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Beware Trash Scavenging

By Ed Diggs as reported to Judy Sokal

On Thursday, April 5, Vivien Cruz of Placid Lake Drive was walking on Shadow Bay Way, when she noticed an individual going through the trash bins of several homeowners. As this behavior seemed peculiar, she mentioned it to her husband, Ed Diggs, who then contacted the sheriff's department and Board member Bobby Merrill.

The last week in March, several residents also saw an individual tearing open trash bags at several homes on Fordingbridge Way. Other residents have reported hearing about this scavenging behavior along Scherer Way and in Park Trace.

The Woodlands Word wants all Rivendell residents to know that these individuals may be harmless, but they may also be searching for papers that contain credit card or bank numbers. We all need to be careful about what we place in our trash bags and bins. Be sure to shred any documents that may contain sensitive personal information. We are a non-gated community, and must watch over our properties with care.

The license plate number of the dark pick-up truck driven by these non-residents was given to the authorities, but they did not seem concerned, nor was any action taken at that time. If you notice this behavior please contact a Board Member and the Non-Emergency Sheriff number: 316-1201



Highlights of the April 9, 2012

Board of Directors Meeting

**By Mike Bergman and reviewed by
Bobby Merrill**

Editors' Note: The "Highlights" are not the final approved minutes. The Minutes from the April 9th Board Meeting will not be voted on by the Board of Directors until the next scheduled meeting. The Approved Board Minutes of February 6, March 5th, and Special Meeting April 5th are located at the back of this issue.

The Board announced at its April 9th meeting that it had voted to replace Bruce Lorie with Curt Kennedy as Board President. It did so at a special 15-minute meeting it held April 5th.

The minutes of both the March 5th scheduled Board meeting and the April 5th Special Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer Bobby Merrill noted that we were running slightly over budget for the year, but the considerable surplus rolled over from 2011 gives us ample funds to meet our operating expenses. Funds were available to pay for the irrigation pump. It was noted that there were past-due homeowner accounts totaling about \$36,000, of which about \$26,000 was over 90 days. There are reserves on the books of approximately \$24,000 to cover uncollectible receivables.

Gwen Stepien stated that the ARC considered 9 petitions and passed favorably on 7, one needed modifications, and one was put on hold.

The Communications report written by Judy Sokal indicated that The Woodlands Word is continuing to run well. The new 2012 Directories have been delivered to Barb Gahry, and she and Cindy Schmidl, head of block captains, will coordinate the delivery to homeowners.

Jim Stepien reported that the Landscape/ Environmental Committee sought bids for the next Landscape contract. Three vendors each bid ap-

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Seasonal residents:

To **reinstate** or **suspend** delivery of The Sarasota Observer, call **Donna Condon** at **366-3468**.

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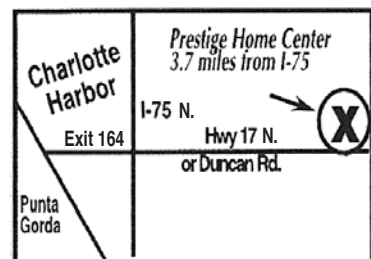
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proximately \$70,000 per year. The committee members checked references and visited neighborhoods currently using these landscapers. The committee then recommended Sun State Landscaping Management (SSLM) to the Board, which then voted to accept their recommendation.

Walter Perkowski, Board Secretary, stated that there were some ongoing problems regarding pool equipment and lighting. He felt that the Pool Committee would function better under the umbrella of a Maintenance Committee, with oversight over both the Landscape/ Environmental and Pool Committees. The Board then voted to put this into effect.

Home Owner Comments: Some residents requested that the Board Meeting Venue be changed, as the room was hot, humid, and very uncomfortable. The acoustics were also very bad, and most people had problems hearing the Board. Other comments included questioning the Board for voting for a Maintenance Committee to oversee Landscape/Environmental, and Pool Committees. One resident expressed concern that the Board held a Special Meeting on April 5th for the purpose of reassigning the Board President's Office.

The next scheduled Board meeting was announced as Monday, June 4 at 6PM.

Tragic Death of Bogan Jakubowski

By Judy Sokal

The name Bogan Jakubowski may not ring a bell for most Rivendell residents, but his company, Nostalgic Lampposts, certainly does. On March 15, 2012, Mr. Jakubowski, an experienced pilot, his wife, and their three friends were killed in a fiery plane crash in western North Carolina. Mr. Jakubowski was not just a businessman and owner of a lighting company; he was also a very talented artisan who crafted our lampposts individually. He created many other lovely, one-of-a-kind artifacts as well, and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

As of this writing, Lighthouse Management is looking for another vendor who will be able to service our lampposts needs, and the Woodlands Word will report to our readers when a new provider has been located.

Rivendell Board Meeting NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE

**Monday, June 4, 2012
at 6:00 pm**

Location to be determined

Dates, times and locations of Board and Committee meetings are based on the available information at the time of publication. Please contact a Board Member or Committee Chair to confirm meeting detail.

DID YOU KNOW? Auto Debit Option for Semi-Annual Home Owner Dues with Form

By Anabel Martinez, LHM

The Rivendell Community Association has an automatic payment program available for semi-annual dues, which are due in January and June of each year. Rivendell has approximately 493 homeowners and only 20 have signed up for auto debit of their dues.

If you are interested in using auto-debit to pay your home owner dues, a copy of the Credit / Debit Authorization Form is included in this issue on page 24, or you can access it through the Lighthouse Property Management website, or email Anabel Martinez @ anabelmartinez@mgmt.tv or call 941-451-8265 ext.101.

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Through The Lens

By Kay Mruz

It is impossible for a white ibis to go unnoticed as it walks around the edges of Rivendell's ponds in search of food.

This stunning bird stands about two feet tall and has a wingspan of three feet. Brilliant white feathers cover its body except for the very edge of the wings which are black. These black feathers can only be seen when the ibis is in flight. The ibis has a long curved bill that is reddish-orange. Its legs are grey except during breeding season when they turn the same reddish-orange as the face and bill. Immature ibis are brown on top and white underneath with brown legs and bill.

