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# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell October 2016



## Rivendell 'Gator Trapped on Placid Lake Drive

Information and photo by Tony Nacinovich  
of Willowbend, September 9, 2016

A Rivendell resident complained that there was an alligator and Florida Wildlife sent a trapper. Once he got the 'gator's jaw taped, he used fiberglass tape to secure its legs behind its back to neutralize the alligator.

The trapper said that people were often careless on the banks of lakes and rivers and were in danger of an alligator coming out of the water when they least expected an attack. Alligators migrate all of the time and they move from lake to lake.

### Alligators? Who ya' gonna call?

Please contact Lighthouse Management if you are concerned about an alligator in the development. The management company will assess the possible danger, liability, homeowner sentiment, previous calls, etc., and contact the appropriate authorities.

**Call Lighthouse Property Management, 966-6844**

## Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

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

## Highlights of September 7 Board Meeting

**By Carol Heckert; reviewed by Bobby Merrill**

Attending: Joe Sefack, Bobby Merrill, Bruce Lorie, Walter Perkowski. Absent: Gwen Leaning.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$31,079 in rollover funds. Our fund balance is \$135,695. We are \$7,842 under budget due to unspent landscape funds, and are owed \$27,000 in past dues over 90 days.

ARC Report: There were 7 ARC requests this month. Five were approved, 1 denied, and 1 on hold.

### Maintenance Committee Report:

- Palm and oak trees will be trimmed in mid to late October.
- Dead trees will be removed.
- Committee is waiting for the Board to finalize its priority list

### Old Business:

1. A motion was made to waive the fine imposed on the owners of 759 Fordingbridge Way due to the timing of the home's purchase. The fine was waived.

2. A reserve study report was submitted by a firm hired for that purpose. The report will be reviewed by all Board members prior to a meeting of the president, treasurer, and Lighthouse Property Mgt. to finalize the report prior to the Budget Workshop.

### New Business:

1. \$1,000 fine imposed on 679 Clear Creek Dr. due to mailbox light out. House is in foreclosure.

2. \$1,000 fine imposed on 794 Shadow Bay Way for play equipment in back yard. Proper request not made to the ARC until after 3rd letter.

3. The priority list presented by the Maintenance Committee was reviewed at length. It has 3 phases, which were reordered to some extent. Phase 1 will include:

- a. All landscaping items, including Rainbow Point Way.
- b. Repainting the streetlights on Rivendell Blvd.
- c. Replacing corroded drain grates and surrounding concrete.
- d. Spending \$1,000 for an estimate to replace electrical circuit panels. Motion approved.
- e. Repaving the pool and pool deck.
- f. Purchasing high quality pool furniture.
- g. Removing overgrown vegetation from lake banks to maintain bank access.

Some items were moved from Phase 1 to Phase 2. Phase 2 and Phase 3 will be discussed at the October Board Meeting.

*(Continued on Pg. 2)*

(Highlights of Board Meeting continued from Pg.1)

Homeowner Comments: Comments and questions were about:

- Short sale on Shadow Bay Way.
- Contents of pump house on Rivendell Blvd.
- Need for removal of dead trees on Rainbow Point Way median vs live trees on Placid Lake Drive median.
- Need to scrub pool deck and restrooms with detergent vs pressure washing. Board approved contacting a janitorial company for an estimate.
- Need to appoint a Nominating Committee for new Board members. Scheduled for the October meeting.

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**Next Rivendell Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 5th 2016**  
**at 6:00pm**

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## HI-HO-HI-HO, it's off to work they go.... By Nancy Dobias with photos by Nancy Dobias

Because we live close to Crescent Park, we see problems that need to be addressed. Some tasks require professionals but other tasks just need a willing heart, a lot of hard work, and sweat.



The lampposts in Crescent Park needed “freshening”, the paint had chipped from the posts, the caps had faded from sun exposure, and the light shields were dirty. Larry Dobias and Greg Volack decided to take on the job. Armed with a stepladder, cardboard, rags, brushes, and several cans of paint, they set to the task. Debbie Volack volunteered to be the beverage supervisor while I documented the activities. Larry & Greg’s hard work was rewarded with a home-cooked Italian dinner prepared by Phyllis Barone (on left in photo). Sallie & Fred Hawkins, appreciative neighbors, delivered tasty muffins for their mailbox restoration.

