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# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell *DECEMBER 2014*

## Message from the President

When I drive through our neighborhood it is looking nice with most homes looking prestigious. I notice that many homeowners have cleaned their roofs. What a difference it makes! Thank you for doing this. Paying a little attention to your property helps make our community look great.

I see that a few people have put flowers or plants around their mailboxes, but some are overgrowing the mailbox. Please keep everything that's growing tall trimmed back. The Post Office does not like having plants that can cause delivery problems.

Also, hedges should not exceed six to seven feet in height; please keep them cut to this size. Make sure that any plants that are hanging over the sidewalk are kept trimmed and do not interfere with people walking; it's just a courtesy to our neighbors.

If you notice anything that you think is a problem in the neighborhood, call or email Lighthouse Management; they will take the necessary action to assist everyone.

Also, to assist everyone, here is an example of what is needed when making a change to your property. Fill out and sign an application form (this can be found on the website or requested from Lighthouse Management.) Enclose the application, attach your plot plan, paint sample and drawings of changes, and send to Lighthouse. All the do's and don'ts are in the Rivendell Deed Restrictions found on the website. I know most of our homeowners know all the above, so this is just a reminder.

The Board meets once a month; if you need to ask the Board a question, there is time on the agenda for homeowners to ask questions. It is nice to see homeowners attending our meetings.

It is good seeing the birds are coming back. I hope more of them will return now that the weather is getting a little cooler

I hope everyone had a wonderful **Happy Thanksgiving** with lots of turkey and trimmings!

*Gwen Stepien, President*



*The Palms at Casey Key property white outline  
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## County Planning Commission Okays 31 New Homes Abutting The Cottages and Willowbend

*Excerpted from articles in The Observer, Nov. 13, 2014, by Tony Nacinovich of Willowbend, Nov. 15, and by Carol Heckert, May 2014.*

The community, to be known as The Palms at Casey Key, will have 31 single-family houses at a density of 3.5 per acre in the nearly 10-acre community. Ryland Homes, the developers, had originally sought approval of 5.5 homes per acre, allowing 50 or more units.

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## Highlights of November 5 Board of Directors Meeting By Marilyn Probert, Reviewed by Bobby Merrill

Attending: Gwen Stepien, Walter Perkowski, Joe Sefack, Vinny Barone, Bobby Merrill

### Manager's Report:

Sidewalk repairs are underway. Residents should report uneven sidewalks to LHM, which will then contact the County.

The pool's heat pump has been repaired.

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(Highlights of November 5 continued from Pg.1)

37 violation notices have been sent out, the majority being for dirty roofs.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

We are currently below budget. Over \$35,000 is owed in uncollected dues, fines, etc.

**ARC Report:**

There were 10 applications; 7 were approved, 3 are on hold because more information is needed.

Pertaining to guidelines for roof sealers, Director Barone questioned the decision that ARC will vet potential contractors before approving applications. It was resolved that this stipulation would remain and the proposed guidelines were approved as submitted.

Next ARC meeting will be November 25.

**Maintenance Committee Report:**

Mulch has been distributed throughout the community.

Dead palms have been removed.

Fusarium has invaded some of the community’s Queen Palms and Washingtonian Palms. See page 4 for information on identifying and dealing with this deadly disease. An email blast will also be sent out by LHM to notify residents of the problem.

The area along Old Venice Road has been cleaned up and Areca Palms have been planted.

Sidewalk repair at Crescent Park was discussed. The Board agreed to allot a sum not to exceed \$2,160 for the repair, and an amount not to exceed \$325 for removal of the holly tree whose spreading roots caused the problem.

**New Business:**

Ms.Stepien noted that a nominating committee needs to be formed. She agreed to be liaison for the committee. Walter Perkowski and Bobby Merrill have agreed to run again.

The budget was approved.

**Homeowner Comments:**

A homeowner is concerned with the projected density of the homes at Palms at Casey Key. He will discuss this at a meeting with those involved with the project.

Another homeowner complimented the new plantings at the entrance to Placid Lake Drive. She suggested that mums also be planted at the Rivendell entrance.

**Next Meeting Date:**

December 1, 2014 at 6:00 pm at Historic Spanish Point

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**Maintenance Committee Report  
October 29, 2014  
by Jim Stepien, Chair**

Committee Members attending - **Bill Bloom, Dave Gill, Sallie Hawkins, Carol Heckert, Carole Myles, Jim Stepien (Chair), Walter Perkowski (Board Liaison)**

Now that the fall and winter seasons are upon us, our landscaper will be reducing mowing to once every two weeks. On the off week, they will be spending more time on trimming and cleanup in our parks and common areas. If you see an area that needs attention, please let an MC member know.

The community pool’s heating, both solar and heat pumps, is now on and will provide residents with a comfortable temperature for a relaxing swim or dip. The heaters can maintain a comfortable water temperature for our average air temperature, but there may be days when we are experiencing abnormally cold nights and the heaters may not be able to quickly raise the water temperature, and swimming would be more comfortable later in the day.

The MC wishes everyone a very happy holiday season.

