



The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

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May 2019

Highlights, April 3 Board of Directors Meeting

By Carol Heckert, Reviewed by John Fitzgibbon

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

Current Events:

1. A new attorney, Richard Wheeler, has been asked to determine who is responsible for paving the alleys behind houses in our community. After two months of research, Mr. Wheeler will present his conclusion on May 1 at 5:30 PM, following the monthly Board Meeting at Our Savior Lutheran Church.
2. The next Mix and Mingle will be held at the community pool at 5:30 PM on May 16. Bring your own drinks. Optional: bring snacks to share.

Manager's Report: (Beth Miller)

Suggested new site near community entrance for permanent Notice Board.

Treasurer's Report: (Larry Dobias)

We have \$445,000 in reserves and income. During the 1st Quarter we spent \$488,679, which is \$12,000 under plan.

Upon our accountant's advice, Mr. Dobias made a motion to invest our Money Market funds in a bank paying higher interest than we currently receive. Motion approved.

ARC Report: (Maureen Emmons)

There were 13 ARC requests made, with 12 approved and 1 deferred pending more information.

Maintenance Committee: (Larry Dobias)

1. The pump house has been removed and plumbing replaced. Once a new float valve is in place, foliage will be added.
2. Stakes are in place where new trees will be planted. Waiting for bubblers for irrigation.
3. Two additional security cameras have been installed at the pool.
4. Non-residents have been fishing in our ponds. Motion made for No Fishing signs at publically accessible ponds. Motion approved.

Communications Committee: (John Fitzgibbon)

1. Block Captains: Role should be analyzed and duties written. Should Welcome Committee or Block Captains greet new neighbors?
2. Lighthouse to get contact information for new homeowners after closing.
3. Will ask local artist to put Rivendell logo in electronic format.

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Message From the Board NEED TO START COORDINATING THE VILLAS ALLEYS' RESURFACING AND THE SARASOTA COUNTY RESURFACING OF OUR ROADS WITHIN RIVENDELL:

As the time approaches, we need to start coordinating the resurfacing of the Villas Alleys to coincide with the separate Sarasota County resurfacing of our primary roads. The Sarasota County resurfacing of the primary roads is tentatively scheduled to occur sometime at the end of 2019 or early 2020. Only time will tell if this schedule holds true. We have been diligent in providing frequent updates at our monthly board meetings as well as documenting the progression of this endeavor in both the Woodlands Word and in the summary minutes, located on the Rivendell Website. Please take the time to review the below communication to ensure that you are properly informed, in case you haven't been following any ongoing updates.

The challenge that we face:

The developer turned over the community to the HOA in the 2004-time frame and at that time established and funded a Reserve Account titled ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE (ALLEYS). In 2007 the Board obtained a legal opinion from the corporate lawyer who verified the alleys surrounding the Villas were deeded to homeowners and therefore the cost of maintenance and repair was the homeowners' responsibility. The Board dissolved the Reserve Account and transferred the money into other reserve accounts. In 2016, a different corporate attorney reviewed the alley issue a second time and arrived at a different opinion. Because his opinion was based on the easement language in our Covenants, he found that the cost of alley repair and maintenance was likely an HOA responsibility. There are 55 homes that border the alleys in Unit 2 (primarily the Villas), of which 46 are in the Villas and 9 properties that are not. Of the 55 properties, 47 of them have 50% of the alley behind the house deeded to their property. There are 4 properties on the alley that have no ownership of the alley and 4 properties that have 100% of the alley included within their property line. Approximately 20% of the total alley is platted as Common Ground and as such the cost of repair is HOA responsibility.

The cost for repaving the alleys, from a bid three years ago, is approximately \$55,000. There is \$27,500 in a Reserve Fund for alleys that was established recently to ensure that the cost of the community share of alley repaving was covered.

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Document Review Committee: (Ray Capuano)

Mr. Capuano wants a marketing plan before proceeding with changes to documents. Need 30-35 volunteers committed to visit 10 houses each with ballots. Some committee members argued that volunteers need to see the document before they are asked to market it.

Ponds & Preserves Committee: (Frank Freestone)

1. West Bay needs to trim no-mow zones neatly.
2. Volunteers needed for aquatic planting in several ponds.
3. Wildfire prevention being planned with State and County.
4. Preserves inspected and in compliance.
5. Website contains photos of birds in Rivendell and aquatic plants to be planted.

Social Committee: (Carolyn Kenney)

1. Mix & Mingle at the community pool the 3rd Thursday of every month. Board members were asked to attend.
2. Dining In and Dining Out groups are meeting.
3. Bridge Group meeting twice a month.
4. One summer event being planned, perhaps a barbeque at the North Jetty.

