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The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

November 2020



Calling all Candidates

Some dates have been revised

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for the 2021 Board of Directors. Two positions need to be filled. If you have the ability to work well with others, have good judgement and communication skills and a desire to serve the community, this may be of interest.

What do Board members do? They approve expenditures, develop and maintain budgets, enforce deed restrictions, oversee contracts and liaise with committees. Interested candidates should submit a two-paragraph biography and a photograph to a member of the Nominating Committee by November 29, 2020. The first paragraph should summarize your background and any experience that qualifies you as a candidate and the second describing what you want to accomplish for the community as a member of the Board of Directors. On December 15, 2020, the nominating committee will announce the candidates

There will be a "Meet the Candidates Event" via ZOOM on January 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM, at which time the community can meet and question the candidates. Voting begins on January 10, 2021, either electronically (or by mail, if you have not opted for electronic) and closes on January 22, 2021. Ballots will be counted by the Nominating Committee on Friday January 29 at 10:00 AM, at the Cottages Clubhouse, with results of the vote to be announced at the Annual General Meeting on February 6, 2021 (via ZOOM). The new Board will hold its first business meeting on February 10, 2021.

Members of the Nominating Committee are: John Fitzgibbon (Chairperson and Board Liaison (johnfitz48@gmail.com), Barbara Gahry (barbgahry@gmail.com), Judy Sokal (judysokal@gmail.com), Bob Frank (frank@ohio.edu) and Deb Holton-Smith (getslim@holton-smith.com).

Change is here Our paradigm has shifted from the Rivendell Board

For at least the last ten years, our management company, Lighthouse Property Management (LPM) has provided accounting, financial and administrative services along with the shared services of a Community Association Manager (CAM), which would typically be no more than four hours per week. We relied heavily on our well-trained, experienced and dedicated volunteers to supervise daily operations.

Last Spring, before the COVID quarantine took full effect, the Board held a special meeting to evaluate our business practices. Recognizing that our cadre of volunteers had diminished over time, we concluded that we needed a new way of operating to ensure that our community's standards and property values remained high.

The decision was made to retain the services of an experienced professional CAM to manage Rivendell exclusively. We recognized that the costs associated with obtaining an adequate time commitment from a CAM would very likely increase from the extremely low fees we had previously been paying (for a community of our size). Therefore, we decided to proceed slowly, with a commitment of 25 hours per week from the new CAM and forgoing the administrative assistant that had been assigned to our previous CAMs, to mitigate the impact of any increase in fees.

As announced in the June 2020 edition of the Woodlands Word (WW), Ms. Kathambi Jones began serving RCA on May 4, 2020. As expected, it has taken time to acclimate herself to our community and to the service contracts she oversees, the largest of which is with West Bay Landscaping. This was the focus of her initial operational evaluations and the value of her professional experience and expertise is already being felt. She discovered that many of the landscape trimming standards contained in the agreement were not being maintained, most probably due to lack of consistent inspections. She has worked with West Bay to instigate a vigorous inspection program which has greatly improved the appearance of our common areas and assures that we are receiving the level of service to which we are entitled.

She has also changed the manner in which we enforce our covenants and architectural standards. Previously, you may have learned that your mailbox light had burned out when a "Violation" notice threatening you with possible fines arrived. Although technically the correct legal procedure, not a very neighborly approach. Today, Ms. Jones default position

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is to contact the homeowner to find an amicable resolution. This has sharply reduced the number of Violation notices issued and improved the tenor of interactions.

The August and September 2020 editions of the Woodlands Word introduced readers to all the changes the Board was making to our operating model. One of the most visible will be the "Rivendell Operations Handbook" that was announced at the October Board meeting. The intent is to commit the guidelines for decision-making to writing, creating a lasting blueprint of how to operate our community as an efficient and effective business-like entity.

The Handbook has been separated into multiple parts, with an introduction outlining its Purpose, Target Audiences and Vision; Part I will address our Organization and Operating Philosophy; and Part II will contain an Annotated Index to supporting documents, such as our Covenants, as well as our service contracts. The Operations Handbook and related documents will be scanned to our web site and linked to the Index. By adding these additional documents to those already available on the website (i.e. Governance Statement, Board Meeting Minutes, budgets and issues of the Woodlands Word), anyone will be able to clearly see how the community operates and the underlying basis for decisions.

