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The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

February 2019

Highlights, January 9 Board of Directors Meeting

By Carol Heckert; Reviewed by John Fitzgibbon

Attending: Ray Capuano, Larry Dobias, Maureen Emmons, John Fitzgibbon, Peter Strauss, Beth Miller (Lighthouse)

Current Events:

- Proxies due for vote on new governing documents
- Community garage sale, Feb. 2, 8 AM – noon
- Annual Meeting, Feb. 6, 5:30 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church

Manager's Report: (Beth Miller)

- Annual Meeting packets mailed to all homeowners
- No homeowners fined for lamppost lights as all violations corrected
- Fining process discussed and clarified
- Pool shower drain and door hinges fixed

Treasurer's Report: (Larry Dobias)

- \$35,074 spent in December; \$363,993 for the year to date. \$111,000 in reserves spent for pool renovation; complete except for resolution of pool chemical tank storage

ARC: (Maureen Emmons)

- New Architectural Committee members are Neil Agruss and Alex Castro
- Maureen Emmons to continue as Acting Chair plus liaison
- 163 requests reviewed in 2018

Maintenance Committee: (Larry Dobias)

- Working on plans for new pump house
- Sidewalks on common areas to be power washed by Der Dutchman for \$2,600.
- Bids received for fountain in Rivendell Pond; electrical contractor bids needed
- Green Topps to remove 25 dead trees
- Overhead lights repaired at pool

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Rivendell Annual Meeting
is scheduled to occur **Wednesday**
February 6th 2019 at 5:30pm.
The location of the meeting will be
OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
2705 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis.

Be sure to mail your voting ballots
to **Lighthouse Management** to ensure
we have a quorum for elections.
You can also bring your ballots to
the meeting in person.

We hope all Rivendell residents
vote and attend the meeting!

Special Notice

From the Ponds and Preserves Committee



water ponds.

At the Annual Homeowner's Meeting on February 6, Mollie Holland, Sarasota County's Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team (NEST) Coordinator, will present her perspectives on cost-effective management of erosion and algae in SW FL storm

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

Vote for the New Governing Documents ASAP

In January you received the Annual Meeting packet in the mail, which included the proposed revision of Rivendell's governing documents.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you return the signed and dated

ANNUAL MEETING PROXY to vote to adopt the new governing documents and rollover of surplus funds. Please mail the signed Proxy pages to Lighthouse Property Management or drop them off at their office at 16 Church St.

Thank you!

(Highlights continued from pg.1)

Communication Committee: (John Fitzgibbon, Barb Gahry)

- Want to register new homeowners to get contact information
- Mechanism needed for updating contact information
- Gary Mruz now maintaining database for news blasts and the directory
- Will provide script for Welcoming Committee to greet new homeowners

Document Review Committee: (Joe Sefack)

- Will notify homeowners to return ballots through the Woodlands Word, Nextdoor Rivendell, and news blasts.
- Updating the Standing Rules to conform to the new Covenants

Ponds & Preserves: (Frank Freestone)

- Article in Woodlands Word about Bobcat Pond pilot project
- Committee received training for water sampling; will collect samples monthly
- Aquatic plants will be planted to control erosion, avoiding need for expensive remediation later
- Looking for more Pond Stewards

Social Committee: (Carolyn Kenney)

- Committee has 9 members; more wanted
- Committee will focus on both events and shared interest groups
- Community Garage Sale, February 2, 8 AM – noon. Contact person is Sallie Hawkins. People needed to sit at entry to the community early in the day to hand out maps showing participating households.

New Business: (Ray Capuano)

- New sod at bridge by West Bay – approved for \$1,000.
- Bridge fountain – deferred to next month
- Pothole patching of alleys – potholes to be patched by DS Frank for \$2,500. Town Hall Meeting to be called with Rivendell attorney presenting information about paving alleys
- In 2019, Board Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month at 4:30 PM.

Homeowner Comments:

- President complimented on way he is handling the alley situation
- New trees needed to replace dead trees being removed

Next Rivendell Board Meeting

Wednesday February 6th, 2019
following the Annual Meeting.

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

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DON'T FORGET!



**Rivendell Community
Garage Sale
Saturday, February 2,
8am-12pm**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Keep Rivendell a wonderful place to live
and meet more of your neighbors!
Email John Fitzgibbon and indicate
the committee you're interested in:
ARC, Maintenance, Ponds & Preserves,
Social, Welcome, or Communications.
johnf.rivendell@gmail.com.