Old Business:

Richard Wheeler, attorney, will give a summary report about maintenance of the alleys on May 1 at 5:30 PM, following the Board Meeting. The meeting will be announced via news-flashes and Nextdoor Rivendell. This will be an informational meeting. Mr. Wheeler will either present his decision or explain options based upon the information he has received.

Next Meeting: May 1, 4:30 PM, Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Given the current status of available funds, there would not be a need for an assessment if the legal opinion results in the HOA funding the total cost of alley repair.

The alley issue has been a point of contention for some in the community over the years. The alleys will eventually need to be repaved. To resolve these conflicting opinions and to avoid costly legal expense, the Board decided to seek a third opinion from a new attorney with expertise in these types of matters. No prior legal or individual opinions were shared to ensure that there wouldn't be any influence and or bias on his investigation and conclusion. The attorney was tasked with reviewing existing documents, easements, County and Swift Mud Permits and any documentation that would help reach a resolution. The Board decided that they would accept the opinion of the attorney as the final word on the responsibility. The attorney's opinion on the alleys is expected before the end of April.

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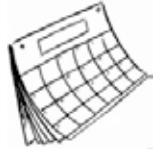


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RIVENDELL EVENTS CALENDAR - MAY 2019



- May 1.** Board of Directors meeting
- May 2.** Bridge Group meets 1-4 pm. Please contact Deb Jones, 517-515-4994 for more information
- May 7.** Social Committee meets at 7 pm at 733 Crane Prairie Way. Please contact Carolyn Kenney at 941-223-7111
- May 11.** Dining In group meets 2nd Saturday of the month. Please contact Kristin Ellison for more information, KristinEllison1@gmail.com
- May 13.** Rivendell Book Group I meets 2nd Monday of month at 7:30 PM. Please contact Deb Jones at 517-515-4994 for more information
- May 16.** Bridge Group meets 1-4 pm. Contact Deb Jones, 517-515-4994
- May 16.** Mix and Mingle meets at Community Pool 5:30-7. Contact Kathy Halaiko for more information, 941-914-6893 or halaiko@yahoo.com
- May 18.** Dining Out group meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact Kristin Ellison for more information, KristinEllison1@gmail.com
- May 20.** Rivendell Book group II meets at 7pm. Call Deb Jones, 517-515-4994
- May 25.** The Communication Committee meets at 7 pm. Please contact Barb Gahry for more information, 941-586-3936 or barbgahry@gmail.com
- May 28.** ARC meets the last Tuesday of every month at 4:30 in the Cottages Clubhouse
- May 29.** Maintenance Committee meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at the Cottages Clubhouse



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The Cottages' Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election

By Marilee Casale

The Cottages' 2019 Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election occurred on Thursday, February 21, 2019 in the Clubhouse. Thirty-eight residents attended the meeting led by Marilee Casale.

New Business: A discussion was held on the newly organized Standing Committees to support the Cottages in the coming year: Finance & Budget, Facilities Management, Landscape and Irrigation, ARC Compliance and Communications. Formalization of each committee's duties and deliverables will be outlined in a Charge Letter to each Committee Chair and reviewed at the February 28th Board meeting.

Homeowners Comments: Discussion regarding landscaping problems, residents not having their dogs on a leash while walking the neighborhood, dog barking and not picking up dog waste. Other areas of concern and suggestions were mentioned and will be addressed at future meetings: emergency communications with homeowners, clubhouse usage and forming an Ombudsman Committee.

Election Results: Bill Vanik and Beverly Piraino were elected to a two-year term.

Resolutions Passed: Reserve Fund Transfers & Excess Funds Rollover.

After adjournment of the Annual meeting, the new Board met and agreed to the following positions:

John Martin - President

Bill Vanik - 1st Vice President

Bob Metelko - 2nd Vice President

Bev Piraino - Treasurer

Carole Costa – Secretary

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News From The Cottages: Standing Committee Descriptions

Submitted by Marilee Casale,
Communications Committee Chair

The Cottages Board of Directors has created a Standing Committee structure to meet the specific needs of our community, assist the Board in governing through informed decision-making, and provide input to our long range planning. Residents are encouraged to get involved in these committees, which offer the opportunity to meet other neighbors, work on meaningful projects that affect the overall value of our community assets, and to share one's unique perspective. The following briefly describes the new Standing Committees, each respective Chair and Board of Directors Liaison.

Communications Committee; Marilee Casale, Chair; Carole Costa, Board Liaison

Assists the Board in collecting and sharing information across the community, keeping homeowners informed and gathering their input for board actions and decisions. This includes sharing information on maintenance activities, updating the Cottages directory, publishing board updates and community newsletters, and supporting the Welcome and Social subcommittees' activities.

