



# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

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**December 2018**

## Highlights, November 7 Board of Directors Meeting

**By Carol Heckert; Reviewed by John Fitzgibbon**  
New Developments

- Social Committee formed; needs members
- House next to pool could become clubhouse; homeowner opinions sought
- Homeowners on ponds asked to establish 6-foot no-mow zone with 12-inch trim

### Manager's Report (Beth Miller)

- Mailbox lights: Joe Sefack and John Fitzgibbon will check monthly
- Letters sent to Cottages homeowners to clean sidewalks
- Nuisance alligators: Report to SNAP; other nuisance animals to FL Fish & Wildlife
- Pool: The MC is evaluating alternatives to the storage of pool chemicals that are now partially buried alongside the building. And hinges need to be installed on bathroom doors.

### Treasurer's Report (Larry Dobias)

- \$34,565 spent in October; \$298,516 this year

### ARC

- 13 requests: 11 approved, 1 rejected, 1 withdrawn
- Request from homeowners at corner of Clear Creek and Rivendell to install 2 fire bushes in adjoining park for safety of their children; referred to Maintenance Committee

### Maintenance Committee (Larry Dobias)

- Pine View Path cleared
- Hedges trimmed behind Rivendell Park and around pool
- Mulching completed
- 4 security cameras arrived to be installed at pool
- Bridge planting project completed

### Communications Committee (Barb Gahry)

- Nominating Committee chosen to seek Board candidates: Bill Bloom, Maureen Em-

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## Message From the President

Dear Residents,

As the holiday season approaches, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

It has been a busy and productive year of accomplishments for the Rivendell Community. I hope you are enjoying the results and effort of the many volunteers who invest their time for the betterment of the community.

There is still more to come for 2019. We continue to plan and execute projects that promote safety and beauty and increase the real estate values for Rivendell. You should have received a packet recently with a copy of the newly updated Rivendell Covenants and By-Laws. Much time has been invested in upgrading our rules and responsibilities in order to define our rights as homeowners. You will be receiving a final draft and ballot seeking your approval soon. It is extremely important that you vote and return your ballot as requested, in order for the new documents to be officially adopted. We must take this responsibility seriously, so we can ensure that everyone is protected and that our community guidelines are clear and easy to understand.

On a safety note, there have been several instances of residents who have slipped and fallen due to sidewalk conditions throughout the community. As you have witnessed, the county is responsible for repairing our sidewalks when we inform them of existing problems. The HOA has spent money to have the public walkways power washed and more is scheduled, to address the mold and discoloration that has accumulated over

the years. We would like to request that all homeowners maintain the cleanliness and appearance of the sidewalks in front of their homes. Like the mailbox initiative last year, we all have a responsibility to each other to ensure that we keep our fellow residents safe and continue to maintain the appearance of our community.

One last note regarding safety: Please remember to be mindful of the speed limit of 25 mph throughout Rivendell. There are constant concerns

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## Document Committee Notification



The Rivendell Documents are expected to be finalized at the Document Committee meeting on November 8. They will subsequently be sent to our Board of Directors for approval, and then passed on to our attorney, Paul Olah. He will incorporate the changes into the documents. It is likely that they'll need to be reprinted and mailed to the homeowners with the ballots. It is estimated that this will be in early December.

Thank you for your patience.

**Please Vote.**

**VOTE**



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- mons, Barb Gahry, Mary Kennedy. All candidates must submit biographies for publication in Woodlands Word.
- Need names & addresses of all homeowners for Community Directory. Beth will provide spreadsheet.
- Assisting Document Review and Ponds & Preserves Committees in reporting information through newsletter & website

#### Document Review Committee (Joe Sefack)

- Held Workshop on October 20 and received 71 suggested changes to documents.
- Holding committee meetings to review suggestions.
- Number of changes sufficient to require new mailing of final documents once reviewed by the Board and our attorney. Board approved mailing to homeowners with 1st notice of Annual Meeting.