**Landscaping Items:**

- Mulch being completed.
- A number of dead palms have been removed from our common areas. It has been brought to our attention that a disease (fusarium) may be affecting Queen Palms and Washingtonian Palms in the community. These palm trees will be replaced

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Homeowners from both Rivendell and Willowbend raised concerns last spring about how Ryland’s original proposed zoning changes would have impacted density, the size and type of buffer zones, drainage, traffic on Old Venice Road, the price range of houses, their environmental impact and the possibility of a lift station. Local homeowners worried that the requested zoning change would have given developers a “blank check” to build too many homes of undesignated type with the potential raising of water levels in Willowbend’s northern preserve area.

A revised proposal was submitted October 14th, and it was this proposal that the Sarasota County Planning Commission approved November 6th. Willowbend’s representatives found the revisions responsive to their concerns and say they will not oppose the proposal unless it is modified from its current form. The homes are expected to be priced in the \$350,000 range, which is consistent with existing homes in Rivendell and Willowbend.

The zoning change request for the 9.77 acres has been revised as follows:

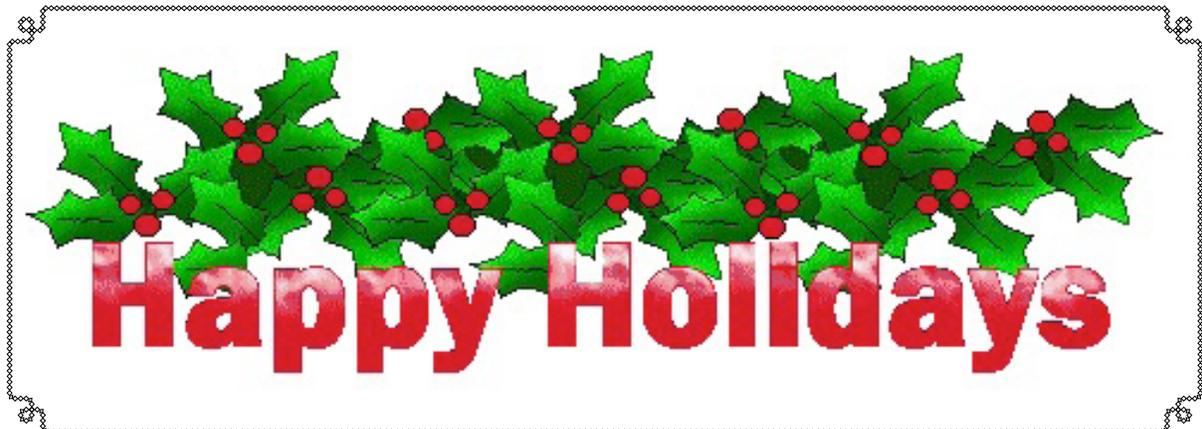
	<u>Previous Proposal</u>	<u>Revised Proposal</u>
Zoning Classification	RSF-4	RSF-2
Units allowed per acre	5.5	3.5
Total units to be built	31	31
Type of unit to be built	Single Family	Single Family

One member of the Sarasota County Planning Commission is Michael Baumier, a resident of Rivendell. Baumier voted for the revised proposal, along with three of his four colleagues. He expressed concern, however, about rush hour traffic on Old Venice Road and said it would obviously worsen from the current situation, which has quarter mile backups at the intersection of Old Venice and Highway 41 every workday at around 7 am. He urged construction of a right turn lane into the new development; this has not been committed to.

A final decision on the proposal is expected in December.

**Next Rivendell Board Meeting**  
**Dec 1st, 2014 6pm at**  
**Historic Spanish Point in Osprey**  
**Any changes to this date will**  
**be posted on the website**  
**[www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)**

**Next Maintenance Committee**  
**Meeting**  
**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING**  
**HELD IN DECEMBER 2014**



## FUSARIUM ALERT!!

Text and photos excerpted from University of Florida Extension Service: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pp278>

**Fusarium (the form we have is host-specific to Washingtonia and Queen palms) has been identified on Woodlands at Rivendell.** No insects are observed in association with the palms nor are nutritional deficiencies implicated in the problem. **It is imperative that any Queen or Washingtonia identified as having Fusarium is quickly removed so that it does not spread throughout the development.**

- *This is a quick killing disease of queen and Washingtonia palms.*
- Infected palms die quickly, often within a few weeks of the initial symptoms.
- **There is no cure once a palm is infected.**
- No preventive fungicide treatments are recommended.
- The disease is probably spread by wind into new sites or possibly insects or possibly through root systems – no one is absolutely sure.
- **Fusarium could also be spread by pruning tools.**
- Pruning tools should be sterilized after each palm is trimmed.
- Palms, especially, queen palms and Washingtonia palms, *should not be replanted into a site where a palm with this disease was removed.*

### Symptoms on queen palms

The oldest leaves turn brown but do not break or hand down. The next youngest leaves in the canopy will turn varying shades of yellow. Eventually, the entire canopy turns brown. It looks as if the canopy has been freeze-dried in place. The symptoms are different from a potassium deficiency, where the leaflets will be brown but the petiole will be green. With the new disease, both the leaflets and the petiole are brown. There is a brownish-red stripe on the leaf petiole at the point where it is bending out of the canopy. The petiole is not soft and rotted, but simply discolored. Cross-sections through the petiole reveal internal discoloration. Leaves may exhibit one-sided death symptoms. Where the leaflets on one side of the leaf are brown but the leaflets on the other side are green. With the brownish-red stripe on the petiole corresponding to the side with the dead leaflets.