Landscape Committee; Carole Myles, Chair; Bill Vanik, Board Liaison

Assists the Board in contracting and managing vendors responsible for the community's overall landscaping activities including cutting, trimming, blowing, hard edging, and major bush and tree trimming throughout the year. A sub-committee for Irrigation, led by Chris Smith, will focus on the maintenance of essential irrigation equipment and work in partnership with the Landscape Chair.

Facilities Management Committee; Dan Maciejewski, Chair; Bob Metelko, Board Liaison

Assists the Board with the ongoing maintenance of the community's physical assets, e.g., pool, clubhouse, streetlights, sidewalks, etc. Additional sub-committees may be formed to distribute and manage the work of this group.

Finance & Budget Committee; Steve Bragg, Chair; Beverly Piraino; Board Liaison

Assists the Board by developing/monitoring the annual budget and monthly expenses, and developing a long range planning process and monitoring reserves.

ARC/Compliance Committee; Alex Castro, Chair; John Martin, Board Liaison

Assists the Board in ensuring homeowner compliance with the Cottages Covenants and Rules and provides representation to the Big Rivendell Architectural Committee.

Book Group II

A second book group has formed in Rivendell and the next meeting is Monday, May 20 at 7:00pm at Frank Freestone's house, 1188 Mallard Marsh Drive.

If you would like to attend, please contact Frank at his email address paddlemania@verizon.net and he will let you know the title of the book that will be discussed.

Maintenance Committee Meeting, March 27th

By Larry Dobias, Board Liaison

1. Pump Proposal was finalized and the job was completed April 4th. Pump house was removed, underground piping straightened, isolation valves added, HDPE pipe replaced PVC, pump removed and inspected, electricals improved. Sod and hedges are to be planted.
2. DG Franks inspected the ponds on March 26th. Report to be issued.
3. Greentopps will walk with Dave Gill to mark where trees are to be planted; irrigation will be added before planting.
4. Additional cameras were placed at the pool to cover the bike rack and parking lot.
5. Lights were replaced at the Old Venice Road entrance and along Placid Lake Drive.
6. Pool Chemical security is a work in progress.
7. No Trespassing/Fishing signs are under consideration.
8. The area behind the wall at the Cottages needs to be cleaned up.



Solid Waste

I live in Rivendell. Whom should I call for garbage collection? Call Sarasota County Solid Waste at 861-5000.

What are the holidays that garbage is not collected?

There are no collections on the following 5 holidays when they fall on a Monday through Friday: New Years Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Collections will be delayed one day from the holiday continuing through the rest of the holiday week. Any regular Friday collections delayed by a holiday will be done on Saturday.

Who handles recycling in Sarasota County? Waste Management, Inc. Their phone number is 493-4100.

What time should I put out my containers? Place garbage, recycling, and yard waste at the curb by 7 am the day of your collection to avoid missed collection, but no earlier than 5 pm the afternoon before the day of scheduled pick-up.

Will Waste Management take my appliances? Call to schedule a pick-up; let them know what you have, 493-4100.

www.scgov.net: Visit this website to learn how to bundle yard waste, the weight limit on containers, oversized items, what is and is not recyclable, and how to dispose of chemicals, etc.



Enjoying Our Beautiful Rivendell Birds By the Ponds and Preserves Committee



On March 16, Rivendell residents gathered for a second bird survey outing, led by Jack Foard, VP of the Venice Area Audubon Society. It was a most productive and informative morning as Jack is always eager to share his knowledge and love of birding. We saw

29 different species of birds on our walk around several Rivendell lakes and through the nature trail. Not bad for an early morning stroll!

The day started with a serenade by the small colorful Northern Parula. Then we spotted our more common bird residents as we walked by the spillway near Gator Creek East: Anhinga, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, White Ibis and Belted Kingfisher. Plus, we heard what we believed to be a Pileated Woodpecker by the sound of the high-volume attack on a hidden tree. Later, we were surprised by a fly-in: the beautiful male Wood Duck, who landed at a distance in Rivendell Lake West.

We will keep you posted about our next bird survey adventure date and hope you'll join us. We typically walk just a mile and some follow us by car. Cameras and binoculars are encouraged! The Ponds and Preserves Committee extends special thanks to Jack Foard for his time and expertise. Visit <https://www.rivendellcommunity.com/ponds> to view more bird images posted on the Ponds website.



