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The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

MARCH 2012

Highlights of the February 6, 2012 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By Mary Kennedy and reviewed by
Bruce Lorie, Board President

Editors' Note: The "Highlights" are not the final approved minutes. The Minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting will not be voted on by the general membership until our next Annual Meeting in 2013. The Approved Annual Minutes of 2011, last year, are at the back of this issue.

At its Annual Membership Meeting the Board:

- * Accepted two nominations from floor for Board Members
- * Announced 2012 Board of Directors
- * Reported on proposed Amendment and Surplus Rollover

New Directors

Rivendell's 2012 Board of Directors are: **Bobby Merrill, Bruce Lorie, Curt Kennedy, Nancy Schubert and Walter Perkowski.**

Nancy Schubert and Walter Perkowski were nominees from the floor.

New Business

Membership vote confirmed this year's budget surplus to be "rolled over" into next year's budget.

Proposed amendment to Article 4.02, enabling the Home Owners' Association to address obviously neglected front yards of homes, which could negatively affect neighborhood property values, required approval by two-thirds of entire membership. The Amendment did not pass.

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Message from President Bruce Lorie

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rivendell Community for electing me to the HOA Board of Directors. I intend to be fully involved with the everyday affairs of our community, which includes the Communications Committee, the Architectural Review Committee, the Landscaping/Environmental Committee and the Pool Committee.

Our first order of business will be to put into effect a new landscaping contract with the help of the Board Liaison and the Chair of the Landscaping/Environmental Committee. I am recommending that we put this out for competitive bids. The negotiations for a new contract will be finalized as soon as possible. Our goals will be to make Rivendell a more beautiful community, with improved amenities that will attract a broader range of home buyers to the Rivendell Community.

It is a full time job maintaining Rivendell. Some contractors have been operating with little supervision, which is no longer an acceptable practice. I suggest that the relevant committees have volunteers who help to supervise contractors. I will be working closely with the Landscape/Environmental Committee to make sure that Rivendell's best interest is maintained. As President of the Board, I feel it is my responsibility to pursue these issues.

To quote Past President, John Greco in the January 2012 issue the Woodlands Words: *"Our By-Laws, Covenants and the Florida Statutes impose many rules governing the duties and powers of Board members, as well as the rights and obligations of homeowners. However, these governing rules are sometimes extremely subjective. This puts the Board in the position of interpreting the rules in situations where individual homeowners have different ideas about what they and their neighbors are*

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Homeowner Mary Kennedy addressing the audience at the Annual Membership Meeting.



Attentive audience at Annual Membership meeting with Kyanne Merrill at the podium.

Homeowner Comments

Kyanne Merrill reiterated that Lighthouse neighborhood inspections are conducted from the street only. If concerns are noted elsewhere they must be brought to Lighthouse's attention by concerned homeowners in order to be addressed.

Preserve access across the embankment on Scherer Way dividing Eagle Lake and Scherer Lake North is common property available to all homeowners.

Failing to pick up dog poop is against County ordinance. County code requires two people to make a common complaint concerning the problem for a compliance officer from the County to call upon the offending homeowner. This directive is also applicable to other concerns such as intimidation by dogs, etc.

Fishing in Rivendell's ponds is restricted to residents and their guests. Public access to common areas is limited to areas reachable from the street and not located behind private homes. Ask if doubt exists regarding legitimacy of people fishing. Sheriff may be summoned to escort trespassers out of Community.

Alligators live in Florida and are assumed to be present in all fresh water ponds. Lighthouse is notified only if a large alligator is proving to be a nuisance. Trappers are called to remove offending gators. In the past trappers have decimated the alligator population in Rivendell's ponds selling their hides for profit. Alligators are part of Florida's eco system and should be respected accordingly.

Special Board of Directors Meeting

Kyanne Merrill of Lighthouse chaired a Special Board of Directors Meeting immediately following the Membership Meeting.

Positions on the Board were discussed as well as possible liaison assignments with established Community Committees. An Orientation Meeting with Lighthouse Management was scheduled for February 14, 2012.

