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Condition of Lakes in Rivendell by Bruce Maloney, Environmental Specialist Sarasota County Air and Water Quality

The following is an excerpt from a memo written on May 2, 2013 following an inspection of Rivendell's lakes:

"The lake conditions in Rivendell appear the same as in March 2013 when I last visited the site. There is no physical evidence of fertilizer spreading within 10' of the water bodies. Some lakes do have some filamentous algae along the shorelines but this is happening in many water bodies in the county this time of year as a result of dry conditions and much lower water levels. The water in all of the lakes appears very clear. The grass around the shorelines does not appear to be fertilized as it is not thick or deep green and has thin yellow patches.

I spoke with Jeff Whaley with Aquatic Systems. He advised that the lakes at Rivendell are the cleanest of most areas they service. He says they find very little algae in these lakes and if they do it is treated with an algaecide. He also sees no evidence of fertilizer use around the lakes. Some of the small storm water ponds do have a blue dye added to shade out sunlight to control microscopic algae (green water). He does not remember a fish kill in these lakes in years. He said if they do see heavy algae growth they will take samples for nutrient analysis, but he has never had to do so in Rivendell."

Highlights of Board of Directors Meeting June 13, 2013

by Judy Sokal and reviewed

by Bobby Merrill

Editor's Note: The "Highlights" are not the final approved minutes. The Approved Board Minutes from April 8, 2013 may be found in the August issue.

The Board convened a few minutes after 6 PM with all present. One resident was nominated by Walter Perkowski to fill the vacant Board seat and another resident volunteered, but neither was voted in. The minutes for April 8, 2013 were approved. Kyanne Merrill gave the Manager's Report, which included calls to the County for road markings to be repainted. The Treasurer's report stated that Rivendell was \$11,000 under budget. The ARC report was brief, with most requests over the last two months approved.

The Maintenance Committee report for May and June covered numerous subjects. Landscape: trimming of trees overhanging houses completed, hedges to be trimmed. Pool: monitoring heat pump problems. Preserves & Wetlands: County has been doing annual monitoring due to past problems, but is happy with residents' compliance. After Jim Stepien walked with County representatives, a few invasive trees were found and will be removed.

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Maintenance Committee Report, June 5, 2013

By Jim Stepien, Chair

Landscape Status:

Trimming of the trees located on common land that had limbs overhanging private residences has been completed.

Hedge trimming and ornamental grass trimming will be taking place in the next week or two.

Pool Status:

Pool heaters continue to be monitored for intermittent control problems.

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RIVENDELL BOARD MEETING

August 19

at 6:00pm

at Historic Spanish Point

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

(Maintenance Committee continued from pg.1)

Lakes/Ponds Status:

Lakes/Ponds are looking good. Many of the plants - duckweed, arrowhead and pickerel weed - have begun to flourish on many of our lakes.

Preserves/Wetlands Status:

We can again report that we had no significant maintenance issues during the past month and our community also received some much needed rain that has helped to raise the levels of our lakes/ponds.

I am sure that many homeowners noticed the colorful Roseate Spoonbills that were in Lake Rivendell in early June; it is very pleasing to see new animals visiting our neighborhood.

At our June 5th meeting there were no new items. The meeting was a review of the recommendations that we will be making to the Board at the June Board meeting.

The MC Board Liaison Mr. Perkowski and I met with the County representative to walk and review the state of our preserves and wetlands. The county's prime concern is the status/recovery of the problem areas identified and noted to the RCA Board in 2009. Most of the cited areas have shown significant improvement. Some areas have recovered to the extent that the County will not require further annual monitoring. In a couple of areas the County has requested that we have our contractor go in and control some invasive and nuisance plants. We hope to have all areas removed from required annual monitoring next year.

Other Status:

We have received notification from the County that a work order for the repainting of roadway markings and curbs has been issued. We anticipate the work being completed this summer.

Please report any problems you notice to Lighthouse Property Management.

Next MC meeting will be a week later than usual on July 10, 2013 at 7 pm in the Cottages Clubhouse.

DID YOU KNOW?