Flocks of white ibis can be found in a wide range of environments such as saltwater and brackish marshes, mudflats, ponds, wet lawns, mangrove swamps and lagoons.

White ibis feed in large groups and often fly up to 15 miles a day in search of food. Wading in shallow water, the ibis will move its long, curved bill from side to side probing the mud for crabs, marine worms, small fish and crayfish. White ibis will also search for food on land. Its favorites here are insects, snails, snakes, and frogs.

White Ibis breed in large colonies. These colonies consist not only of white ibis but other wading birds as well. The colonies can number into the thousands. Males will arrive to the breeding grounds first. They attract females by preening and pointing their bills towards the sky. Both sexes participate in nest building. The male brings to the female sticks, leaves, and other plant material so she can construct the nest; it is usually located between two and 15 feet off the ground. Two to five eggs are laid, with both parents sharing incubation duty. In about 21 days the eggs will hatch. Both parents feed the chicks regurgitated food. White ibis chicks fledge at about six weeks.

Its bright white feathers, colorful face and legs, and unique bill make the white ibis one of the more eye-catching birds that visit Rivendell.



"Hark! Hark! the lark... Lunch perchance...? Nay. Methinks this be a far more tasty morsel."
~ photos by Kay Mruz with captions by Marilyn Probert



Cottages Postings



UPDATES

Trees and broken driveways:
County will repair on individual request basis.
Contact J. Wilkinson at 650-0900 or jhwilkins@scgov.net

2012 tree trimming – Phase One completed.

Pet Owners – Board Reminder please clean up after your dogs.

Overnight Street Parking & trucks – Board reminder to obey association rules.

RU1NA BOARD ACTIONS

2012 tree trimming – Phase Two planning on going.

Do you have a special request? Now is the time.

BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, July 19th
Thursday, October 18th

SOCIALS

Saturday, May 5, End of Season Potluck at 6 P.M. at the Clubhouse

Sunday, May 20, 10:00 A.M. Coffee at the Clubhouse

DATE TBA: Ice Cream Social at 7:30 P.M. at the Clubhouse

FLAG DAYS

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day

Saturday, May 19 - Armed Forces Day

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day

Thursday, June 14 - Flag Day

Sunday, June 17 - Father's Day

Wednesday, July 4th – Independence Day



RU1NA = Rivendell Unit 1 Neighborhood Association



No Fishing in Rivendell Ponds
Unless you are a resident, a guest of a resident, or a bird!



A Hearty Thank you to Allen Roeter
for his dedication on the
Architectural Review Committee

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COMMUNICATIONS

By Judy Sokal, Chair

What We Do

Begun in the very early years of Rivendell by resident Joanne Eframian and others, the Communications Committee has been going strong with very little change in its job description for about 10 years. We continue to do our best to keep residents informed on matters of importance. The committee no longer holds regular meetings, but members do their jobs through email. Although there are only seven formal members of the committee, many additional friends and neighbors write articles, take notes at Board meetings, and send in news items of interest and significance for our newsletter. For all their help, I thank them, and hope you will too when you see their names in print.

Our most noticeable activity is the monthly production of The Woodlands Word. Advertising covers the cost of the publication, so Rivendell's only out-of pocket expense is the \$50 per month delivery fee. The newsletter is conveniently delivered to your driveway with the Sarasota Observer on the first Thursday or Friday of every month.

We also try to keep everyone informed through special issues that focus on our Deed Restrictions and the Architectural Review Committee, along with publishing an updated Service Provider Recommendation list every year for your information and convenience.

Although it may not be the easiest site to access, Lighthouse Property Management hosts a website for Rivendell that provides the newsletter and its archives in an electronic format. The website also contains Board Minutes, ARC information, Deed Restrictions, etc. Our committee works with LHM to ensure that site contains current information.

Another very important role of our committee is to provide the annual Directory. It is published from the database managed by Barb Gahry, who works to keep all our information up-to-date throughout the year. Barb has been maintaining the database for many years. You should receive your 2012 Directory soon. This wonderful and very useful directory is also free of charge to us, as the publisher sells advertising.

Our very able Block Captain Team, which has about 35 members, delivers the Directories and acts as neighborhood liaisons throughout the year. We certainly appreciate them and the Block Captain Chair, Cindy Schmidl.

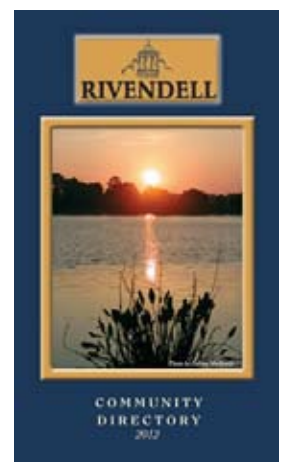
As you can see, the Communication Committee members are only a small part of a very large team of Rivendell residents who work on your behalf. If you would like to get more involved by writing an article, suggesting a topic of interest for a future story, supplying an interesting photo of Rivendell wildlife, or becoming a block captain, please let us know. Email Norma Lee Rhines, Pam Babbitt, or me and we will be happy to help (nlrhines@verizon.net, pbbabbitt@comcast.net, or judysokal@gmail.com).

Question? Complaint? Concern?
Contact Lighthouse Property Management
Lighthouse Property Management
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FL 34229
Tel: (941) 966-6844

Property Manager: Kyanne Merrill, CAM
kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv

Assistant: Shannon Banks,
shannonbanks@mgmt.tv

The 2012 Rivendell Directory has been delivered! If you haven't received your copy please contact your Block Captain or Cindy Schmidl at CindyCWS1@aol.com



COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAINTENANCE By Jim Stepien, Chair

Update on LEC and pool ongoing items:

The initial planting of Sabal Palms and ornamental grasses has been completed along Pine Pond, Golden Pond and Placid Lake (on Scherer Way). Many homeowners stopped during the planting to give their whole-hearted approval for these enhancements.

The arboricola enhancement along the Rivendell Boulevard Bridge is now scheduled for the week of April 16th and the Placid Lake Drive island improvement is on hold.

Swimming Pool minor interior maintenance issues will be corrected and we intend to complete palm trimming and other landscape items around the pool during the latter part of April. A professional review of pool mechanicals will be scheduled.