**A Hearty Thanks to
John Greco, Ken Heckert,
and Judy Sokal
for their service on the
2011 Rivendell Board of
Directors**

CAN YOU HELP?
We need a volunteer to place our Rivendell Board Meeting Sign in the front planting bed median on Rivendell Boulevard in the morning when there is a Board Meeting. The volunteer would also need to take the sign down after the Board Meeting.
Please say YES!
Call 923-8589 for additional information
Please notify Bruce Lorie if interested:
brucelorie@yahoo.com

Meet Our New Board Members

By Mike Bergman

Editors' Note: Due to the recent election, time constraints, and publisher deadlines, The Woodlands Word did not have time to interview all of our new and returning Board Members. Next month, in April, we hope to include interviews with Curt Kennedy, Nancy Schubert, and Bobby Merrill.

Bruce Lorie, Board President



Bruce is a master electrician, with an Associate's Degree in electrical engineering. He was the Electrical Foreman for lighting on the Triborough Bridge in New York and was the Superintendent and Liaison for home buyers at a Co-op in New York prior to his appointment to the Board. Here in Rivendell, Bruce has been using his expertise as Chair of our Pool Committee. His intention is to restore the pool complex to its original beauty and transform it into a proud selling point for future residents.

As Board President, Bruce will become well informed, be active in all committees, and keep the community up to date on committee progress. He'll insist on competitive bidding on all contracts. He wants the Board to conduct regularly scheduled meetings in the near future and to have a more open format for residents to express their opinions. The goal is to have a more harmonious community. Bruce's wife, Janet, added that he loves this neighborhood and wants to do the right thing for Rivendell and its residents.

Walter Perkowski, Board Secretary



Walter was the principal of an insurance agency in New York prior to moving to Florida. On a vacation trip, he visited Osprey and was very impressed with our community. His family loved the expansive preserve areas, the pristine lakes, the manicured lawns, and most of all, the friendly neighbors. They also enjoyed the proximity to the beaches, cultural events, and Pine View School, where his children could get a great education. Walter would like to restore Rivendell to the state he loved when he moved here with his family five years ago.

As Board Liaison of the Landscape/ Environmental Committee he is eager to begin this turnaround. The L/ E committee would act as a sounding board for the HOA Board. He would like to open the committee to anyone who is interested in participating, with equal representation for all. He would group the members into distinct areas of responsibility so they could use their talents on informal subcommittees, such as ponds, wetlands, common areas, trees, lawns, irrigation, and vendor oversight. Walter wants all line items to be budgeted for and then scheduled and maintained regularly. All contracts would require competitive bidding. He is also in favor of regularly scheduled Board meetings.

Meet the 2012 Rivendell Board of Directors



Left to right: Curt Kennedy, Walter Perkowski, Bobby Merrill, Nancy Schubert, and Bruce Lorie

Following the Annual Homeowners Meeting, the Board held a special meeting to elect officers and delegate committee assignments. Members present were newly elected Directors Bruce Lorie, Curt Kennedy, Walter Perkowski, and Nancy Schubert, as well as carryover Director Bobby Merrill.

Officers were elected as follows: President Bruce Lorie (term ends 2014), Vice-President Nancy Schubert (term ends 2014), Treasurer Bobby Mer-

rill (term ends 2013), Secretary Walter Perkowski, and Director Curt Kennedy (term ends 2013). The Board members were assigned as liaisons to the following committees: Bruce Lorie, Pool; Walter Perkowski, Landscape/ Environmental; Nancy Schubert, Architectural Review Committee (ARC); and Bobby Merrill, Communications.

The next Board Meeting was announced as Thursday, March 1st, and the meeting was adjourned.

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permitted by our Deed Restrictions. And, currently there are issues of unpaid Association dues and collections questions. Our attorney must often be consulted." ~ John Greco, January 2012

The pool renovation is well underway and we hope to have all the painting and repairs completed by March. I hope that our community will like our new fresh look. Please come by and take a look; I think you will be pleasantly surprised. What a big difference a paint job makes. Take a swim in the 80-degree, sparkling clean water in the pool. We welcome any suggestions from the community for any further improvements.