Amended Deed Restrictions and Standing Rules: Refer to pages 6-14 of 2013 Rivendell Directory

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Places to Go: Crowley Natural and Cultural History Center

The Crowley Natural and Cultural History Center offers nature trails and boardwalks, youth and adult programs, a children's discovery path, a museum and pioneer area, as well as various events. The self-guided nature trail winds through the property from dry pine flat woods, through a shady oak hammock, over the Maple Branch swamp, and out to the edge of the Tatum Sawgrass Marsh along the Myakka River. The wide trails offer easy walking conditions for people of all ages and abilities. Visitors receive a booklet for the self-guided trail that details native flora and fauna.

The 1889 Tatum-Rawls House at Crowley is one of the oldest examples of pioneer Florida architecture still standing in Sarasota County. Volunteers have helped restore the house, which provides a record of southwest Florida's rural history.



~ photos from Crowley Nature Center

HOURS: Thursday – Sunday
10 am until sundown

CLOSED: Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day

ADMISSION

Adults: \$6.50;

Seniors (62+) & Students: \$4.50;

Kids, 5 to 12 years old: \$2.00;

Under 5: Free.

DIRECTIONS from Interstate I75: Take exit #210 Fruitville Road and drive EAST 10 miles to the dead end. Turn RIGHT on Myakka road. Go 3 miles; Crowley is on your LEFT. If you travel over the bridge to the north entrance of Myakka State Park, you missed it by a mile. Approximate distance from Rivendell is 30 miles or about 45 minutes.

DIRECTIONS using Route #70: WEST: Take route #70, exit #217B, travel to Verna Road. Turn RIGHT and travel SOUTH for approximately 6 miles to the Crowley entrance on your left.

EAST: Take hwy #70 to Verna Road. Turn LEFT. Travel approximately 6 miles to Crowley entrance on your LEFT.

Roseate Spoonbills

By Kay Mruz

Rivendell ponds attract a wide variety of Florida wildlife. A good example of unusual birds took place just after Memorial Day when splashes of bright pink added color to Rivendell Lake West. About fifteen roseate spoonbills were busy searching for food, oblivious to the stream of people in cars, on foot and on bikes that came to take their picture.

The roseate spoonbill can be found along the Gulf Coast extending through Central America to Argentina. They have also been sighted in the Bahamas, the Caribbean and Cuba. Of the six spoonbill species, the roseate is the only one

found in the Western Hemisphere and it is the only spoonbill with colorful pink plumage.

Fresh and saltwater wetlands, mangrove swamps and tidal pools are preferred by roseate spoonbills. They are very social birds and can often be seen feeding with herons, egrets, ibis and other wading birds. A roseate spoonbill's diet consists of small fish, crustaceans, mollusks and aquatic insects. Sweeping its spoon-shaped bill from side to side they create a small whirlpool that pulls prey up from the muddy bottom. Roseate spoonbills hunt by feel

and not sight. Touch receptors at the end of their bills detect vibrations given off by prey, which are then quickly snapped up. Some of the crustaceans the roseate spoonbill consumes feed on algae containing carotene. Carotene is what gives their feathers a beautiful pink color.



Roseate spoonbills gather in large numbers to build nests and raise their young. At three or four years of age they migrate to the nesting grounds in search of a mate. Roseates will stay with the same mate for one breeding season. Once paired, they will

select a nesting site, which is located in low trees or mangroves, often sharing space with herons and ibis. Both birds help build the nest. Up to four eggs are laid per clutch. The eggs hatch after around three weeks. Both parents share incubation duty of the eggs and care of the chicks. Young roseates are white with a hint of pink.

As I write this article, there is still a small group of roseates that show up each day. I hope they continue to visit from time to time. I look forward to the next "visitor" who stops by one of Rivendell's ponds.



~ photos by Kay Mruz

Hurricane Preparations by Deborah Berzins

Excerpted from the Woodlands Word, June 2007, as part of our previous Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan

Suggestions for Rivendell Residents

If you are not here during hurricane season, you are still responsible for securing your property and any loose objects that could endanger your own or neighbors' property.

