinkler heads and ensure rain sensors are working properly.

Online? Click below for more information:

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



## Quest for the American White Pelican By Nancy Dobias

In January 2018, Larry and I drove down to **Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge** on Sanibel Island to see if I might ONCE MORE try to get some good pictures of the American White Pelican. I failed but I did get some shots that show the remarkable size of these birds. With a 9-foot wing-span, the other birds are dwarfed by this bird. The American White Pelican is not native to Florida and does not breed here. When you see them feeding in Florida, they will not "dive-bomb" for fish the way the brown pelicans do. Instead, the white pelican hunts in groups and will herd the fish into a shallow pool of water. Once the fish are "surrounded and contained," the white pelican merely dips his bill into the water and voila, dinner is served! The pelican's pouch can hold more than 3 gallons of water, so I guess that must mean A LOT OF FISH, too! Another interesting fact about white pelicans is that when they migrate from southern Canada to Florida, they do it non-stop! (At least that's what I read.)

If you are interested in photographing or seeing the white pelicans, or any of the other wildlife that populate the park, don't go on a Friday. It'll be closed. Website: [dingdarlingsociety.org](http://dingdarlingsociety.org)

## In Appreciation....

Many thanks to  
Nancy and Larry  
Dobias, Donna and  
Ray Capuano, Scott Christie, and  
Peter Strauss for putting up the  
lovely holiday decorations. Rivendell  
is looking very festive now, and we  
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## Book Group Schedule

by Pam Babbit



To start the New Year, the book group meets on January 14, 2019, at Barb Gahry's home, 699 Rivendell Boulevard. Please call Barb at 966-5828 if you plan to attend. **The book selection is *The Day the World***

***Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland*** by Jim DeFede.

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm. All Rivendell residents are welcome; please notify the month's hostess if you plan to participate. Books are selected based on recommendations from group members who have read the book. Members take turns volunteering to either lead a book discussion or host the group in their home. Following is the future schedule:

February 11, 2019: *A Piece of the World* – by Christina Baker Kline

March 11, 2019: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* – by Gail Honeyman

April 8: *The Alice Network* – by Kate Quinn

May 13: *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, A Daring Escape, and the Making of Winston Churchill* – by Candice Millard.



*Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are. ~ Mason Cooley*

## ANNUAL MEETING

**The Rivendell Annual Meeting**  
is scheduled to occur Wednesday  
February 6th 2019 at 5:30pm.

The location of the meeting will be  
**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2705 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis.

Be sure to mail your voting ballots  
to Lighthouse Management to ensure  
we have a quorum for elections.  
You can also bring your ballots to  
the meeting in person.

We hope all Rivendell residents vote  
and attend the meeting!

## 2017 Small Business of the Year



**Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA**

Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences  
American Conference of Audioprosthology

### Jealousy at Lunch

By Karen Post

My friend, Ann, and I were having lunch. The hostess seated us in an almost empty section, yet a young couple were at the table next to us. I was looking at the woman, and Ann was facing the man.

Our waiter took our order, brought drinks, and we were chatting. Then that lull. During this lull I heard the voice of the woman at the next table. She had that nasally, whiny grating pitch of a voice.

I couldn't focus on anything but her voice.

Ann had to speak a few times just to get my attention. I was straining to keep involved in our casual conversation, and this grating voice kept jerking my attention away from what I wanted to focus on.

After listening to the young woman whine about her son's recent test, his teacher's lack of ability, and his coach's unwillingness, I was getting annoyed that all I could focus on was this whiny negative person.

I was at lunch with my dear friend, who I adore spending time with, and this stranger has hijacked my attention.

I asked Ann, "Does this woman next to you distract you?"

Ann looked at me blankly. Then asked, "Who?"

"The lady at the next table who is complaining about everyone," I said.

Ann chuckled, "She is sitting behind me. I have my hearing aids set to listen to people right in front of me. When the waiter came to take our order, I had to turn and face him directly. I can't read the menu and hear him at the same time."

This was the first time that I was truly jealous of my friends who wear hearing aids. Ann can purposefully tune out annoying people.