### Symptoms on Washingtonia palms

Symptoms on Washingtonia palms will also have more brown lower leaves and younger leaves that are partly green and partly yellow or brown. The petioles of these leaves will have a brown to reddish-brown stripe. Cross-sections through the striped petiole may have an internal discoloration. The individual leaf symptoms can look the same as the petiole blight, another disease of Mexican fan palms, but petiole blight is not normally a fatal disease, **whereas Fusarium decline is fatal.**

### What to Do

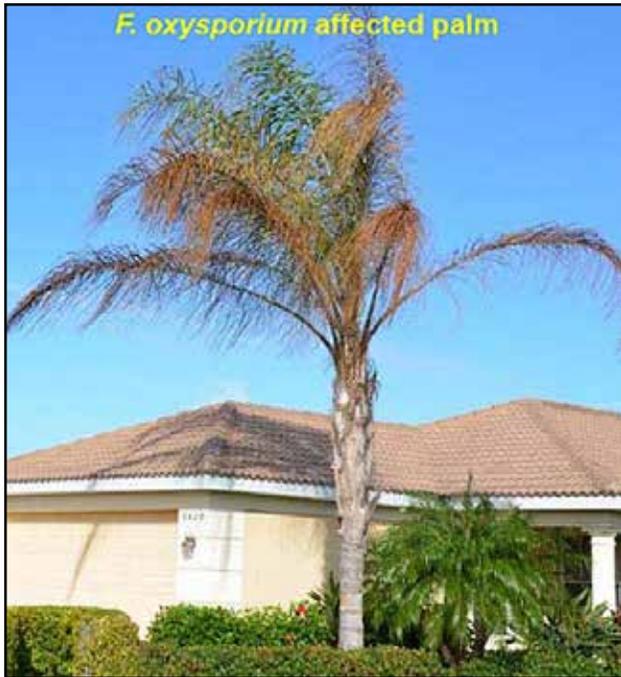
1. Contact an arborist to verify this fungal infection. Norma Lee Rhines recommends:  
Scott Fey, Island Tree Service  
Cell: 941 232 3027  
Office: 941 809 2043 (Jodi)
2. If infected, the palm(s) should be removed immediately and the canopy destroyed.

### Disinfect Pruning Tools

1. Use 1 part bleach plus 3 parts water (25% solution) and soak pruning tools for a minimum of 5 minutes.
2. Use 1 part rubbing alcohol plus 1 part water (50% solution) and soak pruning tools for a minimum of 5 minutes.



**Washingtonia: Progression of symptoms up through the canopy. Oldest leaves are necrotic, and subsequently younger leaves are various shades of yellow and green.**



*F. oxysporium* affected palm

**Queen progression: The lowest (oldest) leaves turn brown but do not break. The next 2-3 youngest leaves in the canopy will turn varying shades of yellow. They do not break or hang down.**



**Queen canopy appears to be freeze-dried.**

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- A number of dead slash pines, mostly in our parks, are in the process of being removed. The MC will be meeting with an arborist to determine the best trees to replant in these parks.
- The area behind and in front of the fence along Old Venice Road has been cleaned up and the area behind the fence has been replanted with Areca Palms to not only enhance the appearance but also to add privacy to the homes backing onto this area. A variety of plants have been planted in front of the fence along the sidewalk. This landscaping will provide for easier and better maintenance of the very visible part of our community.
- The MC will request funding for restructuring the Rivendell Park buffer with the alleyway and other parks.

**Pool Items:**

No current issues

**Lakes/Ponds Items:**

No current issues.

**Preserve/Wetlands Items:**

No current issues

**Other Items:**

I am sorry to report the resignation of Bill Bloom from our committee. We have appreciated all the time Bill devoted to the committee over the past years. We will miss his dedication and his eye for detail in the many maintenance areas he worked on.

I would encourage all homeowners to attend our monthly meetings for accurate information on any of our ongoing projects. We would also welcome new members to help with the MC's volunteer efforts to manage the many needs of our community.

Please report any problems you notice to Light-house Property Management.

**Next MC meeting: There are currently no plans for a December meeting.**



**Washingtonia: Note brown stripe on petiole of these leaves.**

*The photos of the affected palm trees are best viewed in color on the Rivendell website.*

## Through The Lens: The Osprey

By Kay Mruz

The calls of an osprey are a familiar sound in our neighborhood year round. It is not uncommon to see one or two gliding over the ponds in search of food. Ospreys are large raptors twenty-five inches in length with a six-foot wingspan. They weigh around 5 lbs. and females are slightly larger than males. Ospreys have a white chest and belly and a nearly all black back. The head is white with a black streak running through the eyes and down the cheek. From the air they can be mistaken for a juvenile bald eagle.

Nesting starts in January. Young pairs begin to build their large, untidy looking nests in open areas. Males bring various sizes of sticks, bark, sod, grasses, vines and kelp to the female. She does all the arranging of materials to create the nest. Older pairs return each year to the same nesting site.



Ospreys can be found on every continent except Antarctica. Home is wherever there is a structure close to water, high enough to discourage predators from invading and strong enough to support their bulky nest. They also like to be able to approach and leave in any direction. Billboards, phone poles, channel markers, buoys, parking lot light fixtures, cell towers and man-made nesting platforms are just a few of the osprey's favorite nesting sites.