- Decide where you will go, if ordered to evacuate. Tell family members how you can be contacted.
- Take inventory and photos or video of valuable possessions with you.
- Clean your yard, lanai, and other outdoor areas of all potential flying objects.
- Protect the windows and glass doors on your home.
- Fill car's gas tank(s) and check the oil, tire pressure. Gas station pumps do not work without electricity.
- Swimming pool/spa - leave the pool filled and super chlorinate it.
- Get cash. Banks and ATMs will not operate without electricity, and stores may not accept credit cards.
- Fill bathtubs with water for cleaning & flushing toilets. Line tub with plastic or caulk the drain to prevent water loss.
- Prepare your grill for use in the event of power loss (charcoal, lighter fluid, matches or propane).
- Fill coolers with ice.

Residential Emergency Kit

- Money/cash (assume credit cards do not work)
- Put in a waterproof container: Last year's tax returns, inventory of possessions, sales receipts, insurance policies, medical information, personal phone book, credit card numbers, valuables, photos, etc.
- Paper and writing implements
- Tall boots & work gloves for each household member
- Two-week supply of prescription medicines
- Two coolers, one for food and one for ice
- Two-week supply of nonperishable food (special dietary food, if needed)
- One-week supply of drinking water---1 gallon per person per day
- One-week supply of pet food and water

- Water purification kit (tablets, chlorine bleach-plain or iodine)
- Non-electric can opener
- Disposable plates, cups, utensils
- Flashlight and batteries for each family member
- Extra batteries for all battery operated items (flashlights, camera, radio)
- Portable radio or TV and batteries
- NOAA Weather Alert radio
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit including bandages, antiseptic, pain reliever, and anti-diarrhea medicine, first aid booklet
- Mosquito repellent and Citronella candles
- Can of spray paint
- Duct tape
- Repair tools and materials for quick damage repair
- Clean-up supplies (chlorinated bleach, mop, buckets, towels and disinfectant)
- Plastic tarp
- Plastic trash bags
- Infant needs (medicine, water, diapers, ready formula and bottles)
- Personal hygiene items---toilet paper, paper towels, pre-moistened towelettes, toothbrush, comb, deodorant
- Camera and film/memory card/video, batteries

Evacuation Kit

If you go to a shelter, in addition to the items in the Residential Emergency Kit, take the items listed below. Place loose items in airtight bags- keep handy for rapid departure. Place other items in suitcases.

- Duplicate keys/car keys
- Sleeping bags/air mattresses; pillows, blankets
- Extra clothing for the conditions, shoes, glasses, etc.
- Folding chairs, lawn chairs, cots
- Games, books, playing cards, toys
- Snacks/non-perishable food (peanut butter, protein bars, nuts, raisins, crackers)

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule for 4th of July

FYI - No trash collections will be done on 4th of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day when they fall on a Monday through Friday.

This year, July 4th falls on Thursday (our usual pick-up day), so it will be delayed by 1 day and picked-up on Friday, July 5th.

Collections will be delayed one day from the holiday continuing throughout the rest of the holiday week.

Any regular Friday collections delayed by a holiday will be done on Saturday.



Let's Put our Garbage Cans and Recycle Bins Away

No one likes to drive by our homes and see trashcans or recycle bins sitting by the side of the house or in front of the garage for weeks at a time.

Everyone is encouraged to put their recycling or trash containers inside their garages after trash pick-up.

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Hidden Fire Hydrants Place Lives at Risk Excerpted from Sarasota County News 5/15/13

Do you know where the fire hydrants are located on your street?
Can you easily see them or have they been blocked from view by shrubs or trees?



Can you find the fire hydrant?

Fire hydrants exist to protect life and property from danger of fire. While fire hydrants are a familiar sight, residents should be aware of the importance of each hydrant to the community - not only for fire-fighting, but also for operation and maintenance of the water system.

At times, firefighters have a problem finding or accessing a fire hydrant because it is hidden from view. "When firefighters respond to an emergency, every second is critical," said Sarasota County Fire Chief Mike Tobias. "A fire hydrant hidden by a fence or shrubbery could seriously delay emergency response. Sarasota County code requires that all fire hydrants be kept accessible to firefighters at all times.