#### Ponds and Preserves (Frank Freestone)

- Website pages updated, thanks to Gary Mruz and Sue Remy
- Homeowners on ponds asked to voluntarily establish 6-foot no-mow zone next to ponds, with 12-inch trim
- Rivendell asked to participate in 2019 Sarasota County Workshop on Ponds & Preserves

#### New Business

- 2019 Budget adopted
- Social Committee: Carolyn Kenney to chair. Member Sallie Hawkins suggesting a Community Garage sale this winter as 1st activity.
- House for sale next to community pool. Suggestion that community could purchase it for use as clubhouse. Data will be gathered about cost to homeowners if property were to be purchased and renovated. Homeowners in The Cottages would not share in the costs.
- Common area sidewalks will be pressure-washed. Gorilla Cleaning to be awarded up to \$3,500.

#### Homeowner Comments

- Questions asked about various line items on the budget
- Temperature of pool – Filters were replaced; heater was turned off during repair

Next Meeting: December 5

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is available at**

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Management for the password to the  
RESIDENTS section or check your  
annual voting ballot/proxy mailer.**

## **Next Rivendell Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 5th, 2018  
6pm**

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

**Any changes to this date will be  
posted on the website  
[www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)**

## **Next Maintenance Committee Meeting**

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

## Raymond Capuano, Candidate for the Board of Directors



It is two years since I first ran for the Board and was selected as your President. If you go back and read my original biography, you will recall what some of my goals and objectives were at that time.

My priority was to lead a fair, transparent and interactive Board of Directors, one that would play a more meaningful role in the day-to-day management activities, as well as drive a more long-term strategic plan for the community. With the help of the board and the numerous volunteer committees, we have exceeded our objectives and are actively planning for the future. Thank you, to all folks who have expressed their kind words of appreciation.

At the time of the last election, Larry Dobias and I, followed by a new Board, realized that much needed to be done. There was a need to restore the beauty and execute on the plans to upgrade multiple facilities throughout Rivendell. Listed below are just a few of the projects that we undertook and made a reality during our first term:

- Installation of new swing set and play area at Crescent Park
- Refurbishing the pool: new pavers, furniture, pump, and bathrooms
- Installing new security systems at the pool
- New design of Rainbow Point, Placid Lake, and Rivendell Blvd Bridge landscaping and plantings
- New holiday decorations
- Community-wide pruning and cleanup of all parks
- Covenants and By-Laws Document Updates to insure homeowner rights and community responsibilities
- ARC and website upgrades to improve user-friendly experience
- Initiate pond and preserves long-term care and maintenance plan to prevent erosion and future dredging
- Enhance relationships with Light House Management and vendors.

These are just some of the accomplishments that we have achieved with the help of the Board's leadership and numerous committee volunteers' support. It is important to note that all these projects were completed within budget and with the best products and services possible. However, the job is never completed when our goal and obligation is to not only maintain our community, but rather to invest the time and energy in making it even more beautiful than the prior year.

With your support and vote, I look forward to continuing to lead the Board and its numerous volunteers in support of our goal, which is to continue to make Rivendell one of the most unique and beautiful communities in which to live.

### Next Ponds and Preserves Committee Meeting

The Ponds and Preserves Committee will meet quarterly.

## Larry Dobias, Candidate for the Board of Directors



I have been a member and treasurer of the Board for nearly two years and have also been serving as the liaison to the Maintenance Committee. During that period, much has been accomplished with the help and coordination of the entire Board and its committees: the playground equipment replaced, the pool renovated, the Rainbow Point and Placid Lake islands made-over, the entrances at Old Venice Road and Park Trace freshened, and the bridge landscaping updated. In addition, much was done to ensure that our Surface Water System is more accessible to experts who will be inspecting our system in 2019: land bridges that had been allowed to become wild now are easily traversed by the crew managing our preserves as well as by those who will be inspecting the efficiency of our various outflows.

Yet, given the progress, there is much that has to be done. The document revision is in the final stages, better pond management is now a priority, the irrigation pump house needs to be removed and the system upgraded, the mandated inspection of the ponds still needs to be addressed, and the appearance of all the parks will continue to be high priority.