I have enjoyed getting to know the Lighthouse Management personnel and their maintenance contractors since I decided to run for the Board. I hope to continue the positive relationship we've formed.

I have a general invitation to the Rivendell Community:

We have many openings for volunteers for the Landscape/Environmental Committee, Architectural Review

Committee and the Pool Committee. Please let us know if you are interested in serving on any of these committees by sending a letter to Lighthouse Management (16 Church Street, Osprey, FL 34229, Att: Kyanne Merrill). You may also email: kyannemerrill@mgnt.tv, or any of the Committee Chairs at their email address (refer to the Who We Are page at the end of this issue).

I urge all residents of the Rivendell Community to please volunteer for the committee of your choice. The only way that positive changes can take place is by being involved. Please come forward as we need your help to make Rivendell the community of choice in Sarasota County.

Ask not what the community can do for you. Ask what you can do for your community!

Board Meetings will be held the first Thursday of every month. **The next Board meeting will be on March 1, 2012 at the First Baptist Church at 6:00 PM.** We invite you to come to the meetings and participate.

Rivendell Board Meeting

NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE March 1, 2012

at 6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church of Osprey

Address: 265 North Tamiami Trail, Osprey (just north of Bay Street traffic signal and on the west side of the street).

Through The Lens: Eastern Grey Squirrel

By Kay Mruz

The subject for this month's article is one of Rivendell's most active residents: the Eastern Grey Squirrel.

Eastern Grey Squirrels are common in the eastern half of the U.S., the Midwest, and some parts of Canada. Body length of males and females is about ten inches.



***Romeo never had what I have –
a bushy tail.***

Their adult weight is 1½ lbs. They have

large, bushy tails that they use as a blanket, a sun shield, a rudder when jumping from tree to tree, and as a way to send signals to other squirrels. The most common coat color is grey. In the northeastern U.S. and Canada, black (a melanistic color phase) is the most common coat color. Albinism is very rare in Eastern Grey Squirrels but two small populations exist in Olney, IL and Marionville, MO.

Eastern grey squirrels live in homes called dreys, which are built roughly 30 feet from the ground. Constructed in the shape of a circle using twigs and larger sticks, they are filled with grass, leaves, moss, and fur for insulation. During warmer months dreys are nothing more than platforms.

These squirrels eat a wide variety of nuts along with seeds, roots, tree buds, tree bark, flowers, and anything you happen to put in your bird feeder. When there is an abundance of food, the Eastern Grey Squirrel will either bury the food or hide it in crevices for later meals. These are called caches and can be spread over several large areas. Even after several weeks, grey squirrels are able to remember where their caches are located. They then use their highly developed sense of smell to find the exact spot where food has been hidden. Not every

squirrel is perfect and sometimes nuts are missed. This is a good thing because the seeds often take root and new trees grow.

Grey squirrels breed twice a year: December thru February and May thru July. Gestation takes about 40 days and a normal litter size is four. Newborns are completely helpless and weigh about six tenths of an ounce. By five weeks their eyes and ears are open and their bodies are completely furred. It takes at least nine months for them to reach adult size.

Grey squirrels must always be on the lookout for ground predators. Weasels, skunks, raccoons, foxes, bobcats, coyotes, wolves, snakes, dogs, and cats would love to make a meal out of a squirrel. Danger can also come from above in the form of birds of prey like hawks and owls. Finally, there are man-made hazards such as power lines and roads.

Whether gathering food, looking for where they put food, building dreys, watching for predators, or just running around having a good time, the Eastern Grey Squirrel is always on the move.