Rivendell maintenance contractors:

1. Sun State Landscape Management – common area, grass, plants, and trees (up to 15 feet)
2. Aquagenix – preserves, wetlands and coordination with Sarasota County
3. Aquatic Systems – lakes/ponds and coordination with SFWMD
4. South West Pools – community pool and coordination with Heath Department
5. Lighthouse Management – administrative matters including contractor interface

Maintenance Committee meeting:

The first meeting of the newly formed Maintenance Committee was held April 11th at 7:00 PM in the Cottages Clubhouse. Current members of both the LEC and Pool Committee were invited to become members. The meeting consisted of a general open discussion of how this committee should take on the task of prioritizing and assuring that the maintenance issues facing our community are presented to the Board of Director's (BOD) in a timely manner. Many thoughtful comments were discussed and all agreed that this will be an ongoing process to establish the best method to support the community's BODs and homeowners. We, as a group, pledged to listen to and discuss each other's ideas with courtesy and respect. The Maintenance Committee is open to all suggestions for making Rivendell a more beautiful and peaceful place to call home. The committee will be open to new members at any time and we welcome anyone who wishes to join.

I envision the Maintenance Committee will be the eyes and ears of our community regarding the services provided by these contractors. The committee will use the expertise and knowledge of our members to review each contractor's monthly report bringing issues, concerns, suggestions and praise to the BODs attention. We will be establishing an email address specifically for use by our homeowners to submit their maintenance concerns and suggestions. As always, homeowners may continue to contact Lighthouse Management by telephone.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 9th at 7:00 PM in the Cottages Clubhouse.



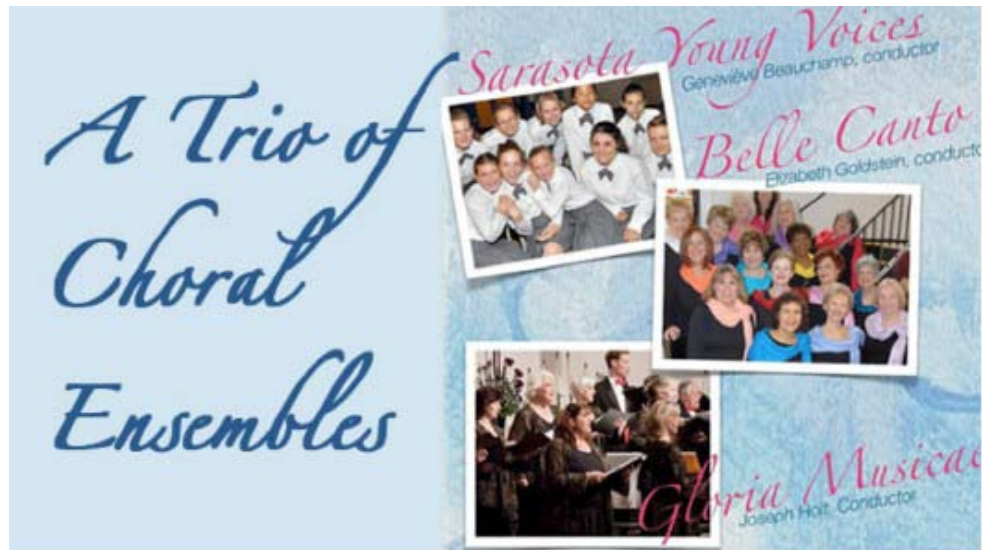
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(reporting suspicious looking people, lost pets, etc.)

A Trio of Choruses By Judy Sokal

On May 6, 2012, at 4 pm, Sarasota residents will be treated to a concert that includes three of the finest choruses in our area. For the first time ever, **Gloria Musicae**, **Belle Canto**, and **Sarasota Young Voices** will join together in "A Trio of Choruses." Rather than in the usual downtown venues like the Opera House, Van Wezel or Holly Hall, this one-time choral event will be held near our very own Rivendell community at the Faith Lutheran Church, 7750 Beneva Road, just north of the Sarasota Square Mall. The ticket price is only \$15, and the concert will feature light selections that include Broadway favorites and pop. Come early to guarantee good seats. For additional info call 941-924-4664.



DID YOU KNOW?

TSA eases up screening at Tampa International Airport

*Excerpt from Gulf Coast Business Review,
February 09, 2012*

The U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) says it will introduce its PreCheck program to Tampa International Airport (TPA) before the end of the year.

Frequent flyers from participating airlines, as well as members of Customs and Border Protection's Trusted Traveler programs, will be eligible to participate. If an eligible passenger is selected for PreCheck processing, he may have a much easier time getting through security.

According to the TSA, PreCheck passengers will not be required to remove their shoes, belt, or jacket; will not have their laptop x-rayed separately; and will not be forced to comply with the TSA's 3-1-1 policy for carry-on liquids.

The TSA says the new program will allow agents to "focus their efforts on passengers the agency knows less about while providing faster screening for travelers who volunteer information about themselves prior to flying."



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Garden Music Series: May 6 and May 13 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Bring your lawn chairs and find a spot under the Banyans - it's time for Spring Garden Music! Sunday afternoons through May 13, from 1 to 3pm in front of the Selby House, enjoy musical performances by some of the best local entertainers.

May 6: Big T & the Tornados – Classic blues, funk, R&B, and soul. Big T Band has played at many venues throughout Sarasota.

May 13: O Som Do Jazz - Brazilian jazz will be making its Selby debut. Dave Manson is a professor at St. Petersburg College and has several jazz groups in the area.

Admission Fees: Adults \$17; Members and children 11 and under enter free. Members' guests will be charged \$5.00 per person; Guest passes, reciprocals and coupons are not applicable for this event. No coolers, please. Schedule is subject to change. **contactus@selby.org** or 941-366-5731.

Key Chorale of Sarasota

May 27, 2012, Sunday 3:00PM

Pre-tour concert with the Jacobites Pipe Band

Encores and finales from Key Chorale's upcoming tour of Ireland and Scotland in July of 2012. Traditional Celtic and Irish music including "Dumbarton's Drums" and "Highland Cathedral," and a special arrangement of "Danny Boy" by Conductor Emeritus Daniel Moe. This is a celebration of Memorial Day with the Jacobites Pipe Band and Dancers.