The progress and improvements have been rewarded by many positive comments from members of the community and, I believe, in the rising values of the homes in Rivendell. I would like to continue to work on bringing all aspects of the community up to standards that we all expect and appreciate. This requires using the income stream wisely and funding our Reserve system at appropriate levels to ensure that future leadership will have the financial wherewithal to keep the community moving forward.



### CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR RIVENDELL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Two** seats on Rivendell's board will be up for election in February 2019. If you are interested in becoming a candidate, please submit a Letter of Intent by **DECEMBER 15TH, 2018**. The letter should consist of not more than two paragraphs describing your background plus any experience that qualifies you as a candidate. Also include what you would like to accomplish for the community as a member of the board.

Please send your Letter of Intent via email to Lighthouse Property Management Beth Miller [bethmiller@mgmt.tv](mailto:bethmiller@mgmt.tv)

# WHAT'S IN STORE FOR RIVENDELL REAL ESTATE IN 2019?

The upcoming year promises to be an exciting one for homeowners in Rivendell. Take a look at the below chart. Inventory is low, demand is expected to be high. Sales this year could bring record prices, all good news for residents thinking of selling.

	# SOLD	CURRENT LISTINGS	MONTH'S SUPPLY	AVERAGE SALES PRICE
2018	30	10	4.3	\$442,230
2017	24	-	-	\$414,267
% Change	25%	-	-	6.75%

## What will cause prices to jump in 2019?

- 1 Season is rapidly approaching. Many Rivendell residents are leaving the cold weather up north to enjoy Florida's wonderful winter climate.
- 2 The Mid-Term elections are history. The preoccupation with politics will diminish.
- 3 With 70 Million baby boomers retiring over the next decade, we are poised for tremendous growth.
- 4 Local demand also strong because of Rivendell's walking distance to Pineview School, recognized as one of the best in the nation.
- 5 Mortgage interest rates are climbing and could reach 6% in 2019. With rates rising, many buyers will take advantage of today's rates immediately rather than waiting.

**ANYONE THINKING OF DOWNSIZING OR UPGRADING TO THEIR DREAM HOME IN THE FUTURE SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO BUYING NOW AS WAITING COULD COST THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS MORE.**

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## Celebrate Our Wetlands at Rivendell

By the Ponds and Preserves Committee

[Updated from an article published in December 2017]

Most of us choose to live in the Woodlands at Rivendell because of its abundance of natural beauty, wetlands, and wildlife. Our ponds and preserves that make up our wetlands are major, practical and aesthetic assets of our community. Together, as homeowners, we need to understand their importance and be responsible for maintaining their health and vibrancy for years to come.

**Size of Wetlands.** Rivendell has about 180 acres of lakes, ponds and wetland preserves. The 115 acres of "Preserves" are made up of fourteen separate areas, many of which are naturally wet most of the year, although some are designated as upland mixed forest hammock. There are 65 acres of open water, capable of holding an estimated 70 million gallons, broken up into 23 named ponds and lakes. The depth of the open water runs from 4 feet to 10 feet, although, in time, erosion and sediment will reduce that. Engineers predict we will eventually need to dredge sediment out of some ponds. The ponds are as small as .01-acre Polliwog Pond (west of Clear Creek Drive) and as large as 23 acres (Scherer Lake east and south of Mallard Marsh Drive).

**Storm water control.** The wetlands were here before the developer started building roads and houses. All of our lakes and ponds were dug out to control storm water and are designated as "Wet Detention Ponds." They are designed to hold excess rainwater runoff from our streets, roofs and yards. They allow sediment material to be processed by aquatic vegetation and bacteria to settle to the bottom, and to allow excess water to drain to South Creek and the Gulf. As residents, we benefit from living in a well-designed community so that our streets and properties are not flooded during major storm events. Not every community is as well planned and designed. We are also evaluating creating a Low Maintenance Zone (LMZ) along the shorelines of lakes and ponds to help absorb fertilizer runoff into the water and mitigate erosion of the banks.

