



# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

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**MAY 2013**

## **Maintenance Committee Report**

**April 10, 2013**

**By Jim Stepien**

I am pleased to report that we had no significant maintenance issues during the past month, and our community received much needed rain that helped raise the levels of our lakes and ponds.

### **Reviewed the status of on-going projects:**

1. Documentation of RCA assets is progressing with the electrical mapping and the lake-pond-preserve – wetland mapping nearly completed.
2. A committee member has met with our landscape company for a preliminary proposal for replacement and/or additional tree plantings in various parks and other common lands.
3. A committee member has gathered some information for replacing existing park and lake/pond signs. The entire MC reviewed and requested more detailed information as well as obtaining a sample sign.
4. The proposed redesign of the Placid Lake Island at Rivendell Boulevard was reviewed and approved by the MC. A final proposal with a landscaper bid will be prepared for submission at the next Board meeting.

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## **Highlights of Board of**

**Directors Meeting**

**April 8, 2013**

**By Mary Kennedy and**

**reviewed by Bobby Merrill**

**Editors' Note:** The "Highlights" are not the final approved minutes. The Approved Board Minutes from November 5, 2012 and Board Minutes from February 4, 2013 are located at the back of this issue.

### **At this meeting the Board:**

- Approved \$2,500 for removal of overhanging branches from trees on common property affecting 20 homes.
- Approved \$450 for 6 to 8 fantail palms at Park Trace entrance.
- Tabled a proposal for 6-foot high vinyl fence behind residences backing onto Old Venice Road.
- Approved Committee members and chairs for 2013.
- Agreed to pursue litigation as fourth step in non-compliance for homeowner at 1201 Lost Creek Court.
- Agreed to seek additional applicants for fifth member of Board of Directors.
- Approved disconnecting water meter at

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## **Seeking Rivendell Resident Owners to fill Board Position Will be appointed by current Board**

**Qualifications** for Board membership include resident owners with the ability to work well with others, good judgment, and a desire to serve the community.

**If you are interested in serving the Rivendell community,** please submit a Letter of Intent (a brief statement highlighting your interest and qualifications), along with a short biographical sketch and your photo to

**Kyanne Merrill at Lighthouse Property Management**  
**kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv 966-6844**

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### Landscape Status:

1. Irrigation line break at the corner of Oak Preserve Lane and Rivendell Boulevard repaired.
2. Hedge on Rivendell Boulevard north of Rainbow Point Drive across from lift station trimmed back from sidewalk.
3. The cleanup of the overgrown vegetation in Crescent and Village parks will start on April 11th to be completed before summer. This is a combined effort of our two contractors Aquagenix and Sun State Landscape Management.
4. The Board authorized the trimming of trees located on common land that have limbs overhanging private residences. Most of the trees are located on the southern side of Rivendell Blvd. from the entrance to the bridge.
5. The irrigation/lake well pump system has been repaired and output flow is at a normal level.

### Pool Status:

Pool heaters are being monitored for intermittent control problems.

### Lakes/Pond Status:

Midges were reported on Eagle Lake behind Mallard Marsh Drive; Aquatic Systems has been notified.

### Preserve/Wetlands Status:

No issues

### Other Status:

1. Broken fence at Crescent park entrance has been repaired.
2. Also, a quick thank you to those who sent in comments to last month's MC report. Please report any problems you notice to Lighthouse Property Management.

**Next MC meeting May 1, 2013 at 7pm  
in the Cottages Clubhouse**

## 2013 Community Directories

**By Carol Heckert**

The new *Rivendell Community Directory* is out and should have been delivered to you by your Block Captain. If you have not yet received your directory, please contact your Block Captain. If you do not know who your Block Captain is, you can find out by contacting Cindy Schmidl at 918-1570 or Cindycws1@aol.com.

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## What kind of bird is that?



### The Green Heron spotted in Lake Rivendell on February 3, 2013

Text by Pam Babbitt with photos by Brian Babbitt

*Bird Identification by Charles Sample and Norma Lee Rhines*

[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/green\\_heron/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/green_heron/id)

Apparently the Green Heron is not frequently seen, but this one was seen in the front Rivendell pond close to the Sandhill Crane nest. The nest is now floating in the water in the big lake to the right of the brick bridge as you enter our community. It is easy to see one of the parents from the bridge's sidewalk.

