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The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

November 2019



Volunteers Sought For Nomination/ Election Committee By John Fitzgibbon

Three seats on the Rivendell Community Association (RCA) Board will be up for election at the ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING in February 2020.

Our Bylaws require us to establish a NOMINATION/ELECTION COMMITTEE from members of our community at least 30 days in advance of that meeting to oversee the nomination and election process. The committee will solicit interested candidates, review the applications and make as many nominations for the vacancies as it shall, in its discretion, determine. After which, the nominations will be placed in a written ballot and the election shall proceed in accordance with the Bylaws.

At the February ANNUAL MEETING, the Nominating Committee shall serve as an ELECTION COMMITTEE to count the votes.

For those members of our community who are appointed by the Board to serve, this is an interesting opportunity to see how this process works as well as an opportunity to meet new neighbors.

Interested parties should send an email to John Fitzgibbon, RCA Board Secretary at johnf.rivendell@gmail.com by November 5, 2019.



Message From the County - Road Resurfacing

Sarasota County has contracted with Preferred Materials Inc. to resurface 69 roadway segments in Sarasota County. The project consists of milling and resurfacing, roadway base repairs, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp replacements.

Construction on this project will begin the beginning of October and anticipated completion is expected within 4-6 weeks. This work will take place on Old Venice Road and roads within the Rivendell neighborhood.

Construction within the Rivendell neighborhood will be done from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday excluding holidays. Construction on Old Venice Road will be done from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m., Monday through Saturday, excluding holidays.

Motorists may expect some lane closures during these times and should seek alternate routes whenever possible. Door hangers will also be placed at residences in advance of individual street resurfacing.

During construction, emergency vehicles will have unrestricted access at all times. Pedestrians and motorists should use extreme caution while traveling through the construction area and expect some minor delays.

Thank you for your patience during construction.
Editor's Note: To see a map of the roads in Rivendell that will be resurfaced, please visit our website www.rivendell-community.com, and click on the image at the right under Special Notices.





IT'S TIME FOR BOARD ELECTIONS!

There are three seats up for election on the Rivendell Board. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact John Fitzgibbon at john.fitz48@gmail.com or Beth Miller at bethmiller@mgmt.tv.

Twenty-five

By Frank Freestone

I'm every bit the man I was
When I was twenty-five.
The things I do
I do because
They make me feel alive!

I can do that! She hears me say,
And off I go to try
Doing that
Will be a breeze
I just love my DIY!

I thought that I could save a buck
By trimming all those trees.
But here I lie
On the ground
Awaiting EMTs!

I'm taking time to ponder
This lesson I've been taught:
Growing older
Gracefully
Is harder than I thought!



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Let's All Do Our Part for Rivendell - Healthy Ponds Keep Property Values Strong By the Ponds & Preserves Committee (Maggie Christie, Millpond Steward)

When my husband, Scott, and I moved to Rivendell two years ago, we fell in love with our view of Millpond Lake. In the morning, it was like glass reflecting the trees and homes; in the evening, we'd catch a breathtaking sunset. We would sit outside in the lanai and enjoy the beautiful breeze blowing off the lake, eating most of our meals outside while enjoying our new form of entertainment. Birds would walk, fly or waddle by. One of our neighbors would occasionally throw in a line and pull out a fish. Usually the alligator would make an appearance. We especially loved watching the birds. Sandhill Cranes would walk by, mom and dad with a couple of babies in tow. There were Ducks leading a dozen ducklings. Herons, Egrets, and Anhingas dove into the lake to emerge with a fish for dinner. The preserve was alive with the songs and chirps of birds!

In the two years since we've been here, the decline in bird activity has been dramatic. Gone were the Sandhill Cranes - we saw no babies this year. Once in a while, we'll see an Anhinga, but not very often. Gone were the Ducks, only an occasional visit. We hardly ever saw the alligator anymore.

