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The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

October 2017



Placid Lake Uprooted Trees

~ photo by Barb Gahry

Hurricane Irma uprooted these trees on Placid Lake the night of September 10/11, creating a scene duplicated on a number of ponds and streets throughout Rivendell. If you remained here during the storm, please let us know the oddest, scariest, funniest, most unexpected, or any other superlative experience you'd like to share. Send your experience to Marilyn Probert - marilynprobert@gmail.com - and she'll report back to us for the November 2017 issue of the newsletter.

The ARC Completes Guideline Revisions

By John Fitzgibbon, Chair

The Rivendell Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has posted a final revision of the Architectural Review Committee Guidelines to our website - www.Rivendellcommunity.com.

The Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Rivendell apply to every homeowner in our community. Article 4, Land Use Restrictions states "No STRUCTURE shall be altered, nor shall any tree removal, change of exterior color, or other work be commenced which in any way materially alters the exterior appearance of any STRUCTURE or landscaping without the written approval of the COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION acting through its ARC. This Article also establishes the ARC, and authorizes the ARC to establish, and revise standards and criteria for modifying structures and landscaping in our community.

The current revision has blended the previous versions, incorporated all current Board Orders; included recommended plant lists as well as on-line plant resources, adapted a palette of suggested paint colors, promulgated Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for processing Homeowner requests; and lists the various authorities governing ARC standards and operations. The ARC Application for ARC Consideration has also been revised and posted to our website. Homeowners

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Highlights of September 6 Board Meeting

By Carol Heckert; Reviewed by Larry Dobias

Attending: Ray Capuano, Larry Dobias, Ken Heckert

Manager's Report: (Jodi Sondergaard)

- 2 Diseased pine trees have been topped off in the preserves
- Landscaping has been done at main entry and Placid Lake Island
- The main pump at Rivendell Lake has been repaired
- Solar panels at the pool will be replaced under warranty.
- The magnolia trees on Rivendell Blvd. have been trimmed.

Treasurer's Report: (Larry Dobias)

- Total expenses in July were \$20,536. We are \$28,993 under budget YTD 2017, but additional expenses planned for the year include power washing, mulching, oak tree trimming, etc.

- 7 properties are 90 days behind in HOA fees. Past due payments under \$200 have been written off by policy in the past at the end of the year. Director Dobias suggested that penalties be added for non-payment and fees carried over to the next year. A policy will be presented at the next meeting.

ARC Report: (Maureen Emmons)

11 requests; 10 approved. Denied request had no site plan.

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(ARC Complete Guidelines continued from pg.1)

can now research the Guidelines and download the form(s) to print and fill out.

This effort began over two years ago when the ARC began to meld the prior two competing versions of the ARC Guidelines dealing with architectural standards, which were more than ten years old, into one comprehensive document. During the course of this effort a number of Board Orders were revised or eliminated. Additionally, wherever possible technological innovations have been incorporated as well as on-line reference sources.

Noteworthy among the revisions are the establishment of paint color standards and suggestions for mailboxes and homes. There was no reliable source of information for original colors, since most of our homes were built before electronic record keeping became common practice. Also, changes in chemical formulation have made it impossible to reliably identify our original home colors. This innovation was reported by Kay Mruz in the September 2017 edition of the *Woodlands Word*.

Other innovations included: revision of our fence rules in response to the new construction occurring at the adjoining community The Palms at Casey Key, the enumeration of Standard Operating Procedures for processing ARC applications, and listing the various Community Rules which affect ARC operations.

Directions for finding ARC Guidelines and Application Forms online

Go to Rivendell website: www.Rivendellcommunity.com
Click on "Residents" tab
Enter the password which is available from Lighthouse Property Management, 941-966-6844 ext. 604
Scroll down until you see a blue arrow pointing to "Documents"
Click on the Documents Button
Scroll down past the Covenants & Rules Section
Next section is ARC
Click on first button "Rivendell ARC Guidelines Sep 2017"
The required application forms are also posted
Residents can export the entire document titled "September 2017" version as a PDF (34 pages) as well as the various required forms or simply print the desired form and then fill it out.