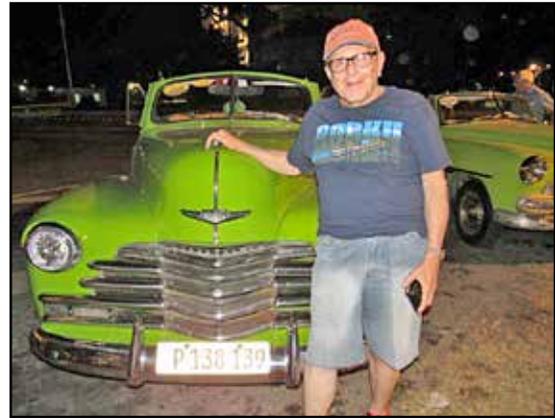


Re-painting the park lampposts required cleaning out the plastic lens shields around the lights. So, pole caps and bulbs had to be removed, light shields cleaned, and lampposts and caps re-painted. Finally the work was finished and the lampposts looked great.

In addition to painting the park lampposts, the Anna Hope Helpers assisted a few friends by getting their mailbox lampposts ready for the **November LHM inspection**. The finished mailboxes & lampposts drew many admiring glances. It was a hot day for this kind of work, but the pay-off was in seeing the results.

**Thanks to the Anna Hope Helpers -  
their efforts are appreciated!**

**Are there other good deeds to report?  
Please email Marilyn Probert at  
marilynprobert@gmail.com**



*Fred and Norma Lee in Cuba – photos by Norma Lee*

## Trip to Cuba - Birds & Cars

Submitted by Norma Lee Rhines and excerpted from article by Lenee' Owens, Wings & Things, Venice Audubon Newsletter, Sept/Oct 2016

Last March, Rivendell residents Norma Lee and Fred Rhines traveled with Venice Audubon members and a Cuban ornithologist to enjoy the beautiful birds of Cuba for 10 days. Actually, Fred was more interested in the vintage cars, while Norma Lee pursued the birds. After flying into Havana and taking a walking tour of the old city, they enjoyed a delicious lunch in the Hotel Nacional where President Obama stayed during his historic visit. That night they took a moonlight ride in some of Cuba's well-preserved convertibles from the 1950s.

The true birding part of the trip began the next day when they visited the first of Cuba's wonderful parks, La Guira, and saw the beautiful national bird, the Cuban Trogon, and the tiny and comical-looking Cuban Tody, both endemic to Cuba. Other birds sighted in this region were the Cuban Green Woodpecker, Cuban Vireo, Yellow-headed Warbler and Cuban Oriole, all special birds only seen in Cuba or the Caribbean region.

The next day was a trip to Cueva de Los Portales, a cave where Che Guevara stayed during the Cuban Missile Crisis



in 1962. More birds endemic to Cuba and the Caribbean region were viewed - including the elusive and rare Cuban Solitaire, Fernandina's Flicker, West Indian Woodpecker, Cuban Pewee, La Sagra's Flycatcher and Cuban Parrot.

During a boating trip in the Zapata Peninsula, a Zapata Sparrow was spotted and a walk in the woods revealed two native owls, the Bare-Legged Owl and the Cuban Pygmy Owl. Other colorful birds included the Oriente Warbler

and the Cuban Gnatcatcher. In the ensuing days another bird was seen: the tiny Bee Hummingbird, aptly called ZumZum by Cubans because of its speedy flight. In all, 25 of the birds seen were endemic to Cuba. Many of these birds are endangered and it was a privilege to see them.

The accommodations were comfortable except for one hotel where the water was turned off at night. The guides were excellent and eager to introduce the group to the birds of Cuba. The final three days were spent at a luxury hotel where the drinks were free for the asking and the farewell dinner was wonderful. All enjoyed the trip with friends, old and new.

Be sure to visit the [rivendellcommunity.com](http://rivendellcommunity.com) website to view the photos in color!