Maintenance Committee Report- January 2, 2019

By Larry Dobias, Board Liaison

1. Pump house - Preliminary specs written with follow-up meeting planned with Water Tech.
2. Fountain/bridge -Three bids for a fountain at the bridge obtained and under review.
3. Schedule pond structure inspection - Dave Gill to contact the engineering firm.
4. Community sidewalk power washing - Board has accepted the proposal from the Dutchman to power wash sidewalks that are HOA responsibility.
5. Greentopps/January - Greentopps will be in to remove dead pines and trim oaks.
6. Sod at bridge - A bid from West Bay to plant, put down sod at the bridge. Board approved.
7. Inspect electrical boxes - All electrical boxes inspected and repairs made where needed.
8. Overhead lights at the pool operational - All ten overhead lights are on a dusk-to-dawn timer.
9. Bobcat Pond - Second pilot program.
10. Eagle Isle.
11. Security of pool chemicals.
12. Brick walls.
13. Alley potholes.
14. Tree planting.
15. Staining gazebo.



Rivendell Has a New Social Committee!

Happy New Year! My name is Carolyn Kenney, and I live on Crane Prairie Way in the Woodlands Villas. I recently agreed to chair a new Rivendell Committee - its Social Committee. Now, I need your help! The purpose of the Committee is to act as a sort of "umbrella" for two different social event/activity types: first, community-wide social events/activities like the soon-to-happen Rivendell Garage Sale on February 2, organized by Sallie Hawkins; holiday parties; regular "mixers"; and special celebrations.

Secondly, the Committee will function as a source of support and information dissemination for members of special-interest groups that want to attract participants from the whole of the HOA. The list may go on and on - kayakers, birders, mah-jonggers, etc. I am hoping this will help all of us come together, make new friends, and share our talents to the benefit of all, making Rivendell an even more inviting place to live! Please e-mail me ASAP at kenneycsrq@gmail.com to let me know of your interest in joining the Committee.

Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

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



February 18



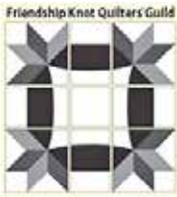
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It's Quilting Time!

Submitted by Jean Freestone



The Friendship Knot Quilters Guild of Sarasota will hold its 2019 "Quilts in Paradise" show at Roberts Arena in Sarasota on March 8 & 9. Hours are Friday, 9-5, Saturday, 9-4. Admission is \$8.00. Typically, there are around 200 quilts on display with mini-quilt and gift basket auctions and much more!

The stunning Donor's Quilt, stitched by Guild members, will be raffled off with tickets selling for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The boutique basket auction has beautifully wrapped themed baskets that you buy tickets for; you can put any number of tickets in the basket you hope to win. Example themes: new baby, vintage, different sports, etc.

The quilt block auction has ready-made pieced or appliqué blocks for you to bid on. If your bid is the highest, you win that set of blocks. Then you put the blocks together, add a border, send it out to be quilted and...voila... YOU have made a quilt!

The mini-quilt auction has small quilts, made by guild members. The highest bidder will win these, each day of the show. There are usually about 40 mini-quilts auctioned each day!

There are also different sized quilts sold on consignment. Vendors will be present and are listed on the website. There is a lot to see with about 200 quilts of all kinds and sizes on display that can be photographed. Varieties

include traditional, appliqué, art and modern quilts; all machine or hand-quilted and hung for easy viewing.

The Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild was founded 30 years ago by a small group of Sarasota women who wanted to promote quilting in our community. Today we have almost 300 members.

Our business meetings are held the third Monday of each month (except December) at Sarasota Community Church, 4041 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota. Doors open at 6:15 to allow members to visit, peruse our extensive library, sign up for quilting classes, submit donations to charitable projects, purchase books and magazines, and participate in ongoing smaller projects.



Business meetings are brief and designed to keep members abreast of what is happening in the Guild. The programs vary from a nationally known speaker, to a member stash sale, or a hands-on charity project. Meetings include a Show and Tell where members may display their latest creations.

The Guild also has a number of smaller groups called Cottage Groups. The meetings and member size are determined by each group, depending on meeting room capacity. These allow members more personal contacts with others interested in quilting.

Come join us!

Donor's Quilt to be raffled during the March 8-9 Quilts in Paradise show ~ photo submitted by Jean Freestone. To view the colors and complexity of this quilt, go to: FKQG – Sarasota, Florida or <https://friendshipknotquilters.com/>

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

~ Author unknown

Can you imagine what these would look like in color?