Northern Parula (Sheila Pies)



Belted Kingfisher (Nancy Dobias)



Places to Visit: Celery Fields of Sarasota Submitted by Norma Lee Rhines; excerpt from Venice Audubon Wings & Things, Nov/Dec 2018

<https://www.facebook.com/Celery-Fields-160320450656804>;
<http://greatruns.com/sarasota-fl-celery-fields>

Celery Fields was originally designed as Sarasota County's way of managing storm water. It has become a critical habitat for birds and other wildlife. Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources manages the land. The location of the 300+ acre site with boardwalks, and diverse bird species, as well as its public ownership makes the Celery Fields an ideal location for wildlife watching and passive recreational use. It is one of the few spots in Sarasota where runners can do some hill running; it is about 4 miles around the perimeter. The Sarasota Audubon Society has a Nature Center off Palmer Boulevard with guided walks, walking and biking trails, fishing, kayaking, and wildlife viewing for the entire community. Check the Society's website for special events: www.sarasota-audubon.org/capital-campaign/the-celery-fields

Birders can begin their walk at the gazebo and then continue into the fields north of Palmer Boulevard. Many species can be seen on both sides of Palmer Boulevard and on Raymond Road. After searching the ponds along the south side of Palmer Boulevard, return to your car and drive to the end of Raymond Road to spend time at all of the ponds. April and May are good months to view birds migrating north.

Directions to Celery Fields: From I-75 take Exit 210, Fruitville Road east. Make right at Coburn Road light and follow road as it curves past the Fruitville Library. The Celery Fields will be on your left; Ackerman Lake will be on your right. To get to the parking lot, proceed about .5 mile south from Ackerman Lake and make a left onto Palmer Boulevard. After about .3 mile, make a left into the parking lot, which also has public restrooms.



The highest elevation in Sarasota County (141 feet) is at the Celery Fields, providing a view of Sarasota ~ photo by Tom Matrullo

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
- Visit Rivendell Ponds & Preserves website



Coming Soon-Aquatic Plants Installed In Our Pilot Project Ponds

By the Rivendell Ponds and Preserves Committee

In late May or early June, our ponds management contractor, ASI, will be installing aquatic plants along the shorelines of our two pilot project ponds, Egret (across from the pool) and Bobcat (at the corner of Shadow Bay and Mallard Marsh). The plants have been carefully selected to target erosion control and cope with our fluctuating water levels. This important step is part of the planned strategy for these two pilot project ponds, which is intended to improve their health and introduce our community to the changed appearance of well-managed ponds.

The selected plants will be Spikerush, Pickerelweed and Duck Potato. More information about these plants is available on our Website, www.rivendellcommunity.com/ponds under the category, "Supplemental Resources." See the UF brochure on plants for stormwater ponds.



Savor Sarasota ~ June 1-14, 2019

The Annual Savor Sarasota Restaurant Event will begin on Saturday, June 1 and run through Friday, June 14, 2019. This dining event features multi-course menus at \$16 per person for lunch and/or \$32 per person for dinner.

The website provides a list of participating restaurants and menus. Do check the website frequently as restaurants are added to the list; you can also determine if either or both lunch and dinner are available for a particular restaurant. <https://www.visitsarasota.com/savor-sarasota>.

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He read so much he was probably more informed than first year students of audioprosthology.

But, learning about hearing aids, especially when you are the one who needs to hear better, is a lot like watching YouTube videos about swimming. Watching someone jump into the pool and attempt to float, doesn't offer the same insight as being there.

It's not at all the same thing as feeling the water skim along your skin. Experiencing how to relax, float, and feel the pressure of the water. When you experience buoyancy, you are swimming.

Learning about technology inside the hearing aids and the purpose of the various algorithms won't help you hear your wife at the restaurant.

Now, I don't want to discourage anyone from learning more, especially about the benefits of hearing aids.

The only way to appreciate all the technology in the little device is to try one.

Get a hearing test and then demo a hearing aid.

Will it be perfect? Likely, not. Was the first time you jumped into swim perfect? Likely, not.

Only by trying hearing aids will you appreciate the algorithms that allow you to hear at frequency adjustments in real time. Hearing aids aren't about making everything louder. Hearing aids only increase the specific frequencies that you struggle with. This is why a current hearing test is necessary. We need to fit your loss. We need to help you, and only you, hear your best.

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Residents Mixing and Mingling at the Pool in April

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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**

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Help Control Nutrient Loads in our Ponds: Do Not Fertilize between June 1 - September 30

Sarasota County Recommendations for Fertilizer and Irrigation By the Rivendell Ponds and Preserves Committee

As discussed in previous articles, Rivendell's ponds are interconnected and subjected to algae blooms that can be exacerbated by the cumulative effect of fertilizer runoff from our own lawns and community common areas. Sarasota County has an Ordinance aimed at controlling fertilizer runoff into County waters and a set of guidelines related to managing irrigation in a responsible way that both saves water and reduces fertilizer runoff from over-watered lawns.