*Left to right: Cuban Trogon, Cuban Bee Hummingbird, Cuban Tody ~ photo's by Lenee' Owens*

## RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

**MATHEMATICS TUTORING:** Calculus and Statistics. Specializing in AP courses. Retired Math teacher from the NE with 30+ years experience in public and private schools. Rivendell resident. Your home or ours! Multiple student discount available. Ref: Who's Who in American Education, New Jersey Governor's Teacher Award. Call **Carol: 941-866-0270** OR email [gdontheroad@yahoo.com](mailto:gdontheroad@yahoo.com).

**BABYSITTER:** 16 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**.

**LAMPOST 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**.

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**A RIVENDELL COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB** has been formed! We meet from 1:00 - 4:00 the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you would like to join us, or would like your name added to the substitute list, please call or write **Deb Jones** at **517-515-4994** or [debraljones@gmail.com](mailto:debraljones@gmail.com).

**MAILBOX REVITALIZATION:** Are your mailbox numbers faded or missing? For \$25 I will clean your mailbox number area and replace both sides with new white numbers! Contact **Deb Jones** at **517-515-4994** or [debraljones@gmail.com](mailto:debraljones@gmail.com) to arrange this service.

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### Rivendell Residents

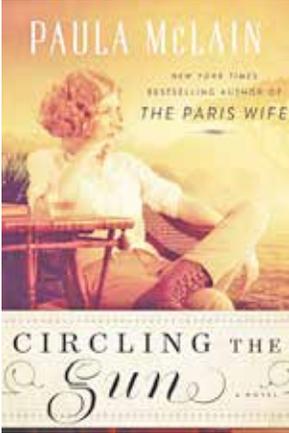
Please send your name, phone number, and a description of the service you can provide to other Rivendell residents. Email your information to Marilyn at [marilynprobert@gmail.com](mailto:marilynprobert@gmail.com)



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

Please contact Lighthouse Management for the password to the RESIDENTS section or check your annual voting ballot/proxy mailer.

## Book Group Schedule By Marilyn Probert



The Book Group will meet on Monday, October 10 to discuss Paula McLain's *Circling the Sun*, a historical novel set in the early twentieth century. After moving to Kenya and being abandoned by her mother, Beryl Markham was raised by her father and the native Kipsigis tribe that lived on the estate. There Beryl played with the boys and learned the skills that they needed to become warriors. She also learned from her father, a horse trainer, and became one herself. This unusual upbringing led to an unorthodox and interesting life. After two failed marriages she became involved with Denys Finch Hatton who encouraged her to learn to fly. As a result she became a record-breaking aviatrix. Mirinda Roy will host at 757 Placid Lake Drive. Please call her at 941-918-2740 if you wish to attend.

The November selection will be *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. In a letter to his son, Coates discusses race relations and what it's like to live in a black body. This enlightening book is timely in the face of current racial controversy.

In December the topic will be *A Man Called Ove: A Novel* by Fredrik Backman. Ove is known as "the bitter neighbor from hell," but is there reason for his surliness?

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm, and all Rivendell residents are welcome. Please call the month's hostess if you plan to participate.



All Rivendell Covenants, Standing Rules, ARC Guidelines, ARC Application Forms and more are available on the Rivendell website within the DOCUMENTS section.  
[www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)

This information can also be obtained by contacting Lighthouse Management.

## Helpful Household Hint: Protecting, repairing sliding door edges



If the paint is chipping on the frame edge of your sliding glass door (often the frame edges by the door handle), the paint can be protected from further chipping by applying a clear, self-adhesive tape.

There are a number of products available that can be applied to the edge of a car door or used on the sliding doors in your home. Most are inexpensive and "do-it-yourself" products.

A recommended product is the "3M 08582 36" Door Edge Protection Film" that can be purchased in an automotive care department. It can also be found on-line (search for "adhesive glass door edge protector" at Walmart.com or Amazon.com).

The product is a clear, semi-sticky plastic tape. It isn't hard to apply, but does require some skill. Be sure to clean both sides of the frame since the tape is intended to fold over and stick to both edges. Also wash your hands to prevent transferring dirt from your hands onto the clear tape. Total time is about 30 minutes depending on how much tape is applied. The tape is barely visible from a few feet away.