Next Rivendell Board Meeting

**Wednesday, October 4th 2017
at 6pm**

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

**Any changes to this date will be posted
on the website
www.rivendellcommunity.com**

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Rivendell Project Updates

To find out what Rivendell projects have been completed and which ones are still in the planning stage, go to the following link on the Rivendell website: Rivendell Community Osprey Florida | Rivendell Osprey Florida |PROJECTS

Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

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

**The Maintenance Committee
needs volunteers. If you are
interested in helping,
please contact Jodi Sondergaard
jodisondergaard@mgmt.tv**

KUDOS

Improved Rivendell Entrances at Old Venice Road and Park Trace, as well as renovation of Placid Lake Island

Submitted by Nancy Dobias

The Old Venice entrance signs to Rivendell and the Park Trace entrance projects have been completed. The Board authorized the expense to update the landscaping by continuing the same theme that Greg Volack and the Maintenance Committee had used for the Rainbow Point Islands. Property Manager Jodi Sondergaard and her assistant Joanne McIntyre arranged with MRT Landscaping to select the assortment of plants. The addition of robust and colorful plants with the dark mulch looks wonderful!

The Placid Lake Island was renovated using a similar selection of plants. MRT Nurseries recommended replacing the two older palms with one double trunk Foxtail Palm. Foxtails are self-pruning leading to lower maintenance costs.



Old Venice Road entrance on both sides of Rivendell Blvd



Park Trace entrance to Rivendell and the Placid Lake Island

~ all photos by Nancy Dobias

KUDOS to all those involved in these projects!

Pool Replacement Project

By Ken Heckert

The Maintenance Committee needs someone to work closely with Lighthouse Property Management to coordinate the pool replacement project. The project entails replacing the pool equipment, pool deck, pool liner, and tiling the restrooms. This person should have pool ownership and experience with project management. If you are interested, please contact Ken Heckert at 918-9528 or Jodi Sondergaard (Lighthouse Mgt.) at 966-6844.

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(Highlights of Board Meeting continued from pg. 1)

Maintenance Committee Report: (Ken Heckert)

- Rain gauge replaced under warranty.
- Signs & fences to be power washed Sept. 14.
- MRT will replace 5 crotons and add a few new plants at main entrance and Placid Lake Island.
- West Bay will run a parallel irrigation line at the pool to bypass irrigation leaks due to tree roots.
- Algae in lakes; Aquatic Systems is treating and will test lakes.
- County discovered invasive species in common area behind Mallard Marsh Drive that is encroaching on a preserve. These plants will be removed by Aquagenix.
- Pool renovation being studied.
 - o Pool deck: pavers or marcite?
 - o Restrooms: tile floors with 12" tiles and lower walls with 4" tiles
 - o Pool: fresh or salt water?
 - o Utility room will be changed accordingly.
 - o Furniture to be replaced.

Eric Mitchell at Lighthouse would charge \$80 per hour to be project manager.

Communications Committee: (Carol Heckert)

Lecture series planned to feature Rivendell residents. Director Dobias suggested that Aquatic Solutions lecture on how to attract wildlife to Rivendell and her ponds, and how to provide them in a healthy habitat. It was agreed that this lecture be presented at our Annual Meeting.

Document Review Committee: (Joe Sefack)

The committee will meet once a month. They had planned to update the subdivision documents as well as the master documents, but due to the lawyer's estimated fee for his review, the committee will limit their initial update to the master documents. The subdivision document revision will follow. All costs to be covered by the Rivendell HOA in the 2018 or 2019 budget.

Old Business:

Only 37 mailboxes remain unpainted, and 6 of these are promised. Director Capuano and Jodi Sondergaard will do a drive through before fining.

New Business:

Payment for all below were presented and approved:

- MRT - Main entrance landscaping - \$1,782, Placid Lake Island - \$1,913
- Brown's Tree Service – Remove Washingtonian palms at Placid Lake Island - \$450, Remove banyan tree behind Mallard Marsh Drive - \$1,580; Eagle Isle cleanup - \$380
- Water Equipment Tech. – Pump repair - \$2,170
- West Bay – Fix irrigation by the pool - \$500

Homeowner Comments:

- Dave Gill – All trees removed should be replaced. Will a 5th Board member be appointed? (No, will wait for election)
- Nancy Dobias – Can pool installation be prevented by a neighbor if machinery must go on his land? Can't plants be replaced?
- Joe Sefack – Appearance of community has improved greatly in past 7 months.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 4.



