



# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

Your Community Resource

October 2020



## Calling all Candidates

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for the 2021 Board of Directors. Two positions need to be filled. If you have the ability to work well with others, have good judgement and communication skills and a desire to serve the community, this may be of interest.

What do Board members do? They approve expenditures, develop and maintain budgets, enforce deed restrictions, oversee contracts and liaise with committees.

Interested candidates should submit a two-paragraph biography and a photograph to a member of the Nominating Committee by October 19, 2020. The first paragraph should summarize your background and any experience that qualifies you as a candidate and the second describing what you want to accomplish for the community as a member of the Board of Directors. The biographies will appear in the November issue of the newsletter.

There will be a "Meet the Candidates Event" via ZOOM on November 14 at 4:00 PM, at which time the community can meet and question the candidates. If needed, there will be a second event on November 21 at the same time. Voting will take place electronically (or by mail, if you have not opted for electronic) beginning on December 1 and completed by December 19. Results of the vote will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on January 16 at 4:00 PM (via ZOOM).

Members of the Nominating Committee are: John Fitzgibbon (Chairperson and Board Liaison ([johnfitz48@gmail.com](mailto:johnfitz48@gmail.com)), Barbara Gahry ([barbgahry@gmail.com](mailto:barbgahry@gmail.com)), Judy Sokal ([judysokal@gmail.com](mailto:judysokal@gmail.com)), Bob Frank ([frank@ohio.edu](mailto:frank@ohio.edu)) and Deb Holton-Smith ([getslim@holton-smith.com](mailto:getslim@holton-smith.com)).



## Architectural Review Committee Needs a Volunteer!

The ARC committee is looking for a new member to join us. We review change requests from our neighbors to ensure that the Rivendell covenants and standing rules are followed. It is a great way to meet your neighbors, even during these days of social distancing. No experience? No problem! Your desire to maintain the natural beauty of our neighborhood and be part of a great team is all you need. Contact Maureen Emmons, ARC chair, at [mauremmons@ymail.com](mailto:mauremmons@ymail.com) or 203-910-7094 for more details.

## Highlights of Board of Directors Meeting September 12, 2020

Attending by Zoom: Ray Capuano, John Fitzgibbon, Steve Bragg, Maureen Emmons, Cathy Daignault  
Real Estate: Barbara Gahry

There were 12 homes sold during the past 12 months. Only 2 homes on the market now. Average increase in price about 3%.

Secretary's Report: John Fitzgibbon

The Board is considering moving to electronic voting for the Board of Directors in order to save money and increase voter turnout. The owner of HOAst, a company based in St. Petersburg, spoke about what his company can provide.

Homeowners would opt in; if not, a paper ballot would be sent. The cost would be \$846 a year, versus over \$2,000 for packets to be sent to everyone. The subdivisions could also use this service at an additional cost to them. The system can be used to conduct polls as well. A motion to adopt was made and passed unanimously.

One early homeowner had an agreement with the original developer that did not meet our covenants, which were written later. Some homeowners questioned the validity of the agreement. The agreement has been recorded and put in our Legal Notices Archive, along with the decision about paving the alleys, so that these matters will not arise again.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Bragg

- As of the end of July, we had a little more than \$500,000 in assets. About 56% of budget was expended at that time, with administrative and pool expenses slightly higher and maintenance costs slightly lower. As the leak at the pool has been fixed, pool costs should be lower in the future.
- Thirteen homeowners still owe for their July assessments.
- A motion was made to waive fines for 2 homeowners, as billings were sent to the wrong addresses. The motion was approved.

Water Conservation: Abby Tyrna & Jackie Lebouitz

Two experts from the University of Florida, IFAS extension, said that 56% of the homes in Rivendell use more water than average. They urged us to monitor our water usage in order to conserve water. They will send postcards and email to all our homeowners.

ARC Report: Maureen Emmons

There were only 13 requests in August. All were approved.