In order to attract the wildlife back, we must take responsibility for their habitat that we all share. By protecting the lake, we are protecting not only their home, but ours. We live in a desirable location, next door to a world-class school, and adjacent to a state park. **The health of our lakes directly affects the value of our homes. If we all do our small part, it helps the greater good of the community.** Small steps do make a difference, such as not mowing to the edge but

leaving a 6' LMZ buffer zone helps protect against erosion, and also acts as a habitat for wildlife. That's a win-win.

So we decided to take action and get involved – as a Pond Steward and P&P member. We wanted to see the birds come back. We spoke with our lawn chemical company to make sure they were compliant with the county and community on the responsible application of fertilizers and such. We worked with our lawn maintenance company to leave a LMZ at the edge of the lake. They were happy to comply. Scott has also been active on the HOA Maintenance Committee for the past two years where protecting property values and improving our community are also top priorities.

We are encouraged and optimistic. **As the grasses grew** along the edge of ours and our neighbor's properties, we have started seeing the Egrets and Herons return for some fishing. The Ibis come around in groups of 2 or 3 picking along the water's edge for a meal. The alligator has also made an appearance, and we even spotted a gator baby!

Rivendell is a beautiful community, and our lakes and preserves identify us. It is important that we all take responsibility to do our part to preserve our natural resources and protect our property values. It doesn't take much, just let your landscaper know about our LMZs and chemical application boundaries... the birds and fish will thank us.

If you're interested in getting involved with the Ponds & Preserves Committee and/or become a Pond Steward, please contact Frank Freestone, Chair, at paddlemania@verizon.net



Reminder: Install a Voluntary Low-Maintenance Zone Along Your Pond

The Rivendell Board passed a motion to encourage homeowners who live adjacent to a pond to install a voluntary low-maintenance zone and help reduce erosion and nutrient runoff.

- ✓ Zone should be 6 feet wide and the full width of your property. Install stakes or flags to mark the area.
- ✓ Grass in the Zone should be maintained at a height of 12 inches. A weed trimmer or long-handled hedge trimmer works well.
- ✓ Prevent clippings from going into the pond and avoid clipping aquatic plants.

Online? Click below for more information:

- *The Woodlands Word* article – Nov. 2018: Rivendell Board Encourages Voluntary Low-Maintenance Zone
- More details: Maintaining a Rivendell Voluntary Low-Maintenance Zone
- Visit Rivendell Ponds & Preserves website

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Did You Know ... The Origin of Rivendell's Name? The Ponds & Preserves, Social, and Communications Committees

How many of you enjoy living in Rivendell – yet have no idea how it got its name? If you're like us, you had lived here for a while before someone asked: "What does the name Rivendell mean?"

The community of **Rivendell** was named by the developers after the home of the elves in J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* saga. As created by J. R.R. Tolkien, **Rivendell** is a valley in the fictional world of Middle-earth. The name **Rivendell** is formed by two English elements: "riven" (split, cloven) and "dell" (valley), making the whole word purport "deeply cloven valley." Now you know!

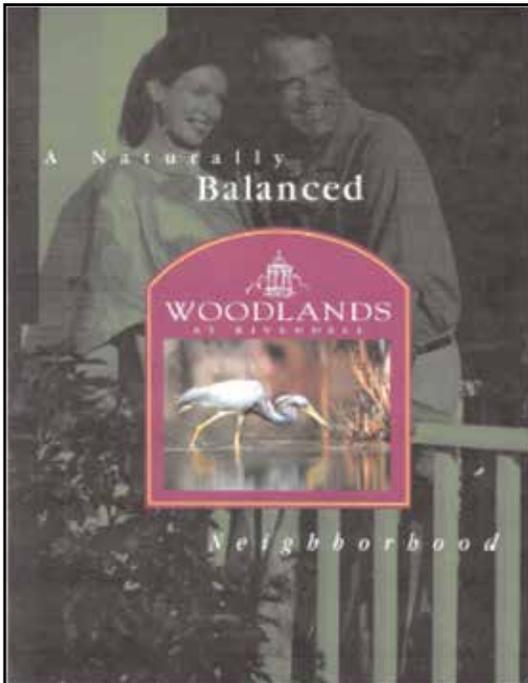
Although Rivendell lacks the deep valley of Tolkien's creation, the master-planned community does take advantage of its lush, wooded surroundings.