The Green Heron is a small, stock wading bird and is common in wet spots across much of North America. It can be difficult to see as it stands motionless waiting for small fish to approach within striking range. The Green Heron is most conspicuous during dusk and dawn, and,

if anything, these birds are nocturnal rather than diurnal, preferring to retreat to sheltered areas in daytime.

#### Adult Description

- Small, dark heron.
- Long yellowish legs.
- Long, dark, pointed bill.
- Long neck often kept pulled in tight to body.
- Legs and neck long, but shorter than most herons.

#### Immature Description

- Striped brownish on neck and chest.
- Back brownish with buff spots.

## Dog Owners, Please Read!



**Memo: To my Owner**

**From: Your Dog**

Dear Owner,

You take good care of me and take me for walks. But when you don't pick-up my poop, I am embarrassed.

I would pick-it up myself, but I don't have thumbs.

Please scoop up my poop.

Sloppy licks and kisses,

Your Dog,



## We Need Your Input

The *Woodlands Word* would like your input! The focus of our newsletter is to highlight the people and activities in and around Rivendell. If you have visited any exciting places in our surrounding area, we would like to hear about it. Are you involved in any local groups or charities? We would like to hear about it. If you have done something exciting or interesting in your lifetime, we would like to hear about it. If you would like to submit an article, please send it to Judy at [judysokal@gmail.com](mailto:judysokal@gmail.com) no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### Rivendell Board Meeting NEXT BOARD MEETING June 3, 2013 at 6:00 pm at Historic Spanish Point

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



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Park Trace entrance, which has been on a temporary water permit.

### **Manager's Report** (Kyanne Merrill)

Completed on-site maintenance of signs, street lights and pool repairs; contacted County regarding lifted sidewalks (county responsibility); sent 42 compliance letters to homeowners.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Bobby Merrill)

\$2,700 under budget. \$10,000 in HOA fees past due for 30 – 90 days and \$34,000 past due for over 90 days. Suggestion made that reserve funds currently invested in Money Market be invested in laddered CD's to generate more revenue.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Maintenance Committee** (Jim Stepien)

- Pine and oak trees on common ground overhang 18 homes in the Cottages and 2 on Clear Creek. Board approved \$2,500 to trim them.
- Board approved \$450 for 6 to 8 fantail palms as a privacy barrier, filling in an open area on west side of Scherer Way at Park Trace entrance. Homeowner has agreed to water the plantings until established. Palms should require minimal future care.
- A large comprehensive community map is being compiled by members of the Maintenance Committee. Included on the map will be the location of all common areas including lakes and preserves; all electrical circuits for streetlights, and elements of irrigation system including community pump.
- Ken Alarie of 570 Meadow Sweet Circle urged the Board to consider funding \$10,000 for a 6-foot vinyl tongue and groove fence, 448 feet in length, to be constructed on Old Venice Road. Safety and privacy are issues for homeowners whose houses back onto Old Venice Road since dead plantings were removed. Maintenance Committee turned the matter over to the Board without a recommendation. Due to the cosmetic impact this proposal would have on Rivendell's front entry, the Board has tabled the proposal for further study.

#### **Architectural Review Committee** (Gwen Stepien)

All recent ARC applications have been approved. Next Meeting is April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Cottages Clubhouse.

#### **Communications Committee** (Carol Heckert)

Judy Sokal has resigned as chair of Communications Committee and Carol Heckert has accepted the position. Distribution of 2013 Directories is currently being completed by Block Captains.

#### **New Business**

- Two letters of intent were submitted to Lighthouse Management for the fifth Board position. One applicant was rejected by a vote of the Board, and Board members did not know the other person. A decision was made to continue seeking more candidates while allowing the Board time to get acquainted with the goals and views of the present applicant.
- Committee Members and Chairs received Board approval for 2013:

Maintenance Committee: Chair: Jim Stepien. Members: Carl Schubert, Dave Gill, Carol Heckert, Nancy Schubert, Bill Bloom, Nigel Day, Carole Myles, Sallie Hawkins. Walter Perkowski, Board Liaison.

Architectural Review Committee: Chair: Gwen Stepien. Members: Mary Marryott, Mickie Konner, and Janet Berntsen. Nancy Schubert, Board Liaison.

