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FIRE SCARE By Anita Voth

Dear Neighbors,

We learned two very important lessons on the day that Rev and I smelled smoke inside and outside our home. And we also want to convey how very impressed we were with the response time of emergency personnel to our 911 call.

After Rev cut the grass and returned the tractor to its rightful spot in the garage, as he has done for the past 12 years, he came into the house. Prior to that, both he and I smelled smoke but thought that perhaps Oscar Scherer was having a prescribed burn. A few minutes later, I went into the garage to find it filled with smoke. Rev opened the garage door and the smoke quickly dissipated but we then knew that the smoke was coming from within our garage, yet we could not find the source. That is when we called 911.

Six fire engines were dispatched as our call was coded as a structure fire. Two engines were eventually called off when the battalion chief realized that there was no imminent danger. Our very impressive and persistent firefighters eventually found the source of the problem. Old grass had accumulated underneath the tractor and was smoldering. Location of the smoldering dead grass was within the

tractor and on top of the gearbox that drives the rear wheels! An unlikely spot for one to consider! If left unattended, we certainly could have had a full-fledged fire. Fortunately for our home, and us, we were present. But it certainly caused us to ponder the possible outcome if we were not. The firefighters quickly used water to stop the burning grass. One firefighter recommended that in the future, we not put the tractor back into the garage until it has cooled down and/or until we have run water underneath the tractor.

Our first lesson - and why we write this article - is to inform our neighbors who use tractors (or any lawnmowers), to make sure that you do not have a build up of old, dried grass underneath, and to make sure that it has time to cool before storing your tractor back in the garage.

The second lesson was to remind us to consider making a list of valuable items in case this ever happens again and we need to escape our home quickly. What would you grab in case of a fire in your home? We learned two good lessons that day and fortunately neither one cost us more than the fear of what could have happened.

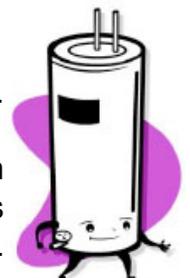
WATER HEATER SAFETY



Water heaters deteriorate, and when they do they will leak. When they leak, the water just keeps running out as the tank keeps filling up. Anything stored on the garage floor will be wet, as will the baseboard and wallboard.

If you are away, please ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your house.

If you should happen to notice water seeping out from under the garage door, please turn the water off to the house, using the outside valve. Then contact the owner immediately as they may have other equipment (pool) that requires the water valve to the house to be open.



Real Estate Corner By Barb Gahry

Those who think the bottom of the market has yet to hit are a little behind the times....about a year, in fact. According to the Sarasota Association of Realtors (SAR), the available inventory at this time is near the lowest level in a decade. Builders have recognized that the demand for new construction has resurfaced and that buyers are out there ready, willing and able to fork over their cash.

Due to the low inventory seen in re-sales, there are more and more multiple offer situations of the kind that had been a common scenario during the "bubble" years. In addition, some properties are actually getting above-list prices. Buyers who have sat on the fence have missed their opportunity to not only buy at lower prices, but also no longer have their pick of properties. According to SAR, "the April 2013 months of inventory were 3.2 months for single family and 3.9 month for condos. At the worst point of our market in November 2008, there were 24 months of inventory for single family homes and 41.7 months for condos". Months of inventory represent the time it takes to sell off the current inventory at the current sales rate. A *normal* balanced market has around 6 months of inventory.

Those who had hoped to list their homes are now finding it more difficult to find what they want. As a result, there are fewer people who are deciding to list at this time, even though the prices are gradually increasing.

Even though there are indications that there are more distressed properties yet to be released for sale, the current rate is considerably down from previous months. SAR indicates that these sales represented about 22%, down substantially from March 2013, which was 30%, and far lower than the 51% figure in the fourth quarter of 2010.

The bottom line is that the market has turned, with the current trend showing increasing prices, less inventory and fewer days on the market.