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## Pool Security Cameras Installed

By Nancy Dobias



When the pool surveillance cameras were recently installed, the electrician noticed that the lights in the interior alcove by the pool gate had a burnt-out sensor. He made the quick fix and voila -- a wonderful nighttime look to the pool complex!

Signage designates the hours of the pool and the fact that the cameras are present. As far as the cameras are concerned, they are operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, there is no active monitoring of the pool. This means that if someone has a health issue or becomes victim to a crime, there is no one watching a monitor. It's a passive monitoring of the pool facilities to help control vandalism or theft.

The clarity and detail that the cameras provide should help minimize some of the pool problems that previously occurred when the pool was considered closed.

Thanks go out to all who helped make the pool complex more secure!



**Rivendell Community Garage Sale!**  
**Saturday February 2nd 2019 8am-12pm**  
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## Asaro's Pizzeria Ristorante – Yum Yum By Nancy Dobias, January 2018

I am generally not a person who gives restaurant reviews since, by most people's standards, I have limited taste in food. For instance, in my younger years, when I had my first teaching job away from home and was responsible for my own dinners, I was content to eat a hot dog, fries and root beer for a year. After Larry and I married, I was quite proud of mastering meat loaf and could have been content to serve that for a year had Larry not suggested that we buy a grill.

Over the years I have broadened my tastes, but I'm still not what one would call a "foodie." Today we happened to stop at an Italian restaurant called ASARO'S PIZZERIA RISTORANTE. It's in the Publix Shopping Center on Laurel Road, near the I-75 exchange (Pinebrook & Laurel intersection). We had the Asaro's Special Pie Pizza and it was delicious! And there were many other things on the menu that we would like to try. We will definitely be back!

If you're looking to check out a great Italian restaurant, this one is convenient, and the food and service were super. Check out the menu on the website: [www.asarospizzeria.com](http://www.asarospizzeria.com) **CAUTION: I bet you'll get hungry just looking at the menu!**

They have another location on Bee Ridge in Sarasota, but we had gone to the one on Laurel Road, which offers dine-in or take-out. [www.asarospizzeria.com](http://www.asarospizzeria.com), 2454 Laurel Road East, Nokomis (941) 485-5959.

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VENICE AREA AUDUBON SOCIETY

## Bird Friendly Plants Excerpted from Wings & Things, Venice Audubon Newsletter

The Venice Area Audubon Society conducted a Survey on Native Plants for Birds. The purpose of the survey was to determine how the local chapter was implementing National Audubon's Native Plants for Birds initiative. Accordingly, the local chapter looks forward to promoting the following endeavors:

1. Present a lecture on bird-friendly landscaping at a meeting.
2. Partner with the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society to offer a workshop on native plants for birds this winter or early spring.
3. Make presentations to interested HOAs on how to promote landscaping for birds.
4. Offer impromptu tours of local native gardens and outings to native nurseries.
5. And of course, put more plants, bushes, and trees in the ground – such as Firebush, Geiger tree, coral honeysuckle, Sea grape, Trumpet Vine (perennial), and shrimp plants.

Please contact Rivendell resident, Norma Lee Rhines for more information about bird friendly plants or go to: [www.nsis.org/garden/bird-plants-nectar.html](http://www.nsis.org/garden/bird-plants-nectar.html) or [www.gardening-solutions.ifas.ufl.edu/design/gardening-with-wildlife/gardening-for-birds.html](http://www.gardening-solutions.ifas.ufl.edu/design/gardening-with-wildlife/gardening-for-birds.html)

## Volunteers are needed NOW for the following committees:

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)  
Maintenance Committee (MC)  
Communications Committee  
Social Committee  
Welcome Committee  
Ponds and Preserves Committee

If you are interested in joining any of these committees please contact Rivendell's Board Secretary, John Fitzgibbon at [johnf.rivendell@gmail.com](mailto:johnf.rivendell@gmail.com)





## RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

**CAVALIER KING CHARLES OWNERS!** Do you have a well-mannered, potty-trained Cavalier and would like to reciprocate sitting services while away, or use in case of emergency? Must be current on all shots & flea/ heartworm protected. No monies involved, just assurance that our babies are taken care of & loved. Apollo would love to have a new friend. Call **Anita** at **941-321-0452**.