Rivendell Community Association is comprised of two neighborhoods: **The Cottages** (developed in mid-1990's) and the **Woodlands** (built out in the early 2000's). Together, Rivendell includes nearly 500 homes, nestled among 400 acres of lakes, preserves and open spaces.

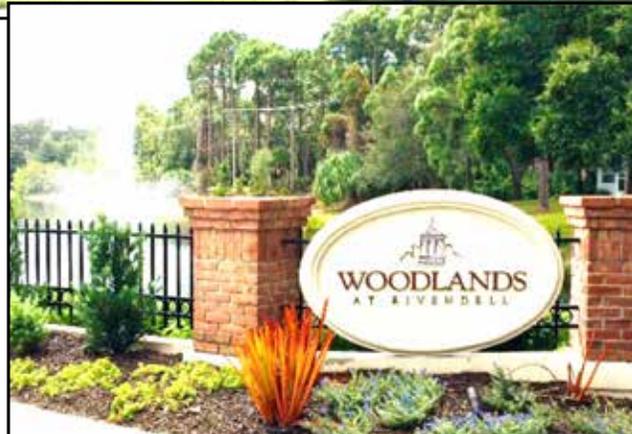
As marketed by the developers and still why we live here, Rivendell is "**A Naturally Balanced Neighborhood.**" We

all chose Rivendell, located in "middle" - just minutes from Sarasota and Venice, Pine View School and next door to Oscar Scherer State Park and the Legacy Trail. The original developers designed the community, with a park-like setting, to be exemplary in its connection with its natural assets, including over 50% open space (unusual for a community that is not a Golf & Country Club). Rivendell, along with Palmer Ranch, was ahead of its time when designed over twenty years ago. The community was carefully planned to highlight and blend with its natural surroundings.

Keeping true to its origin and heritage, the Rivendell Board, along with the P&P, Social and Communications Committees, and many residents, are working together to keep our community's natural assets healthy and vibrant to attract wildlife, build community spirit, and keep property values strong. You can help too: fertilize and irrigate responsibly, install a voluntary LMZ on your shoreline if adjacent to a pond, don't litter, keep preserve areas untouched, and celebrate the beauty of living in Rivendell every day.



**Original flyer for Rivendell...
"A Naturally Balanced Neighborhood."**



The Woodlands at Rivendell's bridge and fountain.

Collective Names for Animals

Following is a list of 60 groups of animals and their collective nouns - some animal groups can have more than one collective noun that you may or may not have heard of. Whenever animals gather in groups, they are formally called:

- Apes: a shrewdness
- Badgers: a cete
- Bats: a colony or a camp
- Bears: a sloth or a sleuth
- Bees: a swarm
- Buffalo: a gang or obstinacy
- Camels: a caravan
- Cats: a clowder or a glaring; Kittens: a litter or a kindle; Wild cats: a destruction
- Cobras: a quiver
- Crocodiles: a bask
- Crows: a murder
- Dogs: a pack; Puppies: a litter
- Donkeys: a drove
- Eagles: a convocation
- Elephants: a parade
- Elk: a gang or a herd
- Falcons: a cast
- Ferrets: a business
- Fish: a school
- Flamingos: a stand
- Fox: a charm
- Frogs: an army
- Geese: a gaggle
- Giraffes: a tower
- Gorillas: a band
- Hippopotami: a bloat
- Hyenas: a cackle
- Jaguars: a shadow
- Jellyfish: a smack
- Kangaroos: a troop or a mob
- Lemurs: a conspiracy
- Leopards: a leap
- Lions: a pride
- Moles: a labor
- Monkeys: a barrel or a troop
- Mules: a pack
- Otters: a family
- Oxen: a team or a yoke
- Owls: a parliament
- Parrots: a pandemonium
- Pigs: a drift or drove (younger pigs) or a sounder or a team (older pigs)
- Porcupines: a prickle
- Rabbits: a herd
- Rats: a colony
- Ravens: an unkindness
- Rhinoceroses: a crash
- Shark: a shiver
- Skunk: a stench
- Snakes: a nest
- Squirrels: a dray or a scurry
- Stingrays: a fever
- Swans: a bevy or a game (if in flight: a wedge)
- Tigers: an ambush or a streak
- Toads: a knot
- Turkeys: a gang or a rafter
- Turtles: a bale or a nest
- Weasels: a colony, a gang or a pack
- Whales: a pod, a school, or a gam
- Wolves: a pack
- Zebras: a zeal