Location: Church of the Palms, Sarasota. Phone: 941-921-4845 or Email: info@keychorale.org

32nd Annual Juried Photographic Exhibition at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens!

From April 27 through June 3, 2012, the Museum of Botany and the Arts at Selby Gardens will display the work of talented photographers



Savor Sarasota ~ June 1-14, 2012

The Annual "Savor Sarasota" Restaurant Week will run two full weeks, from June 1-14, 2012. This dining event features multi-course menus at \$25 per person and will showcase the region's eateries that have helped the area earn the distinction of having one of the highest concentrations of Zagat-rated restaurants in Florida. The website will provide a list of participating restaurants and menus in the future. <http://www.savorsarasota.com>



Van Wezel Performing Arts Center 2012 Event Calendar

The event calendar: <http://www.vanwezel.org/index.cfm>

The Woodlands Word is seeking volunteer reporters to offer restaurant reviews, summaries of trips near or far, recommendations for businesses, and other items of interest to residents.

Contact Judy Sokal at
judysokal@gmail.com

Dog Poo – Please pick up after pet

Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick up after your pet.



SERVICE PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS

Chuck Rizzo did inside painting for us recently after painting the outside a couple of years ago. He is a skilled professional painter and is someone you feel comfortable having in your house. He is neat and considerate and on time. We are happy to recommend him for all painting projects. His phone number is 941 468-2580. ~ Charles and Janet Kiblinger

Property Managers when you need to be away from home, recommended by Barb Gahry:

- 1) Barbara Tarlowski, 941-356-9834
- 2) Jay and Jen Mullineaux from Jenco Property Mgt. 941-882-0820.

Sarasota Screen Works, 941-468-9529. We heartily recommend Sarasota Screen Works, and owner Taylor Dallas, for your lanai rescreening needs. Taylor worked with us on price, showed us multiple screening options, was always prompt, and his workers courteous and neat. The results are wonderful. His number is 941-468-9529. ~ Judy Sokal & Jon Lewis

C.J.'s Pressure Washing, Kevin Reichenbach, 928-1188. Has your roof seen better days? Kevin does a great job at a terrific price. Once Kevin thoroughly cleans your roof, he also provides a yearly "keeping it clean" service for your roof for a reduced fee. Well worth the cost. ~ Norma Lee Rhines, Brian Babbitt, Tom & Marilyn Probert

Computer Help, 941-504-7064, Chris Dower. We recommend Pine View senior Chris Dower for making repairs to our computer and providing much needed advice. Reasonable Prices. Chris can be reached at 941-504-7064 or cliffjumpers57@gmail.com. ~ Pat Sobczak

Closet Tec, 941-923-4563, Wallace Smith, President & Terri Unthank, Vice President. Closet Tec provide fine quality custom closets, entertainment centers, home offices and garages. Closet Tec organized my closets with double hang, single hang, shelves and drawer packs. Very good attention to detail. They leave your home very neat and clean after the job has been completed. The staff is

prompt, efficient, trustworthy, dependable, courteous and knowledgeable. ~ Janet Lorie

Terri Lee Painting, 941-232-5994. Terri Lee has painted my home both inside and outside and did a magnificent job. She is now painting the Rivendell Pool Complex. If you want someone who is prompt, efficient, trustworthy, dependable, courteous, knowledgeable, competent, and reasonably priced then call Terri Lee at 941-232-5994. Her attention to detail and her workmanship is the best that I have ever seen. I rate her #1 in the Painting Field. ~ Janet Lorie

Affordable Pressure Washing, 941-234-6044. Call Keith Hill at 941-234-6044 for your pressure washing needs. He is efficient and reasonably priced. ~ Janet Lorie

Signature Kitchens & Baths, 941-894-6692. Michael O'Connor from Signature Kitchens & Bath redid my kitchen and baths. The beautiful woodworking, counter tops, and excellent installation skills exceeded my expectations. The staff is trustworthy, dependable, courteous, competent and knowledgeable. Call Michael O'Connor at 941-894-6692. ~ Janet Lorie

General Handyman: Craig Turner, 416-7045. Craig performs general home repairs; he is dependable and his prices are reasonable. ~ Sallie Hawkins

Custom Remodeling: Richard Sousa, 941-896-5881. Specializes in kitchens, baths, and entertainment centers. Dependable and priced right. Email: rich@changescustomremodeling.com or visit website: <http://changescustomremodeling.com> ~ Sallie Hawkins

Custom Woodworking: Tom Moftern, 585-4791. Custom woodworking. Dependable and prices are fair. Tom lives in Nokomis. ~ Sallie Hawkins

Electrician: Carmen Delledonne, 966-0217(home) or 408-4301 (cell). Dependable and Carmen lives in Rivendell. ~ Sallie Hawkins

(Providers continued next page)

Bill's Window Cleaning 228-8177. Call Bill for dependable service with good prices. Bill lives in Nokomis. ~ Sallie Hawkins

G.R. Painter Ready, 941-400-9992. George Rodriguez and his sons. The painters were great and I recommend them. They were neat, efficient and pleasant to work with and I thought their price was reasonable. ~ Ellen Popp and Previously recommended by Carol & Ken Heckert, Barb Gahry, and Mirinda Roy

CLASSIFIED ADS

VILLA FOR RENT: Lovely 2 bedroom 2 bath plus den Villa in Sorrento East, Nokomis Florida. Unfurnished, \$1200 a month. Call **941-445-5775 or 941-228-9383.**

VARIOUS ITEMS FOR SALE:

1. Egyptian area rug, 3'6" W x 6' L, black with brown and tan accents (\$20).
2. Pendent lights for kitchen bar, burnished chrome, 3 or 4' long with white glass globes (\$30 for pair).
3. Phillips VCR/DVD combination, model DVP3345V, silver (\$25).
4. Gray metal and glass television stand, 21 1/2" H, 42" W, 21 1/2" D, 2 shelves (\$45).
5. Speaker stands, black wood, 15" H, base 11" square, top 6 1/2" square (\$15 for pair).
6. Sony surround sound system w/6 unit DVD, silver, model DAVC450 with woofer and 5 speakers (\$25).