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Rivendell Board Meeting NEXT BOARD MEETING August 19, 2013 at 6:00 pm at Historic Spanish Point

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

Sarasota County Fertilizer Ordinance

Sarasota County's fertilizer ordinance 2007-062, aims to cut down on the amount of pollution getting into area waterways.

- It prohibits applying fertilizers that contains nitrogen or phosphorus between June 1 and September 30.
- It sets a fertilizer-free zone within 10 feet of any body of water.
- It requires training for commercial applicators
- It has penalties for violators.

http://www.scgov.net/environmentalservices/water/SurfaceWater/documents/1756_001.pdf

DID YOU KNOW?

Amended Deed Restrictions and Standing Rules

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Restaurant Picks

Authentic Northern Italian Cuisine in Osprey

By Mike Bergman



Prosciutto di Parma and fresh Mozzarella with tomatoes and basil ~ photo by Mike Bergman

The **Bologna Café**, formerly of Sarasota, has moved into our nearby Bay Street Village, north of Wal-Mart. I'd heard that the owner-chef turns out delicious, authentic, Northern Italian fare that is

definitely **NOT** your typical red sauce-pizza joint food. So three dining companions and I took the five-minute drive up the Trail to find out for ourselves how good it is. We were greeted at the door by a duo who became our hosts and servers for the evening. They were courteous, friendly, and very knowledgeable about the menu offerings. They explained that the pasta and the fresh Mozzarella are made in-house, and a bountiful selection of cold cuts and cheeses are imported from Italy, available for purchase from a deli case on-site. The wonderful sauces are all homemade, and authentic.

Two of us shared an antipasto overflowing with prosciutto and other meats, along with special cheeses and olives. There was enough of this appetizer left over to serve as dinner for a light eater. The other couple shared the Prosciutto di Parma and fresh Mozzarella with tomatoes and basil. It was really good.

A dozen Italian wines are offered to complement the dishes. The entrees feature veal dishes served 8 different ways, as well as a few beef and chicken selections. The men ate two scaloppini entrees, a sauté with gorgonzola sauce, and a breaded veal cutlet topped with Fontina cheese and prosciutto. Yummy. My bride loved her *Tagliatelle with Bolognese Meat Sauce*, both homemade and very authentic. I counted 32 different pastas on the menu. Something for everyone

We agreed that all of our food was tasty and well made, the portions seemed adequate, and the service was good. The caveat is that the meals are a bit pricey for everyday, especially considering the casual dining setting. That said, we'd all go back for more, though saving it for special occasions. <http://bolognacafe.webs.com>

Did You Know?

There are valuable coupons for a variety of services and restaurants located at the back of your new 2013 Rivendell Community Directory. (brown tab labeled Coupons) Enjoy!

Hurricane Shutter Regulations Summarized

- Clear (Lexan) hurricane shutters may remain up on the front of a house or street side of a corner house throughout the hurricane season, which lasts from June 1 to November 30.
- Clear shutters or those painted to match the house or trim may remain up on other parts of the house that are visible from a street, alley or other home.
- Any other shutters that are visible from a street, alley or other home may go up within 10 days of the expected arrival of a hurricane, and must come down within 2 weeks following a hurricane.
- Because the amended hurricane shutter restriction gives every homeowner the ability to protect his or her house, whether here or away, the new deed restriction will be strictly enforced.
- (For exact wording consult **Rivendell Community Directory 2013**, p.9, 4.09 Hurricane Shutters)



More Book Suggestions for Summer Readers

Compiled by Pam Babbitt and Marilyn Probert

The Widow of the South by Robert Hicks. In 1894 Carrie McGavock is an old woman, who has only her former slave to keep her company along with soldiers buried in her backyard. Flash back 30 years when Carrie's home was turned into a Confederate hospital. She spent over 40 years tending the graves and corresponding with their families.

The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey by Candice Millard. Roosevelt lost a third-party bid for the White House in 1912. He took a South American trip down a tributary of the Amazon known as the River of Doubt. The group, including T.R.'s son Kermit, was hampered by lack of supplies and injury. Millard, a former staff writer for *National Geographic*, provides details on the wildlife, and the cannibalistic indigenous tribe.