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WE DON'T GIVE MUCH THOUGHT TO PUTTING OUR TRASH OUT EVERY WEEK ON THE CURB OR SIDEWALK. IN FACT, ONCE IT'S PLACED FOR PICKUP, IT'S AN OPEN BOOK TO ANYONE WITH MALEVOLENT INTENT AND IT'S LEGAL! A RIVENDELL RESIDENT RECENTLY REPORTED THAT SOMEONE ACTUALLY REMOVED A TRASH BARREL (NOT LEGAL) AFTER SIFTING THROUGH ITS CONTENTS (LEGAL). THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS RELEVANT FOR THOSE CONCERNED ABOUT IDENTITY THEFT.

CAN YOUR IDENTITY BE STOLEN FROM THE TRASH?

By Sean Fredricks | May 9, 2017

THINK DOCUMENTS IN THE TRASH ARE SAFE FROM IDENTITY THIEVES? THINK AGAIN.

No one ever thinks of garbage as valuable, but to an identity thief, your trash can become another person's treasure. With all of the bills that we pay and the credit card offers that we turn down, there is a paper trail of garbage that contains some of our most personal information.

If someone were to go through your trash and find an unaccepted credit card offer, they might only need to respond to the credit card company and activate the card. Now that the card is usable, a thief can use it to purchase just about anything they wanted. Who is on the hook to pay for all those goods? You.

But if the garbage is stolen from you, are you still liable? The answer is simple: yes. Why? Items discarded in the trash are often classified as abandoned property - meaning the owner has relinquished his claim to the items and doesn't intend to resume ownership. In 1988, the US Supreme Court actually ruled trash-picking to be legal.

HOW CAN YOU AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF A DUMPSTER DIVER?

- Shred any documents that contain your Social Security number or driver's license number.
- Shred old bank statements, credit card statements and utility bills.
- If you need to get rid of an old credit card or debit card, make sure you cut it up into pieces first so it can't be used again.

- Don't just toss junk mail. Pre-approved credit card offers may allow an identity thief to open an unauthorized account under your name.
- Shred junk mail that discloses your identifying information.
- Do not throw away employment documents and/or tax forms. If you need to get rid of these documents, make sure you shred them first.
- Shred old prescriptions, health insurance forms and medical records.

The key word here is shred. Simply ripping an item a few times by hand will not do. Identity thieves will spend hours putting ripped documents back together like a jigsaw puzzle. After all, they know there can be a huge financial prize for solving the puzzle.

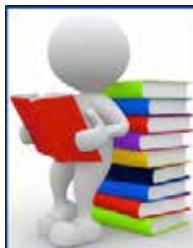
Standard office and home shredders do not offer the peace of mind that comes with knowing your documents are rendered useless with a professional document destruction company. When you consider the time and expenses associated with shredding in-house, it's definitely in your best interest to outsource your paper shredding needs.

Don't just toss your unwanted documents. Shred them.



Book Group Schedule by Pam Babbitt

The Book Group will meet on November 11, at Carol Heckert's home, 808 Placid Lake Drive. Please call Carol at 918-9528 or email carolheckert@verizon.net if you plan to attend. The book selection is *An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris and will be led by Beryl Nord.