Groundhog Day? Consider volunteering

This pandemic has knocked us all for a loop. Are you finding that every day seems just like yesterday? Having trouble motivating yourself? There's a cure for that! Share your gifts and talents. Help out!

Volunteers are the backbone of a community such as ours. Our Board has openings, likewise, so do our many committees; Maintenance, Ponds and Preserves, Communications, Block Captain and Architectural Review (ARC) to name a few. It takes dedicated volunteers to keep our community looking great (keeping our property values up), to help with communications (so everyone is kept informed) and to dream up fun things for us to do safely together in these challenging times (Social Committee). The community has purchased a Zoom license, so all our meetings can take place safely from the comfort of home. Now snowbirds as well as year-round residents can participate and contribute. If you are interested in learning more about what it takes to be on the Board OR to serve on a committee (either as Chair or as a member), please contact Board Secretary, John Fitzgibbon at john.fitz48@gmail.com or 773-332-0369.



Rivendell Operations Handbook

A Handbook of "enduring guidelines" has been developed by the RCA Board. The draft of this document is now available on our website for community review. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcomed. Please contact John at johnfitz48@gmail.com.

PURPOSE: Codifies community operations:

- How decisions are made
- Defines Policies and Procedures
- Defines Oversight (who does what)

TARGET USERS:

- Current and prospective RCA Board members
- Community Association Manager
- Current and prospective committee members
- Prospective purchasers who want the assurance that they are buying into a well-managed community

VISION

- Create a professional-grade, businesslike model of management that complies with HOA laws as well as Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are based upon industry standards for similar deed restricted communities in Florida
- Maintain reasonable, sustainable balance of tasks between volunteers and paid contractors.
- Short and Long-Term Perspectives:
Short Term: Maintain the community and protect property values.
Long Term: Encourage continuous improvement, fiscal responsibility and stability.



Watercoloring in the Woodlands

The Rivendell Social Committee is offering a monthly ZOOM gathering to enjoy the company of others who share an interest in watercolor painting. Whether you are a beginning painter, or new to using watercolors or an experienced artist, everyone is welcome. Bring your questions, share techniques or offer your enthusiastic artistic support for this medium.

Our first meeting will be **Thursday, November 12 from 1- 3pm.** ZOOM invitations will be sent out the day prior to the gathering. It's as simple as setting up your paint space and signing in.

Please contact Maria Ilioff at milioff85@gmail.com or 607-427-4192 if you're interested in joining the group, or for more details.

Highlights of Board of Directors Meeting

October 7, 2020 (via Zoom)

Attending: Ray Capuano, John Fitzgibbon, Stephen Bragg, Maureen Emmons, Cathy Daignault, Kathambi Jones.

President's Report: President Capuano thanked Gary Mruz for the hard work and effort he put into providing information on the pool survey.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Bragg reported that the Board had received a copy of Rivendell Community Association's (RCA) September financial statements. These statements cover the first three quarters of our fiscal year. The statements show the Association has about \$450 thousand in assets. These assets consist of \$207 thousand in operations and \$243 thousand in reserves.

Our accounts receivables were down to about \$5,700 in September from near \$15,000 in July. At least one major receivable turned over to the attorney for collection has been resolved. The attorney will continue to pursue the remaining outstanding accounts.

Secretary's Report - John Fitzgibbon reported on the Rivendell Operations Handbook. The purpose of this Handbook is to establish "enduring guidelines" that explain the application of details contained in our governing documents. It will define how the Rivendell Community Association (RCA) makes decisions, develops policies and procedures, and oversees activities for both routine and non-routine operations of the community

The Handbook has been designed to be used by several target audiences. The primary users would be current and prospective RCA Board members, our Community Association Manager (CAM), and current and prospective members of our Committees. Additionally, it will help prospective buyers develop a better understanding of how our community operates.