**CERTIFIED HEALTH COACHES: Dr. Maggi Verhagen & Deb Holton-Smith RN BSN** offer "solutions to optimal health" with their simple 5 + 1 program. Join the BeSLIM Club plan with our portion-controlled meals and lose an average of 10 lbs per month. Our coaching is FREE. Call to see if this is a good fit for you! Better Together, Neighbors!!! For consult call **Deb** at **845-661-9883** or email for information **GetSLIM@Holton-Smith.com**

**COMPUTER REPAIR AND INSTRUCTION PLUS OTHER HOME ELECTRONICS (TABLETS, SMART PHONES, TV, Etc):** I have been providing computer services to Rivendell and the surrounding neighborhoods for 6+ years! For Rivendell and Willowbend residents I offer a special \$20 an hour rate. I also offer a flat charge for any computer virus repair taking over two hours. I am a Rivendell resident with 35+ years computer & home automation experience. Call **Gary Mruz** **941-786- 6019** or email **gary.mruz@gmail.com**

**COMPUTER REPAIR, TECH SUPPORT, AND TECHNOLOGY TUTOR:** Setup-Build-Troubleshoot-Repair all your technology needs including virus removal, home technology installations and computer equipment. Learn more about all your devices. I have been a Rivendell resident for 12 years, attended Pine View School, and graduated UCF with a degree in Information Technology. For Rivendell residents only, my fee is \$25 per hour. Contact: **Ben McClannahan** Cell: **727-410-2413** Email: **Bmcclann04@gmail.com**

**HOUSE PAINTING, HANDYMAN WORK, & HOME WATCH SERVICES:** Rivendell resident with 30 years of experience enjoys assisting neighbors with economical, meticulous, professional quality house painting - interior & exterior. Also help with general home upkeep - light electrical, plumbing & carpentry jobs, etc. Are you a snowbird or landlord? I can watch your home or help with rental upkeep (home detailing & deep cleaning for move-ins or move-outs). References provided upon request. Call **Charles Tanguy: 941-539-5647** or email **ctanguy@verizon.net**

**IS YOUR LAMPPOST LIGHT STAYING ON or NOT LIGHTING AT ALL?** Rivendell resident **Bill Bloom** will repair your problem. Replacing a sensor is \$45 and includes all parts, labor, and cleaning. Replacing a burned out bulb is \$18 and includes a new bulb and cleaning. Call **941-587-8439**.

**LUNA RESTORE:** For pool/lanai deck restoration and staining, interior/exterior painting, and "fix-it" projects to update and improve the appearance of your home, contact **Vic** at **LUNA RESTORE 941-735-2324**.

**MATHEMATICS TUTORING:** Calculus & Statistics, specializing in AP. Retired math teacher with 30+ years in public & private schools. Rivendell resident. Your home or ours! Multiple student discount available. Ref: Who's Who in American Education, NJ Governor's Teacher Award. Call **Carol: 941-866-0270** or email **gdontheroad@yahoo.com**

**PERSONAL WELLNESS COACH, PERSONAL TRAINER, PILATES AND YOGA INSTRUCTOR: Kelly McClannahan** is a Rivendell resident since 2004. She is a certified Health Coach with the Dr. Sears Wellness Institute and a Certified Personal Trainer through NASM. I offer several tiers of coaching including nutritional coaching in which I will teach you simple changes you can make nutritionally for better health and weight loss. In addition, if you'd like to add fitness, we can group or personal train. I also offer cabinet makeovers and healthy cooking lessons in your home. Call me for information and details: **727-423-8208** or email **kellymcclannahan@yahoo.com**

**PET SITTER, HOUSE SITTER:** An adult resident of Rivendell for 15 years, I love cats, dogs, birds, & bunnies. Also very qualified to take care of your home while you are away. A dependable daily (for pets), bi-weekly, weekly, or monthly visit can be scheduled. Or I can stay at your home. My experience & references provide peace of mind that your pets and/or house are being well cared for. Call **Carolanne Haddock** at **941-539-6176**.