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:

- December 9, 2019: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah
- January 13, 2020: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
- Feb. 10, 2020: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles



**It is time to start
collecting photos for
the 2020 Rivendell
Directory!**

**This year's theme
is NATURE. Photos do not
need to be Rivendell specific
but must be relative to Florida.**

**Please send high quality/full
size photos of your nature
shots to Kay Mruz at
siestakeysunset6@gmail.com
by December 31st, 2019.**



Join 504 of your fellow Rivendell Residents on the NEXTDOOR social network www.nextdoor.com

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Nextdoor is the world's largest social network for the neighborhood.

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The Communications Committee is in desperate need of volunteers. If you are interested in writing/editing for the newsletter, helping with yearly delivery of the Rivendell directory or coordinating various communication on Nextdoor and the Rivendell website, contact Barb Gahry. Barb is the committee chair and can be reached at barbgahry@gmail.com. Most of what we do would only require an hour or two (or less) of your time a month.



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Rivendell Calendar of Events - November 2019

Become involved in your community! Volunteers are needed on many of the committees listed below. If you have an interest in getting to know your neighbors and getting more involved, please contact the committee chairs listed below.

November 4...Social Committee meets 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the home of Deb Jones, 1168 Mallard Marsh Drive. Contact Carolyn Kenney at kenneycsrq@gmail.com for more information.

November 7...Bridge Group meets 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Contact Barbara Loe at 651-398-2256 for more information.

November 9...Dining In Group meets the second Saturday of the month. For more information contact Kristin Ellison at kristinellison1@gmail.com.

November 11...Rivendell Book Group meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. This month's event will be held at 808 Placid Lake Drive. Please contact Carol Heckert at 941-918-9528 or carolheckert@verizon.net To learn more please go to page 7 of this newsletter.

November 13...Board of Directors Meeting is held at 6:00 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2705 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis.

November 14...Bridge Group meets 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Contact Barbara Loe at 651-398-2256 for more information.

November 16...Dine Out Group meets the third Saturday of the month. For more information contact Kristin Ellison at kristinellison1@gmail.com

November 18...Rivendell Book Club II meets at 7:00 pm. Location to be determined. Please contact Maria Ilioff at milioff85@gmail.com or 607-427-4192 for more information.

November 21...Mix and Mingle Social is scheduled 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Rivendell Community Pool. Bring your favorite beverage and optional snack to share. Lots of fun meeting your neighbors! All welcome.

November 26...Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meets the last Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm at the Cottages Clubhouse. Contact Maureen Emmons at mauremmons@ymail.com

November 28...NO Communication meeting. Contact Barb Gahry for volunteer opportunities at 941-586-3936 or email barbgahry@gmail.com

To make additions or corrections to the Calendar of Events, please contact Lesley Sterling at 703-919-0744 or lesley.sterling@yahoo.com.



FALL BACK!!
Daylight Saving Time
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etc.)

2. Click on the link that gives the directions for your particular email program and then just follow the directions.

November 11th is Veterans Day



Remember our Veterans, fly your flag.

What's in store for Rivendell Home Values?

SUMMARY OF REAL ESTATE SALES IN RIVENDELL						
Year	Homes Sold	Current Listings	Monthly Supply	Average Sold Price	Average SP/SqFt	Average days on market
Jan-Sept 2019	21	6	3.4 months	\$413,600	\$175	114
Jan-Sept 2018	30	9	3.6 months	\$442,000	\$182	105
Change	-30%	-33%	-6%	-6%	-4%	9%

Short term trend

During 2019, 21 homes have sold in Rivendell compared to 30 during 2018. The housing market shows strength again, driven by high demand and lower interest rates. The inventory of homes for sale in Rivendell is low, and we feel that buyers have more urgency today compared to last season.

Long term trend

More than 70 million Americans will retire over the coming 15 years. 14 million are forecasted to move to Florida. This promise a healthy demand for real estate in our area in the foreseeable future.

We are Rivendell residents since 2003 and would be honored if you trusted us with your real estate needs or just want a professional opinion of your homes value.

The new Tax act works in favor of Florida Real Estate Values.