March by Geraldine Brooks. From Louisa May Alcott's beloved classic *Little Women*, Brooks has animated the character of the absent father, March. Brooks follows March as he leaves behind his family to aid the Union cause in the Civil War.

The Bread Givers by Anzia Yezierska. This masterwork of American immigrant literature is set in the 1920s on the Lower East Side of Manhattan and tells the story of Sara Smolinsky, the youngest daughter of an Orthodox rabbi, who rebels against her father's rigid conception of Jewish womanhood.

Nemesis by Philip Roth. Bucky Cantor is the young playground director of the Chancellor Avenue playground in 1944 Newark when a polio outbreak ravages the kids at the playground. Fast-forward to 1971, when Arnie Mesnikoff, the subtle narrator and one of the boys from Chancellor, runs into Bucky, and hears the rest of his story of guilt, bad luck, and poor decisions.

The Paris Wife by Paula McLain. *The Paris Wife* captures a period of time and a love affair between Ernest Hemingway and his wife Hadley. Following their wedding, they set sail for Paris, where they become the golden couple in a lively group—the fabled “Lost Generation”—that includes Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, and F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald. The Hemingways are not prepared for the life of Jazz Age Paris. Ernest struggles, pouring all the intensity of his life with Hadley and their friends into *The Sun Also Rises*.

Black Out: A Novel by Lisa Unger. Annie Powers leads the perfect life in Florida with her husband, Gray, and their four-year-old daughter. Less than a decade earlier, Annie was Ophelia March, the teenage captive—or accomplice—of spree killer Marlowe Geary. As a detective digs into her past, Annie must try to recover the memories she has buried.

Dreams of Joy by Lisa See. In *Shanghai Girls*, Lisa See illuminated the potent bonds of mother love, romantic love, and love of country. Now she returns to these timeless themes, continuing the story of sisters Pearl and May from *Shanghai Girls*, and Pearl's strong-willed nineteen-year-old daughter, Joy.

Maine by J. Courtney Sullivan. The Kellehers are a big, messy family who sometimes seem to have only one thing in common: love for their beach house in Maine. By turns funny and sad, *Maine* unveils the sibling rivalry, alcoholism, social climbing, and Catholic guilt at the center of one family, along with the often irrational love that keeps them coming back, every summer, to Maine and to each other.

When Everything Changed by Gail Collins. It begins in 1960, when women had to get their husbands' permission for a credit card and ends in 2008 with Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. My, how attitudes have changed!

Turn Right at Machu Picchu by Mark Adams. Non-fiction. What happens when an unadventurous adventure writer tries to re-create the original expedition to Machu Picchu? *Turn Right at Machu Picchu* is Adams' fascinating and funny account of his journey through majestic, historic, and remote landscapes guided only by an Australian survivalist and one question: just what was Machu Picchu?

A Reliable Wife by Robert Goolrick. He placed a notice in a Chicago paper, an advertisement for “a reliable wife.” She responded, saying that she was “a simple, honest woman.” She was, of course, anything but honest, and the only simple thing about her was her single-minded determination to marry this man and then kill him, leaving her a wealthy widow. What Catherine Land did not realize was that the Ralph Truitt had a plan of his own. And what neither anticipated was that they would fall in love.

Brooklyn: A Novel by Colm Toibin. Committed to life in little Enniscorthy, Ireland, the young Eilis Lacey finds herself swept up in an unplanned adventure to America, engineered by her family and their priest.

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand. In May 1943, an Army Air Force bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean. Louis Zamperini, the bombardier, survived on a life raft only to be captured by the Japanese. This is the story of his life as a POW and his transference to post-war life.

Caleb's Crossing: A Novel by Geraldine Brooks. Inspired by a true story, *Caleb's Crossing* brilliantly captures the triumphs and turmoil of two brave, openhearted spirits who risk everything in a search for knowledge at a time of superstition and ignorance.

