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**April 2017**

## **Maintenance Committee Report - February 28, 2017**

**By Greg Volack, Chair**

### **ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN FIXED THIS MONTH:**

1. Pool clocks have been reset.
2. Pool filter pump was replaced. (Second time it was down)
3. Main irrigation was repaired again. (Thanks B. Lorie)
4. Sidewalks around pool area were repaired. (Thanks B. Lorie)
5. Clean up of Rainbow Point was started by West Bay. (Thanks V. Barone)
6. Nostalgic Lampposts will begin painting on March 13.
7. Meeting with West Bay to go over common areas and irrigation.
8. Replacement of 2 stub outs (protruding drain pipes) has been completed (In Rainbow Point, Rivendell parks)
9. Location of 2 areas of irrigation problems.
10. Removal of 5 large pines at entrance - Carol Myles - This should begin mid month.

### **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MC MEETING:**

1. Playground - Kevin Humbert
2. Trim magnolias at entrance to Rivendell
3. Placid Lake island replant
4. Entrance to Cottages - Carol Myles
5. Irrigation maps - Bruce Lorie
6. Removal of 50 pine trees - David Gill
7. Discussion of plant materials for Rainbow Point island - Greg Volack.
8. Pine View path and clean up
9. Pool - Bruce Lorie
10. Grates

We are looking for more volunteers. As you can see, the list of items that we are working on is quite large, and more help would be greatly appreciated.

## **Highlights of March 8 Board Meeting**

**By Carol Heckert; Reviewed by Larry Dobias**

**Attending:** Ray Capuano, Larry Dobias, Gwen Leaning, Bruce Lorie

Given that Joe Sefack has resigned from the Board, Vice-President Ray Capuano conducted the meeting. He introduced Bob Duncan, who is filling in for Shannon Banks as our Property Manager, plus Tom Richardson of Lighthouse Property Management.

### **Manager's Report** (Bob Duncan)

- Getting bids on both pavers and concrete for pool deck restoration
- Locksmith for broken pool service gate

### **Treasurer's Report** (Larry Dobias)

Expenses for the past month were \$40,000. Rivendell has \$327,777 in its operating expenses for the year, which includes rollover funds from previous years. Our total cash reserves and income amount to \$585,870.

Our website is going to have a Projects tab dedicated to the progress of various projects. Committee chairs will fill out spreadsheets detailing the status, cost, and funding source of projects. The Project tab currently covers 5 main projects: repaint community lampposts, clean up landscaping in parks, re-landscape Rainbow Point Park and the Rainbow Point traffic islands, redo the pool deck and restroom surface, and install a playground that meets code.

### **ARC** (Kay Mruz)

18 requests; all approved. The ARC committee is in the process of creating a paint palette book of suggested colors for homeowners to use as a resource when repainting their homes. At this time, the board and ARC committee are working out the details. Please note: these color combinations are suggested – not required.

### **Maintenance Committee** (Greg Volack)

- The pool clock has been reset.
- The pool filter pump was replaced.
- The community's main irrigation line leak and sidewalk around the leak were repaired. Since tree roots caused the problem, the MC will monitor tree maintenance to help prevent reoccurrence.
- Landscape work was completed in Rainbow Point Park.
- Community lampposts are scheduled to be repainted on March 13.
- Several dead trees and root balls are earmarked for removal.
- Several rain gauges were installed to help preserve water.



*Thank you, Jim Stepien, for your years of service as chairman of the Maintenance Committee! You have done much to make our community a better place in which to live.*

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The following landscape costs were approved:

1. Brighthouse: removal of dead trees in Rainbow Point Park for \$1,600.
2. Brown's Tree Service: removal of trees/root balls on the Rainbow Point Way islands for \$1,350.
3. Johnson Tree Removal: removal of 5 dead pine trees at the intersection of Rivendell Blvd. and Old Venice Road for \$1,520.
4. Gorilla Cleaning: power-washing of signs, fences, and brick walls twice a year for \$1,246. The next cleaning will occur in March.