**PET SITTER SERVICE, HOUSE SITTER SERVICE:** Rivendell resident and Pine View high school student who loves pets and has previous experience walking neighbors' dogs, will walk your dogs and care for any of your pets. As well, she can visit and care for your home daily or weekly to carry out chores such as water plants, check and send home updates while you are away etc. Have references. Please call **Erica** at **(941) 786-8478**.

**POOL MAINTENANCE: Leslie Casanova,** Rivendell resident, is the owner of a Pool Maintenance and Service company, **Kraken Pool Service Inc.**, which services over 140 customers in the area. We offer full service weekly pool maintenance & bi-weekly programs. For Rivendell residents only, we offer a special price of \$39 for the first month of service to new customers. There are different options for service starting at \$57 per month. Please call **941-993-5548** or email **info@krakenpools.com**

### 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**

## Architectural Review Committee Report - November 27, 2018

Quorum present: Maureen Emmons, Wayne Davis, John Greco, Susan Lanza

Absent: Richard Jurick

Board Member: OPEN

### Board Requests November 2018

	Request	Address	Assigned To	Second	Status
1	Plant tree in back yard	545 Meadow Sweet Cir	Maureen Emmons	Wayne Davis	Approved
2	Remove dead tree/landscaping	1345 New Forest	Maureen Emmons	Susan Lanza	Approved*
3	Replace fence	1084 Mallard Marsh	Susan Lanza	John Greco	Approved
4	Paint house	539 Meadow Sweet Cir	Maureen Emmons	Wayne Davis	Approved
5	Paint house	577 Meadow Sweet Cir	Maureen Emmons	John Greco	Approved
6	Paint house – Paint Palette	655 Rivendell Blvd	n/a		Approved
7	Hurricane shutters	786 Placid Lake	Wayne Davis	John Greco	Approved
8	Landscaping	1121 Scherer Way	Wayne Davis	Maureen Emmons	Approved
9	Plant trees	1101 Mallard Marsh	John Greco	Susan Lanza	Approved
10	Landscaping	907 Scherer Way	Wayne Davis	John Greco	Approved
11	Foundation stabilization	582 Meadow Sweet	John Greco	Susan Lanza	Approved
12	Irrigation well	759 Anna Hope	Maureen Emmons	Wayne Davis	Approved
13	New garage door	587 Meadow Sweet	Maureen Emmons	Wayne Davis	Approved
14	Install Dish TV	1156 Mallard Marsh Dr	Maureen Emmons	Wayne Davis	Approved

\* Approved via emergency for dead tree

Updated ARC Forms Posted to Rivendell website

**ARC members needed for 2019**

January meeting will be on the 29th: request cutoff will be January 22.

### Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The ARC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Cottages Clubhouse

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



## Carrot Pineapple Cake

By Linda Pearlstein (Ina Garten Food Network)

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/ina-garten/carrot-and-pineapple-cake-recipe-1953437>

### Ingredients for the cake:

2 cups granulated sugar  
 1 1/3 cups vegetable oil  
 3 extra-large eggs, at room temperature  
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
 2 1/2 cups plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour, divided  
 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
 2 teaspoons baking soda  
 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt  
 1 cup raisins  
 1 cup chopped walnuts  
 1 pound carrots, grated  
 1/2 cup diced fresh pineapple



### For the frosting:

3/4 pound cream cheese, at room temperature  
 1/2 pound unsalted butter, at room temperature  
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
 1 pound confectioners' sugar, sifted

### For the decoration:

1/2 cup diced fresh pineapple

### Directions

Prep: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Butter 2 (8-inch) round cake pans. Line with parchment paper, then butter and flour the pans.

**For the cake:** Beat the sugar, oil, and eggs together in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment until light yellow. Add the vanilla. In another bowl, sift together 2 1/2 cups flour, the cinnamon, baking soda, and salt.

Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients. Toss the raisins and walnuts with 1 tablespoon flour. Fold in the carrots and pineapple. Add to the batter and mix well.

Divide the batter equally between the 2 pans. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean. Allow the cakes to cool completely in the pans set over a wire rack.

**For the frosting:** Mix the cream cheese, butter and vanilla in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment until just combined. Add the sugar and mix until smooth.