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## Venomous Snakes of Florida - Part 2

By Pam Babbitt and Marilyn Probert excerpted from:

List of Venomous Florida Snakes at [www.flmnh.ufl.edu/..fl-snakes/venomous-snakes](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/..fl-snakes/venomous-snakes); Snakebites First aid at [www.mayoclinic.org/first-aid/first-aid-snake-bites/basics/art-20056681](http://www.mayoclinic.org/first-aid/first-aid-snake-bites/basics/art-20056681); and Depart of Wildlife at [www.ufwildlife.ifas.ufl.edu/snakes/central](http://www.ufwildlife.ifas.ufl.edu/snakes/central).

The *Woodlands Word* August 2016 issue featured Jeff Gavette's photo of an Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake as it crossed Rivendell Boulevard. The August issue also provided venomous snakes precautions. There are six types of venomous snakes in Florida, however only the following four are found in our area of Central Florida: Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake; Eastern Coral Snake; Florida Cottonmouth or Water Moccasin; and Dusky Pigmy Rattlesnake.

This article and websites are for informational purposes only. The following photos are of Florida venomous snakes to avoid; however for clearer identification, pictures in color may be found on the Internet or the Rivendell website.

**Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake** like the one seen on Rivendell Boulevard: The Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake is the largest venomous snake in North America. Some reach 8' long. These pit vipers live in sandy woodlands, pinewoods, & coastal scrub habitats. They have a pattern of yellow-bordered, light-centered black diamonds. Diamondbacks are averse to human contact and only attack in defense. Most bites occur when humans taunt or try to capture or kill a rattlesnake. They can accurately strike at up to one-third their body length. When cornered, rattlers shake their tails as a last warning. Diamondback venom is potent and causes tissue damage. Bites are extremely painful and can be fatal to humans. However, antivenin is widely available throughout the region and bites rarely result in death.



*Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake coiled and close-up of diamond pattern.*

**Eastern Coral Snake, Coral Snake** When examining the colored bands of a banded snake, remember the saying, "red next to yellow with kill a fellow" to identify it as a Coral Snake. If red is not next to yellow it could be one of the harmless snakes that are often confused with the coral snake such as the Scarlet Kingsnake and the Florida Scarlet Snake.



*Photos of head and full body of the Eastern Coral Snake.*



**Dusky Pigmy Rattlesnake, Pigmy Rattler**  
Usually small, averaging about a foot.



**Florida Cottonmouth, Water Moccasin.**  
Is aptly named. Notice the cottony interior.



### WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT?

All communication regarding maintenance issues or community infractions must be sent directly to Lighthouse Property Management for handling. For example, if you spot a broken street light, or issues with the pool janitorial duties, communicate the information to Lighthouse Property Management via email, phone call or a letter.

941-966-6844; shannonbanks@mgmt.tv

If you have ideas, suggestions or feedback regarding the common areas, trees, plants, ponds and pool (all items under the MC responsibility) attend a Maintenance Committee meeting to discuss.

If you would like to request any official Rivendell document, contact Lighthouse Property Management in writing. Some information may be obtained from the website but Lighthouse Property Management has ALL official documents for Rivendell.

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## Architectural Review Committee Report - August 30, 2016

Attendees: Chairperson John Fitzgibbon, Maggi Verhagen, Kay Mruz, Cindy Caria, and Board Liaison Gwen Leaning

By Proxy: John Martin

Absent: John Martin

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM with a quorum of Committee members present. Projects Reviewed:

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	1115 Mallard Marsh Drive	Swimming Pool	Motion: John F 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Maggi Resolved: Approved
2.	1056 Scherer Way	Replace Trees	Motion: Cindy 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Maggi Resolved: Approved
3.	794 Shadow Bay Way	Plant Bushes	Motion: 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Resolved: Put on hold, request needs a copy of the survey showing where the shrubs will be planted and a full explanation of the type of plants to be install with special regard to their height (at least six feet).
4.	1034 Oak Preserve Lane	Front Door	Motion: 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Resolved: Denied, proposed color is too dark and, per guidelines; garage door must match the house body or trim color.
5.	804 Placid Lake Drive	Accessible Landscaping	Motion: Kay 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John F Resolved: Approved
6.	1204 Mallard Marsh Drive	Front Door	Motion: John F 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Kay Resolved: Approved
7.	1115 Mallard Marsh Drive	Replace Front Door	Motion: John F 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Maggi Resolved: Approved subject to door color matching house trim color.