- Litigation procedures approved for homeowner at 1201 Lost Creek as fourth step of non-compliance procedures.

#### **Homeowners' Comments**

Homeowners' comments concerned current standing rule on pick-up trucks in the community; the disappearance of water plants funded by the County several years ago; presence of midges around lake properties; and comprehensive community notification of Board Meetings.

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**Response to concerns:** Kyanne Merrill reported that there is nothing legally prohibitive regarding pick-up trucks in a community; covenants may state "no pick-up trucks" but legally it is unenforceable. Water plants acquired through the County grant several years ago have subsequently died due to the drought conditions of the past several summers. Jim Stepien has requested notification regarding midges when they appear so as to rectify situation. Lighthouse Property Mgt. will ensure that the community has adequate meeting notification in the future.

**Next Meeting Date**

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2013 at 6:00 pm at Historic Spanish Point.

**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](mailto:carolheckert@verizon.net)**



**ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA**  
**Mark Your Calendar**



**Selby Garden Spring Music Series**

The festivities will take place from 1-3 pm on Sunday.

**May 5 – Latin Rendezvous** plays popular instrumental and vocal World, including songs sung in Spanish, French, Greek, Italian, and Portuguese.

**May 12 – Jennifer Leigh and Her New Digs** – Tunes from jazz and blues to pop, rock & roll, R&B, Motown, Latin, and more.

**Admission:** Members are FREE; Member Guests \$5; Adults \$17; Children 11 & under FREE.

**Disclaimer:** This is a fundraiser. Guest passes, coupons, and reciprocal offers are not accepted. Folding chairs and lawn blankets are welcome, but no coolers please. Refreshments are available from *Local Catering*.

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**Venice Audubon Center Programs**

**May 14: How to Best Help Wildlife** by Peg Magee, Education Chair for

The Wildlife Center of Venice. Peg will describe how wildlife survives in today's environment and how The Wildlife Center rescues, rehabilitates and releases injured and sick animals back into the wild. The meeting will be at the **Venice Audubon Center**, 4002 S. Tamiami Trail.

Social begins at 6:00 PM with general meeting and program at 6:30 PM.

## Florida Southern College campus is all Wright

Submitted by Linda Pearlstein; excerpted The Washington Post  
by Andrea Sachs, 11-02-12

If I had attended Florida Southern College in Lakeland, my career path would have jagged in an entirely different direction. Instead of choosing a major for the subject matter or the job prospects it offered, I would have based my education on the building. Specifically, which classes — fine arts, physics, criminology, cosmology — were taught in which Frank Lloyd Wright structure.

Famous architects and college campuses groove together as well as spring and fling. Yale flaunts an Eero Saarinen, for example, and Harvard claims a Le Corbusier and a Walter Gropius, the founder of Bauhaus. But FSC occupies a particularly prominent place in the pantheon with its Child of the Sun campus, the world's only Wright-designed college and the largest single-site collection of his works. Go, FloSoCo; go, FloSoCo!

Founded in Orlando in 1883, the private United Methodist-affiliated college relocated to a 100-acre orange grove on Lake Hollingsworth in 1922, when traditional red brick was au courant. Today's student body numbers around 2,000, an undergraduates-to-Wright-buildings ratio of roughly 166-to-1. (The proportion shifts slightly if you toss in the three edifices by Robert A.M. Stern, dean of Yale's School of Architecture, and the 117 graduate students.)

The institution has earned distinctions for its academic standards but, more impressive, it recently received a shout-out from the Princeton Review as the most beautiful campus in the United States (first place in 2011 and 2012). The school also joined the National Historic Landmarks club this year, a limited membership including such lofty sites as the Hoover Dam, the Empire State Building and Taliesin West, Wright's former home and school in Arizona.

Throughout the year, even when students are on holiday and Florida's summer sun is melting flip-flops, guides lead tours of the grounds. Wright fanciers can grab a map from the parking lot and go it alone. But you may receive special allowances with a guide; such as the thrill of standing beneath the theater's acoustically crisp cupola dome and performing your best Olivier-as-Hamlet impression.

"Wright said that he would design buildings that would look like they were coming out of the earth, like a child in the sun," guide Bill Stephens (class of '70) said of the architect's vision. "The name stuck."