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(Board of Directors meeting continued from Pg.1)

Communications Committee: Barbara Gahry

- The newsletter will be digital only as of October. Homeowners will receive a direct link.
- Block Captains will no longer be part of the Communications Committee. It will be a free-standing committee. Judy Sokal has offered to put the Welcome Bags together, but a Block Captain Coordinator is needed.

Social Committee: Carolyn Kenney

Volunteers are needed. Activities are currently on hold due to the pandemic, but Carolyn is trying to come up with some games that can be played online.

CERT Committee: Paul Englert

This new committee has an emergency response function, needed in case of a hurricane or other natural event that causes damage to our community. Volunteers are needed. Volunteers will take a course given by FSU.

Ponds & Preserves Committee: Frank Freestone

- Rivendell could receive a grant in 2021 from Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (START) to install shoreline aquatic plants. Steps we have already taken to control erosion in our storm water ponds place us high on the list. Two other communities that need help in pond management have been referred to our P&P Committee for advice.
- The committee needs volunteers to take water samples at ponds.
- All Low Maintenance Zones have been installed. We have received cooperation from 97% of homeowners.
- Our Wildlife Mitigation Plan has been prepared by the Florida Forest Service, with an addendum from our lawyer. Board signatures are needed to 1) mow the firebreaks and 2) install signs around the perimeter of the preserves with houses that back onto them (136 houses). A motion was made to grant up to \$1,000 for Aquagenics to install the signs. The motion passed.
- Sarasota County is requiring us to begin brush mowing strips of land on our upper and lower borders to reduce flammable material. The cost will be about \$100,000. The Board will develop a multi-year plan for this to be done.
- There is an algae problem in Bobcat Pond. The committee recommends putting alum on the bottom of the pond to test its effectiveness. If effective, it could be used on other ponds with this problem as well. This will be discussed at the October Board of Directors Meeting.

Maintenance Committee: Ray Capuano, Scott Christie

Jobs completed: fountain fixed, front entry planted, Cottages hedge lowered, lighting on Rainbow Point installed and irrigation fixed.

What is planned:

- West Bay to replace plants throughout the community
- West Bay to put boulders in Egret Pond, surrounded with flowers.
- Repaint the trim and fencing at the pool
- Refinish the gazebo
- Trim and light the banyan trees
- Add a few park benches in natural colors

Pool: Ray Capuano

The Board is working on how to open the pool safely. Our lawyer is developing a plan which will be available in 2 weeks. It includes signs, waivers and cleaning. A poll will be sent to all homeowners, explaining the costs and risks, to see if they want to proceed with one of several opening choices. The cost could run somewhere from \$40,000 to \$60,000.

Homeowner Comments:

- ND: Questioned electronic voting for the Board; asked who was on the Maintenance Committee
- PM: Doesn't think the Social Committee should have a budget. Why put alum at bottom of ponds if spraying works? (Social Committee budget is small and functions incur expenses. Spraying chemicals is toxic; affects wildlife in and around the ponds)
- MC: The Cottages has a 50/50 Social Fund to raise money.
- DE: Questioned the West Bay contract

Next Meeting: October 7 at 1:30 PM

## Rivendell Book Group Continues with Zoom

The Rivendell Book Group meets at 7:30 pm on the second Monday evening of each month. In keeping with "social distancing" guidelines, we continue to meet online.

On October 12th, we will be discussing The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton. Our discussion will be led by Lesley Glick.

If you would like to join the group at its next Zoom meeting, please contact Adele Kellman ([adele.kellman@gmail.com](mailto:adele.kellman@gmail.com) or on 908-464-7003) to receive an invitation. We welcome newcomers.



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## WILDLIFE WINDOW: The Monarch Butterfly

### How to Attract this "King" to Your Garden

Photo-story by the P&P Committee

Halloween is soon upon us, with its theme colors of orange and black, bringing to mind the breathtaking Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*). This beautiful insect contributes to the health of our planet by acting as a pollinator while feeding on nectar. They are also an important food source for birds, small animals, and other insects. Let's learn more about the magnificent **Monarch Butterfly**:

**Easy to Identify** - The distinctive coloration of the orange wings, marked by black veins and a black border with two rows of spots, is easy to spot and warns predators of the insect's bad taste. Its wingspan averages about 4 inches. The monarch butterfly undergoes four stages of complete metamorphosis: egg, caterpillar, pupa and adult. Their feast of choice is milkweed leaves.