Defending Jacob by William Landay. Andy Barber has been an assistant district attorney in his suburban Massachusetts County for over twenty years. He is respected in his community and courtroom, and happy at home with his wife, Laurie, and son, Jacob. But when a crime shatters their town, Andy is blindsided by what happens next: his 14-old son is charged with murder.

The Lost Wife by Alyson Richman. A novel of first love in a time of war. In pre-war Prague, the dreams of two young lovers are shattered when they are separated by the Nazi invasion. Then, decades later, thousands of miles away in New York, there's an inescapable glance of recognition between two strangers. Providence is giving Lenka and Josef one more chance.

Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots by Deborah Feldman. *Unorthodox* is about a young woman determined to live her own life. The Satmar sect of Hasidic Judaism is intriguing to outsiders. In this memoir, Deborah Feldman reveals what life is like trapped within a religious tradition that values silence and suffering over individual freedoms.

A Labyrinth of Kingdoms: 10,000 Miles through Islamic Africa, by Steve Kemper. A true story that rivals the travels of Burton or Stanley for excitement, and surpasses them in scientific achievements. In 1849 Heinrich Barth joined a British expedition into unexplored regions of Islamic North and Central Africa. One by one his companions died, but he carried on alone, eventually reaching the fabled city of gold, Timbuktu.

In One Person by John Irving. A novel of desire, secrecy, and sexual identity, *In One Person* is a story of unfulfilled love—tormented, funny, and affecting—and an impassioned embrace of our sexual differences. *In One Person* is an intimate portrait of the solitariness of a bisexual man who is dedicated to making himself “worthwhile.”

The Art of Growing Old by Marie Hennezel. Faithful aging is not simply aging; it is growing old. It is embracing not only the challenges of a long life, but engaging the possibilities of creativity and depth of soul available to those who have acquired a wealth of experience. This book is for adults interested in increasing satisfaction in their lives.

Mrs. Kennedy and Me by Clint Hill. For four years, from the election of John Kennedy in 1960 until after the election of LBJ in 1964, Clint Hill was the Secret Service agent assigned to guard the private Jacqueline Kennedy. During those 4 years, he went from being a reluctant guardian to a loyal watchdog and her closest friend. Now, fifty years later, Clint Hill tells his story, offering a tender, enthralling, and tragic portrayal of how a Secret Service agent who started life in a North Dakota orphanage became the most trusted man in the life of the First Lady.

The Greater Journey - Americans in Paris by David McCullough. David McCullough has stressed France's pre-eminent role in American history for years. We would not have a country without the French, who have permanently and profoundly shaped us.

Under the Banner of Heaven by Jon Krakauer. At the core is a double murder committed by Mormon Fundamentalist brothers, Ron and Dan Lafferty, who insist they received a revelation from God.

Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery. Renée Michel is the concierge of an exclusive Paris apartment building. Its tenants include a restaurant critic, government officials and old nobility. These residents pass by the loge of Madame Michel and, unless they want something from her, scarcely notice that she is alive. Paloma Josse also lives in the building. Intelligent, introspective and philosophical, this 12-year-old views the world and records her observations in her journal. These two characters provide the double narrative of *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*.

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson. Wilkerson chronicles stories of the migration of black citizens who fled the South for a better life. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of six million people changed America. The story is told through the lives of three individuals: Ida Mae Gladney, George Starling, and Robert Foster.

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BABYSITTER: Natasha Nielsen, Pine View School freshman, can watch your child while you go out or help with homework. Polite and responsible. **Call 941-966-1419.**

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

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

LAMPOST 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 \$12, and this includes new bulb and cleaning. **Call 941-918-8386.**

MOTHER'S HELPER/BABYSITTER: Sivan Yohann, 966-7766. 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!