The tour starts, appropriately enough, at the Child of the Sun visitor center, which is housed in the former library, completed in 1946 for \$100,000. Like an earnest freshman, I took a seat in the former reading room and listened to Bill's brief discourse on Wright's life. He touched on the personal (three wives, three mistresses) and the professional (Prairie-style houses in the Midwest, the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, Taliesin East in Wisconsin), then turned to the reason we were sitting in a UFO-shaped room with an 18-foot-high pit skylight and no interior walls.

In 1938, FSC president Ludd M. Spivey sent Wright a letter requesting a meeting to build "a great education temple in Florida." Spivey hoped that the architect's fame could boost interest and applications. The pair stuck together for nearly 20 years, from the first construction, the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel in 1941, to Wright's last: the Polk County Science Building, dedicated in 1958, a year after Spivey's retirement and a year before Wright's death.



**Editors' Note - The campus is 94 miles northeast of Osprey- drive north on I75 to I4 east about 20 miles. It is a few miles south of I4 at exit 28.**



## Designing Women Events

**May 17 Designing Daughters Annual "Fashionable Gala"** \$85 in advance. \$95 at the door 8–11pm. The Francis Ballroom, 1289 N. Palm Avenue, Sarasota. 941-366-5293.

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**May 30 Ambassadors' Guild Evening "Playdate After Dark"** at Asolo Rep \$75 per person; \$125 two tickets. *Pulse, A New Dance Musical with the New York Song And Dance Company.* Buffet dinner at 6p.m. and mingle with company members. Show at 8 p.m. FSU Center for Performing Arts, 5555 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Orchestra seats. Advance purchase required. 941-366-5293.

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## Book Group Schedule By Marilyn Probert

May meeting of the Book Group will take place on the 13th when *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks will be discussed. This novel, based on true events, is set in Martha's Vineyard in the 1660s when 12-year-old Bethia Mayfield meets Caleb, a member of the local Wampanoag Tribe. Bethia's father, a Calvinist minister, is trying to convert the Wampanoag; he educates Caleb who subsequently attends Harvard College. Bethia, as narrator, records Caleb's difficulties in adjusting to the alien culture he encounters in Cambridge while trying to remain true to his roots.

Anita Sarno will lead the discussion at Pat Sobczak's home at 803 Placid Lake Drive. Please call Pat at 918-4633 if you'd like to attend.

*That Woman: The Life of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor* by Anne Sebba will be the topic at the June gathering. Ms. Sebba paints a more sympathetic picture of the Duchess than has been seen in past biographies. With access to letters hitherto unavailable, she shows a new side to the personality of Wallis. She also has an interesting theory to explain the Duchess's allure to the Duke, who gave up his throne rather than rule without her as his wife.

Sallie Hawkins, 716 Anna Hope Lane, will host; her phone number is 966-6916.

The September selection is *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. Set in Australia in the early 20th century, Tom Sherburne and his wife Isabel find a boat washed ashore on the isolated island where Tom is a lighthouse keeper. In the boat are a dead man and a crying baby. Tom and Isabel make a decision that has repercussions far beyond their secluded island.

All Rivendell residents are welcome at Book Group meetings. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month; please call the month's hostess if you're interested in attending.

## 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.**

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**MOTHER'S HELPER/BABYSITTER: Sivan Yohann, 966-7766.** Pine View student would love to play with your toddlers after school while you're trying to get dinner ready, or babysit your kids so you can have a well-deserved evening out! I am extremely friendly and responsible!

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## Medical News You Can Use

**"Nightmare bacteria," shrugging off antibiotics, on rise in U.S.**

**Submitted by Ed Lin, edited by Judy Sokal, excerpted from article by Sharon Begley, Reuters, New York, 03/05/2013**

"Nightmare bacteria" have become increasingly resistant to even the strongest antibiotics in infected patients in 3.9% of all U.S. hospitals in the first half of 2012, including 17.8% of specialty hospitals. "Our strongest antibiotics don't work and patients are left with potentially untreatable infections," Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said in a statement. He added that everyone must work together to "stop these infections from spreading." a "It's not often that our scientists say we have to sound the alarm, but that's what we are doing."