The new tax treaty, introduced in 2018, has a new cap of the right to deduct local, state and property taxes. This hits residents in high tax states hard, resulting in many successful businesses and residents from for example the north-east are leaving to move to Florida where we have no personal income tax and comparably low property taxes.



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Easy Turkey Noodle Soup

Submitted by Nancy Dobias



If you want a quick and easy recipe for turkey leftovers that will make a delicious soup and that WILL NOT CREATE A LOT OF POTS TO WASH, here's a recipe I found online:

https://www.theseasonedmom.com/wprm_print/37002

WHAT TO BUY:

- 1 # baby carrots
- 1 # celery hearts
- 1 8 oz pkg diced onions
- 12 oz bag Muellers Hearty Homestyle Egg Noodles
- 2 cans (10.5 oz) Campbell's Healthy Request cream of chicken soup
- 2- 48oz containers chicken broth

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO HAVE ON HAND:

- 8 C of left-over turkey cut into pieces
- 2 tsp poultry seasoning
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- 2 T cooking oil

PREPARATION:

Before I heated my oil, I sliced the baby carrots in half and put them in a separate bowl. Then I washed the celery, eliminated the top part and sliced the stalks in several large pieces. The celery was put in the bowl with the carrots. I used packaged onions, but if you prefer to dice an onion yourself, go for it.

READY TO GO:

Put 2 T oil in a large pot over medium high heat. In about a minute, add the prepared vegetables. Stir occasionally until tender (about 10 minutes).

Add broth, soup, turkey, and seasonings. Increase the temperature to a high heat and bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Stir in uncooked noodles. Reduce heat to and simmer at a low boil for about 8-9 minutes or until noodles are tender. You can garnish with fresh parsley if you so desire but who has fresh parsley???

DONE!

The Seasoned Mom says "The soup freezes very nicely. Allow to cool to room temperature, divide into individual servings in airtight containers, and freeze for up to 3 months. You can also just put the soup in a large Ziploc bag and freeze it flat to save space."

Ed. note: The amounts in this recipe were doubled so that Nancy would have plenty of leftovers to freeze.

If you don't need a large amount of soup, simply halve the amounts given. This will yield about 8 cups



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DOG WALKER, HOUSE SITTER SERVICE: Lena Ho, a Rivendell resident who has lived here for 15 years, has had experience walking and caring for dogs. I can visit and take care of your dogs and assist in maintenance of your home such as watering plants and sending updates while you are away. References provided. **Lena Ho,** cell: **407-575-0565** email: **lho@bu.edu**

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**

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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 **kellymclannahan@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 200 customers in the area. We offer full service weekly pool maintenance. For Rivendell residents only, we offer a special price of \$49 for the first month of service to new customers. Please call **941-993-5548** or email **info@krakenpools.com**

RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

TRAVEL SERVICES - Tired of fighting the internet and wasting hours researching your own trip components? After over 30 years in the travel industry, I have purchased a Cruise Planners - American Express franchise and am now a full service "no fee" travel agency, operating out of my home here in Rivendell. Please check out my website www.angelltour-sandcruises.com where you can search various cruises and tours to your heart's content. For Rivendell residents only: I will waive my "New Client Upfront Deposit" requirement of \$100.00 to plan your trip. Just send an email to mary.angell@crui seplanners.com, and in the subject line show "add me to your database", to start receiving Cruise Planners' specials as they're released. **Mary Angell 941-918-1990.**

TUTORING: Pre-med student with experience being a peer tutor at Boston University's Educational Resource Center and working at Varsity Tutors. Graduated from Boston University in 2018 as a double major in human physiology and nutritional sciences with a minor in dance. Subjects I tutor in are ACT prep, biology, nutrition, and high school math. **Lena Ho**, cell: **407-575-0565** email: lho@bu.edu

Rivendell Residents

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

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While presenting to the recent Chamber Expo, a woman stopped by our booth and asked if her dad should get his hearing tested.

I asked, "When does he struggle to hear well?"

She said, "He doesn't struggle. He hears well but I just thought since he is 86 years-old, he should have it checked."