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Overnight parking on Rivendell streets is prohibited

4.01 Community Association Restrictions

Please refer to the *Amended Deed Restrictions for Rivendell*, page 7 in the *2013 Rivendell Directory*

(i) (C) No motor vehicle shall be parked anywhere other than on paved or other areas designated for that purpose, such as driveways or in garages. Parking on yards, lawns or landscaped areas, alleyway access easements, or in community common area or neighborhood common area is prohibited. Parking of any motor vehicle on streets and roads within the community is expressly limited to durations not to exceed four (4) hours, and in all events, **overnight parking on streets and roads is strictly prohibited.**

(E) Any vehicles parked in violation of this paragraph or section shall be subject to being towed away at the owner's expense, as well as any other remedy available to the Association. (*Please also see Standing Rule concerning Pickup Trucks approved on June 2006.*) Also refer to the September 2006 special issue on deed restrictions of the *Woodlands Word*.



The White Footed Ant

Excerpted from University of Florida article:

[http://flrec.ifas.ufl.edu/entomo/ants/Pest Ants of FL/White-footed ant.htm](http://flrec.ifas.ufl.edu/entomo/ants/Pest%20Ants%20of%20FL/White-footed%20ant.htm)

Edited by Judy Sokal



White-footed ants marching on the side of stucco home

The white-footed ant was accidentally imported from Japan. When first identified in Homestead, Florida in 1986, it was considered only a minor problem, but now this tiny ant has become a nuisance and is found in several counties, including **Sarasota**. This tiny ant is easily confused with Crazy Ants and Odorous House Ants, but it has one characteristic that distinguishes it from similar ants: the ends of its legs are a very light yellow or yellowish white in color and that gives it its name. White-footed ants do not bite or sting, nor do they cause any type of structural damage. They are, however, attracted to sweet foods, so it is common to find them foraging inside the home and outside on hedges infested with honey-dew producing insects such as aphids and scale insects and on nectar from flowers. Inside they are attracted to pet food and table scraps or any other available food items.

Several biological aspects of the white-footed ant make it a difficult pest to control and almost impossible to totally eliminate from an infested home. These include huge population of colonies, tremendous reproduction capabilities, variety of food preferences and tiny body size. Nests are usually outside, numerous, and often in trees or shrubs, or in spaces above the ground in structures. They can be found in hollow branches, under potted plants, in leaf litter, in the bases of palm fronds, in yard toys, behind hurricane shutter brackets, under fascia boards, in attics, under roof shingles, in wall voids, etc. Nests are readily abandoned and relocated when disturbed.

Colonies can have hundreds of queens, spread

out among many sub-colonies. Although a colony may be made up of a million individuals, they usually do not all nest in one location. Colonies tend to be spread out as interconnected satellite colonies. Nesting sites usually contain eggs, developing offspring, and pupae as well as adult ants. The average number of ants in a white-footed ant colony will range from 400,000 to well over 1 million ants. The sheer size of these colonies puts food at a premium, so these pests forage over a wide range and feed on several food sources.

The reproductive potential of the multiple queen white-footed ant society is much greater than that of many other ant species. Like many other ants, white-footed ant colonies produce winged males and females that, at certain times of the year, leave their nest to start new colonies. This is called "swarming." White-footed ants can also initiate new colonies by budding. Budding is a process where workers and wingless reproductive males and females leave the mother nest and crawl some distance to start a new colony.

This large population needs a great deal of food to survive. They are attracted to sweet foods but have been observed in the laboratory feeding on termites and dead cockroaches. Sources of sugar can be found at many locations within structures and in the surrounding landscape. Indoor locations include the recycle bin, the kitchen, pantry, and wherever food is stored, consumed or prepared. Outdoors, sugary food sources are found within flowers, at wounds in trees, and as honey-dew (excrement from sap sucking insects

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such as aphids and mealy bugs). With all of these potential food sources, it is common to find white-footed ants foraging in tight trails on walls and vegetation both indoors and outdoors. The ants gather at food sources in large numbers, resulting in easily observed foraging trails leading to and from the food. Most foraging occurs at night during the summer, but may occur at any time of the day.