Over the past decade more and more hospitalized patients have been incurably infected with the bugs CRE (Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae) that kill up to half of patients who get bloodstream infections from them, according to the CDC. The report did not say how many patients the bacteria killed. The "E" in CRE bacteria includes more than 70 species that normally live in the water, soil and human digestive systems. Some "E" bacteria have become resistant to almost all antibiotics, including last-resort drugs known as carbapenems. The superbugs have now spread to 42 states, according to Frieden.

Almost all CRE infections occur in patients receiving medical care for serious conditions in hospitals, long-term acute-care facilities, or nursing homes. These patients often have catheters or ventilators, that can allow bacteria "to get deeply into a patient's body," Frieden said. Such seriously ill patients are often receiving antibiotics, and when the antibiotics wipe out susceptible bacteria, the CRE can proliferate.

In one of the worst outbreaks, 18 patients at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD contracted a CRE and seven patients died. The outbreak began when a patient unknowingly infected with CRE was transferred from a NYC hospital. Northeastern states report the most cases of CRE. Patients and their families should ask a hospital or nursing home if it was monitoring for CRE and if it had any cases.

Only 6 states require healthcare providers to report cases of CRE.

Last month, CDC reported that unusual forms of CRE are becoming more common in the US. Of the 37 unusual forms ever identified, 15 have been reported since July. The germs themselves spread from person to person, often on the hands of doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals. They can easily pass their antibiotic resistance - contained in a speck of genetic material - to other kinds of germs, making additional kinds of bacteria potentially untreatable as well, CDC said, and "can create additional life-threatening infections for patients in hospitals and potentially for otherwise healthy people."

The CDC is trying to make healthcare facilities more aware of the resistant germs, since their spread can be controlled with proper precautions and better practices. Israel cut CRE infection rates in all 27 of its hospitals by more than 70% in one year. Such **measures include standard infection control precautions like hand-washing and grouping patients with CRE together as well as dedicating staff, rooms and equipment to the care of patients with CRE alone, and using antibiotics sparingly.**

**When an acute-care hospital in Florida had a yearlong CRE outbreak, implementing such measures cut the percentage of patients who got CRE from 44% to 0%.**

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

**Enjoy!**

## Did You Know?

Your political representatives can be reached by phone, e-mail, or snail mail. If you have concerns that you want them to know about, this convenient list of addresses and phone numbers may come in handy.

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716 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
202-224-5274  
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Editors' Note: The following are the official minutes of the Rivendell Board of Directors. The Woodlands Word is not responsible for any errors in spelling, grammar, or content. The official Board Minutes can be viewed on-line through the Rivendell website at Lighthouse Management.

## **RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS November 5, 2012**

A *REGULAR MEETING* of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 6:00 P.M., at the First Baptist Church, located at 265 N. Tamiami Trail, Osrey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M., by the Kyanne Merrill, Lighthouse Management.

Notice of the meeting was delivered to each Director and posted on the property prior meeting, in accordance with the requirements of the Association Documents and Florida Statutes.

The following Directors were present:

Bobby Merrill      Curt Kennedy      Walter Perkowski      Nancy Schubert      Bruce Lorie

A quorum was declared to be present.

On matter relating to the minutes of the previous meeting of August 20, 2012 and Budget Workshop of October 3, 2012, a motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. Merrill to approve the minutes as presented.

Manager's Report, Ms. Merrill provided a report (see attachment #1).

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS,**

Treasurer's report, Mr. Merrill provided a report on the most recent financials. Currently the financials reflect the past due owner balances in the amount of \$44,000 in bad debt. The 2012 budget covers \$13,000 of the bad debt.

### **Committee Reports,**

Architectural Review, Ms. Stepien reported the committee met in September and October and reviewed 24 applications. There were 16 approved and 4 disapproved and requested to provide additional information. The committee requested the board determine what the guidelines are for the installation of propane tanks. The maintenance committee agreed to review the matter and provide a written guideline for the Board to consider.