I said, "No. I would have his hearing checked if he works to hear you or your family. If he struggles to hear then have his hearing checked."

If you wonder if you or a loved one should have your hearing checked here are four questions to ask:

- * Does your spouse complain that the TV is too loud?
- * Does your spouse complain that you don't listen?
- * Do you strain to hear in crowds?
- * Do you strain to hear your grandkids?

If you answer yes to TWO of these questions, you should get your hearing tested.

Does answering yes mean you have a hearing loss? No, these are just indicators. They suggest you should get a hearing test so know your baseline.

After the hearing test when I review your results with you, I will give you tips to hear better during these situations.

There is no fee to have the test.

If your loss could benefit from hearing aids, and you want to, I will let you try a set of hearing aids for one week. There is no contract, no obligation. You can try the aids for one week. At the end of the week, I will ask if you noticed improvement in these four areas.

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Architectural Review Committee Report - September 24, 2019

Meeting called to order 4:32

Quorum present: Alex Castro, Joe Zwerling, Neil Agruss, Susan Lanza

Absent: Richard Jurick

Board Member: Maureen Emmons, Acting Chair

	Request	Address	Assigned To	Second	Status
1	Extend Fence	832 Placid Lake	Susan Lanza	-	Rejected*
2	Landscape Curbing	1156 Mallard Marsh Dr	Neil Agruss	Susan Lanza	Approved
3	Outdoor Lights	1156 Mallard Marsh Dr	Neil Agruss	Susan Lanza	Approved
4	Remove 3 Large Palms	1045 Scherer Way	Joe Zwerling	Alex Castro	Approved*
5	Paint Pool Cage	1147 Mallard Marsh Dr	Neil Agruss	Susan Lanza	Approved
6	Remove Slash Pines	1147 Mallard Marsh Dr	Neil Agruss	Susan Lanza	Approved
7	Landscaping	832 Placid Lake	Susan Lanza	Joe Zwerling	Approved
8	Resurface Pool,Auto Fill	907 Scherer Way	Richard Jurick	Susan Lanza	Approved
9	Replace Pool Cage Gutters	1143 Mallard Marsh Dr	Neil Agruss	Susan Lanza	Approved
10	Plant 3 Myrtle Trees	1026 Oak Preserve Ln	Alex Castro	-	Deferred*
11	Landscape	1077 Mallard Marsh Dr	Richard Jurick	Susan Lanza	Approved
12	Hurricane Shutters	874 Placid Lake	Joe Zwerling	Susan Lanza	Approved
13	Roof Solar Panel	1103 Scherer Way	Joe Zwerling	Neil Agruss	Approved
14	Irrigation Well	937 Scherer Way	Joe Zwerling	Neil Agruss	Approved
15	Flagpole	820 Golden Pond	Joe Zwerling	Alex Castro	Approved
16	New Front Door	980 Scherer Way	Joe Zwerling	Alex Castro	Approved
17	Remove Tree	680 Shadow Bay	Maureen Emmons	Susan Lanza	Approved
18	Fence	1025 Oak Preserve	Maureen Emmons	Neil Agruss	Approved
19	Remove Scrub in Rear Corner	832 Placid Lake	Susan Lanza	Alex Castro	Approved
20	Additional Plantings	832 Placid Lake	Susan Lanza	-	Deferred*

Meeting adjourned 5:38 pm

Next meeting Tuesday November 26 at 4:30 PM at the Cottages Clubhouse. Request cutoff November 19.

#1 More information needed.

#4 Stumps must be ground. New tree should be placed further from the house.

#10 Waiver needed from county since proposed planting area is under an easement. Neighbor must also obtain waiver. Homeowner responsible for tree trimming. Myrtle trees must be variety that does not grow to excessive height.

#14 Grind stump after tree removal and plant shrub to screen well from street.

#20 More information needed regarding plant types.

Rivendell Community Contacts

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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.

Updates to the Contacts Page:

Kay Mruz (siestakeysunset6@gmail.com)

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