***I'm not really crazy – just a little nutty!
~ photos by Kay Mruz***



Sarasota Transit Hybrid Bus

RIDING THE BUS By Norma Lee Rhines

I'm riding a Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) bus—Route #17 that goes up and down Route 41. My bike is hanging on racks that are mounted on the front of a diesel-electric hybrid model. This is the fourth time I've hopped on the bus to go to Sarasota. I settle back and enjoy sharing the ride with fellow passengers. The three young woman two rows ahead are in hysterics. Wish I could be in on their jokes. Their hands were a blur as they signed at such speed to accompany their laughter. I wish I could listen in.

I easily struck up a conversation with the young man in the seat behind me. During our trip together up Tamiami Trail, he shared his dream of opening a business in Panama City. He has a local car detailing business and is saving up for his next move. Born in Jamaica, he has lived in Costa Rica, London and now resides in Venice. He tells me he is determined to open a small supermarket in Panama City. Right now, a car-detailing job in Sarasota is on his mind.

SCAT operates 24 different local bus routes, covering to the south—Venice, North Port and Englewood and to the north—Sarasota and Sarasota/Bradenton Airport. I picked up Route #17 at Old Venice Rd. and 41. This bus travels between Venice Train Depot and 1st & Lemon Street in downtown Sarasota. With buses every 30 minutes, this is a very convenient and reasonable transportation service, operating throughout Sarasota County from 5 am until midnight, 7 days a week. For this run, the cost is 60 cents (seniors) and regular single ride \$1.25. Schedules and routes can be found on this Sarasota County Web site: <http://www.scgov.net/scat/>



**Fellow rider with his bike and mine on the bus
~ photos by Norma Lee Rhines**

DID YOU KNOW? Green Idea Safely Get Rid of Fire Ants

Excerpted from Wings & Things
Venice, Audubon Newsletter,
March/April 2012

**By Marty Shirley;
submitted by Norma Lee Rhines**

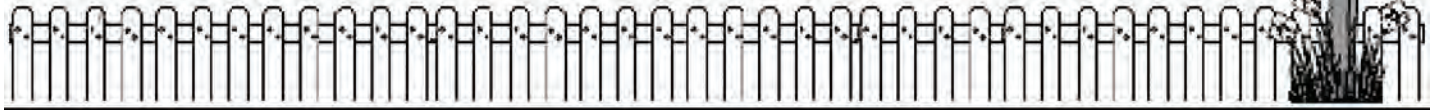
Walter Reeves of the University of Georgia Agriculture Department shares an environmentally friendly cure for fire ants. Pour two cups of club soda (carbonated water) directly in the center of a fire ant mound. The carbon dioxide in the water is heavier than air and displaces the oxygen, which suffocates the queen and the other ants. The whole colony will be dead within approximately two days. Besides eliminating the ants, club soda leaves no poisonous residue, does not contaminate the ground water, and does not indiscriminately kill other insects. It is not harmful to your pets and soaks into the ground. Each mound must be treated individually and a one-liter bottle of club soda will kill two to three mounds.

Venice Audubon Center and Rookery

4002 S. Tamiami Trail (at Annex Road, behind the R. L. Anderson Administration Building), Venice 941-496-8984, veniceaudubon.org



Cottages Postings



UPDATES and ACTIONS

Property revitalization program...

Meadow Sweet Circle is looking much fresher, after many homes improved appearances.

Thanks to all for attending to your homes.

RU1NA BOARD ACTIONS

Trees and broken driveways: County will repair on individual request basis.

Pet Owners – Board Reminder to clean up after your dogs.

Overnight street parking & trucks – Board reminder to obey association rules.

BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, April 19th

Thursday, July 19th

SOCIALS for March 2012

Saturday, March 17th St. Patrick's Day Dinner in the Clubhouse 6:00 p.m.

FLAG DAYS

Saturday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, April 8 - Easter

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day

Saturday, May 19 - Armed Forces Day

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day



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Pool News

By Janet Lorie, Committee Chair & Bruce Lorie, President of The Board of Directors

Terri Lee Painting has started the prep work and the painting of the pool complex. It is finally under way and moving along quickly. The transformation is taking place before our eyes. What a difference: all new beautiful fresh colors enhancing the architectural design of the building.