"A clear area of 7 feet, 6 inches, in the front and sides around the fire hydrant, and 4 feet in the back of the fire hydrant, must be maintained for accessing and opening the hydrant. It is also illegal to park a car within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. Hydrants need to be visible from the road at all times."

Residents are encouraged to report any obstruction found at a fire hydrant or if any hydrant appears to be defective to Sarasota County Utilities. Utility workers check and test fire hydrants periodically during the year.

For more information about fire hydrants, call 941-861-5000.

Did You Know? Mailbox Numbers

If you can't read the numbers on your mailbox, it might be time for you to replace them.

New numbers: Contact Mike Burkhart of Nostalgic Lampposts and Mailbox to request your house numbers, specifying Woodlands at Rivendell. Mike's cell phone number is (941) 223-1677 and his email address is nlp1677@yahoo.net. The cost is \$10 for three house numbers (2 sets - one for each side of your mailbox). Mike will mail you the numbers and the invoice.

Rivendell Communication Committee

**Please volunteer to serve on the
Communication Committee.**

**Many opportunities are available
to match your interests and time.**

**Get to know your neighbors and
help your community by contacting
Carol at carolheckert@verizon.net**

Yummy Treats at Earth Fruits Yogurt

By Judy Sokal and Jon Lewis

We love frozen yogurt! Sometimes we would trudge all the way to TCBY in the shopping center across from Southgate Mall on Bee Ridge Road just for a treat. Now we can sin healthfully closer to home at Earth Fruits Yogurt. This shop is located behind Panera and next to Five Guys Burgers in the Gulf Gate Shopping Center, where there is plenty of parking and lots of tables indoors, if you want to eat in rather than take out. The interior is spotless and inviting, and the number of people stopping by who had already discovered the delicious yogurt surprised us. There are many flavors to choose from, with clear nutritional labeling, and toppings galore including lots of fresh fruits. You pay by weight, so you can max out or enjoy a mini-treat. They are open Monday through Thursday from 10am -10:30pm, Friday 10am -11pm, Saturday 9am -11pm, and Sunday 10am -10pm. The phone number is 924-8734. It's great that they are there for a late night snack after a concert or movie.

Earth Fruits prides itself on being eco-friendly, and sells small bracelets made from acai berries to benefit workers in Brazil. They are committed to giving back to the community and their mission is to bring "more hope and more caring." We will certainly return and use our punch card for a free treat after 9 purchases. If you are curious to learn more, go to www.earthfruitsyogurt.com. It's a different kind of company. We hope it's a hit here, for totally selfish reasons. Can't wait to go back!



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This is a family-run operation and the service is warm and welcoming. Prices are very moderate and beer, wine and catering are available.

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Closed on Sundays; major credit cards accepted

The *Woodlands Word* is seeking volunteer reporters for restaurant reviews, summaries of trips near or far, and other items of interest to residents.

**Contact Judy Sokal at
Judysokal@gmail.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)
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ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA Mark Your Calendar



Selby Garden Classes

The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens offers classes all year. Classes include gardening, plant care, photography, art, yoga, and more. Call 941-366-5731 or visit the website for more information: www.selby.org/learning/classes

Designing Women Events

www.designingwomenboutique.org

July 25 Ambassadors' Guild Summer Salon Luncheons \$20

Speaker/deli lunch & live style show.

Holly Barbour, M.D., Oculofacial Plastic Surgeon. "Looking Your Best at Any Age" 11:30am.

To RSVP please call 941-366-5293.

August 29 Ambassadors' Guild Summer Salon Luncheons \$20

Ms. Hayley Wielgus, Anchor of ABC-7 News Sunrise & Noon. "Life Behind the Lens" 11:30am.

To RSVP please call 941-366-5293.