**Wildlife.** In years past, we stocked many ponds with small "mosquito" fish, like minnows, plus some bluegills and bass to keep the balance, along with some catfish, tilapia and



grass carp to help control vegetation. Most of the tilapia were removed a few years ago and sterile carp only live about 5 years. The Committee is considering funding a new "Fish Count," adding more fish and putting more aquatic plants along the shorelines and may present a recommendation to the Board. Our ponds and preserves are home to aquatic birds, turtles, frogs, opossums, alligators, deer and bobcats, plus armadillos, rabbits, lizards, eagles, ospreys, and all the other animal neighbors of our Wetlands' world.

**Ownership and responsibility.** We (RCA) own and have title to this land. We must manage it in compliance with an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) issued by the Sarasota County Resource Protection Department and in compliance with five permits issued by Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), a state agency.

- We must hire a certified environmental contractor (currently Aquagenix) to monitor the preserves and continue to remove invasive, exotic and nuisance plant species. They also observe any encroachment of plantings or debris by homeowners and periodically send reports of our compliance to the county.
- We must hire a qualified Lake Management Contractor (currently Aquatic Systems Inc.) to monitor and provide specific maintenance to assure water quality in all ponds. The contract specifies scheduled actions to control unwanted algae, aquatic weeds and nuisance vegetation to assure aesthetic visual value of the ponds and a healthy chemical balance for wildlife. Several ponds have littoral shelves which are shallow areas with aquatic grasses designed to help filter the water.
- In order to comply with the SWFWMD permits, RCA

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Celebrate Our Wetlands  
and Wildlife Neighbors,  
Great Blue Heron and  
Wood stork ~ photos by  
Brian Babbitt



### Have You Checked out Your New Website?

The Ponds and Preserves Committee has created the Go-to place for news, information and updates about their activities and how they benefit our community.

✓ Visit [www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)

✓ On the home page, scroll down and click on the **Ponds and Preserves** program logo.

✓ Review the articles and click on the one you desire. You can also print any article.

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## Maintenance Committee Report - October 31, 2018

By Larry Dobias

Members of the Maintenance Committee discussed the following:

1. Eagle Isle:
  - a. Signs
  - b. Paint fence
  - c. Replace palms (\$4,000)
2. Brick repair: Bridge stanchions, entrance wall  
**Need to get proposals from brick masons**
3. Pool Chemical Security (\$5,000)  
**To obtain and review options**
4. Install security cameras at the pool (\$500)  
**Electrician contacted to provide proposal**
5. Pump House (\$25,000)  
**More detail needed on proposal from Water Technology**
6. Water fountain at Rivendell Pond  
**Obtain proposals**
7. Sidewalk cleaning  
**Obtain proposal for cleaning community-owned sidewalks**
8. Holiday decorations
9. Gazebo staining  
**Obtain proposals**
10. Pool landscaping



**Due to the Christmas Holiday, garbage and yard waste pickup will occur Friday, December 28.**



Welcome Committee



**Rivendell would like to start both a Social Committee and a Welcome Committee. If you would like to be a part of one or both committees, please contact John Fitzgibbon at [johnf.rivendell@gmail.com](mailto:johnf.rivendell@gmail.com)**

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and reports of residents speeding on Rivendell Blvd. The board is evaluating several potential alternatives in order to address this challenge and improve the safety of our community.

In conclusion, we want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a healthy and safe New Year!

The Rivendell Board of Directors; Ray Capuano, President



### A Gentle Reminder: Pet Ordinance

Sarasota County Ordinance (chapter 14) **prohibits** dogs and cats from running at large on any public property, or on the property of another except designated parks. **These pets must be under direct control of a responsible person. Direct control is defined as: immediate and continuous physical control of an animal at all times such as by means of a fence, leash, cord or chain of sufficient strength to restrain the animal.**

Fines can be levied against owners declared to be in violation. Fines will increase with each violation. Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick up after your pet. Report all incidents involving dog attacks to Animal Control Services, **861-9500.**

Rivendell asks for similar restraints in our Covenants, Article 4.01(e). Thank you to all the pet owners who care about the comfort and safety of their neighbors as well as of their pets.