The osprey's diet is simple - fish. Ospreys hunt for fish by gliding 30-100 feet above the water. Once a fish is spotted, the bird will dive feet first into the water. They often hit the water with such force that they submerge themselves. The bird will immediately turn the fish so that its head is facing forward. This makes the fish aerodynamic and easier to transport. Ospreys have a reversible outer toe on each foot which can bend back giving the bird two front toes and two back toes, which, along with barb-like scales on the bottom of their feet, ensure the osprey can easily maintain a firm grip on the fish.

They make repairs to the nest by adding additional material. Over time, nests can often grow to five feet wide and several feet deep. One clutch (one to four eggs) is laid per year. Eggs hatch in thirty-four to forty days. The male brings fish to the nest during the first six weeks after the eggs have hatched while the female guards the nestlings. After that, the female will leave the nest to do her own hunting. At seven to eight weeks the fledglings will learn to fly. Soon they follow the male on hunting trips to "observe." Four to eight weeks after fledging, the young ospreys are catching fish on their own.

The osprey is one of many interesting and beautiful creatures that visit the lakes and ponds throughout Rivendell.



## Peperonata Pasta in Sarasota

By Pam Babbitt

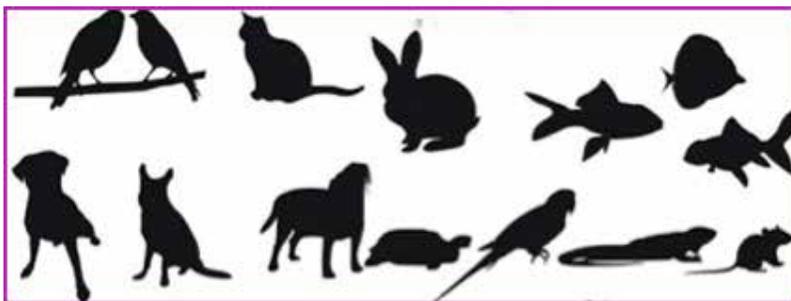


Peperonata Pasta has been making fresh pasta to sell at the Sarasota's Downtown Farmers Market for seven years. But now, they have a retail store located south of Trader Joe's in the "Chili's Restaurant Plaza" (close to the Siam Orchid Restaurant). They also supply many of the local restaurants with their fresh, homemade pasta. The owners, Adrian and Marina Fochi make the pasta and their daughter makes the empanadas. This Italian-Argentinean family makes a variety of pastas, raviolis, gnocchi, lasagnas, empanadas, sauces, and also vegan pasta. They have a large selection of prepared frozen items that just require heating.

Dine at Peperonata Pasta for lunch between 11am to 2pm Monday to Friday or take something home that is ready to heat. They are open from 11am to 7pm Monday through Friday and 11:00am to 2:00pm Saturdays. Retail store: 4141 South Tami-ami Trail, Sarasota or call 870-2729.

Their website, [www.peperonatapasta.com](http://www.peperonatapasta.com), is very informative with photos of pasta, recipes, and instructions for cooking the various types of pasta.

The newly remodeled Dana's Gourmet Market at Blackburn Point Plaza also carries Peperonata Pasta and sauces, while the deli counter will have the homemade empanadas!



**We Need Your  
Pet Photos!**

The 2015 Rivendell Directory is being prepared. We need photos of your pets to include in the directory. Please email JPG photos to [gary.mruz@gmail.com](mailto:gary.mruz@gmail.com)

Within the email please include your name, your pets name(s) and type/breed of pet. All photos submitted will be sent to the publisher and they will choose the photos to include within the directory.

## Malfunctioning Garage Door Keypad By Nancy Dobias



If you have the same kind of garage door keypad as we do and yours should cease to function, I found this site for reprogramming the keypad. We didn't have the paperwork for ours when we bought this home and had no idea what to do when ours stopped working, but this solved the problem! We live in the Villas and if the builder used the same keypad everywhere, you might want to check out the following website! (Unless of course you are lucky enough to have the original paperwork...)

Check the battery in the garage door keypad FIRST! It may need to be replaced.

How to Reset & Program Your Overhead Door Wireless Keypad (OWK-BX) Posted by Dori Cross, 08/02/ 2012: [www.overheaddoor-portland.com/blog-0/bid/200935/How-to-Reset-Program-Your-Overhead-Door-Wireless-Keypad-OWK-BX](http://www.overheaddoor-portland.com/blog-0/bid/200935/How-to-Reset-Program-Your-Overhead-Door-Wireless-Keypad-OWK-BX)

### To Clear or Reset:

1. Press & hold the PROGRAM button. Continue holding the button & go to step two.
2. Press & hold the 6 button. Continue holding the button & go to step three.
3. Press the up / down arrow key.

### To Set Your New Pin #:

1. In order, press 3, 5, 7, PROGRAM. (the red LED will blink once per second)
2. Enter your 3 - 8 digit PIN #
3. Press PROGRAM. (the red LED will blink twice per second & turn off)

### To Program Your Garage Door Opener

#### **Please note before you begin:**

- Locate the "Learn Code" button & LED indicator on your garage door opener.
  - Program the keypad before mounting.
  - If at any time programming is disrupted clear / reset your keypad & start over.
1. Press the "Learn Code" button one time. (the red LED indicator will blink)
  2. Enter your 3 - 8 digit PIN.
  3. Press the up / down arrow key. (the red LED indicator will stay on)
  4. Press the up / down arrow key again. (the red LED indicator will shut off)
  5. Press the up / down arrow key again. The garage door should move now.