Call Bruce Whalen at **966-1660.**

MOTHER'S HELPER/BABYSITTER: Sivan Yohann, 966-7766. Pine View 8th grader 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!

MUSICIAN/BAND: Daniel Yohann, 966-7766. Pine View 10th grader fronts Sarasota's Most Exciting Teen Band, Uneven Lanes. The band is available for private parties, charitable functions, and events. Check out our Facebook page to hear three of our songs!

BABYSITTER Available: Molly Benkaim, 941-961-3385. 11th grade Pine View female student available for babysitting. Former camp counselor and CPR certified. Please call Molly for references.

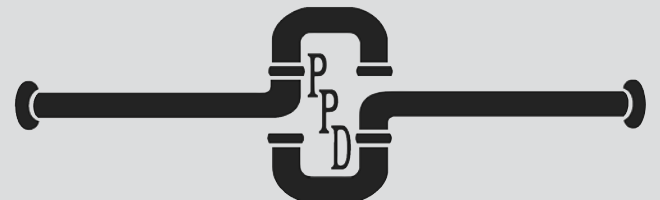
PET SITTING: Eve Day, 941-780-0821. Rivendell High School Senior who does pet sitting. Will follow all instructions and pricing is very reasonable.

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Book Group By Marilyn Probert



**Carol Heckert
leads book
discussion dressed
in character ~
photo by Ken
Heckert**

The Rivendell Book Group has interesting discussions; its resourcefulness was demonstrated in February when Carol Heckert dressed as a character from *"The Bread Giver."* The wealth of knowledge and personal experience of members came to the forefront in March when the group discussed *"Nemesis"* and the 1944 polio epidemic. All of the attendees remembered collecting dimes for the March of Dimes; however, several individuals had also directly experienced polio when they were young. These women continued the discussion by describing their current challenges of coping with "post-polio syndrome."

We are always learning something new from each other - it's a great group. Stop in on Monday, May 14th, when we discuss *"Black Out: A Novel"* by Lisa Unger. This is the suspenseful story of Annie Powell whose past seems to have come back to haunt her. Barbara Gahry will lead the discussion at Hope Kocian's home at 931 Scherer Way, phone 966-7823.

"Dreams of Joy," a novel by Lisa See, will be the topic at the meeting on June 11. The tale of *"Shanghai Girls"* May and Pearl continues in 1957 as Pearl's willful daughter, Joy, runs away to China to search for her biological father. Joy has become enamored of the communist ideals of Red China, but after actually living there she has become disillusioned. However, leaving China is not easy. Trish Woodrow will be discussion leader at my home at 775 Fordingbridge Way. Please call 966-5412 if you'd like to attend.

There will be no meetings in July and August. The September 10 discussion will center around *"Maine"* by J. Courtney Smith. Three generations of Kellehers gather at their family beach house; sibling rivalry, alcoholism, and Catholic guilt show up also.

Book Group gatherings are open to all Rivendell residents. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month; please call the month's hostess if you plan to come.



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RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

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 6:57 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 Bruce Lorie 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 12-01: To motion, Bruce Lorie 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 12-02: 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 12-03: 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 12-04: To motion, Perkowski be elected as Secretary. Motion passed.

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

VOTED 12-05: To motion, we appoint and elect the following

Landscape/Environmental.....Walter Perkowski
ARC.....Nancy Schubert
Pool.....Bruce Lorie

The Board appointed the following chairs of Committees:

- Landscape: Chair, Jim Stepien,
- ARC: Chair, Gwen Stepien
- Pool: Chair, Janet Lorie

The next regular Board meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 5th, 2012, based on the meeting facility availability. Management to confirm.

With no further business before the Board, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Kyanne Merrill
Managing Agent

DATED: This 29th day of February, 2012.

RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 5, 2012

A *REGULAR MEETING* of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 6:00 P.M., at the Historic Spanish Point at 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M., by the President, Bruce Lorie.

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

The following Directors were present:

Bobby Merrill Curt Kennedy Bruce Lorie
Walter Perkowski Nancy Schubert

A quorum was declared to be present.

On matter relating to the minutes of the previous meeting of December 8, 2011 and February 6, 2012. The motion was passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS,

Treasurer's report, Mr. Merrill provided a summary of the January financials. There are currently 8 foreclosures and 12 liens. Mr. Merrill will be working with Management and the attorney for input/recommendations on collection action.

Committee Reports, Mr. Merrill provided a report on behalf on Judy Sokal. (see attached #1).

Janet Lorie, Chair PC provided a report (see attachment #2).

Landscape, Mr. Perkowski made a motion and Ms. Schubert seconded

MOTION 12-06: to approve the following members to the Landscaping Committee:

- Carl Schubert
- Bill Bloom
- Carole Myles
- Nancy Schubert
- Carol Heckert
- Dave Gill



- Nigel Day
- Roseanne Beatty

Motion passed.

Mr. Jim Stepien, Chair LEC presented a report and provided a recommendation to the Board (see attachment #1). The Committee has reviewed the landscaping specifications and is prepared to re-bid the landscape contract. Mr. Perkowski made a motion and Mr. Merrill seconded

MOTION 12-07: to authorize Management to provide a notice to Valley Crest that the contract will not be automatically renewed. Valley Crest will be provided with the updated specifications, along with at least two other companies to provide a bid. The Committee will determine the due date that all the bids are due. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed several proposals provided by Valley Crest and Sun State Landscaping, after discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Mr. Perkowski

MOTION 12-08: to approve the following proposals:

- Valley Crest Landscape: Rivendell Road Bridge- \$491.25
 - Valley Crest Landscape: Island at Placid Lake Drive-\$730.25
 - Sun State Landscaping: Pine Pond Islands- \$2,691.00
 - Sun State Landscaping: Golden Point Islands-\$1773.00
 - Sun State Landscaping: Placid Lake at Scherer Way-\$2142.00
- (Per attachment #1) Motion passed.

Ms Gwen Stepien, Chair ARC presented the report for the February 28, 2012 ARC meeting. There were 7 applications received and 7 applications were approved.