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must also hire a certified Surface Water Management Engineer every five years to inspect our storm water drainage system and all the pipes, concrete and metal culverts, weirs, and outfall structures. The next inspection and report are due in 2019. Some of our overflow weirs need repair or replacement.

**Waterflow.** The land that Rivendell sits on averages about 12 to 20 feet above sea level. The high point is on the north side, so all storm water flows south. All our ponds and wetlands are interconnected with pipes, channels and culverts. For example, Loon Lake on the northeast flows into Turtle Pond, which flows to Golden Pond, then to Otter Lake, then Eagle Lake and finally Scherer Lake and to the outflow to South Creek. On the northwest side Heron, Ibis, Crane, Osprey and Egret ponds all flow into the large wetland east of the Pine View trail. This outflows over the little waterfall, by the east end of Gator Lake after the bridge. All this water flows under Rivendell Blvd to Rivendell Lake into ditches in Willowbend toward the Gulf. All of our common turf areas are watered from three wells. Many homes also have relatively shallow wells to irrigate their yards. In times of drought, the county will restrict pumping too much water from the underground reservoir. Currently the local water table is high and our ponds are full.

Let's all work together so we can continue to enjoy our lush, green and wet preserves, precious wildlife, and clear-looking lakes and ponds.



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## Book Group Schedule



On December 10: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly will be discussed at Deb Jones's home located at 1168 Mallard Marsh Drive. If you plan to attend, please call Deb at 517-515-4994. Beryl Nord will be discussion leader.

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm. All Rivendell residents are welcome; please notify the month's hostess if you plan to participate. Books are selected based on recommendations from group members who have read the book. Members take turns volunteering to either lead a book discussion or host the group in their home. Following is the future schedule:

January 14, 2019: *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11* in Gander, Newfoundland by Jim DeFede

February 11, 2019: *A Piece of the World* – by Christina Baker Kline

March 11, 2019: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* – by Gail Honeyman

April 8: *The Alice Network* – by Kate Quinn

May 13: *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, A Daring Escape, and the Making of Winston Churchill* – by Candice Millard



The 2018 Nominating Committee for Board Candidates is as follows:

John Fitzgibbon, Chair and Board Liaison  
Barb Gahry  
Maureen Emmons  
Mary Kennedy  
Bill Bloom

If you have questions and are interested in submitting a letter of intent to be a candidate on the ballot for a Board of Directors position, please contact John Fitzgibbon at [john.fitz48@gmail.com](mailto:john.fitz48@gmail.com)

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"I have worn hearing aids for a number of years, on and off. I say on and off because it has been off more than on with my most recent pair purchased from another provider in Venice. I had an annoying problem with feedback, which neither they nor another local provider were able to correct or alleviate. Both told me I should consider newer, more advanced models, which they would be happy to sell me. Since mine were similar, I felt they were more interested in making a sale than helping me. As a result, they wound up in my dresser drawer.

I decided to give it one more go. A friend referred me to Blair Post at Contemporary Hearing. What they said couldn't be done, was done by Blair.

No sales pitch on newer models; just a willingness to listen to and work with me.

After testing my hearing, he patiently worked with me to make adjustments to the programming. He also refitted the aids with new leads and cones. The ones I had were not sized or fitted properly and caused much of the feedback.

I was given a follow up appointment the next week at which time Blair fine tuned the programming and changed out one of the cones for another size. These were simple, inexpensive solutions to a fixable problem.

Although I was advised of charges ahead of time, no payment was collected until I was satisfied.

Although I found Blair to have an abundance of knowledge, patience and humor, his greatest attribute is INTEGRITY. He honestly wants to help. I would recommend Blair Post and Contemporary Hearing to any person desiring to improve their hearing."

~ M.J. Bridle, Venice

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Maintenance Committee (MC)  
Communications Committee  
Social Committee  
Welcome Committee  
Ponds and Preserves Committee

If you are interested in joining any of these committees please contact Rivendell's Board Secretary, John Fitzgibbon at [johnf.rivendell@gmail.com](mailto:johnf.rivendell@gmail.com)



Are you Interested in a Community Garage Sale Event?  
Talk with your neighbors as this can be single homes across Rivendell or a cluster of homes. The tentative date is February 2nd, 2019 8am-12pm.

