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July 2018

Osprey Transportation and Safety

By Peter Strauss

The Bay Street Extension is due to open in September. When it opens, Rivendell can expect to have an increase of thru traffic. As a community we need to be aware that this will have some obvious and some not so obvious results. There will be all kinds of traffic coming into our neighborhoods 24/7 that at this point is not measurable. One thing we can be sure of: with the new developments planned East of us, traffic will only increase over time.

Recently five members of COTS (Coalition for Osprey transportation Safety) met with Paula Wiggins, the Head Engineer of Sarasota County Transportation Planning. Our meeting lasted for about an hour and included people from Parks and Recreation and another engineer. What I took from the meeting was that the County has NO plans to physically improve Bay Street. Pedestrian and bicycle traffic will essentially share Bay Street as if it were a multi-use road/ bike trail/ sidewalk all in one. Sound crazy to you? Well this is the official position from the County. There's no money. It will be more dangerous than ever, and I would suggest not using Bay Street and risking life and limb while trying to go for a walk or riding your bike. The county will paint shared lane markings (sharrow) on the road to inform road users in automobiles to share the same road with bike riders. Bike riders by law can use the entire lane (there is signage on Bay Street which posts this right now). Do you think this might create some road rage?



Sharrow

COTS has taken the stance that we must have some kind of multi-use path constructed, which, according to the County, will cost in excess of three million dollars. We will be petitioning the County Commissioners and contacting the press as well as the FDOT to hopefully make this happen.

On another subject, COTS has been talking to the County and FDOT about the increased development slated for Route 41 and Old Venice Road as well as the opening of Publix. The increase of traffic will surely affect our residents coming in and going out of our main entrance. The level of traffic, which now is near capacity, especially in season, must be addressed. COTS is working to find ways to make our roads as safe as possible: uniform speeds, more enforcement, and better planning for Osprey.

Kudos:

Pool Furniture Has Arrived!

Many thanks to the Maintenance Committee and to the Board for all the time and effort that went into this project!



Photo by Nancy Dobias

Documents Revision Committee

Progress Report, June 2018

By Mike Bergman,

as recorded by Steve Bragg

After months of updating and modernizing the Rivendell Documents, a meeting was set with our Attorney, Paul Olah. He complimented the accomplishments of our Committee and the Board. Sitting in for Rivendell were Committee members Joe Sefack, Steve Bragg, and Gary Mruz. Larry Dobias and Peter Strauss represented our Board. Mr. Olah noted that he has revised documents for many associations, and he is President of his homeowners' association in Lakewood Ranch. He agreed to a timeline that would enable the product to be available to our homeowners by the fall.

Paul Olah asked if the Board wanted to decrease the percentage of positive votes required for a quorum. Most of those present felt it would be in the best interest of the community to keep the 2/3 majority already in place. Joe Sefack asked Paul what major issues or problems might be presented. Paul replied that the State Legislature has watered down some of these rules and restrictions that had required compliance:

- Vehicle/parking restrictions, commercial vehicles.
- Sale or lease of properties. What is enforceable? The State has revisions to Regulation 720.
- The fining process. Some liens may not be enforceable.
- Clean up definitions of land and ownership. Only references will be Owners and Lots.

When the legal work is finished, the proposals will be disseminated to the homeowners for their input.

Don't forget to vote!

Hurricane Embedded Screws

Submitted by Rev Voth in June 2014

Does your hurricane protection include embedded screws that hold a storm panel or curtain and/or its track in place? These are most commonly found on the deck of your lanai and/or up the concrete wall.

When was the last time you actually tried to take those screws out? Many may have seized up over the years and were VERY difficult or impossible, to remove. When the decision to put up the shutters and curtain is made, the LAST thing you need is to be unable to remove the screws to install your protection. Instant panic!

Solution: Permatex Anti-Seize Lubricant is an industrial strength lubricant that prevents things such as bolts from seizing up over time when exposed to extreme conditions. The item number is 80078, and the product comes in a gray plastic 8 oz. jar with a brush attached to the lid. Just coat the threads of the screws and reinstall them. Be ready for the next time you need to install storm tracks and curtains.



Bodrum in Venice

By Catherine Middleton



I recently visited a new Greek/Turkish restaurant in Venice on the Island. It is in Burgundy Square at 225 Miami Avenue. As usual, I went with my Venice Gym Girls group for lunch and we all agreed that the food was quite good. Many of us tried the Piyaz, which is a white bean salad. Others of the ladies tried a few of the specialty dishes including Tzatziki, Falafel and the Dolmas. The portions are generous and sharing would certainly be a possibility. One of my work colleagues had also eaten there and had the salmon; she declared it one of the best ever!

It is a small place and so reservations for dinner or for large groups are recommended. It is also very tastefully decorated in a "Mediterranean Sea" style. Check out their website for lots of photos and information about the owners, in addition to the menu. <https://www.bodrumfl.com/>



Savor Sarasota

In the past, many restaurants have extended their Savor Sarasota menus after the end of the original schedule. Please check at <https://www.visitsarasota.com/savor-sarasota> to see if any of your favorite restaurants have done so.

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Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

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

Next Rivendell Board Meeting

Wednesday July 11th, 2018
6pm

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
2705 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis

Any changes to this date will be
posted on the website
www.rivendellcommunity.com



Frequently Asked Questions: By Pam Babbitt

Question 1: We would like to repaint our home. Where can I find the list and binder for the "Rivendell Suggested Paint Color Palette?"