Van Wezel Performing Arts Center

Friday Fest, July 19 at 5pm: Kettle of Fish

Kettle of Fish has been performing in clubs, festivals and events for years. They have shared the stage with members of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Roger Waters' Band, Twinkle, Devon Allman, Pat Travers, and opened for Eddie Money, Molly Hatchet, Elvin Bishop, Tommy Castro, Trombone Shorty, the Marshall Tucker Band, and Jimmy Buffett (at the famous Blue Heaven in Key West), among others. Their music is more of a "blues rock with soul," so if you like the sound of the Rolling Stones, Tom Petty, BB King, the Neville Brothers, Buddy Guy, Johnny Cash, Dave Matthews Band, Al Green, Stevie Wonder, the Grateful Dead, and Eric Clapton... you will love Kettle of Fish.

2013 Event Calendar: <http://www.vanwezel.org>

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)



Book Suggestions for Summer Readers

Compiled by Pam Babbitt and Marilyn Probert

Need the title of a good book?

The Rivendell Book Group has read many of the following titles:

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini. A chronicle of thirty years of Afghan history and a story of family, friendship, faith, and the salvation to be found in love.

Book Thief by Markus Zusak. It's just a small story really, about among other things: a girl, some words, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist-fighter, and quite a lot of thievery.

Bridge of Sighs by Richard Russo. *Bridge of Sighs* is a portrait of three small town families struggling to strike a balance between embracing their own history or shunning it entirely.

Brooklyn: A Novel by Colm Toibin. Young Eilis Lacey, a young Irish girl, finds herself swept up in an unplanned journey to America engineered by the family priest and her sister, Rose.

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Berghese. Marion and his twin brother, Shiva, born in Addis Ababa, are the result of an illicit, romance between Sister Mary Joseph Praise, an Indian nun, and Thomas Stone, a British surgeon.

Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America by E. Larson. H.H. Holmes murdered many people during the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. A factual account of the fair and the murderer within it.

Duma Key by Stephen King. Freemantle reaches a junction in his life when an accident causes him to travel to Florida and is drawn to a beautiful, remote area off Florida's West Coast: Duma Key, (think of Casey Key).

Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert. A woman travels through Italy, India, and Indonesia. Movie with Julia Roberts.

Every Last One by Anna Quindlen, Beth Latham is married and devoted to her three teenaged children. She struggles to cope with loss and guilt, protect what she has left, and regain a sense of meaning to her life.

Gardens of Water by Alan Drew. Set outside Istanbul, a Kurdish shopkeeper and devout Muslim is preparing for his son's circumcision ceremony. An earthquake, reminiscent of the 1999 Marmara earthquake, destroys the town.

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls. A revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant.

Half Broke Horses: A True-Life Novel by Jeannette Walls. Lily Casey Smith is a rodeo rider and breaker of horses. Assailed by flash floods, tornados and droughts, this is a story about indomitable women.

In One Person by John Irving. A portrait of the solitariness of a bisexual man who is dedicated to making himself "worth-while."

In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden by Kathleen Cambor. In 1889, the dam supporting an artificial lake, a playground to wealthy financiers, collapsed. Some 2,200 lives were lost in the Johnstown, Pennsylvania flood.

In the Garden of Beasts, by Eric Larson. Hitler's rising influence in 1933 as seen through the eyes of the United States' first ambassador to the Third Reich.

Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Readers will recognize Ali as the

Somali-born member of the Dutch parliament who faced death threats after collaborating on a film about domestic violence against Muslim women.

Kabul Beauty School by Deborah Rodriguez. With the help of sponsors, the school opened in Afghanistan and Rodriguez stumbled through language barriers, cultural customs, and challenges of a postwar nation.

Last Orders by Graham Swift. Four men have taken it upon themselves to carry out the last wishes of a friend, and deliver his ashes to the sea. As they drive, their errand becomes a journey into their pasts.

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan. Mamah Borthwick Cheney struggles to justify her love affair with Frank Lloyd Wright.

The Magician's Assistant by Ann Patchett. A secretive magician's death becomes the catalyst for his partner's journey of self-discovery.

Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World by Tracy Kidder. From Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia, Dr. Farmer changes minds and practices through his dedication.