These images and color photos in The Woodlands Word can be viewed on the Rivendell website:
www.rivendellcommunity.com

Click on the blue Residents tab, then scroll down to the green News button and select an issue

**COMMUNITY-WIDE
GARAGE
SALE**

**Rivendell Community
Garage Sale!**

Saturday February 2nd 2019 8am-12pm

For more information and to sign up
please contact Sallie Hawkins via email:
aa5pilot@verizon.net
or call: 941-966-6916

A' Wassailing We Will Go



photo by Nancy Dobias

Many thanks to Stephen, Sabrina and Elena Cosentino for organizing the door-to-door holiday concert along the streets of Rivendell in December. Many residents enjoyed the music, and your holiday spirit is greatly appreciated.

**Got Poop?
Please Scoop!**

**Do you know where litter goes?
Is it somewhere no one knows?
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Litter ends up in your pond!**

This poor Ibis is eating its lunch on Egret Pond while litter floats nearby. ~ photo by Nancy Dobias

**Take pride in our community!
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Be Aware! Pick it up!**

Please ...
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Myakka River State Park publishes a newsletter with events, photos, and articles.

Check out January's Newsletter!

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Submitted by Nancy Dobias

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Blackburn Point Park Eagles

By Nancy Dobias



When I went to Blackburn Public Boat Launch to look for the eagles, I knew it was a hit or miss whether one would be around, but he was! Naturally he had to pick one of the highest branches in the tree from which to survey his kingdom.

Undaunted, I grabbed my trusty Canon 400 telephoto lens and headed off in his direction. As I took shot after shot, I wondered how long I had before he flew the coop. A couple from the Lake Ontario region of New York mentioned that they had an eagle on their lake but it was larger than

this one. We wondered if this guy was a young one.

We didn't wonder long. A volunteer eagle expert from the Audubon Society came over. She said that Florida eagles are smaller than northern eagles because the diet up north consists of fatter animals. They also have a more plentiful supply of prey in the north.

We also learned this eagle was not a male eagle. It was a female eagle! I asked her how she would know that. She said that you know from years of observation, from what they do, and from their size. The female eagle is larger because it's her job to sit on the nest at night. She needs to be able to contain and protect the eggs or hatchlings. The reason why the male is smaller is because it's his job to defend the nest. He has to be streamlined, quick, and able to scare off attackers. There-

fore, his speed is more essential than size.

I asked the Audubon person what birds threaten the eagles' nest and their offspring. She said that the most dangerous threat comes from the Great Horned Owl. If I remember correctly, last season the Blackburn nest eaglets were wiped out by the owls. The Great Horned Owls live at South Bay Racquet Club. The danger of other birds being around the eagles' eggs is that their claws can puncture the eggs, as they don't pull in their talons when robbing the nest. The eagles pull in their talons around their eggs to prevent piercing the eggs.

The female eagle weighs between 8-12 pounds and the male weighs 6-10 pounds. The female's impressive wingspan is 8 feet and the male wingspan is equally impressive at 6 feet.

By the way, the Great Horned Owl is capable of lifting pets that are anywhere from 6-60 pounds! So, keep your pets close to you!

Directions to Eagle Nest: Sheila Pies helped describe the location of the eagle's nest off of Blackburn Point Road. The nest is in the cluster of homes within a gated community. The street that goes into the community where the nest is located is Bellagio. However, sometimes the eagles can be seen at the public boat launch in the Blackburn Point Park (across the street from the nest and gated community).

The photo shows where the nest is located if standing across the road in the parking lot of Blackburn Point Park. Standing



near the public restrooms and looking across the street at a cluster of pines, an arrow on the photo indicates where the nest is located. Since the eagles are accessible, take your camera or binoculars and check on them periodically. If you get lucky and see the eagles, be sure to thank Sheila for the information!

Eagle and nest location photos by Nancy Dobias



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Book Group Schedule

by Pam Babbit



The book group will meet on February 11, 2019, at Marge Chicatelli's home, 1117 Scherer Way. Please call Marge at 966-1351 if you plan to attend. The book selection is **A**

Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline.

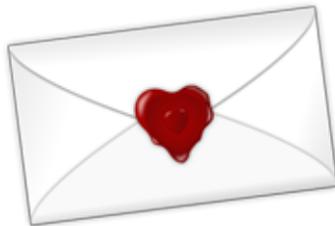
The Book Group meets at 7:30pm on the second Monday of the month. All Rivendell residents are welcome. Selected books are based on recommendations from group members who have read the book. Members volunteer to either lead a book discussion or host the group in their home.

Future schedule:

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

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

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



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And both moms, found out.

Karen and Sylvia were agreeing how hard it is to let them live their life. How she wants to slap him upside his head and tell him to get a clue.

Karen wrapped up her thought with a saying she's been using lately, "does that make sense?"