**Migration** - The annual migration of North America's monarch butterfly is a unique and amazing phenomenon. New research shows that it may take as many as five generations for monarchs to make it north out of Mexico, venturing as far as southern Canada, before returning south for the winter. However, many of the Monarch Butterflies in south Florida are

non-migratory, so we are fortunate to see them in Rivendell year-round.

**Habitat is threatened** – Monarch Butterfly populations have been declining in recent decades. Pesticide use, over development, clear-cutting and deforestation all contribute to loss of habitat and breeding grounds. Some experts want to add the Monarch to the list of endangered species.

**How You Can Help** – Plant a butterfly garden in your backyard. Butterfly-friendly plants are colorful and add beauty to your yard. Most butterfly gardens are also a magnet for hummingbirds, birds, and beneficial insects. A productive butterfly garden does not require a large land area—even a few key plants can make a huge impact. Visit UF/IFAS Extension Service's: [Butterfly Gardening in Florida](#) for more information.

Enjoy the amazing wildlife photos on the [P&P website](#) and [Wildlife Photo Gallery](#). See photos below of the Monarch and other orange and black cousins found in Rivendell.



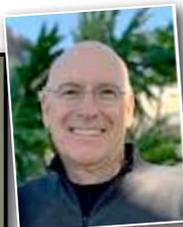
**Gulf Fritillary** – known as a "longwing butterfly" for its long, narrow wings, compared to other butterflies.



**Monarch Butterfly** – plant a butterfly garden and enjoy this favorite wildlife "King" in your backyard.



**Queen Butterfly** – often mistaken for a Monarch, the Queen Butterfly has white spots on its hindwings and is a darker color orange, distinguishing it from the Monarch.



(Photos by Bob Frank)



**Start a Butterfly Garden** with plants they love – such as Fire-bush. (Bing image)

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## Rivendell Calendar of Events - October 2020

Due to Covid-19, many events and activities have been canceled for the month of October. Most groups are meeting virtually via Zoom. Occasionally there may be additional board-related meetings that may also be scheduled. For the most up-to-date information check the Rivendell website at [www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)

October 7...Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for 1:30pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. The dial in phone number will be provided closer to the meeting date.

Euchre is canceled for October. For more information contact Mike and Annie Francis at 585-749-0430

October 1 and 15...Bridge Group meets the first and third Thursday of the month. Contact Barbara Loe at 651-398-2256 for more information.

October 12...Rivendell Book Club will meet via Zoom at 7:30 pm. Details to be provided closer to the meeting date. The book under discussion is The Secret Keeper, by Kate Morton. Contact Adele Kellman at [adele.kellman@gmail.com](mailto:adele.kellman@gmail.com) or 908-464-7003 for more information.

Social Committee is canceled for October. Contact Carolyn Kenney at [kenneycsrq@gmail.com](mailto:kenneycsrq@gmail.com) for more information.

Mix and Mingle Social at the Rivendell Community Pool has been put on hold. Contact Kathy Halaiko at [halaiko@yahoo.com](mailto:halaiko@yahoo.com) for more information.

Dine In and Dine Out Groups are canceled for October. For more information contact Kristin Ellison at [kristinellison1@gmail.com](mailto:kristinellison1@gmail.com)

October 20...Rivendell Book Club II will meet via Zoom at 7:30 pm. The book under discussion is The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared, by Jonas Jonasson. Contact Maria Ilioff at 607-427-4192 or [milioff85@gmail.com](mailto:milioff85@gmail.com) for more information.