#### **Troubleshooting:**

1. If the garage door doesn't move, check the red LED on your keypad.
2. Rapid blinking LED indicates the PIN was entered incorrectly.
3. All keypad buttons will operate the garage door for 30 seconds after it starts moving.
4. After a few seconds, the red LED will shut off & you can retry.
5. If the LED doesn't blink during use, the battery needs to be replaced.



## A LOOK at the BUDGET

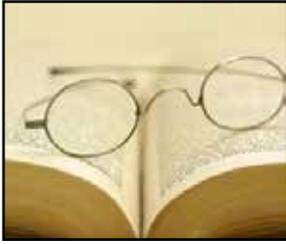
### RIVENDELL 2015 BUDGET

All Rivendell Residents can pick up a copy of the 2015 annual Rivendell Community Association budget at the Lighthouse Property Management office located at 16 Church Street.

A copy of the 2015 budget will also be posted to the Rivendell website within the password protected RESIDENTS/ INFORMATION section.

Please use the password osprey in lowercase.

[www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)

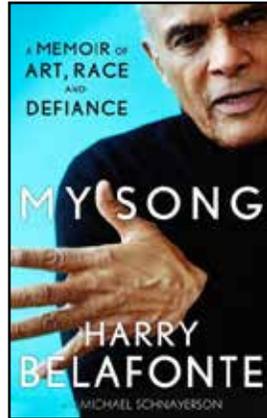


## Book Group Schedule

By Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will meet on Monday, December 8, to dissect *My Song: A Memoir*

of Art, Race, and Defiance by Harry Belafonte. Not only a beloved folk-singer, Mr. Belafonte was an ardent civil rights activist who worked very closely with Dr. Martin Luther King. In his memoir he takes us behind the scenes to see how decisions were made and how these decisions impacted the entire movement. We also learn about his personal life: his childhood, women in his life, parenting his own children, and much more. Elaine Roeter will host at her home at 1133 Scherer Way; please call her at 966-9816 if you'd like to participate.



In January the group will greet the New Year with a discussion of *Orphan Train*, a novel by Christina Baker Kline. Molly Ayer is a rebellious teenager who will soon "age out" of the foster care system. Vivian Daly is an elderly woman who needs help in cleaning out her house. The two protagonists meet when Molly reluctantly agrees to community service, which involves assisting Vivian as an alternative to being sent to "juvie." As they work closely together they find that they have much in common. Vivian recalls being packed into a train and sent along with hundreds of other orphans to find homes "out West" somewhere. The fates of these children were uncertain; some would find good homes, but many were taken advantage of. Molly could empathize as she also had had an unstable childhood as she bounced from home to home.

The topic for February is yet to be selected.

The Book Group meets at 7:30 pm on the second Monday of the month. All Rivendell residents are welcome; please notify the month's hostess if you plan to attend.

## Top 40 Professionals 2014



## My Favorite Clubs

Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA

Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences  
American Conference of Audioprosthology

When I first presented this topic, My Favorite Clubs, to Karen, she immediately answered, golf clubs. I laughed. There is always truth in humor and this was no exception.

I've had the privilege of speaking in front of quite a few clubs this fall. I have been moved by meeting people in clubs who are committed to living their best life, connecting with others and creating a wonderful community.

I have to be honest; my favorite clubs tend to be primarily men or primarily women. I can be a bit more honest with the humor. I can be a bit tougher in how the lack of hearing creates frustrations in a couple.

The only exception to this is the morning coffee club. There is something about the person who gets up at the break of dawn, wants to be social, meet new people and hear new ideas. I don't know if I'm funnier in the morning or if the day is so fresh people are eager to laugh. Whatever the reason, the morning coffee clubs tend to be full of laughter.

When the men and women are separated, I may be a bit more relaxed, or maybe the audience is more relaxed but it flows easier. The jokes and funny stories about being misunderstood hit home a little easier. It may be that sitting next to your spouse you are more sensitive to hurting their feelings, so you wouldn't laugh at a joke that hits home.

If you are part of a club that would enjoy a humorous meeting and learn a bit about hearing limits and how to adapt, please call my office, 244-9300, and we can get your next meeting into our calendar.

**(941) 244-9300**

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## RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

**CAT SITTER:** **Kay Adams**, a longtime resident of Rivendell and a stay-at-home mom, offers cat-sitting service to Rivendell residents. Kay is very responsible and loves cats. Reasonable rate. Call **941-966-2939** or email [kayadamsart@gmail.com](mailto:kayadamsart@gmail.com).

**BABYSITTER:** 14 year-old Rivendell Pine View student has certified American Red Cross Babysitter's Training with Pediatric First Aid and CPR. I absolutely love kids! Call **Zoe Gavette** at **941-918-8200**.

**BABYSITTER:** **Natasha Nielsen**, Pine View School junior, can watch your children while you go out. I can also help with homework. I am polite and responsible and am CPR certified through the American Red Cross. Call **941-966-1419**.

**LAMPPOST REPAIR:** Rivendell Resident **Bill Bloom** is offering lamppost repair services. Is your lamppost light staying on? Charge is \$40 for parts, labor and cleaning. Replacing a burned out bulb is \$15, and this includes new bulb and cleaning. Call **941-918-8386**.