### New Business:

1. A presentation was made by Beth Martin, Sherwin-Williams Products Specialist. John F had contacted Ms. Martin after perusing the Color Palette used by Willow Bend. He hopes that we can develop a similar Palette for Rivendell to help expedite the approval of painting requests by our homeowners. John had obtained the original color book from the Sherwin-Williams store in Venice. Ms. Martin advised that the original book was incomplete because all of the original builders did not necessarily use Sherwin-Williams paint products. Also the paint samples shown in the original book have all been superseded by new manufacturing ID codes over the course of the last two decades. Substantial discussion ensued over personal preferences in color selection and concerns over the propriety of using Ms. Martin to assist the ARC in producing a color palette for Rivendell. We determined that we will need the advice and guidance of the Board on the following questions:

- a. **Do the original Deed Restrictions, Covenants or Board Orders set forth restrictions on color selections?** John advised that in his research, when redoing the ARC Guidelines, the only place he found colors mentioned was the earlier versions of the ARC Guidelines, and that the Deed Restrictions, Covenants and Board Orders offered no mention of colors.
- b. **Would the Board consider it a "conflict of interest" for the ARC to make use of Ms. Martin's efforts** assuming that paint choices will not be restricted to only Sherwin-Williams products?
- c. **Assuming the ARC will proceed with the development of a Paint Palette for Rivendell, the ARC would request that the Board authorize a search for Volunteers for a "Paint Palette subcommittee"** to assure that the ARC receives input from a broad range of homeowners.

2. John advised that he has been unable to find any documentation authorizing the creation of the three sub-associations: i.e. the Cottages, the Patio Homes, and the Villas. This has led to issues in the past when ARC requests have been made for projects that might affect existing maintenance contracts for the sub-boards. This is one of the reasons that the ARC request form was modified to include approval by the sub-boards before consideration is given by the ARC. **Does such documentation exist, and how can the ARC access the information when it is presented with potential conflicts?**

3. John went to a presentation from the Community Associations Institute (CAI) last week, which he found to be very informative and useful for managing our community. He explained that his experience in Managing Commercial Real Estate taught him that similar organizations were invaluable in keeping him informed of industry trends and best practices. He gave Gwen copies of the CAI he had received and asked that she share them with the Board. **He also asked that she ask the Board to consider receiving a presentation directly from the CAI sometime this fall.**

**Other:** John F will be out of town until September 18; Kay Mruz volunteered to make the ARC report at the next Board meeting.

Maggi will miss the September ARC Meeting. ARC meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM



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*Looping Programs*

Quite a few years back at Venice Isle's clubhouse, looping equipment was installed. We have worked with this looping equipment company over the years to provide education for the hearing aid wearers. It was during this event that I bumped into my first awareness of under-programmed t-coil settings. (T-coil is the program setting to receive the looping transmission.)

A couple came up to me and mentioned that they weren't hearing much different whether they put on the t-coil setting or put it on the first program of their hearing aids. They wondered what the purpose of the looping equipment was if there wasn't much difference.

You should hear whatever is being broadcasted much cleaner, crisper and without distortion. There should be a noticeable difference when hearing the broadcast sounds without t-coil to hearing with t-coil.

I asked if they had the t-coil programmed. They weren't sure. I suggested they come into my office to have the t-coil program reviewed. They came in and sure enough their t-coil was active and under programmed. This is a problem I run into too often. While many aids have the technology to connect to t-coil, many are not correctly programmed to give the listener clarity.

I was able to help this couple by using the looping equipment in my office to adjust his program settings which enabled him to hear the crisper sounds that are provided through the looping equipment both at his clubhouse and when he went to the Venice Theatre.

If you want to know if your hearing aids can connect to t-coil or feel like you're not getting clarity from the program, I invite you to stop by my office for a checkup.

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### Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

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

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

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