Communications Committee is canceled for October. Contact Barb Gahry at [barbgahry@gmail.com](mailto:barbgahry@gmail.com)

October 27...Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meets the last Tuesday of the month. The meeting will be held via Zoom. If you would like to attend, contact Maureen Emmons at [mauremmons@ymail.com](mailto:mauremmons@ymail.com)

To make additions or corrections to the Calendar of Events, please contact Lesley Sterling at 703-919-0744 or [lesley.sterling@yahoo.com](mailto:lesley.sterling@yahoo.com)

### What's going on at Old Venice Rd. and US 41 ?

Resort Lifestyle Communities (based in Lincoln, NE) is building Seaside Springs Retirement Community (SSRC), which will be an upscale, over 55, pet friendly, independent living community. SSRC will have 128 units and is scheduled to have its first occupants by June 2021. Models (which should be available for viewing by the end of this year) will include Studio, 1BR, 2 BR and 3BR apartments. Rates range from \$3150 (studios) to \$5200 (3 BR) with no buy-in fees, no long-term leases and monthly rents that include a multitude of services and amenities. The concept is like a "cruise ship on land" according to the company. Garages and carports are an option for an additional fee. If you would like to know more, contact Scott Stewart, SSRC Senior Living Consultant at 941-225-3352.



Join 588 of your fellow Rivendell Residents on the NEXTDOOR social network [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

**Are you seeking a service provider recommendation? Do you have an item to sell? Do you have any questions about Rivendell or other topics residents can help with?**

**Nextdoor is the world's largest social network for the neighborhood. Nextdoor enables truly local conversations that empower neighbors to build stronger and safer communities.**



## Attractive and Beneficial: Aquatic Plants Installed to Control Pond Erosion

By the Ponds and Preserves Committee

On August 13, hundreds of aquatic plants were installed in ponds visible from our roadways. This is the next phase in the planned multi-year project to install new plantings in all our Rivendell ponds.

Hardy Florida natives, **Duck Potato, Pickerelweed & Spike Rush**, were selected for their longer root systems and adaptability to our changing water levels. They were planted in the water, clustered along the shoreline and are tall enough to reach above the pond's surface. Over time, these plant clusters will spread along the shoreline, providing important habitat for pond denizens and cover for other wildlife.

In conjunction with the Low Maintenance Zones, these attractive aquatic plants are part of the ongoing strategy to improve the life and health of our retention ponds and storm-water system. Their deep roots stabilize the banks helping to control erosion, absorb excess nutrient runoff and filter out chemical pollutants.

The P&P thanks our Board and the Rivendell community for their continued commitment and support to keep our ponds healthy and productive. Installing LMZs and aquatic plantings are another significant step in our community's journey toward responsible pond management.



With safety protocols in place, your P&P team helped oversee the planting process. (l-r) Frank Freestone, Ken Heckert, and Dave Gill – who spearheaded this effort. Thanks Team!



The efficient team from Solitude made quick work to install these beneficial aquatic plants in our ponds.

### Meet Our Pond Aquatic Plants



**Pickerelweed** (*Pontederia cordata*) is best identified by spikes of attractive blue-purple flowers that erupt from a single stem beneath the water.



**Spike Rush** (*Eleocharis palustris*) is a charming plant that grows about 12" tall. The grass-like leaves are tipped with small seed heads and resembles a little hedgehog.



**Duck Potato** (*Sagittaria latifolia*) is a large broadleaf arrowhead. Its large leaves and conspicuous flowers make it easy to identify along our ponds.



## Responsible Management of Our Preserves

### Actions to Ensure Compliance with County Ordinances

By the Ponds and Preserves Committee

Rivendell's natural beauty distinguishes us from many surrounding communities. The landscaping along our main roads, well maintained homeowner gardens, our ponds and preserves and our many views of Oscar Scherer park all contribute to this ethos. Protecting and carefully managing these features ensures strong property values.

Recent articles have outlined the steps being taken to keep our ponds healthy. Now it is time to address the urgent needs of our preserves.

We have 14 wetland preserves (designated by Southwest Florida Water Management District), and each is surrounded by an upland buffer. Additionally, a "conserved upland" buffer area borders Oscar Scherer State Park (OSSP) on the East and South. The OSSP Buffer is a major element of the view from many homes and is a primary element of their property values, and by extension, all our property values (a rising tide raises ALL boats).