**BABYSITTER:** **Sivan Yohann**, **941-408-5549**, a Pine View junior and a very experienced babysitter. I will keep your kids busy with soccer and crafts and all sorts of activities. I am extremely friendly and responsible! References available upon request.

**BIKE REPAIRS, KAYAK AND BIKE RENTALS:** **Mike** and **Sheila Lewis** offer free delivery and pick-up to Rivendell residents for bike and kayak rentals, bike repairs and maintenance. Call **941 346-1797** - or email [ssrentals@aol.com](mailto:ssrentals@aol.com) or visit their web site at [www.siestasportsrentals.com](http://www.siestasportsrentals.com)

**COMPUTER REPAIR AND INSTRUCTION PLUS ALL HOME ELECTRONICS (TABLETS, SMART PHONES, TV's, DVD's, NETFLIX and MORE):** For Rivendell & Willowbend residents I charge a very reasonable \$20 an hour rate. I also offer flat charges such as \$40 max for any computer virus repair taking over one hour. I am a Rivendell resident with thirty years computer and home automation experience. Call **Gary Mruz** **941-786-6019** or email [gary.mruz@gmail.com](mailto:gary.mruz@gmail.com)

**WANTED: CAVALIER KING CHARLES OWNERS!** Do you have a well mannered, potty trained Cavalier and would like to reciprocate sitting services with me while you or I are away, or use as back-up in case of emergency? Must be up to date on all shots and flea/heartworm protected. No monies involved, just assurance that our babies are being well taken care of and loved while we are on vacation. Apollo would love to have a new friend. Call **Anita @ 941-321-0452** if interested.

**BABYSITTER, PET SITTER:** **Nathalie Michalowski**, resident of Rivendell, 25 years old, and certified babysitter/nanny, offers baby-sitting service. I'm very responsible; I love kids, and have 9 years experience. I also offer pet sitting service. References are available upon request. Please call at **941-726-5958**.

### 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](mailto:marilynprobert@gmail.com)



**Home Owners Semi-Annual Association Fees Are Due January 1, 2015**

## News for Bird Lovers

### Bird Watching at Oscar Scherer State Park with the Venice Audubon Society

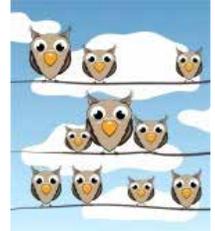
Excerpted from Wings & Things, Venice Audubon Newsletter, Sept/Oct 2014, page 3



October through April on every Thursday the Venice Audubon Society will meet at Oscar Scherer State Park to look for Florida Scrub-Jays, Eastern Towhees, Brown Thrashers, and other pine flatwoods species. The Park opens at 8 a.m. (park entry fee required) and the group will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Nature Center.

The Bird Watching includes two miles of walking on sand trails.

Call Joyce at 508-737-8954 for more information.



### Birdsong Apps

Excerpted from Wings & Things, Venice Audubon Newsletter, Mar/April 2014, page 6

If you have been thinking of getting a birdsong app for your iPhone, iPod, or iPad, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology has published an online comparison of some of them: Best iPhone Apps for Learning Bird Songs: <http://blog.allaboutbirds.org/2013/12/05/our-review-best-iphone-apps-for-learning-bird-songs>



This review describes the apps and their various features and advises that anyone with birdsong recordings on handheld devices use them responsibly when watching birds so as not to disturb the birds or their habitats. You can use the apps responsibly by following David Sibley's guidelines, found at [www.sibleyguides.com/2011/04/the-proper-use-of-playback-in-birding](http://www.sibleyguides.com/2011/04/the-proper-use-of-playback-in-birding)

Download the free Merlin Bird ID App at <http://merlin.allaboutbirds.org>

### Identifying Bird Calls

Perhaps you would like to know the sound of the bird sitting by your lanai. Visit the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Bird Call Identification page: [www.allaboutbirds.org/Page.aspx?pid=1059](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/Page.aspx?pid=1059)



### Bird Biology Website

Excerpted from Wings & Things, Venice Audubon Newsletter, May/June 2014, page 5

"All about Bird Biology" is a free Cornell Lab of Ornithology website designed to inspire anyone curious about birds and biology. The site uses multimedia and interactive features that allow people to test their knowledge on various topics, such as "All About Feathers". New topics are continually added. Go to <http://biology.allaboutbirds.org> or <http://birds.cornell.edu>



### LOOKING FOR RIVENDELL CLASSIFIEDS?

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

All Rivendell Classifieds are now on the new community website

[www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com) (password is osprey)

For other information regarding the Rivendell classifieds please contact

Gary Mruz [gary.mruz@gmail.com](mailto:gary.mruz@gmail.com)



## COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

**REMINDER - Be sure to fill out the community directory update form that you will find in this newsletter and send it to Lighthouse Management at 16 Church Street, Osprey Florida 34229.**

The information you provide is used to update the master database maintained by Lighthouse Management of all Rivendell Residents. This information is used when Lighthouse needs to contact you. It is important that the information is current and accurate. The same form also tells us what information you would like to have published in the printed Rivendell Community Directory and on the website.

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# COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

From: Lighthouse Property Management

To: Rivendell Owners

As a consequence of a change to the Florida statutes concerning published directories, the Association may publish a directory containing the names, parcel addresses, and phone numbers of the unit owners. No owner consent is necessary for this basic information. However, a unit owner has the right to notify the Association in writing that the owner does not want one or more phone numbers listed in the directory.