We need at least 25-30 homes to participate if we are to pay for publicity and provide maps!!

Please contact  
Sallie Hawkins via email:  
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## The European Odyssey of Nancy and George Wettlaufer and other Tales

By Lesley Sterling

What were you doing in the 1970's? I for one was still trying to figure out who I was, but Nancy and George Wettlaufer, long-time residents of Rivendell, embarked on an adventure that took them to the back roads and urban centers of Germany, France and England in search of artists who worked with clay. Thanks to a generous fellowship from Wellesley College, they left their pottery studio in Skaneateles, NY for a six-month journey in 1978 with their two young children, Inge and Kurt.



Nancy & George Wettlaufer

Camping in an old VW bus, staying with friends or in an apartment, the Wettlaufers visited potters in these three countries as they learned, shared and became renewed. Nancy's journal and George's photographs fill the pages with their adventures in their book, *Hippie Trails: Travelling with Kids in Search of Potters*, which is still available from Amazon. Their experiences invigorated them and changed how they approached their art - functional and decorative stoneware.

For a time, their pottery was their primary means of support. In the seventies, George and Nancy produced two definitive books on pottery. *The Craftman's Survival Manual: Making a Full or Part-Time Living From Your Craft and Getting into Pots: A Basic Pottery Manual*. These books helped many artisans tackle the complex field of pottery with success and a minimum of frustration. Designed for both

beginners and those ready to sell to the public, the books included sections on the basics of clay, firing and tips for the business side. Both books can still be found through Amazon. As one reviewer wrote, "This is a classic 'hippie' potter handbook. There are newer books that perhaps cover studio pottery topics better, but *Getting Into Pots: A Basic Pottery Manual* is one that should be on every potter's book shelf (at least every potter who is also a baby boomer and/or aging hippie). The information is good and the style is fun."



Rivendell Pottery Studio ~ photos by Lesley Sterling

When they first started selling their work in upstate New York, they had a house with a small barn that they converted into a gallery and studio. Locals loved their work, and through word-of-mouth they became well-known and highly successful potters.

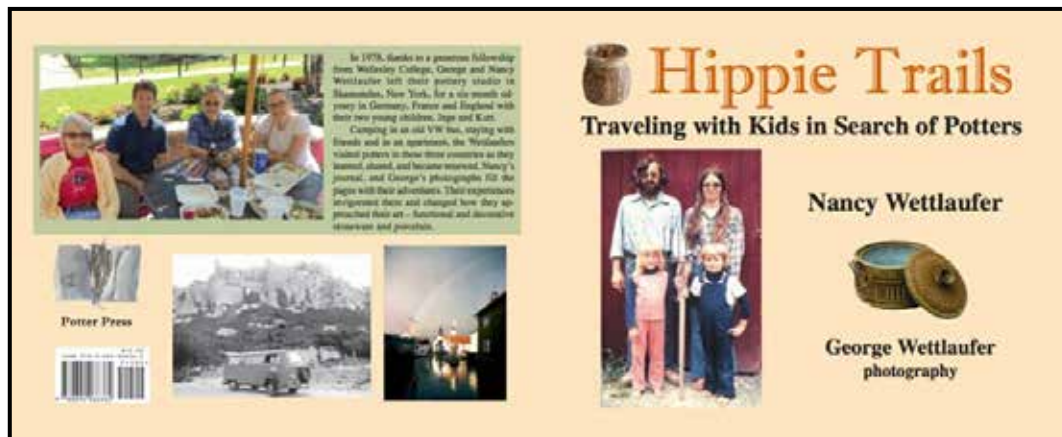
Nancy and George Wettlaufer both have interesting backgrounds, Nancy graduated from Wellesley College in 1961, with a major in French literature and a minor in German. She has two master's degrees: an MA in Teaching from Yale University (1962) and an MS in Instructional Design from Syracuse University (1983). After the family's return from Europe, she taught English as a Second Language at Syracuse University. She then moved to GE Aerospace in Syracuse, NY where she became its first woman program manager. George attended Penn State University, obtained a BS in Industrial Arts Engineering at SUNY Oswego (New York) and an MS in Ceramic Engineering from Alfred University. Before be-

coming a full-time potter, he held engineering positions with Bendix in Sidney, New York, and GE Aerospace in Auburn, NY.