By following these recommendations, we minimize the presence of unsightly algae in our ponds and benefit the health and beauty of our community.

- If your fertilizer is applied by a commercial organization, confirm they are certified for Sarasota County, and are fully complying with the restrictions in the Sarasota County Ordinance. This should be done annually or if you change applicators.
- Applying your own fertilizer? Try to reduce the amount of fertilizer being applied to your lawn.

Selected Mandates of the Sarasota County Ordinance

- Fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorous cannot be applied between June 1 to Sept. 30 of each year, and specific limitations are placed on the allowable amounts of nitrogen and phosphorous when applied during allowable times.
- Never apply any fertilizer within ten feet of any pond or preserve. Deflector shields are required on all broadcast spreaders to prevent fertilizer from being applied within ten feet of any water body or wetland.
- Grass clippings and other vegetative debris shall not be deposited into ponds or on roads.



- Sarasota County also recommends a six-foot-wide Low Maintenance Zone (LMZ) be installed and maintained along "any water body or wetland" to help absorb excess nutrients from runoff.

Sarasota County Irrigation Guidelines

- Irrigation is allowed only on Tuesdays for even-numbered building addresses and Thursdays for odd. Do not irrigate between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Timers should be adjusted seasonally to provide minimum needed water for the time of year.
- Sprinkler heads should be inspected regularly and maintained in good operating condition to assure that water is not being sprayed onto streets or other non-landscaped areas. Rain sensors are required to be installed and properly maintained.



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Book Group Schedule by Pam Babbitt



The book group will meet on May 13, at Cindy Schmidl's home, 1100 Mallard Marsh Drive. Please call Cindy at 941-918-1570 if you plan to attend. The book selection is *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, A Daring Escape*, and the *Making of Winston Churchill* by Candice Millard.

Churchill by Candice Millard.

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

June 10: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

July 8: *A Paris Apartment* by Michelle Gable



The annual printed 2019 Rivendell Community Directory will be arriving soon. If you have not received a directory by the end of May, please contact Cindy Schmidl (cindycws1@aol.com).



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Architectural Review Committee Report - Tuesday March 26, 2019

NEW TIME: 4:30 PM

Meeting called to order 4:30 PM

Quorum present: Neil Agruss, John Greco, Susan Lanza, Richard Jurik, Alex Castro

Board Liaison: Maureen Emmons, Acting Chair

	Request	Address	Assigned To	Second	Status
1	Fence 24 inch	492 Meadow Sweet	Alex Castro	Susan Lanza	Approved
2	Paint front door	566 Meadow Sweet	Alex Castro	Neil Agruss	Approved
3	New front door/screen entry	979 Scherer Way	Richard Jurik	Susan Lanza	Approved
4	Paint house-palette	554 Meadow Sweet	Neil Agruss	all	Approved
5	Pool cage	1184 Mallard Marsh	Susan Lanza		Deferred **
6	Re-screen pool cage	1348 New Forest	Susan Lanza	Richard Jurik	Approved
7	Stepping stones	1084 Mallard Marsh	Richard Jurik	Alex Castro	Approved
8	Landscape project	1144 Mallard Marsh	Neil Agruss	Susan Lanza	Approved
9	Landscape lighting	520 Meadow Sweet	Alex Castro	Richard Jurik	Approved
10	Dish TV	755 Shadow Bay	Neil Agruss	Susan Lanza	Approved
11	Landscape curbing	1077 Scherer Way	John Greco	Neil Agruss	Approved
12	Paint house	812 Placid Lake	John Greco	Neil Agruss	Approved
13	New sod	701 Fordingbridge Way	Susan Lanza	John Greco	Approved

** Professional drawing by vendor building cage or plat depicting exact placement of the pool cage necessary before project can be approved by the ARC committee.

Discussed adding additional paint color combinations to the paint palette. We will continue discussions at the next meeting.

Next meeting **Tuesday May 28** at 4:30 PM at the Cottages Clubhouse. Request cutoff **May 21**.

Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The ARC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm in the Cottages Clubhouse

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

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Woodlands Word Deadline:

Submit articles and information to Marilyn Probert
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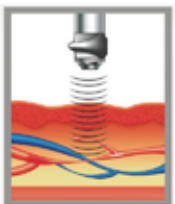


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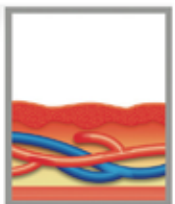
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