ARC, Ms. Schubert made a motion and Mr. Perkowski seconded

MOTION 12-09: to approve the following applicants to the Architectural Review Committee:

- Shirley Borean
- Mary Marryott
- Allen Roeter
- Joe Sefack

Motion passed.



Ms. Schubert made a motion and Mr. Perkowski seconded

MOTION 12-10: to rescind the 02/17/2010 Standing Rule regarding the Establishment of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Motion passed.

Ms. Schubert made a motion and Mr. Perkowski seconded

MOTION 12-11: to revise Standing Rules to include a rule regarding the Establishment of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

1. "The ARC will have a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 members The Board Member appointed as liaison will not be a voting member of the committee.
2. The Board will solicit volunteers to serve on the committee at the beginning of each year prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board. Volunteers for membership on the ARC will be asked to apply by submitting a letter of intent to the management company who will disseminate the applications to the ARC Chairperson and Board Liaison. Board members may view applications upon request to the management company.
3. The new Board will vote on recommendations for ARC members submitted by the ARC Chairperson and Liaison at the first meeting after the annual Board meeting"

Motion passed.

Manager's Report, there was discussion on approval of expenses and setting a limit the majority of the Board can approve via email. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and Mr. Schubert seconded

MOTION 12-12: to approve that the Board authorize the property manager to spend up to \$1000 on emergency and maintenance items with an e-mail approval from at least three Board Members as long as the payment does not exceed the budget line item. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded Mr. Perkowski

MOTION 12-13: to apply fines to the following addresses in the amount of \$1000 up to 10 days.

- 686 Clear Creek-Mailbox Light Out
- 734 Fordingbridge-Trim Oak Trees
- 672 Shadow Bay-Maintenance of Lawn & Dirty Roof.

Motion passed.



New Business

Matters relating to Pool Complex and appointment of standing committee members, replacement of Pool Filter #2, New Filter Cartridges #1, a motion was made by Mr. Merrill seconded by Mr. Lorie

MOTION 12-14: to approve the following committee members for the pool

- Janet Lorie
 - Alexis Spaulding
 - Bo Potter
 - Bill Brenner
 - Rosanne Beatty
- Motion passed.

Matters relating to Pool Filter #2 and Filter Cartridges Filter #1, Mr. Lorie made a motion and Mr. Perkowski seconded

MOTION 12-15: to approve the Pool Filter #2 in the amount of \$1105 and Filter Cartridges Filter #1 in the amount of \$300 by Southwest Pools.
Motion passed.

Matters relating to Rivendell Unit I, Fountain proposal/petition, Light Trespass, Light Polls 2, 4 & 5, this matter was tabled.

Matters relating to form a Maintenance Committee, after discussion, the Board agreed to table the matter.

Infrastructure Committee, Mr. Merrill seconded the motion, rescind motion. Table the motion the next meeting

Matters relating to refurbishing 16 lampposts, a motion was made Ms. Schubert to have the Landscape Committee address the refurbishing of the lampposts. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Lorie and seconded by Mr. Merrill

MOTION 12-16: to have the Board President coordinate with Management to obtain estimates for the refurbishment of streetlights and to report to the Board accordingly. Motion passed.

There was discussion regarding Contract approvals/signatures. A motion was made by Ms. Schubert and seconded by Mr. Kennedy

MOTION 12-17: to revise the Standing Rules to include a rule that "All contracts above \$1000 include a counter signature of a second Board Member". The President and Secretary will be the designated signers.
Motion passed.



Owner Comments

Vincent McMurray provided a picture of the fakahachi grass that he planted along the banks of the lake which abuts his property to avoid erosion. It was requested that the Board be aware of the plantings and lake erosion.

Clarification was provided to the owners that if a non-resident is fishing in the lakes to contact the sheriff.

Joe Sefack suggested short term violations be addressed more frequently.

Dave Gill suggested the pool expenses be monitored to ensure the Board is remaining within budget.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Kyanne Merrill, CAM

Dated: This day 28th of March, 2012.



Manager's Report March 5, 2012

On Site/Maintenance-

- Coordinated repair of lighting- Pool/ Streetlights (Smiths Electric: Done)
- Obtained a bid for cleaning 24 streetlights- LPM \$300.00 approx.
- Met with Valley Crest to review dead limbs by cottages.
- Working w/ LEC regarding specs and bid requests.
- Compliance drives through community.
- Obtained bid for the trimming 7 Washingtonians on Eagle Isle - \$175.00 or trimming all 36 in the common areas for \$828.00

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. Babbitt for publishing in the newsletter.
- Posted newsletter to website.

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

Compliance-

- Compliance letters mailed to homeowners. Total: 33

Roof/Fence/Structure	3
Dogs/Nuisance	3
Yard Condition/Weeds	1
Garbage Cans	2
Mailbox	21
Vehicles	3

Vote for fining:

Attached you will find a summary that we have been working on for all final notices that were sent.

686 Clear Creek - Mailbox Light Out

734 Fordingbridge Way - Trim Oak Trees

672 Shadow Bay - Maintenance of Lawn & Dirty Roof

Kyanne Merrill, CAM
Managing Agent

RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.*A Corporation Not-for-Profit***MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 5, 2012**

A *SPECIAL MEETING* of the Board was scheduled to be held at the Conference Room of Lighthouse Property located at 16 Church Street, Osprey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 8:59 A.M by the President, Bruce Lorie.

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 Bruce Lorie Walter Perkowski Curt Kennedy
Bobby Merrill (via teleconference)

A quorum was declared to be present.

On matters relating to organizational issues upon a motion made by Ms. Schubert and seconded by Mr. Kennedy which was followed by a brief discussion it was voted

MOTION 12-18: To re-elect officers to the Rivendell Community Association Board:

Mr Curt Kennedy to be elected President
Mr Bobby Merrill to be elected Treasurer
Ms Nancy Schubert to be elected Vice President
Mr Walter Perkowski to be elected Secretary

Motion passed unanimously with Bruce Lori choosing to abstain

On matters relating to operational issues after a brief discussion the Board agreed to table the matter.