The new Fiberglass rest room doors with composite frames were installed on February 15, 2012. The composite type door frames will stop the water, rust and chlorine damage that has been an ongoing problem at the pool.

Lighthouse Management's Maintenance Division has repaired the hinges on the pump room doors and also the slide bolts, for additional security. These had to be replaced due to years of neglect.

The Pool Committee is working on estimates to update the rest rooms. The toilets will be upgraded to handicap height, by law. Also, new stall enclosures for the water closets, new vanities with integrated sinks, and electric hand dryers are planned. The plan includes new non-slip commercial tile floors in the rest rooms. This will maintain and improve sanitary conditions, along with easier cleaning and maintenance of the rest room floors.

We have had several requests for parties. Unfortunately, we were unable to provide a barbeque. We are looking into the possibility of purchasing a barbeque for the pool complex before summer.

The Pool Committee would like to improve the landscaping in front of the pool complex around the pineapple palms to a more colorful motif. We hope that the new Landscaping Committee would like to work with us, in a joint effort, to make our only amenity at Rivendell a place to be proud of with a fresh, new look.

All of these ongoing pool complex improvements will increase our home values and attract a broader range of home buyers to purchase homes Rivendell.

Come by and enjoy the warm sunshine and relax by your community pool.

Attention all Residents: The Pool Committee is seeking committee members. Please contact either Pool Committee Chair Janet Lorie: lorie-janet@yahoo.com or Lighthouse Management: kyannemerrill@mgnt.tv

Pool Committee Meeting will be held at the Pool Complex on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 1:00 PM.



BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE

By Marilyn Probert

On Monday, March 12, the Book Group will meet to discuss "Nemesis," a novel by Philip Roth. This is an account of a polio outbreak in a poor section of Newark, NJ and how it affected the lives of those who survived it. Elaine Roeter will lead the discussion in Anita Sarno's home at 713 Fordingbridge Way; Anita's phone number is 918-1669.

The April 9 selection is "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain. This novel depicts the love affair and subsequent marriage between Hadley Richardson and Ernest Hemingway. Most of their married life was spent in Paris where they became a part of the "Lost Generation" which included Gertrude Stein, F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, Ezra Pound, and many other notables. During this period Hemingway wrote "The Sun Also Rises" which drew on his experiences of life in Gay Paree. However, Hadley's point of view is the focus of McLain's novel. Pat Sobczak will be discussion leader at Hope Kocian's home at 931 Scherer Way, phone 966-7823.

"Black Out: A Novel" by Lisa Unger will be the topic at the May 14 gathering. It concerns the struggles of Annie Powers who, in a murky past life, had been involved with her boyfriend during a killing spree. Now, despite assurances that he is dead, she fears that he has come back for her.

All Rivendell residents are welcome at Book Group meetings; they are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Please call the month's hostess if you'd like to join in.



ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA

Belle Canto Free Concerts with World Premier

March 2, 7:30 pm at North Port High School, North Port. Free to the public.

March 4, 4:00 pm at Sarasota First United Methodist Church. Free to the public.

Call 941-966-5904 <http://www.bellecanto.org>



Photographic Exhibit of Works of Palladio and Canova

Last day of exhibit is March 5, 2012

Exhibit Information: William G. Selby and Marie Selby Auditorium, University of South Florida, 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, phone 941-359-4200. Madeyski photographed sculptures and buildings in a natural way through reflections giving a sense of movement.

Venice Area Audubon Society (VAAS) Open House, Plant & Bake Sale

Saturday, March 17th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Venice Audubon Center.

This will be a great place to get native plants for your garden and to speak to knowledgeable people about attracting birds and wildlife to your yard. And don't forget to take home some of those scrumptious baked goods. While you are there you can take a guided tour of the VAAS Rookery. It's a perfect time to see nesting birds in action! Proceeds Benefit the VAAS Education Program.