The vision for community operations embodied in this Handbook is to create a businesslike focus, one that complies with regulations and is based on Best Management Practices, as well as experiences of similar deed-restricted Florida communities. In the short term, property values will be protected. In the longer term, decisions will primarily reflect financial responsibility and stability.

ARC Report: Maureen Emmons

There were only 13 requests in September. One was withdrawn and one was rejected.

Ponds & Preserves Committee: Susan Remy

- Rivendell was selected as a Featured Project for the Sarasota County's NEST program (Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team) due to our efforts to keep our ponds and preserves healthy. A County website post and short video is planned. This is a selling point for prospective buyers.
- Low Maintenance Zone (LMZ) rollout continues to move forward with cooperation from both our community landscaping contractor and affected homeowners. There have been some issues regarding West Bay's LMZ trimming. P&P is working with West Bay to ensure a neat, uniform, manicured appearance. The LMZs will continue to be monitored by P&P quarterly.
- Rivendell has received the County audit for the preserve areas – some incursions were noted. P&P is working to resolve these issues.

New Business:

- **Pool Survey:**

President Ray Capuano reported on the results of the pool survey. The Pool Survey email was sent out on September 28 to 539 email addresses, representing 458 of Rivendell's 498 households.

173 survey responses were received.

- **Option A** = 6
- **Option B** = 9
- **Option C** = 142

The three options were as follows:

- **Option A:** Open the pool 3 days per week, twice a day: 8–10 AM and 4–6 PM, Annual cost \$27,020 or \$54 per home per year.
- **Option B:** Open the pool 5 days per week, three times a day, 8–10 AM, 12–2 PM and 4-6 PM. Annual cost \$66,800 or \$134 per home per year.
- **Option C:** Not open the pool until there is a vaccine, or available liability insurance, or legislative protection from lawsuits. No cost increase.
- **Electronic Voting for Annual Meeting**

Motion: Steve Bragg moved to proceed with electronic voting for the annual meeting, reminding owners of one vote per household. He suggested that the owner who signs up for electronic voting should be the one who does the voting. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Maintenance Projects**

Steve Bragg moved to approve the pool house, white fence, and gazebo paint projects. The motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting: November 4, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

Rivendell Book Group Continues with Zoom

The Rivendell Book Group meets at 7:30 pm on the second Monday evening of each month. In keeping with "social distancing" guidelines, we continue to meet online. We are asking participants to log on 10-15 minutes early to avoid online glitches.

On November 16th, we will be discussing **Becoming Nicole** by Amy Ellis McNutt. Our discussion will be led by Marilyn Probert.

If you would like to join the group at its next Zoom meeting, please contact Adele Kellman (adele.kellman@gmail.com or on 908-464-7003) to receive an invitation. We welcome newcomers.



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Rivendell Calendar of Events - November 2020

Due to Covid-19, many events and activities have been canceled for the month of November. Most groups are meeting virtually via Zoom. Occasionally there may be additional board-related meetings that may also be scheduled. For the most up-to-date information check the Rivendell website at www.rivendellcommunity.com

November 4...Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for 1:30pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. The dial in phone number will be provided closer to the meeting date.

Euchre is canceled for November. For more information contact Mike and Annie Francis at 585-749-0430

November 5 and 19...Bridge Group meets the first and third Thursday of the month. Contact Barbara Loe at 651-398-2256 for more information.

November 9...Rivendell Book Club will meet via Zoom at 7:30 pm. Details to be provided closer to the meeting date. The book under discussion is *Becoming Nicole*, by Ellis McNutt. Contact Adele Kellman at adele.kellman@gmail.com or 908-464-7003 for more information.

Social Committee is canceled for November. Contact Carolyn Kenney at kenneysrq@gmail.com for more information.

Mix and Mingle Social at the Rivendell Community Pool has been put on hold. Contact Kathy Halaiko at halaiko@yahoo.com for more information.

Dine In and Dine Out Groups are canceled for November. For more information contact Kristin Ellison at kristinellison1@gmail.com

November 12... A new event, Watercolor in the Woodlands, will be held via Zoom from 1-3 PM. Contact Maria Ilioff at 607-427-4192 or milioff85@gmail.com for more information.