A unit owner may also choose to have additional personal information included in the directory, including a facsimile number, email address, and alternate address (any address other than the primary address for mailing of formal notices from the Association).

Please assist the Board in maintaining current information we have on file for you by taking just a moment to fill out the lower portion of this form, sign and return it to Lighthouse property Management via email (tinabeaver@mgmt.tv), fax (941) 966-7158 or mail it to our office.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tina Beaver at Lighthouse Property Management (941) 966-6844.

Thank You.

Owner(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- No, do not include my landline number in directory
- No, do not include my mobile number in directory
- No, do not include my Email address in directory

I hereby consent to publication of my phone number(s), facsimile number, email address, and/or alternate address as set forth above in the resident directory to be provided to all owners. The Association cannot control distribution of the directory once delivered to the owners and asks all owners to be courteous and not provide information from the directory to any third parties. This consent will remain in effect for all future directories while you are a unit owner or until you rescind this permission in writing. Any termination of permission will take effect with the next publication of the resident directory.

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Owner signature

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Date

## Architectural Review Committee Agenda 10/28/2014

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with a quorum of committee members present. Committee Chair Jessica Fenton; Members: Jim Stepien, Cindy Caria, John Martin, Margaret Verhagen. Board Liaison: Joe Sefack

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
<b>Old Business</b>			
1.	Guideline	Roof seal	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2nd: Maggie Vote: Unanimous
<b>New Business</b>			
2.	766 Shadow Bay Way	Solar pool heater	<i>Resolved: Approved Motion: Jessica 2nd: John Vote: Unanimous</i>
3.	1117 Scherer Way	Pavers	Resolved: Approved Motion: John 2nd: Cindy Vote: Unanimous
4.	821 Placid Lake Drive	Landscape	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jessica 2nd: John Vote: Unanimous
5.	700 Shadow Bay Way	Replace front door	Resolved: Hold Motion: Jessica 2nd: Maggie Vote: Unanimous Reason: <i>Missing color of door</i>
6.	742 Shadow Bay Way	Landscape	Resolved: Hold Motion: Jessica 2nd: Cindy Vote: Unanimous Reason: <i>Missing survey plot plan</i>
7.	541 Meadow Sweet Circle	Landscape	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2nd: Cindy Vote: Unanimous
8.	825 Placid Lake Drive	Well	Resolved: Hold Motion: Cindy 2nd: Jim Vote: Unanimous Reason: <i>Missing survey plot plan</i>

9.	648 Rivendell Boulevard	Replace front door	Resolved: Approved Motion: John 2nd: Maggie Vote: Unanimous
10.	1147 Mallard Marsh	Repaint house	<i>Resolved: Approved</i> <i>Motion: Jessica</i> <i>2nd: John</i> <i>Vote: Unanimous</i>
11.	918 Scherer Way	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2nd: John Vote: Unanimous

Next meetings **December 30, 2014** at 6 pm.

Motion to close the meeting: Jessica

Second: John

Vote: Unanimous

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

### Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The ARC Meets the **last Tuesday** of each month at 6:00pm

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

Applications are due to Lighthouse Management by the **third Tuesday** of each month.

**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.

**REMINDER:** If you are submitting an ARC Application Form for landscape changes, you must attach a copy of your Site Plan (also called a Survey of Lot or Plot Plan or Plat). Your application will NOT be reviewed without a copy and this would delay your work. The Site Plan should show names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping or fencing.

*Dates, times, and locations of meetings are based on the information available at the time of publication.*

## Proposed Architectural Review Committee Guidelines

### Roof sealing:

- Color must be complementary to the body of the house with slight variations in color and/or contrast and should be equivalent to the existing roof. Approval is at the discretion of the Architectural Review Committee.
- Colors must be neutral; light to mid-range: beiges, tans, grays, olives and corals. No blacks and no whites. (The property management company has samples of colors that have been compiled for your convenience. Home owners are not required to select a color from these samples, rather the samples are available as a reference tool.)
- Application of the sealant must be done by a certified contractor who has been vetted by the Architectural Review Committee. (The property management company has a list of vetted contractors or a description of the process for getting a contractor vetted.)
- Approval from the Architectural Review Committee is required prior to beginning the roof sealing process.

### Vetting Process:

- All contractors must be fully licensed, insured, and in respectable standing with both the State of Florida and Sarasota County.
- All contractors must submit a list of references of their work. (Address must be included.)
- All contractors must attend an ARC meeting to present the aforementioned references. At this meeting the contractor will also need to provide an explanation of their process and an example of the materials to be used. (To be placed on the agenda for an ARC meeting notify the property management company of your interest and they will see that the chairperson of the ARC is informed.)

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING****October 6, 2014**

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 Shannon Banks of Lighthouse Property Management.

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

The following Directors were present:

Vincent Barone      Bobby Merrill      Joe Sefack      Gwen Stepien  
Walter Perkowski; A quorum was declared to be present.

On matters relating to the minutes of the previous meeting a motion was made by Ms. Stepien and seconded by Mr. Sefack to approve the Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes of September 8, 2014. The motion was passed.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS,**

**Manager's Report,** Ms. Banks provided a report (see attachment #1).

**Treasurer's Report,** Mr. Merrill provided a report of the most recent financials stating that the landscape expenses were under budget, but would come in line as they just begun the tree trimming. Accounts receivable were at approx. \$25,599 over 90 days and \$8,000 over 60 days past due.