<http://www.veniceaudubon.org/>

Asian Cultural Festival 2012

March 17 & 18, 2012 - 10:00am - 5:00pm

Explore the rich traditions of the Orient at the Selby Gardens 7th Annual Asian Cultural Festival on March 17 and 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Asian Festival has expanded and includes more wellness components. A variety of Asian and American foods from area restaurants will be available for purchase. Featured vendors include Local Coffee + Tea, Whole Foods, China Palace and Goichi's Sushi Cafe. The Garden Shop will offer a variety of plants and home décor.

Demonstrations will take place throughout the Gardens: "The Mahjong Addicts", Bonzai Demonstrations, Uechi Ryu Karate Do by Walter Matts, Sarna Sisters discuss Art and Sculpture in Selby Gardens, Sumi-e Demonstrations, Tai Chi by Master Cody Flying Eagle Templeton, Japanese Lamps by Raul Casas, Chinese Astrology by Jacqueline Albert, Feng Sui Sarasota by Kathy Keh, and the East West School of Medicine providing diagnostics and blood pressure testing.

Admission: Adults \$17; members & children 11 and under enter free. Schedule is subject to change.

Key Chorale of Sarasota

Cirque des Voix On Tour!

March 24, 2012, Saturday at 7:30 pm: Palladium Theater, St. Petersburg, Florida

March 25, 2012, Sunday at 4:00 pm: Palladium Theater, St. Petersburg, Florida

Includes artists of Circus Sarasota, the Cirque Orchestra and the 100 voices of Key Chorale. The program will include Cirque des Voix favorites, including the Jenkins "Hip Hop Dies Irae", Stephen Sondheim's "Sunday", and selections from Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana." 941-921-4845, Email: info@keychorale.org. Tickets available through the Palladium Theater Box Office: 727-822-3590. <http://www.keychorale.org/event.cfm?EventCatID=7>

Welcome to Gamble Plantation Historic State Park



This antebellum mansion was home to Major Robert Gamble and headquarters of an extensive sugar plantation. It is the only surviving plantation house in South Florida. It is believed that Confederate Secretary of State, Judah P. Benjamin, took refuge here after the fall of the Confederacy, until his safe passage to England. In 1925, the house and 16 acres were saved by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and donated to the state. The mansion is furnished in the style of a successful mid-19th century plantation. Guided tours of the house are given six times a day, Thursday through Monday and there are picnic tables on the grounds. The visitor center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday through Monday.

Park Information: 3708 Patten Avenue, Ellenton (U.S. 301 East). 941-723-4536.

Hours of Operation: The Park is open from 8:00 a.m. until sundown, 365 days a year.

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/gambleplantation/>

Admission Fee: No entrance fee is required to enter this park.

Tour Fees: \$6.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child.

Rivendell Directory Slated for April 2012 Delivery

Please contact Barb Gahry to change or remove your phone number or email address, or to make any other changes to the Directory. Barb Gahry can be reached at 941-586-3936 or bgahry@aol.com

RIVENDELL IS SEEKING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to serve on 3 of our 4 standing committees.

These are:

- * Architectural Review (ARC)
- * Landscape / Environmental
- * Pool

Qualifications for committee membership include the ability to work well with others, good judgment, and a desire to serve the community.

If you would like to join any of these very important committees, please submit your indication of interest to Bruce Lorie at brucelorie@yahoo.com or to Kyanne Merrill, Lighthouse Property Management, at kyannemerrill@mgnt.tv.

Please provide a brief statement highlighting your interest and qualifications.

If you are currently a member of a committee and wish to remain for the coming year, please communicate this also to Bruce Lorie at brucelorie@yahoo.com

Submissions for committee membership are currently being accepted.

Committee Chairs

Pool Committee - Janet Lorie, 941-923-8589, loriejnet@yahoo.com

Landscape / Environmental Committee - Jim Stepien, 941-966-5903, jiminthesun@msn.com

Architectural Review Committee - Gwen Stepien, 941-966-5903, gweninthesun@msn.com

To All Past and Present Committee Members:

Thank you for volunteering your time and skills to the Rivendell Committees. Your efforts are appreciated.