**New Business:**

The Board accepted the resignation of Joe Sefack, Board President. The Board approved Ken Heckert to serve out the remainder of Joe's term.

**Homeowner Comments:**

- Why is there no "Welcome to Rivendell" sign between Willowbend and Rivendell? (No common land on which to put a sign)
- Bruce Lorie complimented on work done at the pool.
- What is the status of the pool heater problem? (Solar panels work in conjunction with the pool heater. When one doesn't work, the whole system goes down. Joanne McIntyre currently working on rectifying the problem.)

**Next meeting:** April 5, 6:00 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

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

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## The Joy of Singing: Anita Sarno

### By Lesley Sterling

Singing is a major source of joy and inspiration for long-time resident, Anita Sarno. She, along with Jane Randhawa, another Rivendell resident, is a member of the Key Chorale, one of Sarasota's finest performing arts organizations. Anita has been singing alto with the Key Chorale for the past 15 years. She was also a member of the New York-based Collegiate Chorale, where she sang for 44 years.

The Key Chorale is comprised of over 100 singers, all of whom must audition for their place in the group. Singers must not only be good vocalists, but they must be able to sight-read. That takes a great deal of practice, which the Chorale does often, especially when they are getting ready for a performance.

Recently the Key Chorale performed at Cirque des Voix, a co-production with the Circus Arts Conservatory, which combines world-class circus art with the singers of Key Chorale and the 40-piece Cirque Orchestra. Most notable about this performance was the musical premiere of "Arise," composed by Ola Gjeilo, which was commissioned for circus aerialist Dolly Jacobs. Cirque des Voix will be performing the week of July 4th at the Folk Life Festival on the Mall at Washington, D.C., and Anita will be part of the performance group.

This isn't the first time that the Key Chorale has performed outside Sarasota. A few seasons ago they sang at the "other" Carnegie Hall in Dunfermline, Scotland, the birthplace of industrialist Andrew Carnegie. The above photo shows Anita



in front of that concert hall.

Anita comes from a family with a distinguished musical background. Her grandfather was a Cantor at an Orthodox Synagogue, and both her parents played the violin performing in string quartets.

In her decades-long career as a vocalist, Anita has sung with such notable conductors as Leonard Bernstein and Eugene Ormandy. She has also sung with soloists from the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Her current favorite singer is Mary Wilson who sang with the Chorale in Sarasota in February.

Why does she sing? Anita says it is exhilarating to be part of a group that is striving for outstanding performance. When they have practiced a particularly difficult piece, they experience the pure joy of working harmoniously together. "The camaraderie is real," says Sarno. "We all go into rehearsal excited to sing, and come out exhausted, but feel that we are very lucky."

The Key Chorale performs under the artistic direction of Joseph Caulkins. Upcoming events include the Chamber's Singers Concert, "We Will Mend the Sky," on April 30th at the Church of the Redeemer. Musical selections highlight hope, healing, and peace. On May 5th they will perform "Tomorrow's Voices Today" at the Venice Performing Arts Center. This is Key Chorale's fourth annual concert in collaboration with the Sarasota County Schools.

To learn more about the Key Chorale, and to purchase tickets, go to [www.keychorale.org](http://www.keychorale.org)



### Earth Day at Oscar Scherer State Park Saturday, April 22, 2017

Celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22 at Oscar Scherer State Park from 10 am to 4 pm. Free Admission. Enjoy fun family-oriented activities including: live music, food vendors, tram tours, kayaking, earth friendly vendors, craft booths, demonstrations, native plants for sale, photo exhibit, as well as activities for kids such as a coloring contest and a puppet show!

Get your hands dirty and join in the planting of over 5,000 native plants along a restored wetland from 10am to noon. Free lunch and park pass to all those that volunteer to plant. Call the Ranger Station at 941-483-5956.



### Next Rivendell Board Meeting Wednesday, April, 5th 2017 at 6:00pm

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



If you are interested in volunteering for Rivendell's Maintenance Committee, ARC Committee or Communications Committee please send a note to the committee chair. In the note include your name, phone number, email address and a brief message explaining your interest.