November 17...Rivendell Book Club II will meet via Zoom at 7:30 pm. The book under discussion is *The Great Believers*, by Rebecca Makkai. Contact Maria Ilioff at 607-427-4192 or milioff85@gmail.com for more information.

Communications Committee will not meet in November. Contact Barb Gahry at barbgahry@gmail.com

November 24...Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meets the last Tuesday of the month. The meeting will be held via Zoom. If you would like to attend, contact Maureen Emmons at mauremmons@ymail.com

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

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WILDLIFE WINDOW: Wild Turkey & Turkey Vulture Definitely NOT for Thanksgiving Photo-story by the P&P Committee

These very different birds have both been spotted around Rivendell. Although they share “turkey” in their name, they have very different characteristics. While you wouldn’t want to eat these “turkeys” you can still appreciate their presence and value in our neighborhood. Let’s learn a bit about each of these large bird species.

Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*): This upland ground bird is native to North America. Adults have long reddish-yellow to grayish-green legs. The body feathers are generally blackish and dark, sometimes grey brown overall with a coppery sheen that becomes more complex in males. They enjoy wooded areas especially with pine trees, oaks, and grasses. Wild turkeys are omnivorous, foraging on the ground or climbing shrubs and small trees to feed. Despite their size, they are agile, fast fliers (unlike domesticated turkeys).

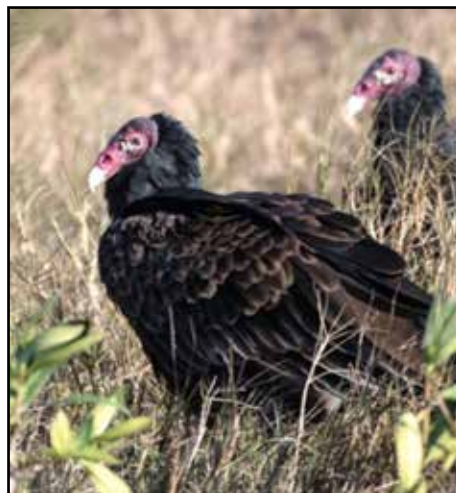
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*): Perhaps not the prettiest bird, the Turkey Vulture (also known as “turkey buzzard”) plays an important role as a scavenger by feeding almost

exclusively on dead animals or carrion (roadkill) – keeping roadways cleaner. Turkey vultures have reddish heads, a wingspan of about 70”, length of about 30” and weigh up to 5 lbs. They hold their wings in a slight “V” while soaring and are graceful flyers. You often seen them soaring overhead.

Protect their Habitats Both species frequent our wetlands and preserve areas, which provide shelter while they nest and raise their young. Our not-so-pretty wildlife friends fill important roles in the food chain. Wild Turkeys help prevent overcrowding in the populations of smaller prey they feed on and provide food for higher order predators. Vultures are an essential part of nature’s self-cleaning system. By keeping our ponds and preserves healthy, more diverse wildlife is attracted to Rivendell. We can enjoy their beauty and keep our property values strong. We remind you to view the amazing wildlife photos on the P&P website and Wildlife Photo Gallery.



This Wild Turkey visited a Rivendell backyard.
(Photo by Maggie Christie)



The Turkey Vulture help keeps roads clear of dead animals.
(Photo by Bob Frank)

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Book Group II

Next Meeting: November 17,
7:30pm via ZOOM

Book Group II continues to meet via ZOOM. We read a wide range of literature. Each person suggests a few books and the group discusses the options and votes. The discussion is generally led by the person who selects the book. New members (and their friends) are welcome! Contact Maria Ilioff at 607-427-4192 or miloff85@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group! The sign in information will be sent the day before or morning of the meeting.

The read for November is:

The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai



Sharing Erosion Control Experiences

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

By the Ponds & Preserves Committee

The Chestnut Creek community, in nearby Venice, is facing serious pond shoreline erosion. Established in the late 1980's, this community has 670 homes, 25 lakes & ponds with five miles of shoreline. Deeply concerned in 2014, their Pond Committee chair reached out to Sarasota County, and several lake management and construction companies for various approaches and technologies to slow the erosion process and begin repairs.