Walk Safely

Excerpted from AAA Living, Sept/Oct 2017

The number of pedestrians killed in crashes is on the rise. Here's how to stay safe while walking.

- **Don't dash and dart:** Objects like parked vehicles and road signs may block a motorist's view – and the driver's reaction time is limited.
 - ✓ **Do:** Never assume that the driver knows you're there. Cross streets where drivers expect to see you – at crosswalks or intersections when possible. Make eye contact with the motorist. If you must cross a street away from an intersection, choose a well-lit area, wait for a gap in traffic that allows you plenty of time, and keep an eye out for vehicles as you cross.
- **Evening or night time:** When it's dark outside, it's harder for drivers to spot someone along the road. In 2015, 74% of pedestrian deaths occurred when it was dark.
 - ✓ **Do:** Wear bright-colored clothing during the day; after dark, wear reflective materials or carry a flashlight.
- **Teach kids:** In 2015, one in every five people under the age of 15 who were killed in traffic crashes were pedestrians, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
 - ✓ **Do:** Talk to kids and older teens about being aware of their surroundings, avoiding distractions, using sidewalks, and when necessary, walking on the edge of the road facing traffic; and safely crossing at intersections.
- **Hold the phone:** Walking and using a cell phone is a dangerous combination. One in five high school students and one in eight middle schoolers crossed the street while distracted – most often by texting or using headphones.
 - ✓ **Do:** Always watch where you're going. Stop and move away from traffic if you need to use your phone.

Bay Street to Extend to Honore Avenue

By Lesley Sterling



Bay Street extension before and after bulldozing

~ photos by Norma Lee Rhines



As many pedestrians and bicyclists already know, work began on extending Bay Street to Honore Avenue at the beginning of August. It is anticipated that the new 1.2 miles of roadway beginning at the Osprey Junction Trailhead will take about one year to complete. The road will include a roundabout at the intersection of Bay Street and Honore. The existing portion of Bay Street will not change. The new two-lane road will include a bike lane on the north side of the road. The developers of Palmer Ranch are managing the construction project.

Bay Street Extension has been in the Sarasota County Plan since 1989. With population growth and new communities under development along Honore, it was time to get the project underway.

The Osprey Junction Trailhead will be closed for the duration of the project. All signs, picnic areas, kiosks and water fountain within the project corridor will be moved or removed and stored until the end of construction. The good news is that pedestrian and bicycle access to the Legacy Trail will remain open. You are advised to watch for signage as a new temporary access trail will be opened to the north of the existing Bay Street connection to the Legacy Trail in the near future.

Parking will not be available at Osprey Junction Trailhead during the closure, but you can park nearby at Bay Street Park, located at 300 Bay Street in Osprey or 7905 McIntosh Road in Sarasota.

Bay Street has the potential for becoming a popular route to reach State Road 681 and Interstate 75 from the Tamiami Trail. That could mean a lot more traffic. I spoke with Ralph Monti, who is the Sarasota County Liaison for the Park Trace Community. Park Trace backs up to Bay Street and parts of the Legacy Trail. He indicated that residents are concerned about the potential for noise and air pollution, not to mention safety, that the additional traffic might bring. Park Trace is negotiating with Sarasota County regarding the construction of a sound barrier for the homes most affected by the new road.

For questions regarding the Bay Street Extension Project, contact Ferdie Barnard at Ferdie.Barnard@stantec.com or 941-225-7600.

For questions regarding the Legacy Trail/Osprey Junction Trailhead, contact Megan Donoghue at mdonoghue@scgov.net or 941-861-5126.