The Wettlaufers have been residents of Sarasota for over 20 years.

George still likes to work

with clay and has a pottery studio in their home in Rivendell. Their home is an homage to their craft and is filled with many beautiful pieces that they have created over the years.



Book cover "Hippie Trails" by Nancy & George Wettlaufer

**Being creative is not a hobby.  
It's a way of life.**

Author unknown.



## RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

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**CERTIFIED HEALTH COACHES: Dr. Maggi Verhagen & Deb Holton-Smith RN BSN** offer "solutions to optimal health" with their simple 5 + 1 program. Join the BeSLIM Club plan with our portion-controlled meals and lose an average of 10 lbs per month. Our coaching is FREE. Call to see if this is a good fit for you! Better Together, Neighbors!!! For consult call **Deb** at **845-661-9883** or email for information **GetSLIM@Holton-Smith.com**

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**COMPUTER REPAIR, TECH SUPPORT, AND TECHNOLOGY TUTOR:** Setup-Build-Troubleshoot-Repair all your technology needs including virus removal, home technology installations and computer equipment. Learn more about all your devices. I have been a Rivendell resident for 12 years, attended Pine View School, and graduated UCF with a degree in Information Technology. For Rivendell residents only, my fee is \$25 per hour. Contact: **Ben McClannahan** Cell: **727-410-2413** Email: **Bmclann04@gmail.com**

**HOUSE PAINTING, HANDYMAN WORK, & HOME WATCH SERVICES:** Rivendell resident with 30 years of experience enjoys assisting neighbors with economical, meticulous, professional quality house painting - interior & exterior. Also help with general home upkeep - light electrical, plumbing & carpentry jobs, etc. Are you a snowbird or landlord? I can watch your home or help with rental upkeep (home detailing & deep cleaning for move-ins or move-outs). References provided upon request. Call **Charles Tanguy**: **941-539-5647** or email **ctanguy@verizon.net**

**IS YOUR LAMPPOST LIGHT STAYING ON or NOT LIGHTING AT ALL?** Rivendell resident **Bill Bloom** will repair your problem. Replacing a sensor is \$45 and includes all parts, labor, and cleaning. Replacing a burned out bulb is \$18 and includes a new bulb and cleaning. Call **941-587-8439**.

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**PERSONAL WELLNESS COACH, PERSONAL TRAINER, PILATES AND YOGA INSTRUCTOR: Kelly McClannahan** is a Rivendell resident since 2004. She is a certified Health Coach with the Dr. Sears Wellness Institute and a Certified Personal Trainer through NASM. I offer several tiers of coaching including nutritional coaching in which I will teach you simple changes you can make nutritionally for better health and weight loss. In addition, if you'd like to add fitness, we can group or personal train. I also offer cabinet makeovers and healthy cooking lessons in your home. Call me for information and details: **727-423-8208** or email **kellymcclannahan@yahoo.com**

**PET SITTER, HOUSE SITTER:** An adult resident of Rivendell for 15 years, I love cats, dogs, birds, & bunnies. Also very qualified to take care of your home while you are away. A dependable daily (for pets), bi-weekly, weekly, or monthly visit can be scheduled. Or I can stay at your home. My experience & references provide peace of mind that your pets and/or house are being well cared for. Call **Carolanne Haddock** at **941-539-6176**.

**PET SITTER SERVICE, HOUSE SITTER SERVICE:** Rivendell resident and Pine View high school student who loves pets and has previous experience walking neighbors' dogs, will walk your dogs and care for any of your pets. As well, she can visit and care for your home daily or weekly to carry out chores such as water plants, check and send home updates while you are away etc. Have references. Please call **Erica** at **(941) 786-8478**.