Maintenance Committee, Mr. Stepien reported the water lettuce in the front lake has been treated by Aquatic Systems. The ongoing projects consist of the lake bank restoration, broken finial, repainting lights, landscape surroundings. A sabal palm near Eagle Lake will be replacing under warranty. Sun State has started mulching. The Board previously approved the fence cleaning that runs along Old Venice and Rivendell Blvd which will be completed before the holiday. Once this is done the cap replacements will be installed. The pump shed rebuilding is being scheduled. A sub maintenance committee is discussing improvement projects at the streetscape of Placid Lake and the Rivendell Blvd bridge islands. Mr. Stepien presented a Palm tree trimming bid to the Board for review. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Lorie.

**MOTION 12-37:** to approve submitted by Rich Brandi's tree service to trim over the palms over 15 feet at \$23 and not to exceed 200 palms in the common areas. Motion passed.

Mr. Stepien provided an estimate for Aqaugenix to treat the evasive plantings in Village and Crescent Parks in the amount of \$980. Sun State has agreed to remove the debris at no additional charge. Mr. Stepien agreed to obtain a estimate for a contract amendment to have this done on as part of the existing contract. The future projects for the Maintenance Committee will be surveying the irrigation to determine if it should be upgraded.

Management requested the Board clarify if the pool restroom stall installation project should move forward as previously approved by a motion. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to move forward with the project.

Communications Committee, Ms. Gahry reported the committee is in the process of obtaining an earlier production date of the newsletter.

Budget and Reserve Approval 2013, Mr. Merrill reported the draft budget was previously reviewed by the Board and Pam Hendrickson from Lighthouse Property Management's accounting department. There were some questions regarding the percentage allocations for irrigation which Ms. Merrill agreed to verify. A motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Mr. Kennedy:

**MOTION 12-38:** to approve the 2013 Budget and Reserve schedule as presented. Motion passed.

Electing a nominating committee, Mr. Merrill made a motion and Mr. Perkowski seconded

**MOTION 12-39:** to appoint Ms. Schubert as the Board liaison to the 2013 nominating committee.

1076 Mallard Marsh, for Sale Sign Location, Ms. Schubert made a motion and Mr. Merrill seconded:



**MOTION 12-40:** to fine the owner of 1076 Mallard Marsh for the improper for sale sign location in the amount of \$1000. Mr. Perkowski and Mr. Lorie were opposed. Motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

718 Shadow Bay Way, Dead Palm Fronds, weeds and landscape, Mr. Merrill made a motion and Mr. Perkowski seconded

**MOTION 12-41:** to fine the owners of 718 Shadow Bay Way for dead palm fronds, weeds and landscape in the amount of \$1000. Motion passed.

No mowing of common property at Park Trace border, Mr. Perkowski reported the matter relates to a prior board approving the planting of trees as a buffer. The selection and placement of the trees was left to the owners near Scherer Way. The restoration is satisfactory with 2 oak trees, and fire bushes that were planted 20-30 feet away from the preserve area. The issue is Sun State has been instructed not to mow the area. Mr. Perkowski recommended that the Board determine their position on the matter to either have it mowed or not.

Mr. Schubert provided a history summary on this matter. Mr. Merrill suggested the Maintenance Committee review the matter and make a recommendation to the Board. A majority of the Board agreed. Ms. Schubert was opposed

#### **Owner Comments**

- Larry Southwick, 550 Meadow Sweet Circle, suggested the irrigation line item in the proposed budget be verified.
- Roseanne Beatty, 1104 Millpond, expressed concerns of an increased rate by the lake company in the proposed budget. Mr. Stepien clarified the expenses.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Kyanne Merrill, CAM

Dated: This 16th day of November, 2012.

#### Manager's Report

##### On Site/Maintenance-

- Compliance drives through community.
- Requested bids for the perimeter fence repair/ cleaning. (Sched 11.15.12- Kid Gloves)
- Requested work order for street light repairs.
- Coordinating approved fence repair (pending completion of washing)
- Requested water meter install proposal from SRQ county (forwarded- \$600.00)

##### Administrative-

- Forwarded financials to Board for review.
- Forwarded draft agenda to board for review.
- Forwarded draft minutes for review.
- Forwarded ARC requests to committee.
- Approved minutes posted to website.
- Forwarded approved minutes to Ms. Babbit for publishing in the newsletter.
- Posted newsletter to website.
- Preparing for budget preparation (Mailer 10.22.12)
- Preparing for annual meeting process. (Sched. 2.4.13 @ 5:30 pm)
- Contacted county in regards to lifted sidewalks near pool (county responsible)
- Send out email blast in regards to BOD meeting. (Sent 11.2.12)

##### Correspondence-

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

##### Compliance-

- Compliance letters mailed to homeowners. Total: 54

Roof/Fence/Structure	17
Yard Condition/Weeds	29
Signs	1
Vehicles	0

Kyanne Merrill, CAM  
Managing Agent

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

## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

A *SPECIAL MEETING* of the Board was scheduled to immediately follow the Membership meeting, at Bentley's Resort located at 1660 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 P.M.