Osprey Junction Trailhead for Legacy Trail

~ photos by Lesley Sterling

Barred Owl **By Norma Lee Rhines**

A Barred Owl that I saw several months ago in a tree on the north side of Oscar Scherer where the Bay Street extension is going through. I doubt the tree is still there. It is a tough time for the Barred Owl and other wildlife for their habitat loss.



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WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

All communication regarding maintenance issues or community infractions must be sent directly to Lighthouse Property Management for handling. For example, if you spot a broken street light, or issues with the pool janitorial duties, communicate the information to Lighthouse Property Management via email, phone call or a letter.

If you have ideas, suggestions or feedback regarding the common areas, trees, plants, ponds and pool (all items under the MC responsibility) attend a Maintenance Committee meeting to discuss.

If you would like to request any official Rivendell document, contact Lighthouse Property Management in writing. Some information may be obtained from the website but Lighthouse Property Management has ALL official documents for Rivendell.

DID YOU KNOW? **How to Open Your** **Garage Door Manually** **By Marilyn Probert**



*Lennar garage showing red handle release
~ photo by Brian Babbitt*

While preparing for Irma's onslaught, and after our house was shuttered and safe, I was concerned that a power failure would keep us prisoners with no means of escape. Our neighbor told us how to open the garage door manually; we tried it, and it worked! Hope this works for you, too.

Stand by the middle of your garage door, look up, and you'll see a handle hanging there. Pull it STRAIGHT DOWN and this will disengage the lock. You can then lift and lower the door - it's heavy, but doable. Once power has returned, press your usual opener and the lock will engage.

Our house was built by Lennar; I hope this hint will apply to homes constructed by other builders.

Reminder: if the power goes out while you are not at home and the garage door is down, just go inside your house and follow the procedure described above.

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Columbus Day



October 9th



Homemade Environmentally Friendly Weed Killers

Submitted by Vinny Barone

Homeowners might want to consider using environmentally friendly herbicides in their yards. Strong chemical herbicides, pesticides, and fungicides can end up polluting our drinking water, our underground water caverns, and surface waterways. The following may offer better solutions:

1. Hand weed pulling - This is the most environmentally friendly way to get rid of weeds, but also takes more time:

- Dig out the roots.
- Let them dry in the sun.
- Then add them to a compost or mulch pile.

Want a quicker way to effectively get rid of weeds? Try one of the following homemade herbicides, but only apply it to the weeds you wish to get rid of, as they can kill your flowers or vegetable plants:

2. Boiled Water - The simplest homemade herbicide to prepare and the least harmful to environment, people, animals.

- Simply bring a big pot of water to boil on your stove.
- Pour it over the leaves and stems of the weeds you wish to get rid of.
- Boiling water is an effective method for killing weeds in places such as sidewalk or driveways cracks, or over a larger area that you'd like to replant after the weeds are gone. Boiling water doesn't leave any residue or have any harmful long-term effects.

3. Sodium Chloride - Common table salt is effective, and has some historical notoriety for possibly being used to lay waste to the soils of conquered people.

- Salt can have a detrimental effect in the soil, it's important to only apply it directly to the leaves of the weeds, and to not soak the soil, especially in garden beds with other plants.
- Dissolve 1 part salt in 8 parts hot water (for a stronger solution, use up to 1 part salt to 3 parts water).
- Add a small amount of liquid dish soap (to help it adhere to the leaf surfaces), and pour it into a spray bottle.
- Cover or tie back any nearby plants you don't want to kill, and then spray the leaves of the weeds with the sodium-soap-solution.
- Be careful not to soak the soil, and keep this mixture away from cement sidewalks or driveways (it may discolor them). Multiple applications may be necessary.

4. Vinegar - Use white vinegar on weed leaves; they'll die and make room for more desirable plants.

- White vinegar is about 5% acetic acid, which is usually strong enough for most weeds.
- An industrial strength version (up to 20% acetic acid, can be harmful to skin, eyes or lungs). Available at garden supply stores.
- Vinegar can be applied by spraying full strength onto the weeds. Be careful to minimize overspray on garden plants and nearby soil.
- Repeated applications may be necessary, and the addition of a little liquid dish detergent may improve its effectiveness.