Once White-Footed Ants have infested a structure, it is doubtful that they will ever be totally eliminated from the building. However, one can implement measures to keep existing infestations manageable and help non-infested homes from being invaded. If you live in an area where white-footed ants are a potential problem, preventative treatments would be wise. Prevention is the best line of defense against the establishment of any pest insect. A concentrated effort offers the best chance of controlling white-footed ant infestations. Different control methods include structural change (like application of caulk to fill small holes;) maintaining cleanliness where food is handled and use of tight fitting food containers; ant baits (that can help reduce some ant population;) perimeter insecticide sprays; trimming of branches from structures; indoor sprays and total ant bed (or mound) elimination through drenching with an insecticide solution.

Did You Know?

Paraprosdokian describes a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re-frame or re-interpret the first part. It is used for dramatic or humorous effect and is frequently used by comedians. For example:

Evening news is when they begin with “Good evening” and then proceed to tell you why it isn’t.

1. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it’s still on the list.
3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit, Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

5. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
6. How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
7. Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.
8. I didn’t say it was your fault; I said I was blaming you.
9. Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars but check when you say the paint is wet?
10. Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?
11. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
12. If I agreed with you, we’d both be wrong.
13. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
14. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
15. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
16. The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!
17. Money can’t buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
18. Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.
19. I used to be indecisive. Now I’m not sure.
20. When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.
21. You’re never too old to learn something stupid.
22. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
23. Nostalgia isn’t what it used to be.
24. Some people hear voices. Some see invisible people. Others have no imagination whatsoever.
25. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

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Minutes of the Architectural Review Committee June 25, 2013

Attendees: Gwenda Stepien - Committee Chair,
Nancy Schubert - Board Liaison, Mickie Konner, Joe Sefack

The ARC meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM with a quorum of 4 Committee members present. The minutes of the prior ARC meeting were reviewed and agreed upon as written.

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	587 Meadow Sweet Circle	Replace decking area, re-screen rotted screens – repair sidewalk, replace awnings	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 nd : Mickie Konner
2.	583 Meadow Sweet Circle	Replace existing walk way with safer concrete walkway from porch to alley. Replace portion of grass.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 nd : Joe Sefack
3.	589 Meadow Sweet Circle	Replace front door. Paint same color as existing unit.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Mickie Konner 2 nd : Gwen Stepien
4.	743 Anna Hope Lane	Paint house same color of gray.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 nd : Joe Sefack Note: 3 rd light grey submitted
5.	749 Placid Lake Drive	Replace carriage lights outside garage	Resolved: Approved Motion: Mickie Konner 2 nd : Joe Sefack
7.	1167 Mallard Marsh	Paint house, trim, and door.	Resolved: Disapproved Motion: Mickie Konner 2 nd : Joe Sefack Note: Paint color much to dark
8.	1002 Oak Preserve	Paint house	Resolved: On hold Need paint color choice(s)
9.	1159 Mallard Marsh	Landscaping	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 nd : Joe Sefack and Mickie Konner Resubmitted new plans

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Meetings: July 30, 2013 and August 27, 2013

Volunteer needed to serve on the Architectural Review Committee. Please contact Gwen Stepien at gwendaarc@gmail.com if you are interested.

The Architectural Review Committee (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.

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 application 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 meetings are based on the information available at the time of publication.

Application for Architectural Review Committee Consideration

Homeowner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address where work is to be carried out: _____

If you live in the "Cottages", you are required to get approval from Unit 1 Board of Directors before submitting this application to the ARC.

Please describe the proposed work including specifications and dimensions of the work and materials to be used. (If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet.)

Proposed commencement date: _____ Duration of Project: _____

The ARC meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Please submit this application to the address below seven days prior to the meeting.

Please attach the following to this application:

- Site Plan or Survey showing the location of the proposed work.
- A letter signed by your neighbor or a certified letter receipt sent to your neighbor for any proposed work which will have a direct effect on your neighbor.
- Color sample, color name and reference # for proposed paint.
- Plat showing names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping.
- Plat showing location of proposed fence with manufacturer's brochure describing the fence material.

Please refer to the **Guidelines for Exterior Alterations** while planning your proposed work. If you would like to discuss your application prior to submittal, please contact the Architectural Review Committee Chair or Board Liaison, who are listed in the Woodlands Word.