With no further business before the Board, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 A.M.



Walter Perkowski
Secretary of the Board

DATED: This 5th day of April, 2012

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 27, 2012

By Gwen Stepien

Attendees: Gwenda Stepien - Committee Chair, Nancy Schubert - Board Liaison, Joe Sefack, Shirley Borean, and Mary Marryott

Guest: Walter Perkowski

The ARC meeting called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of 4 Committee members present.

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	525 Meadow Sweet Circle	3ft. Fence.	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Gwen Stepien 2nd: Joe Sefack Notes:
2.	742 Shadow Bay Way	Paint front doors.	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Shirley Borean 2nd: Gwen Stepien Notes: 1 Abstention (Marryott)
3.	737 Crane Prairie Way	Plant Crepe Myrtle Trees In Parkway.	Resolved: DISAPPROVED Need County letter for approval to plant tree's in parkway. Notes:
4.	931 Scherer Way	Wash & paint exterior of house, trim and garage.	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Gwen Stepien 2nd: Shirley Borean Notes:
5.	1361 New Forest Lane	Paint exterior of house, trim, front door and garage.	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Joe Sefack 2nd: Shirley Borean Notes:
6.	656 Clear Creek	Cover porch with new pavers.	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Mary Marryott 2nd: Gwen Stepien Notes:
7.	656 Clear Creek	Replace 4 missing plants. around pool cage with new plants	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Mary Marryott 2nd: Joe Sefack Notes:
8.	790 Shadow Bay Way	Replace old landscaping.	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Gwen Stepien 2nd: Mary Marryott Notes: LEC Chair has reviewed proposed plants
9.	1341 New Forrest Lane	Pave area behind Lanai.	Resolved: ON HOLD Need Plat

New business: Allen Roeter has had to resign from the ARC due to health problems, effective March 27, 2012. Thanks go out to Allen Roeter for his time spent on previous ARC meetings.

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. Next Meeting: April 24, 2012.

EDITORS' NOTE: ARC application form and guidelines - please see pages 22 & 23 of this news-

ARC Application Form and Guidelines

When completing the ARC Application Form, be sure to complete the following steps:

1. Attach all requested documentation (site plan or survey; paint color chip; neighbor letter; etc.).
2. Make a copy of the ARC Application Form, page 23, and your documentation.
3. Mail or deliver to: Rivendell Community Association
C/O Lighthouse Property Management
16 Church Street, Osprey, FL 34229

To access the ARC Guidelines for Exterior Alterations, log into the Rivendell Website at Lighthouse Management http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/cgi-bin/assoc_web.cgi

Click on the fourth line that reads ARC Guidelines.

Now you should see a 6-page pdf document that provides guidelines to use when completing your ARC Application Form.

If you have difficulties logging into the Lighthouse Management Website, call 966-6844.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

meets the **last Tuesday** of each month (May 29) at 6:00pm

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

Please contact a Board Member or Committee Chair to confirm meeting details.

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.

Application for Architectural Review Committee Consideration

Homeowner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address where work is to be carried out: _____

If you live in the “Cottages”, you are required to get approval from Unit 1 Board of Directors before submitting this application to the ARC.

Please describe the proposed work including specifications and dimensions of the work and materials to be used. (If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet.)

Proposed commencement date: _____ Duration of Project: _____

The ARC meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Please submit this application to the address below seven days prior to the meeting.

Please attach the following to this application:

- Site Plan or Survey showing the location of the proposed work.
- A letter signed by your neighbor or a certified letter receipt sent to your neighbor for any proposed work which will have a direct effect on your neighbor.
- Color sample, color name and reference # for proposed paint.
- Plat showing names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping.
- Plat showing location of proposed fence with manufacturer's brochure describing the fence material.

Please refer to the **Guidelines for Exterior Alterations** while planning your proposed work. If you would like to discuss your application prior to submittal, please contact the Architectural Review Committee Chair or Board Liaison, who are listed in the Woodlands Word.

All work must conform to all Zoning and Building Regulations. Owners are responsible for obtaining necessary permits after ARC approval. Owners are responsible for any damages to common areas or other homes caused by their contractors.

If any modifications or changes to existing structures and landscaping is done without prior approval from the ARC, fines or removal may apply.

Home Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit applications to: Rivendell Community Association
C/O Lighthouse Property Management
16 Church Street
Osprey, FL 34229 Phone: 941-966-6844

CREDIT / DEBIT AUTHORIZATION FORM

I / We hereby authorize **RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOC. INC.** to initiate entries for payment of my semi-annual maintenance fees to my checking / savings accounts at the financial institution listed below, and, if necessary, initiate adjustments for any transactions debited / credited in error. The debit will occur on the first business day of each semi-annual.

I WOULD LIKE MY AUTOMATIC DEBIT TO START IN _____(MONTH)_____(YEAR)

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Account Number _____Checking ____ Savings ____

Bank Routing Number_____

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK FROM YOUR DESIGNATED ACCOUNT.

This authorization will remain in effect until Rivendell Community Assoc Inc. is notified by me / us in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford Rivendell Community Assoc Inc. and SmartStreet Bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

DATE_____

SIGNATURE_____

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c/o Lighthouse Management
16 Church Street
Osprey, FL 34229

Phone: (941) 451-8265 Fax: (941) 451-8059

MEDICAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

Excerpt - Exposure to Solvent May Increase Parkinson's Risk

By Pauline Anderson

Submitted by Ed Lin <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/754121> 11/22/2011

Exposure to trichloroethylene (TCE), a solvent used in manufacturing that is found in significant amounts in municipal water supplies, increases the risk of developing Parkinson's disease (PD) by more than 6-fold, according to a new study of twins.

Occupations and Hobbies: Through the National Academy of Science/National Research Council World War II Veteran Twins Registry, researchers identified 99 twin pairs (49 monozygotic, 50 dizygotic) discordant for PD. The registry is an all-male twin cohort established in the 1960s using military records.

"We saw increased risk among people who were electricians and dry cleaners and artists who worked with certain kinds of processes," said Dr. Goldman. For example, in the case of electricians, TCE may have been used to degrease electrical circuits, and in dry cleaning, it was commonly used as a spot remover.