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult. This novel examines what it means to be a good parent, a good sister, and a good person.

Never Let me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro. A woman named Kathy narrates this tale, drawing the reader gradually into her recollections of her life at Hailsham, the idyllic boarding school where she grew up.

Olive Kitteridge: Fiction by Elizabeth Strout. Thirteen linked tales present ordinary coastal Mainers with quiet grief & flashes of human connection.

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. One of the earliest Jewish religious volumes to be illuminated with images, the Sarajevo Haggadah survived for centuries thanks to people of all faiths who risked their lives to safeguard it.

Plain Truth by Jodi Picoult. Moving seamlessly from psychological drama to courtroom suspense, Plain Truth is a portrait of Amish life rarely witnessed by those outside the faith.

Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay. Portrayal of an incident in French history, the July 16, 1942 roundup of Parisian Jews by the French police for their transport to the Auschwitz death camp.

Saturday by Ian McEwan. McEwan draws us into the life of a London neurosurgeon. Taking place over a single day, *Saturday* copes with everyday quandaries: insomnia, aging, and the quest for leisure in the midst of obligations.

Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd. The story of a 14-year old white girl's journey toward self-acceptance, faith, and freedom after leaving her abusive father and living with a caring black family.

Shanghai Girls by Lisa See. May and Pearl, two sisters living in Shanghai in the mid-1930s, are beautiful, sophisticated, and well educated. The sisters leave China and arrive at Angel's Island--where they are detained.

That Woman: The Life of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor by Anne Sebba. The story of the American divorcee notorious for allegedly seducing a British king off his throne.

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Other problems have already been rectified. All in all, the County is pleased. Several landscaping recommendations were made to the Board, but they were deferred to New Business.

Old Business:

There was a brief discussion of a letter from the County concerning fulfillment of a 2007 landscape grant. The Board could not agree if or how to respond to the letter. No action was taken.

New Business:

- Littoral zones at the front of the community will be replanted with attractive aquatic plants for no more than \$12,000.
- \$10,000 will be spent to remove 17 dead pine trees throughout the community and to have Sun State replant new trees.
- The median at the intersection of Placid Lake and Rivendell Blvd. will be re-landscaped.
- Fish will be stocked in Scherer Lake to help mitigate the severe midge infestation.
- Joe Sefack was approved as a new member of ARC. Guidelines suggested for installing below and above ground utility containers will be re-

viewed prior to the next meeting

- A request was made for a new fence along Old Venice Rd to improve the appearance of our entry and provide greater security for homeowners abutting the road. The issue was tabled, but was raised again under Homeowner Comments.
- The Board discussed a new web site, with resident Gary Mruz as vendor and webmaster. The Communications Committee will meet with the vendor to develop a proposal summarizing the scope of his duties. The Board will approve all website content.

Homeowner Comments

Issues discussed were: 1) replacing the fence along Old Venice Road, 2) the midges at Scherer Lake, and 3) the failure of the Board to respond to the County grant letter.

NEXT RIVENDELL BOARD MEETING
TBA
Dates, times, and locations of Board and Committee meetings are based on the information available at the time of publication.



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Recipe Roundup

Crescent Cookies

By Anita Sarno



Dough

1 cup butter (room temp)
 3/4 cup granulated sugar
 1 cup finely chopped walnuts
 2 1/2 cups sifted flour

Vanilla Sugar

1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
 1/2 tsp. Vanilla

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine walnuts, butter, granulated sugar and flour into a smooth dough - form into crescent shapes (by tablespoonfuls).

Bake on ungreased cookie sheet until lightly browned (15-18 minutes).

Cool one minute.

Combine vanilla and confectioners' sugar.

Helpful hint: the original recipe used a vanilla bean sitting overnight in the confectioners' sugar. I don't do that. Mixing vanilla and sugar can be tricky, so I put them in a jar and shake them up.

While warm, roll the cookies in the vanilla sugar.

Serve and enjoy!