When the original developer changed the land use from cattle ranch to subdivision, he entered into an agreement with Sarasota County (Ordinance 92-021 with associated Management Plan dated 1998 & 2000) to manage these preserves and uplands in perpetuity, with very detailed requirements. Our HOA has inherited the requirements and the legal responsibility to honor the terms of the agreement.

#### These requirements include:

- Managing invasive and non-native plant species (Now being done by our Aquagenics Contractor),
- Specific limits on permitted actions within preserves (In our Covenants, with published reminders),
- Inspection and correction of Preserve incursions (Actions underway, **more steps needed**),
- Installation of signs marking Preserve Boundaries (**High priority, action needed soon**),
- Managing accumulated vegetation in conserved uplands (Mostly OSSP Buffer, **action needed**).

The OSSP Buffer has not had any vegetation management steps performed in over twenty years, so there is substantial accumulation of flammable vegetation and leaf litter. The risk of a lightning-triggered wildfire in areas not readily accessible by municipal firefighting equipment could easily destroy large tracts before being brought under control, with an attendant



reduction in Rivendell property values. The P&P Committee has recommended two actions to the Board to mitigate that risk:

- **A Wildfire Mitigation Plan** has been developed in cooperation with the Florida Forest Service. This Plan, now approved by the County, calls for mowed firebreaks in the OSSP Buffer (and other areas) to

improve access and reduce the spread of fire. These firebreaks will be installed in 2021.

- **An Ecological Mowing Plan** is also being developed which will use mechanical equipment, such as a heavy brush mower, to reduce the accumulated vegetation. This step will help control wildfire spread as well as meet our County-specified requirements for upland management. It will be costly and will likely be done in phases over several years, to minimize the impact on annual assessments.

**In Summary,** Preserve management steps now being planned will benefit the community and meet our regulatory requirements. Further information on this topic will be provided in subsequent articles.

Above is a snapshot from the drone video on our website showing the Oscar Scherer State Park Buffer Zones - looking south at Eagle and Scherer Lakes. [Click here](#) to enjoy a peaceful aerial flight around our beautiful Rivendell community, produced by Gary Mruz. Thanks Gary!

### Book Group II

**Next Meeting: October 20,**  
**7:30pm via ZOOM**

Book Group II continues to meet via ZOOM. We read a wide range of literature. Each person suggests a few books and the group discusses the options and votes. The discussion is generally led by the person who selects the book. New members (and their friends) are welcome! Contact Maria Ilioff at 607-427-4192 or [mililoff85@gmail.com](mailto:mililoff85@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the group! The sign-in information will be sent the day before or morning of the meeting.

The read for October is:

**The 100 Year Old Man who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson**

## Free Stuff: Music Videos and Podcasts

By Adele Kellman

During the Covid-19 pandemic, most of us are consuming much more media than usual and often looking for alternatives to reading. It's a great time to dive into those things that have been on your "when I have time" list. Here are a few suggestions and helpful hints:

When trying a new podcast, rather than just listening to the most recent, look at the full list of prior episodes and pick one with a topic that appeals to you. You might listen to the trailer if one is available.

For popular music, the podcast [Switched on Pop](#) is a great option. Recommended by NPR, The Guardian and Rolling Stone, this podcast features musicologist Nate Sloan and songwriter Charlie Harding analyzing pop songs to figure out what makes a hit and what its place is in culture. Some episodes deal with the music of specific artists like Beyoncé, Taylor Swift, Adele, and Dolly Parton and others discuss more specific topics, such as heartbreak songs or the intersection of classical and pop.

For classical music, [David Walliams' Marvelous Musical Podcast](#) has great educational value and is appropriate for listening with children. There are ten episodes, and each concerns a famous classical composer, including John Williams.

Searching YouTube by composer, performer, or an orchestra offers a lot of classical music videos. You might try the pianist Lang Lang, the violinist Itzhak Perlman, the Berlin Philharmoniker, or the young and flashy pianist Yuja Wang.