As well as a dry cleaning and degreasing agent, TCE has also been used as an additive in many common household products, including adhesives, paints, and carpet cleaners. Although its use has been declining since the late 1970s, it's still a commonly used solvent in vapor degreasing of metal parts in manufacturing. [Note: The FDA banned the use of TCE as an anesthetic, skin disinfectant, grain fumigant, and coffee decaffeinating agent in 1977.]

Water Supply: About 50 millions of pounds of TCE are released annually into the U.S. environment. It is found in air, soil, food, and human breast milk and in up to 30% of US drinking water supplies.

"Everyone should be aware that in the US, there are requirements (for water suppliers) to provide data to customers listing compounds," said Dr. Goldman. "TCE is found in fairly substantial proportions of municipal water systems especially if these systems are using ground water; surface water has lower concentrations because it evaporates."

How do these solvents lead to PD? Animal studies show that TCE causes a pathology similar to that

seen in PD, said Dr. Goldman. "It specifically kills a particular population of neurons that secrete dopamine. The researchers believe the actual toxic mechanism is related to mitochondria, he added. "It's toxic to mitochondria, and that leads to additional oxidative stress and for some reason it causes death of neurons exactly in the same area as where we see death of neurons in PD."

Dr. Goldman emphasized the importance of replicating these study results in other populations with well-characterized exposure histories. "Although a 6-fold increased risk is extremely high, and animal models find TCE-related pathology that is very similar to what is seen in Parkinson's disease, all epidemiological research must be replicated before a definitive causal link can be established."

Intriguing Implications: Dr. Matthew Stern agreed that while this study may have public health implications, its results should be interpreted with caution. "Epidemiologic studies of PD have previously implicated exposure to industrial and agricultural chemicals, rural living, well water, certain occupations, low caffeine consumption and non smoking, yet a specific environmental cause of PD has eluded us."

Overnight parking on streets is prohibited Motor Vehicle Parking

4.01 Community Association Restrictions

Please refer to the Amended Deed Restrictions for Rivendell, page 7 in the 2012 Rivendell Directory (C) No motor vehicle shall be parked anywhere other than on paved or other areas designated for that purpose, such as driveways or in garages. Parking on yards, lawns or landscaped areas, alleyway access easements, or in community common area or neighborhood common area is prohibited. Parking of any motor vehicle on streets and roads within the community is expressly limited to durations not to exceed four (4) hours, and in all events, overnight parking on streets and roads is strictly prohibited.

(E) Any vehicles parked in violation of this paragraph or section shall be subject to being towed away at the owner's expense, as well as any other remedy available to the Association. (Also see Standing Rule concerning Pickup Trucks approved on June 2006.)



Florida Gardening Calendar

Comments or suggestions?

Dr. Sydney Park Brown
spbrown@ufl.edu

May

Central Florida Edition

What to Plant

Annuals: Plants that can take summer heat include salvia, torenia, wax begonia, coleus, and ornamental pepper. **See:** [Gardening with Annuals in Florida](#)

Bulbs: Some lilies do better when their roots are crowded. Try planting Amazon, Aztec, and Clivia lilies in containers to increase blooming. **See:** [Bulbs for Florida](#)

Herbs: Plant heat loving herbs, including basil, Mexican tarragon, and rosemary. **See:** [Herbs in the Florida Garden](#)

Vegetables: Southern favorites to plant now are okra, southern pea and sweet potato. **See:** [Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide](#)

What to Do

Pests: Harmful insects become more active as the weather warms. Watch for thrips, scale, and mites on ornamental plants. **See:** [Insects Sheet 1](#)
[Landscape Integrated Pest Management](#)

Gardenias: While some yellowing of older leaves is normal, yellowing of new growth usually indicates a micronutrient deficiency. **See:** [Gardenias](#)

Oleanders: Chewed or ragged leaves indicate oleander caterpillars at work. **See:** [Oleander Caterpillar](#)

Lawn insects: Watch for damage from chinch bugs in St. Augustine and begin scouting for newly hatched mole crickets in Bahia lawns. **See:** [Insect Management in Your Florida Lawn](#)

Tomatoes: Watch for pests, disease, and nutritional disorders on tomato plants. **See:** [Tomatoes in the Florida Garden](#)

Lawn nutrition: If *Bahia* lawns are yellowing, iron may correct the problem. **See:** [General Recommendations for Fertilization of Turfgrass on Florida Soils](#)

Prevent lawn diseases: Prevent or minimize disease by following proper cultural practices when caring for lawns. **See:** [Turfgrass Disease Management](#)

Trees: Prepare for hurricane season by checking trees for damaged or weak branches and prune if needed. Hire an ISA certified arborist. **See:** [International Society of Arboriculture](#) [Pruning Young Trees](#) [Pruning Mature Trees](#)

What to Do Every Month

- Adjust irrigation based on rainfall.
- Deadhead flowers to encourage new blooms.
- Monitor the garden for insects and disease.
- Plant trees, shrubs, and perennials and water until established.
- [Mow lawns](#) at recommended heights:
 - St. Augustine & Bahia: 3-4"
 - Centipede: 1.5-2.0"
 - Dwarf St. Augustine: 2.5"
 - [Zoysiagrass](#)

UF Resources For Gardeners

- UF/IFAS Publications (EDIS)
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping
<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- Solutions For Your Life
<http://solutionsforyourlife.com>
- *Gardening in a Minute* Radio Program
<http://gardeninginaminute.com>
- Florida Master Gardener Program
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<http://livinggreen.ifas.ufl.edu/>

RCA Committees 5/2012

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Chair, Gwen Stepien

Shirley Borean, Mary Marryott, Joseph Sefack

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Board Liaison, Walter Perkowski

Chair, Jim Stepien

Rosanne Beatty, Bill Bloom, Nigel Day, Dave Gill, Carol Heckert, Carole Myles, Carl Schubert, Nancy Schubert, Bill Brenner, Bo Potter, Alexis Spaulding

Access the Rivendell website at:

http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html

Your input and feedback are always encouraged and welcomed.

Deadline: Submit articles and information to pbbabbitt@comcast.net by the tenth of the month.

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