All work must conform to all Zoning and Building Regulations. Owners are responsible for obtaining necessary permits after ARC approval. Owners are responsible for any damages to common areas or other homes caused by their contractors.

If any modifications or changes to existing structures and landscaping is done without prior approval from the ARC, fines or removal may apply.

Home Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit applications to: Rivendell Community Association
C/O Lighthouse Property Management
16 Church Street
Osprey, FL 34229 Phone: 941-966-6844

RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 8, 2013

Editors' Note: The following are the official minutes of the Rivendell Board of Directors. The Woodlands Word is not responsible for any errors in spelling, grammar, or content. The official Board Minutes can be viewed on-line through the Rivendell website at Lighthouse Management.

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 6:00 P.M., by Kyanne Merrill.

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:

Curt Kennedy Walter Perkowski Nancy Schubert Bobby Merrill

A quorum was declared to be present.

On matter relating to the minutes of the previous meeting a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 5, 2012 and Special Meeting of February 4, 2013. The motion was passed.

Adopt the Agenda, Ms. Merrill advised the agenda item relative to appointment of Board Member would be addressed before reports.

Appointment of Board Member, Ms. Merrill reported two candidates had submitted their candidacy for the vacancy. Carl Schubert and Vinnie Barone's intent forms were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Ms. Schubert to appoint Carl Schubert. After discussion, the vote was called. Mr. Merrill and Mr. Perkowski were not in favor. Motion did not pass. The Board agreed to move forward with another announcement that the Board is excepting Board Member volunteers and each candidate will be interviewed by the Board.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS,

Manager's Report, Ms. Merrill provided a report (see attachment #1). Ms. Merrill also reported contact has been made with the County to determine the cost and possible locations to install a meter near the Park Trace entrance. This information has been provided to the Maintenance Committee. Mr. Perkowski reported the meter was previously disconnected and it was recently discovered that it is running again with a battery. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and Mr. Merrill seconded:

MOTION 13-06: to disconnect the unmetered connection at Loon Lake and remove timer. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report, Mr. Merrill provided a summary of the most recent financials.

Committee Reports,

ARC, Ms. Stepien reported 7 applications were reviewed in February and were all approved. There were 4 applications reviewed in March, which were all approved. The next meeting is scheduled for April 30th, 2013.

Maintenance Committee, Mr. Stepien summarized the following items:

1. Aquatic Systems was asked to provide recommendations for replacing the front lake littoral zones.
2. Tree trimming bids have been obtained for any large oaks or pines that are on common land that are overhanging private residences.
3. The committee is working to update all the community information, including conducting inventory of supplies, maps, and keys.
4. The main pump for the irrigation on the bridge was an issue. It has been inspected and appears to be working properly now.

5. The committee discussed new items relative to Cottage. There are residents who are requesting a privacy fence along Old Venice Road. This matter has been deferred to the Board.

Mr. Stepien requested the Board consider and advise if they need any more details on the matter in order to make a decision. Mr. Alarie, a Cottages resident provided a report as to why this is being requested and supported by many Cottages owners. Mr. Alarie volunteered to draft a specification sheet, work plan and obtain bids for the Board's review. The Board agreed to review the request and material and meet with the ARC and MC in a workshop.

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

MOTION 13-07: to approve up to \$2500 to remove branches away from private residences. Motion passed. Ms. Schubert abstained. Motion passed.

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

MOTION 13-08: to approve installing up to six plants in the Park Trace Buffer area in the amount not to exceed \$450. Ms. Schubert was opposed. Motion passed.

Communications Committee, Carol Heckert reported Judy Sokal has stepped down as Committee chair person and Ms. Heckert agreed to fill the vacancy. Directories have been distributed by block captains. Volunteers are needed to gather newsletter content.

New Business

Association Committee Members:

Maintenance Committee, a motion was made by Ms. Schubert and seconded by Mr. Perkowski:

MOTION 13-09: to appoint Jim Stepien as Maintenance Committee chair, and the following members: Carol Heckert, Carl Schubert, Dave Gill, Nancy Schubert, Carole Myles, Nigel Day, Sally Hawkins, Bill Bloom. Motion passed.