SERVICE PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS

C.J.'s Pressure Washing, Kevin Reichenbach, 928-1188. Has your roof seen better days? Kevin does a great job at a terrific price. Once Kevin thoroughly cleans your roof, he also provides a yearly "keeping it clean" service for your roof for a reduced fee. Well worth the cost. Norma Lee Rhines, Brian Babbitt, Tom & Marilyn Probert.

BodyWise Physical Therapy, 941-375-8624. BodyWise Physical Therapy is on Tamiami Trail, Osprey. Physical Therapist, Fane Sigal, has been treating patients locally for the last seven years. His clinic focuses on treatment plans designed specifically for the individual patient. You can make appointments or ask questions by calling 941-375-8624 or email info@bodywisesarasota.com. Stop by and check it out or take a peek at their website www.BodyWiseSarasota.com. Karen McClure

Computer help and technical support, 941-504-7064, Chris Dower. We recommend Pine View senior Chris Dower for your computer needs. He has not only made repairs to our computers, but he is helpful in teaching us new skills. And his prices are reasonable. Chris can be reached at 941-504-7064 or dowertechnologies@gmail.com. Marilyn Probert, Judy Sokal and Jon Lewis

Freeze Damaged Plant Replacement

During the period from March through June, ARC review and approval will not be required for the replacement of freeze damaged plants and grass provided that the new plantings are of a size which does not grow to a height or spread greater than the plants being replaced. Additionally, the replacement plants must not have aggressive root systems or seed products, or be listed as not recommended by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

**Directory Update Form
Return to Barb Gahry today!**

CLASSIFIED ADS

OAK SECRETARY by Jasper Cabinets. Glass shelves with interior lighting, excellent condition. \$350 or Best Offer. Call Barb Gahry **951-586-3936**

MOTHER'S HELPER/BABYSITTER: Sivan Yohann, 966-7766. Pine View 8th grader would love to play with your toddlers after school while you're trying to get dinner ready, or babysit your kids so you can have a well-deserved evening out! I am extremely friendly and responsible!

MUSICIAN/BAND: Daniel Yohann, 966-7766. Pine View 10th grader fronts Sarasota's Most Exciting Teen Band, *Uneven Lanes*. The band is available for private parties, charitable functions, and events. Check out our Facebook page to hear three of our songs!

COMPUTER HELP AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT: Senior at Pine View, and experienced. Most work runs \$20 an hour, and I have a flexible schedule. Call **Chris Dower, 941-504-7064** or email at dowertechnologies@gmail.com.

BABYSITTER Available: Molly Benkaim, 941-961-3385. 11th grade Pine View female student available for babysitting. Former camp counselor and CPR certified. Please call Molly for references.

PET SITTING: Eve Day, 941-780-0821. Rivendell High School Senior who does pet sitting. Will follow all instructions and pricing is very reasonable.

Send in your favorite Service Provider!

Please send us the name and phone number of your favorite plumber, electrician, hair stylist, landscaper, you name it- and we'll list it!

If you have a service provider you'd like to recommend, please email Norma Lee at nlrhines@verizon.net

Trash Too Early is Unsightly

Sarasota County Ordinance states that collection containers and other items should NOT be placed at the curb before 5:00 pm of the day before your scheduled collection day. Containers must be removed from the curb by 10 am the day after collection and stored inside the garage, on the side of, or behind the house. You may call Solid Waste Code Enforcement to report code violations at 861-5000. Neighbors who place their trash out days in advance make our neighborhood look terrible and attracts animals.

Please be considerate of your neighbors.

For the exact wording: Sarasota County Code of Ordinances

CHAPTER 106 SOLID WASTE; ARTICLE II. COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING*
 Sec. 106-47. Responsibilities of the customers.
<http://library8.municode.com>

Dog Leash & Poop Pick-up

Sarasota County Ordinance (chapter 14-41)

Prohibits dogs and cats from running at large on any public property, or on the property of another except designated parks. Fines can be levied against owners declared to be in violation. Fines will increase with each violation.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick up after your pet. This can be a health issue.