The Sarasota Observer Delivery

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

Seasonal residents:

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Residents Helping Residents

"Residents Helping Residents" replaces the previous "Service Provider Recommendation" and "Classified Ads" columns. The "Residents Helping Residents" features services and special prices that are provided to and by Rivendell Residents. It also includes our teen businesses. The Classified Ads Column will be printed when there is a one-time item for sale or something of a similar nature (Garage Sale).

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 of 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.

LAMPPOST 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!

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 tpro38@yahoo.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

BEAGLE NEEDS HOME: Our 9-year-old beagle needs a new home because next school year our kids won't be around as much. Snickers needs more company than we can now give him, and he needs a midday walk that we're no longer reliably able to provide. He's an incredibly sweet and quiet dog. He loves to walk, but he's not terribly active. He's a perfect dog for an older person who would like an excuse to take a few walks a day. **Call Lori Yohann 266-2988.**

WANTED: Enea Pavimento 45x45 Ceramic Floor Tile: We need 3 boxes of Nassau White Pavimento ceramic floor tile by Enea. It was used in many homes in Rivendell. It is a light color tile with shell inlays. **Call Steve, 773-575-8656,** if you have any spare tile that fits this description. Thank you!

Please send your Classified Ad information to Marilyn at tpro38@yahoo.com

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MEDICAL NEWS YOU CAN USE: Immunization for MRSA

Submitted by Ed Lin and excerpted from:
<http://www.surgicalproductsmag.com>, 2/17/2012

Methicillin resistant staph aureus (MRSA) infections are resistant to antibiotics and can cause a myriad of problems, including bone erosion, which shortens the effective life of an implant. MRSA can also result in prolonged disability, amputation and even death.

Although only two percent of the American population that undergoes total joint replacement surgery will suffer an infection, half of those infections are from MRSA. A team of investigators led by Edward Schwarz, PhD, Professor of Orthopedics and Associate Director of the Center for Musculoskeletal Research, from the University of Rochester Medical Center has developed a vaccine that can prevent bacterial infection of orthopedic implants. They have generated an antibody that prevents MRSA bacteria from dividing properly.

"What makes the staph such a challenging pathogen is that it has an ironclad cell wall. But that is also its Achilles' heel," Dr. Schwarz said. During cell division, it has to "unzip the cell wall" to break into two "daughter cells." The team produced an antibody that targets a component of the zipper, Gmd—preventing normal bacterial cell division by causing them to form clusters of cells.

The researchers tested the antibody prior to implantation of an MRSA-infected pin to simulate an infected joint replacement. They monitored bacterial growth and found that their antibody protected 50 percent of their sample from infection.

This immunization appears to be a promising treatment to prevent the MRSA infection or re-infection of orthopedic implants.

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Minutes of the Architectural Review Committee 05/28/2013

Attendees: Gwenda Stepien – Committee Chair
Nancy Schubert – Board Liaison, Mickie Konner,
Mary Marryott, Janet Berntsen

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 upon for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	689 Rivendell Blvd.	Install black iron fence at back and sides of house in front of hedge	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 nd : Mickie Konner Note: Hedges around house to be cut to 6', no higher than 7'
2.	1104 Mallard Marsh	Paint house Beige, trim Dove White, door Reddened Earth.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Mickie Konner 2 nd : Mary Marryott
3.	743 Anna Hope Lane	Paint house Seal Gray, trim Creamy White	Resolved: Denied Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 nd : Mickie Konner Committee states that Seal Gray color is much too dark and not acceptable; only light grey would be accepted.
4.	562 Meadow Sweet	Paint house same color – trim and door Haven, porch Rare Gray	Resolved: Approved Motion: Janet Berntsen 2 nd : Mary Marryott Approved by Meadow Sweet Committee
5.	1159 Mallard Marsh	Resubmitted application	Resolved: On hold: Homeowner has done work without approval of the ARC. ARC will re-check the location of the work in relation to the property lines and easements
6.	Meadow Sweet Circle	Discussion of fence along Old Venice Rd.	Board Member Liaison Nancy Schubert requested ARC to discuss fence issue. No action taken.

Next Meeting July 30, 2013 at 6 PM

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.

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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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