5. Salt White Vinegar Mix - Combination of table salt or rock salt with white vinegar 1-cup salt to 1-gallon vinegar:

- Spray this mixture on the foliage of weed plants.
- Adding liquid soap helps the efficacy of this weed killer, as does the addition of certain oils, such as citrus oil, clove oil, or corn oil.

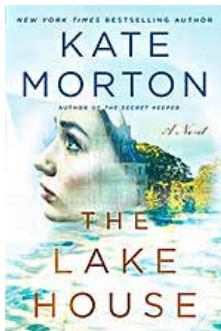
6. Borax - helps lend a hand in the yard as an herbicide:

- Add 10 ounces of powdered Borax to 2.5 gallons of water and mix thoroughly.
- Spray to coat the leaves of unwanted weeds in your yard.
- Keep overspray off any plants you want to keep and avoid saturating the soil with the solution.
- Avoid contact with bare skin; use gloves.

Website Information: 6 homemade herbicides: Kill the weeds without killing the Earth; When Is Flame Weeding Suitable – Tips On How To Use Flame Weeders; and 13 Homemade Organic Weed Killers - How to Kill Weeds Naturally

Book Group Schedule

By Pam Babbitt



On October 9, *The Lake House* by Kate Morton will be discussed at the home of Debra Jones, 1168 Mallard Marsh Drive. The novel features Alice, a bright and talented 16-year-old who writes stories and lives on her family's lakeside estate in Cornwall, England. After the annual midsummer's eve party, the family discovers that their youngest child, 11-month-old Theo, has vanished without a trace. The family is torn apart

and the house abandoned. Please call Debra Jones at 517-515-4994 if you plan to attend.

The Rivendell Book Group will examine the overt and subtle racism in America when meeting on November 13 to discuss author Jodi Picoult's recent novel, *Small Great Things*. The premise of the novel features Ruth, an African American and labor and delivery nurse with over 20 years' experience. Ruth begins a checkup on a newborn, only to be told that she's been reassigned. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth to touch their child. It should be a thoughtful conversation about cultural and racial prejudice.

Michael Biehl, Rivendell resident and author of *A Thoroughly Bad Individual*, will attend the December 11 book group meeting. His novel centers on Stan Flory, once a successful corporate attorney, but a scandal in his past forces him to lose almost everything. *A Thoroughly Bad Individual* begins with Stan using a metal detector to search the Casey Key beach near his home. When Stan finds a discarded Rolex watch on the shore, he thinks his luck has turned - until he reads the inscription on the back. The discovery throws Stan's world into turmoil, and soon he is practicing criminal law while defending his best friend against a murder charge. To help his friend, Stan confronts his past and evaluates his own views of right and wrong.

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.



Please remember on
**NOVEMBER 5th to set your
clocks back 1 hour at 2am.**

2017 Small Business of the Year



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I met a man visiting from Germany at a Rotary event. I noticed he wore a hearing aid manufacturer that I work with frequently. I saw him struggle to hear the Rotary presentation we were attending. Yet he was wearing a higher end model with a wide range of programming options.

I spoke with him after our meeting and he said he has trouble hearing in restaurants, at meetings, and talking with his wife. I groaned at the last one. Not listening to my wife, Karen, has gotten me into trouble over the years.

When he came into the office, I read out his hearing aids and only one program was being used. He travels the world, attends meetings, eats out regularly and socializes. He is wearing the top of the line model and did not have access to all the abilities of his hearing aid.

I taught him the full capacity of his hearing aids and established programs for his variety of situations. I also set a program that prioritized his wife's voice to use when they are at home together or in the car. This was their favorite setting.

I've met a lot of people who have under programmed hearing aids. Some common complaints are: "I sound as if I am in barrel", "everything is muffled" or "it sounds tinny." Less frequent complaints, "it sounds sharp", "everything is shrilly" and "her voice is too harsh." Some of the more entertaining ones are: "I sound like I'm underwater", "it sounds like there are bees everywhere" and "everything echoes." These sound irritants can be easily corrected with a slight program adjustment.