In 2016, Chestnut Creek established a few pilot projects exploring different options. The previous Pond Committee chair and current chair, Eldred Schrofer, developed several 5 to 10-year plans with costs nearing a million dollars. Finally, Eldred and their Pond Committee convinced the Board of Directors in 2017 that a Professional Engineer was needed to assess the entire system and provide a ten-year prioritized plan with costs; a staggering \$3.5 million. Convincing the entire community (over 300 individual homeowners and 3 sub-HOAs) and the Board to move forward and allocate budget proved challenging.

Eldred reached out to Mollie Holland, County NEST coordinator, who referred them to our P&P Committee and website with its wealth of materials. He was particularly interested in starting a "Pond Steward" initiative, similar to ours, to help engage and educate homeowners about the critical need to keep their ponds healthy.

As Eldred told us, "While installing natural shorelines (LMZs) and aquatic plants was essential to slow erosion, in our case, that alone would not be effective for shorelines already exhibiting 4-foot+ benching. More aggressive action was needed."

Currently, this community is undergoing an engineered remediation process called "Geoweb" (egg-crate shoreline stabilization), which is a relatively new technology for use in stormwater ponds, but has been used by the county and state for some time. The pond shoreline is re-built by dredging, drying, and reshaping to its original slope. An 8-inch square x 4-inch deep plastic grid is held in place with rebar and filled with a firm base (road base mixed with soil). As a final step,



**Eldred Schrofer,
Chestnut Creek Pond
Committee chair.**

Floritam sod is installed and shoreline aquatic plants are planted on the perimeter littoral zone to help prevent undercutting and erosion.

Typical shoreline remediation can run from \$100 to \$200+ per linear foot (LF) depending on the technology used and contractor cost. Chestnut Creek is currently paying just under \$100/LF for Geoweb. (for comparison, nearby Sawgrass community's "Geotubes" had an estimated cost of \$200/LF.)

"Restoring our shorelines is an extensive and costly process," Eldred confirmed. "To date, three lakes have been remediated and we are pleased with results thus far. We have learned many lessons and hope to avoid further troubles in the future." We thank Eldred and the folks at Chestnut Creek for their candid story and wish them continued success in their efforts to control shoreline

erosion.

Rivendell has installed LMZs and continues with shoreline plantings to try and avoid such costly repairs. The experiences of nearby communities helps to guide our decisions. We thank our Board, homeowners, and P&P team for pulling together to help control pond erosion, keeping Rivendell beautiful and healthy, and our property values strong.



Installing the Geoweb process.



Eldred pointing out shoreline erosion (2017)



Completed shoreline with remediation and aquatic plantings



**Let's Enjoy Our Preserves...
Please Leave Them Alone**
Your Actions Make a Difference.

Sarasota county regularly inspects wetland and preserve areas adjacent to homes, and community common-ground areas. Any activity beyond residents' property line is considered an incursion into these protected areas and violations are enforced. We ask homeowners and renters to follow the conditions of the Rivendell Covenant with the county on all preserves and common-ground areas:

- Please do not plant, disturb, build, pave, store or remove anything outside of your property.
- Nothing you have planted is allowed to encroach on the protected area. Grass can only be mowed to your property line.
- Do not cut or remove any vegetation from protected areas, or deposit yard debris or waste into them.
- Do not fertilize within 10 feet of any wetland or preserve.

Online? Click below for more information, including Rivendell land use restrictions:

- Rivendell HOA articles
- The *Woodlands Word* article – July 2019: Live Near a Preserve – Please Read This!



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The many recreational offerings and country feel of The Woodlands at Rivendell make it a highly desirable community. Located in Disney Florida, just minutes from downtown Sarasota, this suburban-style neighborhood features many parks, lakes, nature trail and more to fulfill the Florida lifestyle. The Woodlands at Rivendell offers residential choices from villas, estate and executive homes to maintenance free patio homes. Nestled among 400 acres of lakes, preserves and open spaces, the community was carefully planned to highlight and blend with its natural surroundings. The Woodlands at Rivendell is also directly adjacent to the popular Pine View School, a highly acclaimed educational facility for intellectually gifted students grades 2 through 12. Nature lovers will appreciate the proximity to Oscar Scherer State Park, located just south of the community and westside from many homes.