Answer 1: A pre-approved list of the paint colors is in the ARC Guidelines. Go to the Rivendell website, www.rivendell-community.com and select the Documents Tab, scroll down to ARC Guidelines and Forms.

Binders with sample paint schemes are available for loan from Lighthouse Management or from the Sherwin Williams store located at 4871 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, (941-924-1174).

- If you use Sherwin-Williams paint, be sure to obtain the discount offered to Rivendell residents.
- Other colors and/or manufacturers may be used, but the homeowner must then use the usual process set forth in Section D of the ARC Guidelines and must include paint samples with their request.
- Homeowners may suggest additional colors and manufacturers for inclusion into the list. Suggestions must include the manufacturer's name, product number, name, paint samples, and suggested application, i.e. Body, Trim or Accent.

Any practices, rules or regulations in Rivendell that puzzle you?

Send your question(s) to

Marilyn Probert at marilynprobert@gmail.com, and we will do our best to answer them.

Book Group Schedule By Pam Babbitt

On July 9, *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President* by Candice Millard will be discussed. The president in question is James Garfield. Born into poverty, he rose to become a scholar, a Civil War hero, a congressman, and a reluctant presidential candidate. Pam Babbitt will host the group at 743 Fordingbridge Way. Please call Pam if you will be attending, 941-918-8781.

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

August 13: *Behold the Dreamer* - by Imbolo Mbue. Hosted by Miranda Roy.

September 17: (note date change from usual date of Sept. 10) *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See.

October 8: *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* - by Kelli Estes.



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Machine Learning for Hearing Aids

Recently, we went to one of our favorite restaurants. This time the server remembered us and asked how we were. It was nice to have the staff notice us and recall our previous visits. It made me think of movies when someone walks into a restaurant and the waiter asks, "Just your usual?"

It is nice to be remembered.

This is where hearing aid technology is going.

Widex has just released a new technology, Evoke, that will remember what your preference is based on your environment. This leading edge technology is called machine learning. Machine learning occurs when we choose a preference and future options are offered based on our past selections.

You have probably experienced machine learning in other areas of your life. If you have Netflix you may have noticed the suggested movies will change to match your last movie viewed. Based on your rating of movies Netflix will suggest a movie that has a similar theme, emotional style, or characters.

Like all major hearing aid manufacturers, Widex offers an app for your smartphone. At their training I recently attended, they showed how their app is different. On their app, you choose between two sound qualities. You choose either A or B. The amazing part is if you consistently choose B when you are in a noisy restaurant over time your hearing aids will automatically adjust to your preferred choice when you enter a noisy restaurant. This machine learning response is what sets the Widex Evoke apart from other hearing aids.

The question you might have is "how do my hearing aids know where I am?" For years now, hearing aids have been listening to the ambient sounds to determine the best filtering to enhance speech. This is actually common programming. Your hearing aids have listened to where you have been, whether you were in a quiet room, a golf course with a lot of wind, or a noisy restaurant, and adjusted the setting to best suit the environment.

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Architectural Review Committee Meeting Report - May 29, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. and concluded at 7:02 p.m.

Quorum present: Maureen Emmons, Richard Jurik, Susan Lanza (by phone), Wayne Davis

Absent: John Greco

	Request	Address	Assigned To	Second	Status
1	Install hurricane windows	1060 Scherer Way	Wayne Davis	Maureen Emmons	Approved
2	Paint trim and front door	975 Scherer Way	John Greco	Maureen Emmons	Approved
3	Install hurricane windows	708 Anna Hope Lane	Wayne Davis	Maureen Emmons	Approved
4	Solar panels for pool. Owner to submit an ARC request specifying heat pump details	771 Fordingbridge Way	Maureen Emmons but Richard Jurik reported to committee	n/a owner decided to not use solar panels. Owner now intends to use a heat pump.	No vote taken.
5	New tile roof - emergency	770 Shadow Bay Way	Maureen Emmons	n/a Emergency approval earlier in May via committee vote.	Decision confirmed via unanimous vote during meeting.
6	New shingle roof	672 Shadow Bay Way	Rich Jurik	Wayne Davis	Approved
7	Gutter installation at back of house	746 Shadow Bay Way	Rich Jurik	Maureen Emmons	Approved
8	Pool heater installation	733 Crane Prairie Way	Maureen Emmons but reported by Richard Jurik	Wayne Davis	Approved
9	Install hurricane windows	717 Crane Prairie Way	Wayne Davis	Maureen Emmons	Approved
10	Exterior paint same color. Discussion regarding the color palette and earlier decision to use regular ARC request form for any exterior color changes.	1116 Mallard Marsh	Maureen Emmons	Wayne Davis	Approved
11	Remove 3 Royal Palms. Decision based on safety despite concerns removal job can be performed due to potential costs getting equipment to back yard.	1097 Mallard Marsh Drive	Rich Jurik	Maureen Emmons	Approved but subject to the condition that the owner must replace missing/damaged lawn, shrubs, etc.
12	New shingle roof	540 Meadow Sweet Circle	Maureen Emmons but Richard Jurik reported to committee	Wayne Davis	Approved
13	Accordion hurricane shutters	578 Meadow Sweet Circle	Maureen Emmons	Wayne Davis	Approved
14	Hurricane shutters	1040 Scherer Way	Maureen	Susan Lanza	Approved

Request cutoff for the July 31 meeting is July 24.

Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The ARC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Cottages Clubhouse

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

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 Kenneth Alarie, Gary Mruz

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Deadline: Submit articles and information
 to Marilyn Probert (marilynprobert@gmail.com)
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