Sylvia responded, "It makes sense to me, but I'm not a 24 year-old guy."

Karen said, "maybe I'll just wear a 'does that make sense' t-shirt."

Sylvia started laughing. Karen paused, knowing there had been a slight miscommunication. Sylvia heard, "maybe I'll just wear a transparent t-shirt."

It was at this point Karen realized Sylvia had not been wearing her hearing aids during the conversation.

Even though Karen found humor in this moment, consistently misunderstanding in conversations aren't always a laughing matter and can cause you to withdraw from social situations.

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Reminder: Install a Voluntary Low-Maintenance Zone Along Your Pond

The Rivendell Board passed a motion to encourage homeowners who live adjacent to a pond to install a voluntary low-maintenance zone and help reduce erosion and nutrient runoff.

- ✓ Zone should be 6 feet wide and the full width of your property. Install stakes or flags to mark the area.
- ✓ Grass in the Zone should be maintained at a height of 12 inches. A weed trimmer or long-handled hedge trimmer works well.
- ✓ Prevent clippings from going into the pond and avoid clipping aquatic plants.

Online? Click below for more information:

- *The Woodlands Word* article – Nov. 2018: Rivendell Board Encourages Voluntary Low-Maintenance Zone
- More details: Maintaining a Rivendell Voluntary Low-Maintenance Zone
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Pilot Project #2 is Launched on Bobcat Pond By the Ponds and Preserves Committee



The next planned pilot project from the Ponds and Preserves Committee is underway. At the December 5th meeting, the Rivendell Board unanimously approved a motion by Treasurer Larry Dobias to authorize the launch of the Bobcat Pond Pilot Project in January 2019. Activities planned: our HOA landscape contractor will maintain a Low Maintenance Zone (LMZ) on community-managed shoreline; our pond management contractor, ASI, will place aquatic plants in the late spring, 2019, plus use low-toxicity approaches to control the pond's algae problem; and homeowners are being asked to voluntarily assist with supportive actions.

Voluntary Homeowner Actions. The actions by our Board complement voluntary measures being asked of the eleven homeowners around Bobcat Pond, such as installing LMZs and adhering to Sarasota County's recommendations for fertilizer and irrigation control. These voluntary actions, designed to control pond erosion and nutrient loading, have been previously described in the *Woodlands Word* and are also on our website at www.rivendellcommunity.com/ponds.



Aerial view of Bobcat Pond site of pilot project #2 (Google map)

Pond Steward. Two meetings and door-to-door contact with homeowners, all of which were organized by volunteer, Edith Norby, "Bobcat Pond Steward," have garnered strong support. Special thanks from the Committee to Edith for her continued enthusiastic volunteer efforts engaging her Bobcat Pond neighbors and promoting good pond management practices.

LMZs by Homeowners and/or HOA. A substantial majority, over 2/3, of Bobcat Pond homeowners said they approve of creating LMZs around the pond and following the other management steps. They recognize the challenge of asking multiple landscapers and DIY homeowners to follow a community-wide standard of a "neat, uniform, manicured appearance." Therefore, we anticipate a similar majority would likely approve of having our HOA manage LMZs on all mowed shorelines on



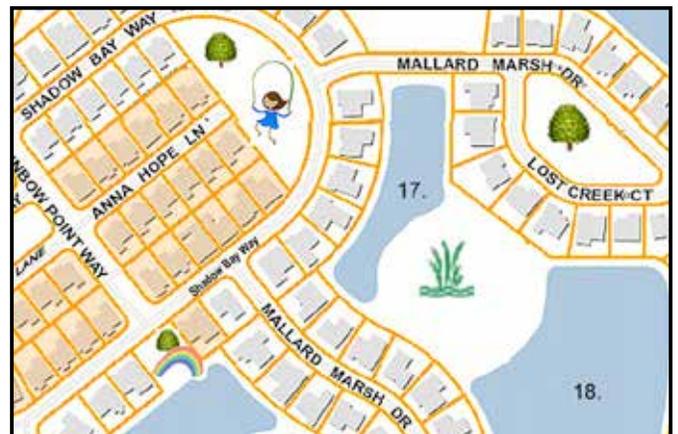
Edith Norby, Bobcat Pond Steward, Helping her pond neighbors install a voluntary LMZ on their properties to reduce erosion and attract more wildlife.
(Courtesy of Frank Freestone)

Bobcat Pond. The appearance of the LMZ is a significant factor affecting its success and acceptance. A petition from homeowners to the Board on this topic is being considered.