**POOL MAINTENANCE: Leslie Casanova**, Rivendell resident, is the owner of a Pool Maintenance and Service company, Kraken Pool Service Inc., which services over 140 customers in the area. We offer full service weekly pool maintenance & bi-weekly programs. For Rivendell residents only, we offer a special price of \$39 for the first month of service to new customers. There are different options for service starting at \$57 per month. Please call **941-993-5548** or email **info@krakenpools.com**

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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**

## Architectural Review Committee Report - October 30, 2018

Quorum present: Maureen Emmons, Wayne Davis, John Greco, Susan Lanza, Richard Jurik

Board Member: John Fitzgibbon

### ARC Requests October 2018

	Request	Address	Assigned To	Second	Status
1	Landscape changes	1011 Oak Meadow	Maureen Emmons	n/a	withdrawn
2	Paint front door	525 Meadow Sweet Cir	Susan Lanza	Wayne Davis	Approved
3	Front door paint and glass	673 Clear Creek Dr	Richard Jurik	John Greco	Approved
4	Pain trim and door	738 Anna Hope	Wayne Davis	Maureen Emmons	Approved
5	Remove 2 dead Pines	827 Placid Lake	John Greco	Susan Lanza	Approved
6	Hurricane screen lanai	907 Scherer Way	Susan Lanza	Richard Jurik	Approved
7	Remove 2 trees front	907 Scherer Way	Susan Lanza	Richard Jurik	Approved
8	Landscaping	1046 Scherer Way	Wayne Davis	John Greco	Approved
9	Hurricane windows/doors	1352 New Forest	Wayne Davis	John Greco	Approved
10	Paint	1030 Scherer Way	John Greco	Richard Jurik	Approved
11	Pool and cage	1030 Scherer Way	John Greco	Richard Jurik	Approved
12	Remove dying tree	1104 Mallard Marsh Dr	Richard Jurik	Susan Lanza	Approved
13	Install hedge	1101 Mallard Marsh Dr	Maureen Emmons	John Greco	Rejected

**New Forms:** Updated ARC request forms and guidelines were reviewed and approved. New forms are more streamlined. Forms will be available shortly on [www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)

**December meeting will be on the 18th. December request cutoff is December 11. Please note earlier dates.**

### Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The next ARC meeting will be December 18 with the cut off  
for ARC submissions being December 11.

**ARC applications are due to Lighthouse Management  
seven days prior to the meeting.**

## Rivendell Community Contacts

**Committees****Communication Committee**

**Chair:** Barb Gahry (barbgahry@gmail.com)  
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 Pam Babbitt, Kay Mruz  
 Directory: Kay Mruz  
 Reporters: Catherine Middleton, Mike Bergman,  
 Norma Lee Rhines, Lesley Sterling, Carol Heckert  
 Webmaster: Gary Mruz

**Architectural Review Committee (ARC)**

**Chair:** Maureen Emmons (mauremmons@ymail.com)  
 Board Liaison: OPEN  
 Members: Wayne Davis, Richard Jurik,  
 Susan Lanza, John Greco

**Maintenance Committee (MC)**

**Chair:** OPEN  
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 Members: Dave Gill, Carole Myles, Ken Heckert,  
 Sallie Hawkins, Kevin Humbert, Greg Volack

**Documents Committee**

**Chair:** Joe Sefack (jr.sefack@gmail.com)  
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 Melle Lee Warren, Nancy Sinclair

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**941-966-6844 x604**

**Property Manager:** Beth Miller  
 (bethmiller@mgmt.tv)

**Assistant Property Manager:** Lexi Robinson  
 (Lexirobinson@mgmt.tv)

**Rivendell Website**

www.rivendellcommunity.com  
 Contact Lighthouse Management for password to  
 RESIDENTS section.

**Woodlands Word Deadline:** Submit articles and  
 information to Marilyn Probert (**marilynprobert@gmail.com**)  
 by the tenth of the month.

**Nuisance Alligator**

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 Call Lighthouse Property Management

**Sarasota County Sheriff**

**Non-emergency Number: 941-316-1201**

Please use this number for non-emergencies



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