For an amazing free opera offering, try [MetOpera.org](#). Every day, the Metropolitan Opera offers a different video recording of a live opera performance, many of which have played in theaters recently. You don't need to subscribe to see the daily new offerings, although you can do a one-week free trial to get access to the full library. If you prefer to watch on a larger screen download the MetOpera app onto the television player that you use to stream Netflix, then "browse", "new", "preview" (the same is true for YouTube videos, just download the Youtube app).

Finally, for a podcast that provides discussion of famous arias and interviews with the artists who sing them, you can also listen to [Aria Code](#), hosted by Rhiannon Giddons and produced by WQXR in New York City and by the Metropolitan Opera.

Of course, with Spotify or Amazon Music, you can listen to even more music.

Note: This is the first of a few articles the Social Committee will offer in Woodland Word about entertainment in a Covid-19 world. If you have suggestions of additional podcasts, videos, or general topics for the community, please email [adele.kellman@gmail.com](mailto:adele.kellman@gmail.com). Our next article will discuss local opportunities for outdoor entertainment.

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### What I Wish You Knew...

Having worked in this industry for over 20 years, I've seen all too often people who waited to get their hearing checked struggle during conversations. They describe the same pattern, while listening to their friend's story one word sticks out as odd, and they lose track of the rest of the story.

It's always just one word in a story that causes confusion, which results in an interruption since the story doesn't make sense. Needing to ask for help with a misunderstood word gets embarrassing for the listener. Overtime they stop asking for clarity. Then they worry that everyone thinks they are always confused.

Being able to hear a story clearly is what hearing aids should do.

People think wearing a hearing aid is like wearing glasses. When you look at a flower, you see a flower. When you hear a simple noise, like a siren, you hear the sound. However, a better comparison would be listening is like reading, since both involve understanding what is being shared.

Reading is not about looking at words it is about comprehension of words. Reading a story requires you to imagine characters and what they will do. When you get caught up in a story you feel their reactions and hope for their future. You have an emotional response to the characters. You aren't just reading words, you engage in what happens.

Listening to a conversation is not about hearing sounds, it is about the words and their meaning. Listening involves the entire story, including emotions and experiences. You honor your friends by engaging with their stories.

Studies have shown that waiting to address a hearing loss will reduce the words you understand. Every time a word is not understood during a story, you will lose the flow of what is being shared while you try to figure out that one word. Missing out on words during a conversation reduces your ability to connect the words you hear to the full experience of the story.

If you get lost when hearing a story and wonder if you hear well enough, call for a hearing test, 941-244-9300.

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## Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead Announces a Fall Webinar Series

Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead is presenting four exciting webinars starting in the fall. A grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation is underwriting the series. Each webinar will be 1 hour and be comprised of a 45 -50-minute presentation, followed by a 10 to 15-minute audience Q+A.

Admission is free, but you must register to receive an invitation for each webinar. Click on the registration link below each webinar or copy and paste the link into your browser window to access the registration page. Space is limited, so sign-up today!

### Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Time: 11:00 am to Noon

Program: Landscaping for Wildlife

Hosted by: Pamela Callender, Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

Presenter: Tom Heitzman, Owner, Sweet Bay Native Plant Nursery

Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/registration/WN\\_0-1mGg7GQuKuv\\_NIQ7TZJw](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/registration/WN_0-1mGg7GQuKuv_NIQ7TZJw)

### Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Time: 11 am to noon

Program: Smart Bicycling 101: Tips on Being Safe on Your Bicycle

Presenters: Ralph Monti, Certified Bicycle Safety Instructor and Cathy Duff, Law Enforcement Deputy, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office

Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/registration/WN\\_HTLcGDhzTL-K2Ym\\_O6pjDw](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/registration/WN_HTLcGDhzTL-K2Ym_O6pjDw)

### Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Time: 11 am to Noon

Program: An FOJT Plein Air Painter Art Exhibit/Critique

Hosted by: Pam Callender, Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

Presenter: Lisa Swift, Former Group Coordinator of SRQ Plein Air Painters

Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/registration/WN\\_v6iGjbCSS565sbNWIt8cjQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/registration/WN_v6iGjbCSS565sbNWIt8cjQ)

### Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Time: 11 am to noon

Program: Birds of Three Sarasota Habitats

Presenter: Jeanne Dubi, Acting President of Sarasota Audubon

Registration Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/registration/WN\\_YUUakaU-R\\_qa5-eLk6ur9Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/registration/WN_YUUakaU-R_qa5-eLk6ur9Q)

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Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead is a Chapter of Friends of Sarasota Parks, a 501c3 non-profit registered in Florida. Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead mission is to support, promote and enhance Osprey Junction Park, a Sarasota County park adjacent to The Legacy Trail. Visit our web site at [www.ojtfriends.com](http://www.ojtfriends.com). You can also email us at [friends@ojtfriends.com](mailto:friends@ojtfriends.com).

Contact Ralph Monti at: [ralphmonti@gmail.com](mailto:ralphmonti@gmail.com) for additional questions.



It is time to start collecting photos for the 2021 Rivendell Directory! This year's theme will be PETS. Please send high quality/full size photos of your pet(s) to Kay Mruz at [siestakeysunset6@gmail.com](mailto:siestakeysunset6@gmail.com) by December 31st, 2020.

The Rivendell Community Web Site is available at [WWW.RIVENDELLCOMMUNITY.COM](http://WWW.RIVENDELLCOMMUNITY.COM)

Please contact Lighthouse Property Management for the password to the RESIDENTS / INFORMATION section.



## Architectural Review Committee Report - Tuesday August 25, 2020 4:30 PM

Meeting called to order 4:31 PM

Quorum present: Neil Agruss, Richard Jurick, Susan Lanza, Joe Zwerling, Mary Green

Board Member: Maureen Emmons, Acting Chair

Meeting held via Online Conference call.

Adjourned: 4:45 PM

Reminders: No vendor signs. ARC requests must be received by [Rivendell@mgmt.tv](mailto:Rivendell@mgmt.tv) 7 days prior to the last Tuesday of the month.

	Request	Address	Assigned To	Second	Status
1	House paint	1085 Mallard Marsh	Rich Jurick	Susan Lanza	Approved
2	Landscape	1019 Scherer Way	Susan Lanza	Rich Jurick	Approved
3	Fence	1019 Scherer Way	Susan Lanza	Rich Jurick	Approved
4	Shingle Roof	548 Meadow Sweet	Mary Green	Susan Lanza	Approved
5	Shingle Roof	567 Meadow Sweet	Mary Green	Joe Zwerling	Approved
6	Tile Roof	1115 Mallard Marsh	Susan Lanza	Mary Green	Approved
7	Pavers - Driveway	874 Placid Lake	Joe Zwerling	Neil Agruss	Approved
8	Hurricane Shutters	514 Meadow Sweet	Mary Green	Rich Jurick	Approved
9	Tree Removal	986 Scherer Way`	Susan Lanza	Joe Zwerling	Approved
10	Driveway Pavers	1072 Mallard Marsh	Joe Zwerling	Susan Lanza	Approved
11	Hurricane Shutters	808 Golden Pond	Susan Lanza	Joe Zwerling	Approved
12	Landscape - diseased palm	866 Placid lake	Joe Zwerling	Neil Agruss	Approved
13	Hurricane sliders	832 Placid Lake	Maureen Emmons	Susan Lanza	Approved

Next meeting **Tuesday September 29h** at 4:30 PM Via Conference call. Request cutoff **September 22nd**  
**Conference call details will be sent upon request to ARC Chair at [mauremmons@gmail.com](mailto:mauremmons@gmail.com)**