Water Sampling. This pilot project will include vital water sampling conducted by ASI, along with community volunteers. Occasionally, ASI will sample and analyze the pond for short-term algae-control purposes. Monthly, our own volunteers will follow the University of Florida protocol "Lakewatch" to track nutrients and other factors over an extended timeframe. All of these sampling efforts will be conducted from small boats and kayaks.

Call for Volunteer Pond Stewards. As the P&P Program is expanded to other community ponds, the Committee hopes to extend the very successful Pond Steward initiative. If you live adjacent to a pond, and are interested in becoming its Pond Steward, please email Frank Freestone at paddlemania@verizon.net. We will provide handouts that describe your important role and small flags for marking out LMZs. If you wish to organize a meeting, Frank or another Committee member will be happy to present the program to your neighbors.

Going Forward. The Bobcat Pond Pilot Project is another significant step forward for our community. Early feedback from residents about the program is encouraging. Let's work together and use what we learn at Bobcat to help drive sensible decisions at other Rivendell ponds.



Bobcat Pond is #17 on the map and is located behind homes on Shadow Bay Way, Mallard Marsh Drive, and Lost Creek Court. Number 18 is Mallard Lake.

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

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

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

LUNA RESTORE: For pool/lanai deck restoration and staining, interior/exterior painting, and "fix-it" projects to update and improve the appearance of your home, contact **Vic** at **LUNA RESTORE 941-735-2324**.

MATHEMATICS TUTORING: Calculus & Statistics, specializing in AP. Retired math teacher with 30+ years in public & private schools. Rivendell resident. Your home or ours! Multiple student discount available. Ref: Who's Who in American Education, NJ Governor's Teacher Award. Call **Carol: 941-866-0270** or email **gdontheroad@yahoo.com**

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

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

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

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

Rivendell Residents

Please send your name, phone number, and a description of the service you can provide to other Rivendell residents. Email your information to **Marilyn** at **marilynprobert@gmail.com**

Architectural Review Committee Report - December 18, 2018

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

Board Liaison: Unassigned

ARC REQUESTS DECEMBER 2018

| | Request | Address | Assigned To | Second | Status |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | Tree removal and fence | 753 Placid Lake Dr | John Greco | Susan Lanza | Approved |
| 2 | Hurricane shutters | 812 Foothill Ct | Susan Lanza | Wayne Davis | Approved |
| 3 | Landscaping | 532 Meadow Sweet Cir | Maureen Emmons | John Greco | Approved |
| 4 | House paint | 1036 Oak Meadow | Wayne Davis | Rich Jurik | Approved |
| 5 | Landscape | 1040 Scherer Way | Maureen Emmons | Susan Lanza | Approved |
| 6 | Hurricane shutters | 1080 Mallard Marsh | Maureen Emmons | Rich Jurik | Approved |
| 7 | New roof | 713 Crane Prairie | Maureen Emmons | Susan Lanza | Approved |
| 8 | Sliding glass door | 920 Scherer Way | Maureen Emmons | John Greco | Approved |
| 9 | Remove 4 pine trees | 1025 Oak Preserve | Maureen Emmons | John Greco | Approved |

1344 New Forest House painted without request. Will notify homeowner of violation

Next meeting: **Tuesday February 26** at 6PM at the Cottages Clubhouse. Request cutoff: **February 19th.**

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.**



LOOKING FOR RIVENDELL CLASSIFIEDS?

ITEMS FOR SALE,
ITEMS WANTED,
LOST AND FOUND, HELP WANTED,
GARAGE SALES, RESIDENTS HELPING
RESIDENTS and SERVICE PROVIDER
RECOMMENDATIONS

All Rivendell Classifieds are now on the community website www.rivendellcommunity.com

Contact Lighthouse Management for the password to the residents section of the website.

For other information regarding
the Rivendell classifieds, please contact
Gary Mruz (gary.mruz@gmail.com)

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

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

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

What will cause prices to jump in 2019?

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

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

As your neighbors and trusted advisors, we are here to help you with buying, selling, investing or even just helping you track the value of your most important asset...your home. Be sure to look for our Market Updates or just contact us today!



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 Members: Neil Agruss Alex Castro, Richard Jurik,
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941-966-6844 x604
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 (bethmiller@mgmt.tv)
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Rivendell Website

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

Woodlands Word Deadline:

Submit articles and information to Marilyn Probert
 (marilynprobert@gmail.com)
 by the tenth of the month.

Rivendell Community Contacts Page:

Kay Mruz (siestakeysunset6@gmail.com)

Nuisance Alligator

Call Florida Fish & Wildlife - SNAP 866-392-4286
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Sarasota County Sheriff

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