**The Rivendell Community Web Site
is available at**

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Rechargeable hearing aids are now available for demo.

During the past few months, we asked our clients to give us honest feedback about these new hearing aids. We have received raves about these new hearing aids.

We heard the hype from the manufacturers but the response from our clients has been better than we hoped for about these rechargeable hearing aids.

Our clients were impressed with the clarity of speech and the lack of distracting background noise. They did like having the convenience of putting the hearing aids in the charger case and not having to fiddle with small batteries. Yet each client was more impressed with the sound quality.

We currently have four models available for demonstration, from different manufacturers. We carry a variety of brands to ensure the sound quality is what you want to hear. We had a few clients who tried two brands before they knew exactly which hearing aid gave them more confidence in conversations.

We always want the hype from manufacturers to be accurate, but we think they are underselling this new technology. Not only is there better speech clarity but the ease of not having to fiddle with tiny batteries is such a bonus.

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Rivendell - Let's Reduce Our Water Usage

Save Water. Save Money. Protect the Bay & Our Ponds

By the Ponds & Preserves Committee

Did You Know: 56% of homes in Rivendell use more water than the average county home? In fact, many of us use more than twice the county average. More than half of water usage is outdoor for irrigation and pools. Overwatering can lead to nutrient leaching that can adversely affect our bays and marine life, as well as our own ponds and preserves.

At the September HOA Board meeting, **Dr. Abbey Tyrna** and **Jackie Lebouitz**, (Water Resources team, UF/IFAS Extension & Sustainability) informed us that Rivendell is in the top 25% of potable (drinking) water users in the county (by contrast, Palmer Ranch communities use less potable water because they use reclaimed water for irrigation). Abbey and her team produced three live webinars in October, exclusively for the Rivendell community, to discuss conservation, irrigation, and general landscape issues - we hope you attended. They also created a postcard to educate Rivendell residents about water use and conservation.

To quote Abbey: *"Your community was selected after data showed over half of Rivendell residents use more water than the average county home. We're excited to work with your community because of your ongoing commitment to responsible water management. Just by following a few simple tips, your homeowners can reduce their water usage and help protect our bays."*

What Can We Do? Rivendell can become a leader in water conservation and responsible water management. Awareness of your water usage is the first step. A good first step is to reduce your water use by 30 gallons a day. Abbey offered these helpful tips:

- Follow **Sarasota County guidelines** for responsible fertilizer and irrigation. (Click here.)
- St Augustine grass only requires ¾ inch of water per week. Check your sprinkler calibration. Only water on your irrigation day. Let grasses grow longer in dry weather. Longer leaf blades create deeper roots that hold water better and absorb nutrient runoff.
- Sweep pool decks, sidewalks, driveways and hard-

scapes first. Reduce frequent power-washing.

Great Resources to Help:

- Here's a free online Water Conservation course with important irrigation and water-saving tips. Check out <http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasotaco/2020/08/28/free-online-water-conservation-course/>
- Learn about water usage from common household devices with this **Water-Savings Chart**: http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasotaco/files/2020/04/Water_efficient_devices_Chart.png
- Want to calculate your family's water usage? Check out SWFWMD's **Water Use Calculator**: <https://www.swfmd.state.fl.us/conservation/water-use-calculator>

We thank Abbey and her team for their time and expertise. Rivendell can lead the way in responsible water conservation. Reducing your water use and limiting fertilizer will improve water quality in our ponds and preserves, protect our bays, and keep sea grasses and marine life healthy. If we all do a little, we can truly make a big difference.



Abbey, seen here planting, reminds us to reduce our water and fertilizer usage to help protect our ponds & preserves and our bays.



Dr. Abbey Tyrna, Water Resources Agent for UF/IFAS Extension & Sustainability, Sarasota County. She earned her Ph.D. in Geography from Penn State.