Place 1 layer, flat-side up, on a flat plate or cake pedestal. With a knife or offset spatula, spread the top with frosting. Place the second layer on top, rounded side up, and spread the frosting evenly on the top and sides of the cake. Decorate with diced pineapple.

Yield: 8 servings

# JANUARY SUDOKU PUZZLE

Sudoku Puzzle #R163DM

Presented by Puzzle Baron

Rated: Medium

2	7	6	8	4	5	1	3	9
5	4	9	3	1	7	6	2	8
3	1	8	6	9	2	5	7	4
7	9	1	4	3	6	8	5	2
8	3	5	9	2	1	7	4	6
4	6	2	5	7	8	9	1	3
1	2	4	7	8	9	3	6	5
9	5	3	1	6	4	2	8	7
6	8	7	2	5	3	4	9	1

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## Rivendell Community Contacts

### Committees

#### Communication Committee

**Chair:** Barb Gahry (barbgahry@gmail.com)  
 Board Liaison: John Fitzgibbon  
 Block Captains: Cindy Schmidl  
 Newsletter: Linda Pearlstein, Marilyn Probert,  
 Pam Babbitt, Kay Mruz  
 Directory: Kay Mruz  
 Reporters: Catherine Middleton, Mike Bergman,  
 Norma Lee Rhines, Lesley Sterling, Carol Heckert  
 Webmaster: Gary Mruz

#### Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

**Chair:** OPEN  
 Board Liaison: OPEN  
 Members: Wayne Davis, Richard Jurik,  
 Susan Lanza, John Greco

#### Maintenance Committee (MC)

**Chair:** OPEN  
 Board Liaison: Larry Dobias  
 Members: Dave Gill, Carole Myles, Ken Heckert,  
 Sallie Hawkins, Kevin Humbert, Greg Volack

#### Documents Committee

**Chair:** Joe Sefack (jr.sefack@gmail.com)  
 Board Liaison: John Fitzgibbon  
 Members: Ken Heckert, Mike Bergman,  
 Carol Heckert, Robert Thierfelder, Steve Bragg,  
 Kenneth Alarie, Gary Mruz

#### Ponds & Preserves Committee

**Chair:** Frank Freestone (paddlemania@verizon.net)  
 Board Liaison: Larry Dobias  
 Members: Dave Gill, John Greco, Ken Heckert,  
 Carolyn Kenney, Sue Remy, Norma Lee Rhines,  
 Melle Lee Warren, Nancy Sinclair

#### Social Committee

**Chair:** Carolyn Kenney (kenneycsrq@gmail.com)  
 Board Liaison: John Fitzgibbon  
 Members: Sallie Hawkins

### Rivendell Board of Directors

**Ray Capuano**, President  
 (raycapuano1@gmail.com)

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 (peters Strauss@yahoo.com)

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 (dobiasle@gmail.com)

**John Fitzgibbon**, Secretary  
 (john.fitz48@gmail.com)

**Maureen Emmons**, Director At Large  
 (mauremmons@ymail.com)

### Sub-Association Boards of Directors

**The Cottages:** Robert Volk, President; John Martin, 1st Vice President; Chris Smith, 2nd Vice President; Robert Metelko, Treasurer; Kathy Webber, Secretary.

**Patio Homes:** Bob Thierfelder, President; Dan Tavares, Secretary; Dave Rollinson, Treasurer.

**The Villas:** Dianne Enger, President; Mary Poremba, VP/Secretary; Sherry Sholtis, Treasurer.

### Lighthouse Property Management:

941-966-6844 x604

**Property Manager:** Beth Miller  
 (bethmiller@mgmt.tv)

**Assistant Property Manager:** Lexi Robinson  
 (Lexirobinson@mgmt.tv)

### Rivendell Website

www.rivendellcommunity.com

Contact Lighthouse Management for password to RESIDENTS section.

### Woodlands Word Deadline:

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

### Nuisance Alligator

Call Florida Fish & Wildlife - SNAP 866-392-4286  
 Do Not Call Lighthouse Property Management

### Sarasota County Sheriff

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Please use this number for non-emergencies

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