## Rivendell Community Contacts

<p><b>Committees</b></p> <p><b>Block Captain Committee</b>  <b>Chair: OPEN</b>          Board Liaison: John Fitzgibbon</p> <p><b>CERT Committee</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Paul Englert (paule253@hotmail.com)          Board Liaison: OPEN          Members: Need Volunteers. Please contact Paul if interested.</p> <p><b>Communication Committee</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Barb Gahry (barbgahry@gmail.com)          Board Liaison: John Fitzgibbon          Newsletter: Frank Diteljan, Carol Heckert, Norma Lee Rhines, Lesley Sterling, Kristine Nickel          Directory: Kay Mruz          Webmaster: Gary Mruz</p> <p><b>Architectural Review Committee (ARC)</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Maureen Emmons (mauremmons@ymail.com)          Board Liaison: Maureen Emmons (mauremmons@ymail.com)          Members: Neil Agruss, Alex Castro, Richard Jurik, Susan Lanza, Joseph Zwerling</p> <p><b>Fine Administration Committee (FAC)</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Robert Thierfelder          Members: Ken Alerie, Bill Bloom, Mary Kennedy</p> <p><b>Maintenance Committee (MC)</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Scott Christie (scottchristie@verizon.net)          Board Liaison: Ray Capuano          Members: Need volunteers. Please contact Scott or Ray if interested</p> <p><b>Ponds &amp; Preserves Committee</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Bob Frank (frank@ohio.edu)          Board Liaison: Ray Capuano          Members: Robert Frank, Dave Gill, Ken Heckert, Tom Hurban, Carolyn Kenney, Edith Norby, Sue Remy, Norma Lee Rhines, Allie Sandow, Nancy Sinclair, Melle Lee Warren</p> <p><b>Social Committee</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Carolyn Kenney (kenneycsr@gmail.com)          Board Liaison: John Fitzgibbon          Members: Darragh Briffet, Kristen Ellison, Kathy Halaiko, Sallie Hawkins, Maria Iloff, Deb Jones, Adele Kellman, Kathy Lysak, Lenora McComas, Karen Price, Melle Lee Warren</p>	<p><b>Rivendell Board of Directors</b></p> <p><b>Ray Capuano</b>, President          raycapuano1@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Maureen Emmons</b>, Vice President          mauremmons@ymail.com</p> <p><b>John Fitzgibbon</b>, Secretary          john.fitz48@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Stephen Bragg</b>, Treasurer          smbagg@ilstu.edu</p> <p><b>Catherine Daignault</b>, Director          catdaignault@yahoo.com</p> <p><b>Sub-Association Boards of Directors</b></p> <p><b>The Cottages:</b> <b>John Martin</b>, President; <b>Bob Metelko</b>, 1st Vice President and Treasurer; <b>Bev Piraino</b>, Director; <b>Marilee Casale</b>, Secretary.</p> <p><b>Patio Homes:</b> <b>Bob Thierfelder</b>, President; <b>Dan Tavares</b>, Secretary; <b>Randy Price</b>, Treasurer.</p> <p><b>The Villas:</b> <b>Dianne Enger</b>, President; <b>Sherry Sholtis</b>, Vice President, Secretary; <b>Barbara Loe</b>, Treasurer.</p> <p><b>Lighthouse Property Management:</b>  <b>941-460-5560 Ext. 225</b>  <b>Property Manager:</b> Kathambi Micheu Jones (rivendell@mgmt.tv)</p> <p><b>Rivendell Website</b>          www.rivendellcommunity.com          Contact Lighthouse Management for password to RESIDENTS section.</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Updates to the Contacts Page:</b>          Kay Mruz (<a href="mailto:siestakeysunset6@gmail.com">siestakeysunset6@gmail.com</a>)</p>
	<p align="center"><b>Woodlands Word Deadline:</b>          Submit articles and information to Frank Diteljan (<a href="mailto:frank@ditwebb.com">frank@ditwebb.com</a>)          by the tenth of the month.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sarasota County Sheriff</b>  <b>Non-emergency Number: 941-316-1201</b>          Please use this number for non-emergencies</p>	<p align="center"><b>Nuisance Alligator</b>          Call Florida Fish &amp; Wildlife - SNAP 866-392-4286          Do Not Call Lighthouse Property Management</p>

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