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ARC -- John Fitzgibbon (john.fitz48@gmail.com)

Communication -- Carol Heckert (carolheckert@verizon.net)



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## Watch out for Possible Theft of Mail and Packages

By Marilyn Probert

Recently a resident of Scherer Way realized that two packages had been stolen, one from the porch and one from the mailbox. The thefts were reported to the local post office, and, through tracking information, it was determined that the items had indeed been delivered. The post office advised that they must have been stolen, but there was nothing they could do about it. The resident is avoiding future problems by directing that all packages go to a post office box. The family is also considering installing a surveillance camera.

Another instance of questionable mailbox behavior occurred near Fordingbridge Way when a resident noticed a young male looking in mailboxes. The homeowner called the sheriff's office with a description and an officer immediately took action by locating the young man on Rivendell Boulevard and speaking to him.

On Mallard Marsh Drive another resident saw a teenager by his neighbor's mailbox and chased him off his own property. He later saw the youth on Shadow Bay Way.

These occurrences bring home the necessity for all of us to be alert to suspicious behavior, and to take steps when we see it (take a photo or call the Sheriff).



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## Can You Help My Ears?

Expo season is upon us. We have already been in the Chamber Expo, which hosts local businesses. Then we were part of the Sun Fiesta. We have upcoming events in some of the homeowner community events.

When Karen has attended events, she has heard the husbands say, "I hear fine." And Karen always responds, "You don't get a vote, your wife does." Then she turns to the wife and, more often than not, the wife says, "He needs to come in and see you."

At these events, people approach us and tend to ask similar questions. Sometimes people who ask me, "What's new in hearing aids?" just aren't sure what other questions they could ask. They might have a hearing loss, or someone they love does, and they might not be ready to proceed.

This is a difficult conversation to have.

The real question Karen discovered while having lunch downtown with a new acquaintance is, "are you just gonna sell me hearing aids or try to help my hearing loss?"

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This section on the website will allow you to view/print a project summary report showing all of Rivendell's ongoing committee projects. This section will also allow committee leaders to input their project status updates.

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*Kathy*



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## Book Group Schedule

By Pam Babbitt

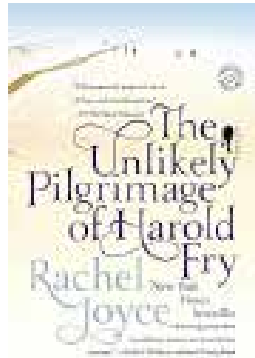
Have you seen Harold Fry?



Sallie Hawkins will host the group on Monday, April 3, a week earlier than usual, at 716 Anna Hope Lane. Please call her at 941-966-6916, if you plan to attend. We will discuss The

Unlikely Pilgrimage of *Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Harold undertakes a rather long walk from Kingsbridge on the south coast of Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed, the northernmost town in England, a trek of over 600 miles.

The May 8th selection is *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy* by Rachel Joyce. *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* followed Harold as he traveled to see Queenie Hennessy. In this parallel story, Queenie writes of her journey; confesses truths about her childhood, Oxford, Kingsbridge, friendships, feelings towards Harold Fry, and the secret she kept from him.



June 12th's topic is *The Bridal Chair* by Gloria Goldreich. It is historical fiction highlighting Ida Chagall, the daughter of Marc Chagall. Ida is in the Paris art world beyond her father's control. However, both of them are living in Nazi-occupied Paris and Marc Chagall's status as a Jewish artist makes both of them targets. When Ida falls in love, her father angrily paints an empty wedding chair (*The Bridal Chair*), and Ida faces a choice. "Marc Chagall" is the theme at the Selby Gardens through July 31.

The Rivendell Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month (except for the one-time change in April) at 7:30pm. Residents are welcome; please notify the month's hostess if you plan to participate.