ARC Committee, Ms. Schubert made a motion and Mr. Merrill seconded:

MOTION 13-10: to appoint Ms. Schubert as ARC chair and the following members: Gwen Stepien, Mary Marryott, Mickie Konner, Janet Berntsen and Carrie Mandell. Motion passed.

Fining for 1201 Lost Creek, Ms. Merrill reported the violation of the trampoline has not been removed and a final, certified notice has been sent. The owner has not requested a hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Ms. Schubert:

MOTION 13-11: to fine the owners in the amount of \$100 per day up to 10 days. Motion passed.

Owner Comments,

An owner inquired as to what the plan of action is for the \$10,000 worth of plants that were mowed down that were provided a County grant. Ms. Schubert reported there are communications with County and there has not been a determination as of yet.

An owner reported there has been an issue with midges during the warmer months. Jim Stepien agreed to address this with the lake vendor.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Kyanne Merrill, CAM

Dated: This 19th day of April, 2013.

RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Manager's Report

On Site/Maintenance-

- Compliance drives through community. (1.15.13 & 2.15.13)
- Coordinated repair to the Cottages sign (DONE)
- Researching size options for bulletin board in Crescent Park (Pending Receipt)
- Hung Pool Rules sign (DONE)
- Requested street light repairs as needed.
- Requested bid for pool shower push valve option. (Pending Receipt)
- Requested bid for water fountain repair/ option. (Pending Receipt)
- Requested repair to the entrance island landscape lighting. (Pending Electrician Visit)

Administrative-

- Forwarded financials to Board for review.
- Forwarded draft agenda to board for review.
- Forwarded draft minutes for review.
- Forwarded ARC requests to committee.
- Approved minutes posted to website.
- Forwarded approved minutes to Ms. Babbitt for publishing in the newsletter.
- Posted newsletter to website.
- Annual meeting process
- Contacted county in regards to lifted sidewalks near 1036 Scherer (county responsible)
- Send out email blast in regards to BOD meeting.
- Pulled all requested contracts for committee's review.

Correspondence-

- Letters sent to homeowners regarding submitted ARC forms.
- Letters sent to homeowners with compliance violations.
- Prepared requested document(s) upon request from homeowners.- Yearend Financials
- Email Correspondences.

Compliance-

- Compliance letters mailed to homeowners. Total: 42
Letters mailed: 1.18.13 and 2.21.13

Roof/Fence/Structure	4
Yard Condition/Weeds	5
Mailbox Lights	18
Vehicles	2
Pet	1
Decorative	8

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Newsletter: Linda Pearlstein, Judy Sokal, Kay Mruz, Marilyn Probert, Norma Lee Rhines, and Mike Bergman - Reporter Representative

Reporters: Mary Kennedy, Ed Lin, Pam Babbitt

Architectural Review (ARC)

(gwendaarc@gmail.com)

Board Liaison, Nancy Schubert

Chair, Gwen Stepien

Janet Berntsen, Mickie Konner, Mary Marryott, Joe Sefack

Maintenance Committee (combining Landscape/Environmental & Pool)

(jimstepien@gmail.com)

Board Liaison, Walter Perkowski

Chair, Jim Stepien

Bill Bloom, Nigel Day, Dave Gill, Sallie Hawkins, Carol Heckert, Carole Myles, Carl Schubert, Nancy Schubert

Access the Rivendell website at:

http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html

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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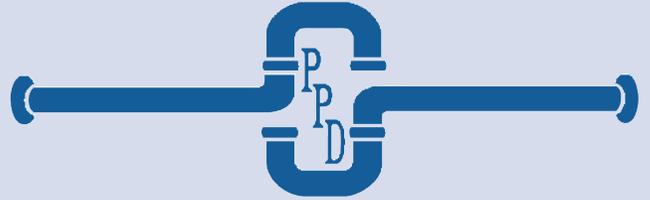
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