There will be no garbage collection on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday November 26th). Service will be delayed one day for the remainder of the holiday week.



Architectural Review Committee Report - Tuesday September 29, 2020 4:30 PM

Meeting called to order 4:35 PM

Quorum present: Neil Agruss, Richard Jurick, Susan Lanza, Joe Zwerling

Board Member: Maureen Emmons, Acting Chair

Meeting held via Online Conference call.

Adjourned: 5:05 PM

Mary Green has resigned from ARC. Joe Casale listened in on the meeting.

#1 – No additional landscape plants or items will be allowed on lot 579 Meadow Sweet Circle.

#2 – Door will be considered once more details are received. No additional stepping-stones or mulched area allowed if door is installed.

#3 – Fence approved - it will not be visible from the street.

#7 – Trellis should not be visible from the street

#11 – Homeowner should be considerate of neighbor's view of landscape light direction.

	Request	Address	Assigned To	Second	Status
1	Hedges	579 Meadow Sweet	Maureen Emmons		Rejected
2	French Doors	579 Meadow Sweet	Maureen Emmons		Incomplete
3	Fence	1065 Scherer Way	Susan Lanza	Joe Zwerling	Approved
4	House Paint	767 Fordingbridge	Joe Zwerling	Rich Jurik	Approved
5	Landscape	767 Fordingbridge	Joe Zwerling	Rich Jurik	Approved
6	Oak Tree removal	1035 Oak Meadow	Susan Lanza	n/a	Withdrawn
7	Landscape	1148 Mallard Marsh	Neil Agruss	Joe Zwerling	Approved
8	House paint - palette	496 Meadow Sweet	Maureen Emmons	Neil Agruss	Approved
9	Roof	586 Meadow Sweet	Maureen Emmons	Susan Lanza	Approved
10	Roof	590 Meadow Sweet	Maureen Emmons	Susan Lanza	Approved
11	Landscape	922 Eagle Isle	Maureen Emmons	Neil Agruss	Approved
12	Gutters	1113 Mill Pond	Maureen Emmons	Neil Agruss	Approved
13	House Paint	1148 Mallard Marsh	Neil Agruss	Rich Jurik	Approved

Next meeting **Tuesday October 27th** at 4:30 PM Via Conference call. Request cutoff **October 20th**
Conference call details will be sent upon request to ARC Chair at mauremmons@gmail.com

It is time to start collecting photos for the 2021 Rivendell Directory! This year's theme will be PETS. Please send high quality/full size photos of your pet(s) to Kay Mruz at siestakeysunset6@gmail.com by December 31st, 2020.



Rivendell Community Contacts Committees

Block Captain Committee

Chair: OPEN

Board Liaison: John Fitzgibbon

CERT Committee

Chair: Paul Englert (paule253@hotmail.com)

Board Liaison: OPEN

Members: Need Volunteers. Please contact Paul if interested.

Communication Committee

Chair: Barb Gahry (barbgahry@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: John Fitzgibbon

Newsletter: Frank Diteljan, Carol Heckert, Norma Lee Rhines, Lesley Sterling, Kristine Nickel

Directory: Kay Mruz

Webmaster: Gary Mruz

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Chair: Maureen Emmons (mauremmons@ymail.com)

Board Liaison: OPEN

Members: Neil Agruss, Joe Casale, Richard Jurik, Susan Lanza, Joseph Zwerling

Fine Administration Committee (FAC)

Chair: Robert Thierfelder

Members: Ken Alerie, Bill Bloom, Mary Kennedy

Maintenance Committee (MC)

Chair: OPEN

Board Liaison: Ray Capuano

Members: Need volunteers. Please contact Scott or Ray if interested

Ponds & Preserves Committee

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Lighthouse Property Management:

941-460-5560 Ext. 225

Property Manager: Kathambi Micheu Jones (rivendell@mgmt.tv)

Rivendell Website

www.rivendellcommunity.com

Contact Lighthouse Management for password to RESIDENTS section.

Woodlands Word Deadline:

Submit articles and information to Frank Diteljan (frank@ditwebb.com) by the tenth of the month.

Updates to the Contacts Page:

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