The Rivendell Community Web Site is available at

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## Architectural Review Committee Report February 28, 2017

Attendees: Chairperson John Fitzgibbon, John Martin, Kay Mruz, Maureen Emmons, Wayne Davis

Board Liaison: Ray Capuano, Absent

Board Guest: Bruce Lorie

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	907 Scherer Way	Rescreening and Gutters	Motion: John F 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Kay Resolved: Approved
2.	1084 Mallard Marsh Drive	Repaint House	Motion: Maureen 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John F Resolved: Approved
3.	534 Meadow Sweet Circle	Repaint Front Door	Motion: John M 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John F Resolved: Approved
4.	751 Shadow Bay Way	Replace Roof	Motion: John F 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John M Resolved: Approved
5.	586 Meadow Sweet Circle	Enclose Rear Porch	Motion: John F 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John M Resolved: Approved
6.	586 Meadow Sweet Circle	Install New Fence	Motion: John M 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John F Resolved: Approved
7.	586 Meadow Sweet Circle	Repaint House	Motion: John F 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Kay Resolved: Approved
8.	586 Meadow Sweet Circle	Install Railing	Motion: John F 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John M Resolved: Approved
9.	779 Fordingbridge Way	Remove/Replace Trees	Motion: Kay 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Maureen Resolved: Approved
10.	1004 Oak Meadow Lane	Repaint House	Motion: Kay 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Maureen Resolved: Approved
11.	655 Rivendell Boulevard	Install Fence	Motion: Kay 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John F Resolved: Approved, subject to the homeowner abiding by the Board Rule on Fences
12.	1147 Mallard Marsh Drive	Install Paver Patio	Motion: Maureen 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Kay Resolved: Approved
13.	1115 Mallard Marsh Drive	Replace Garage Lights	Motion: John M 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Wayne Resolved: Approved
14.	1115 Mallard Marsh Drive	Rear Landscaping	Motion: Wayne 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John M Resolved: Approved
15.	1115 Mallard Marsh Drive	Front Landscaping	Motion: John M 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Wayne Resolved: Approved
16.	1115 Mallard Marsh Drive	Remove Trees	Motion: John M 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Wayne Resolved: Approved



17.	1349 New Forest Lane	Expand Patio Cage	Motion: John M 2nd: Kay Resolved: Approved, subject to the homeowner working with his contractor to minimize disruption to the neighbors
18.	1349 New Forest Lane	Replace Windows	Motion: Maureen 2nd: Kay Resolved: Approved

**New Business/ questions:**

- John will make final editorial changes to the 2017 Procedural Guide, and then distribute it to the ARC and Board.
- The spreadsheet showing addresses and sub-HOA has been reviewed by the Cottages and Patio Homes sub-HOA's. John will approach the Villas sub-HOA once more before distributing it for general usage.
- John will be out of town for the March ARC meeting; Wayne volunteered to chair that meeting.

**Paint Palette:** Kay should receive large paint samples this week. Once received, they will be shared with the Board in hopes that they can give their approval to the Paint Palette at the next Board meeting.

### Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The 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.

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**LAMPPOST REPAIR:** Rivendell Resident **Bill Bloom** offers lamppost repair services. Lamppost light staying on = \$40 parts, labor, cleaning. Burned out bulb replacement = \$15, includes new bulb & cleaning. Call **941-587-8439**.

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**POOL MAINTENANCE:** **Leslie Casanova**, Rivendell resident, 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 30% discount on stain treatments or a free cartridge filter (up to \$100.00 in value) to new customers. Weekly service starts at \$85.00 a month and bi-weekly starts at \$57.00 per month. Please call **941-993-5548** or email **info@krakenpools.com**.

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Please send your name, phone number, and a description of the service you can provide to other Rivendell residents.  
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**Chair:** John Fitzgibbon (john.fitz48@gmail.com)

Board Liaison: Ray Capuano

Members: John Martin, Kay Mruz, Wayne Davis,

Maureen Emmons

#### Maintenance Committee (MC)

**Chair:** Greg Volack (gregvolack@aol.com)

Board Liaison: Bruce Lorie

Members: Dave Gill, Carole Myles,

Joe Lucente, Sallie Hawkins, Curt Kennedy,

Kevin Humbert, Will Pascascio

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