Programming a hearing aid is a skill I have developed in the 17 years working in this industry. Having worked with over a thousand people, I am very good at translating your description of sounds into what you want the program to deliver. If you struggle to hear well and wonder if there could be a better setting to your program, call for an appointment 941-244-9300.

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Architectural Review Committee Report - August 29, 2017

Attendees: Chair John Fitzgibbon, John Martin, Maureen Emmons, Wayne Davis

Absent: Kay Mruz (Vote submitted by proxy), Board Liaison Ray Capuano

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	699 Rivendell Boulevard	Storm shutters	Motion: John F 2nd: Wayne Resolved: Approved
2.	828 Golden Pond Court	Paint	Motion: John F 2nd: John M Resolved: Approved
3.	1132 Mallard Marsh Drive	Tree removal	Motion: Maureen 2nd: John F Resolved: Approval base upon site plan, not an emergency repair
4.	928 Eagle Isle Court	Window replacement	Motion: John M 2nd: John F Resolved: Approved
5.	672 Shadow Bay Way	Landscaping	Motion: Wayne 2nd: John F Resolved: Approved
6.	1096 Mallard Marsh Drive	Tree removal	Motion: Maureen 2nd: John M Resolved: Approved based upon submitted photos rather than site plan
7.	799 Shadow Bay Way	Paint shutters	Motion: John F 2nd: Wayne Resolved: Approved based upon sub-association email
8.	1127 Mallard Marsh Drive	Block up windows for bath remodel	Motion: Maureen 2nd: John M Resolved: Approved
9.	1086 Scherer Way	Repaint	Motion: Maureen 2nd: John M Resolved: Approved
10.	686 Clear Creek Drive	Install pool and cage	Motion: 2nd: Resolved: Declined, the request is still incomplete. Too many issues regarding construction and disruption remain unanswered
11.	1068 Mallard Marsh	Landscaping	Homeowner may have unilaterally modified plan after ARC approval - see notes

New Business/ questions: Additional action will be required for questions arising from some of tonight's requests:

1068 Mallard Marsh: Homeowner submitted an ARC request for landscaping in rear of property that was approved at the June ARC meeting based upon a hand-drawn site plan. No neighbor approval letters were submitted with the request, nor were they requested by the ARC because the scope of work (add ten shrubs in backyard and remove dead tree) appeared to have limited impact on the neighbors. However, the neighbor has advised the ARC that the homeowner has modified his project by planting huge bushes in areas other than those shown, not the approved scope of work and may have violated county easement restrictions with their location.

This unilateral change to the site plan appears to have resulted in the violation of an ARC Guidelines section, specifically SECTION A: Guidelines for Exterior Alterations Section A 2. Exterior Landscape; 3. Hedges "Hedges must not obstruct the view of common areas. Plantings must be kept trimmed to preserve neighbor's views."

The ARC seeks the Board's advice as to who has the authority to direct the Property Manager to conduct a compliance inspection, and to notify the County of the possible easement violation.

686 Clear Creek Drive: Neighbors have advised that the former owner has been placed under the Florida Guardianship program and is now in an assisted living environment. Neighbors have previously contact the ARC with requests to help them with maintaining the property.

The presumed New Owner, Integra Realty LLC, located somewhere in southern Massachusetts, has been submitting an ARC request for installation of a swimming pool and construction of a pool cage, on a piecemeal basis, since April. The requests, as submitted, have not been complete packages nor have they addressed issues affecting workplace access, neighbor disruption, setbacks, nor potential easement encroachment.

The approval of this ARC request has been deferred again; the ARC Chair will attempt to contact Integra telephonically to see if we can assist them with their request.

799 Shadow Bay Way: Sub-association has indicated that they do not need to approve and that their review should be limited to landscaping issues. The ARC revised its Request Forms and SOP during the previous updating exercise in deference to the sub-associations. The Cottages were insistent that their board approve requests before consideration. The Patio Homes and Villas agreed. Before making any additional revisions, the ARC would like guidance from the Rivendell Board.

1132 Mallard Marsh and 1096 Mallard Marsh: ARC approval based upon photographs rather than site plans, but future approvals may require submission of survey copies based upon issues arising with 1068 Mallard Marsh.

Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The ARC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

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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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