Notice of the meeting was sent to each Director and posted on the property prior to the meeting in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association and the requirements of the Florida Statutes.

The following Directors were present:

Nancy Schubert      Walter Perkowski      Curt Kennedy      Bobby Merrill

A quorum was declared to be present.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Mr. Perkowski, it was voted unanimously:

**VOTED 13-01:** To motion, Curt Kennedy to be elected as President, Motion passed.

Upon a motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Merrill and it was voted unanimously:

**VOTED 13-02:** To motion, Nancy Schubert to be elected as Vice President. Motion passed.

Upon a motion was made by Ms. Schubert, and duly seconded by Mr. Perkowski, and it was unanimously:

**VOTED 13-03:** To motion, Bobby Merrill be elected as Treasurer. Motion passed.

Upon a motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, and duly seconded by Ms. Schubert, and it was voted unanimously:

**VOTED 13-04:** To motion, Mr. Perkowski be elected as Secretary. Motion passed.

There was discussion of designation of board liaisons assignments to committees. Upon a motion made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Merrill it was voted:

**VOTED 13-05:** To motion, to have the past assignments remain:

Maintenance	Walter Perkowski
ARC	Nancy Schubert
Communications	Bobby Merrill

Mr. Kennedy was opposed. Motion passed with a 3-1 vote.

The Board agreed the previous chairpersons will remain:

- Maintenance Committee: Chair, Jim Stepien
- ARC: Chair, Gwen Stepien

With no further business before the Board, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Kyanne Merrill  
Managing Agent

### **VISIT RIVENDELL'S WEB SITE**

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## Minutes Architectural Review Committee

### 03/26/2013

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 as written.

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

**Guests:** Carrie Mandell and James Dewey

**The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.**

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	567 Meadow Sweet Circle	Paint house Saguaro Trim Macadamia	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mickie Konner Note: Approved by Cottages Board
2.	1152 Mallard Marsh Drive	Paint house Bittersweet Stem Trim Crisp Linen	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mary Marryott
3.	930 Scherer Way	Landscaping front of house and power wash driveway	Resolved: Approved Motion: Mickie Konner 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mary Marryott
4.	1069 Scherer Way	Paint house Sensational Sand Trim Reliable White	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mickie Konner

ARC meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**Next Meeting April 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.*



**RCA Committees 5/2013**

**Communications**

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**Board Liaison**, Bobby Merrill

**Chair**, Carol Heckert

**Directory**, Barb Gahry

**Block Captains**, Cindy Schmidl

**Newsletter**: Linda Pearlstein, Pam Babbitt,

Judy Sokal, Kay Mruz, Marilyn Probert,

Norma Lee Rhines, and

Mike Bergman - Reporter Representative

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**Architectural Review (ARC)**

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**Board Liaison**, Nancy Schubert

**Chair**, Gwen Stepien

Janet Berntsen, Mickie Konner, Mary Marryott

**Maintenance Committee (combining  
Landscape/Environmental & Pool)**

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**Board Liaison**, Walter Perkowski

**Chair**, Jim Stepien

Bill Bloom, Nigel Day, Dave Gill, Sallie Hawkins,

Carol Heckert, Carole Myles, Carl Schubert,

Nancy Schubert

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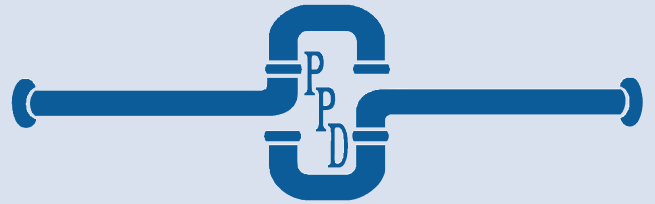
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