**Committee Reports,**

**ARC,** Mr. Sefack reported there were fifteen (15) applications processed at the September meeting; thirteen (13) were approved, one (1) was denied and one (1) was put on hold. The committee scheduled a special meeting with the vendor of the roof coating presented for approval by 1211 Lost Creek. They were provided a list of homes to visit for reference on the proposed roof coating. They will be working to obtain guidelines they can present to the Board to approve adding the roof coating system to the approved items. If it is approved by the Board, the committee will reconsider the request for 1211 Lost Creek at their next meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2014.

Mr. Barone suggested the Board request the attorney's advice on matters relating to the denial and suggested process to reconsider the request of 1211 Lost Creek. The Board declined.

**Maintenance Committee,** Mr. Stepien reported the following:

- West Bay will begin the mulch project within 1-2 weeks
- The tree trimming is underway.
- The entrance area was cleaned out
- Suspected pool leak to be inspected

Matters relating to the dead tree removals throughout the community. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Ms. Stepien:

**MOTION 14-30:** to approve the dead tree removal project be awarded to Johnson Tree Service and                      for a total not to exceed \$6,100.00. Motion passed.

Matters relating to the replacement of 6 removed Washingtonians Palms with 6 Foxtail Palms in the community; a motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Barone:

**MOTION 14-31:** to approve the replacement of 6 removed Washingtonians Palms with 6 Foxtail Palms in the community. Approved total not to exceed \$1,650 awarded to West Bay. Motion passed.

Matters relating to the installation of Areca Palms behind the fence along Old Venice Ave.; a motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Sefack:

**MOTION 14-32:** to approve the installation of Areca Palms behind the fence along Old Venice Ave. not to exceed \$6,700. Motion passed.

**Communications Committee,** It was reported that it has been one year since the website was established. The hosting company has increased their fee to \$60.00. A motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Mr. Sefack:

**MOTION 14-33:** to approve the rate increase for website hosting to \$60.00. Motion Passed.

**Old Business,**

Matters relating to the Board's role in overriding a committee's decision; Mr. Barone wanted to go on record that he does not agree with the Board's interpretation of their ability to override a committee's decision.

**New Business,**

Matters relating to proposed 2015 budget; Management has provided the Board treasurer with the proposed budget for their input. A budget workshop will be scheduled within the next few weeks.

The Board scheduled their next meeting for November 5, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

**Owner Comments,**

An owner expressed that they believe ARC committee do their due diligence regarding all applications submitted.

An owner requested an update on the County grant situation; It was reported that there is nothing to report as the County still has not provided a response.

It was reported that the Cottages Clubhouse is out of service for committee meetings.

An owner expressed that he felt as that the Board provided an unprofessional reaction to the request for a fence along Old Venice Ave and did not give it appropriate consideration.

An owner provided their appreciation for all the hard work done by the maintenance committee and commented on how great the landscape lighting looks.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Mr. Perkowski, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

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Shannon Banks, CAM  
Lighthouse Property Management

Dated: This 24th day of October, 2014.

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**ATTACHMENT # 1**

**RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
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c/o LIGHTHOUSE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.  
16 Church Street, Osprey, FL 34229  
941-966-6844 Phone      941-966-7158 Fax  
**Manager's Report**

On Site/Maintenance-

- Weekly community visits
- Requested the repair to several sidewalk areas (ongoing)
- Scheduled the leak detection dive for the pool (10/6/2014)
- Requested service to hot water heater for shower
- Requested caulking of the shower on/ off plate

Administrative-

- Forwarded financials to Board for review.
- Forwarded draft agenda to board for review.
- Forwarded draft minutes for review.
- Forwarded ARC requests to committee.
- Forwarded approved minutes to Ms. Babbitt for publishing in the newsletter.
- Send out email blast in regards to BOD meeting.
- Coordinating the Annual/ Budget meeting arrangements
- Prepared the draft 2015 budget for review (emailed to Bobby on 9/29/2014)

Correspondence-

- Letters sent to homeowners regarding submitted ARC forms.
- Letters sent to homeowners with compliance violations.
- Email Correspondences.
- Vendor increase notices sent for budget prep
- Request for all current contracts, Certificates of Ins and Polices sent to vendors.

Compliance-

- Compliance letters mailed to homeowners since last meeting.
- Letters mailed: 6

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**Reporter Representative:** Mike Bergman

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### Architectural Review (ARC)

**Board Liaison:** Joe Sefack

**Chair:** Jessica Fenton

**Committee Members:** Jim Stepien,  
John Martin, Cindy Caria, Margaret Verhagen

### Maintenance Committee (combining Landscape/Environmental & Pool)

**Board Liaison:** Walter Perkowski

**Chair:** Jim Stepien (jimstepien@gmail.com)

**Committee Members:** Dave Gill,  
Sallie Hawkins, Carol Heckert, Carole Myles,  
Curt Kennedy, Joe Lucente

### Access the Rivendell website at:

<http://www.rivendellcommunity.com>

The RESIDENTS section of the website is password protected. Please use the word osprey in lowercase when prompted to enter a password.

**Your input and feedback are always encouraged and welcomed.**

**Deadline:** Submit articles and information to **Judy Sokal** (judysokal@gmail.com) by the tenth of the month.

## Sarasota County Sheriff

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