Report all incidents involving dog attacks to Animal Control Services, **861-9500**.

Overnight parking on streets is prohibited Motor Vehicle Parking

4.01 Community Association Restrictions

Please refer to the Amended Deed Restrictions for Rivendell, page 7 in the 2011 Rivendell Directory

(i) Trucks, Commercial Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles, Motor Homes, Mobile Homes, Boats, Campers, Trailers and Other Vehicles:

(C) No motor vehicle shall be parked anywhere other than on paved or other areas designated for that purpose, such as driveways or in garages. Parking on yards, lawns or landscaped areas, alleyway access easements, or in community common area or neighborhood common area is prohibited. Parking of any motor vehicle on streets and roads within the community is expressly limited to durations not to exceed four (4) hours, and in all events, **overnight parking on streets and roads is strictly prohibited.**

(E) Any vehicles parked in violation of this paragraph or section shall be subject to being towed away at the owner's expense, as well as any other remedy available to the Association. (Please also see Standing Rule concerning Pickup Trucks approved on June 2006.) Also refer to the September 2006 special issue on deed restrictions of the Woodlands Word.



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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
Minutes of January 31, 2012 Meeting
By Barry McClure

Attendees: Barry McClure – Committee Chair, John Greco – Board Liaison, Allen Roeter, and Frank Pafumi

Guest: Karen McClure (Homeowner)

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of 4 Committee members present. The minutes of the prior ARC meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	1001 Oak Preserve Lane	Planting one fruit tree	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Pafumi 2nd: McClure Notes:
2.	774 Shadow Bay Way	Installation of Propane Tank	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: McClure 2nd: Roeter Notes:
3.	928 Eagle Isle Court	New windows	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Roeter 2nd: Pafumi Notes:
4.	576 Meadow Sweet Circle	Painting front door	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: McClure 2nd: Roeter Notes:
5.	816 Shadow Bay Way	1) Add backyard fence 2) Install palm & fruit trees	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Greco 2nd: Pafumi Notes:
6.	816 Shadow Bay Way	Install satellite TV dish	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Greco 2nd: McClure Notes:
7.	934 Eagle Isle Court	Paver pathway at lanai door and surrounding pool equipment	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Roeter 2nd: Greco Notes: 1 Abstention (McClure)

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
8.	934 Eagle Isle Court	Landscaping and paver pathway at NE corner of house	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Roeter 2nd: Pafumi Notes: Homeowner submitted an addendum to the application prior to the meeting, which replaced Figure 2 in the submitted package. The Addendum landscape plan was reviewed and is in the approved plan. The original Figure 2 was not considered at this ARC meeting. Notes: 1 Abstention (McClure)
9.	685 Clear Creek Drive	1. Remove pine trees/add orange tree 2. Remove oak tree Resolved:	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Pafumi 2nd: Roeter Notes:
10.	966 Scherer Way	Hurricane shutters (manual roll up)	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: McClure 2nd: Roeter Notes:

New business: John Beatty has had to resign from the ARC effective 31 January.
ARC meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Next Meeting: Feb 28, 2012

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC)
meets the last Tuesday of each month at the 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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Sunday, March 11

Editors' Note: The following are the official minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Membership from last year - 2011. As such, they are published as they were received. The Woodlands Word is not responsible for any errors in spelling, grammar, or content. The Minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting will not be voted on by the general membership until our next Annual Meeting in 2013.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP FEBRUARY 10, 2011

AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING was scheduled to be held at 6:00 P.M., at Bentley's Resort, 1660 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by the President, John Greco.

Notice of the Meeting was mailed to each member in accordance with the requirements of the Association Documents and Florida Statutes.

A quorum of members was present, either in person or by proxy.

Under the heading of disposal of any unapproved membership meeting minutes, upon a motion made and seconded, the minutes of the membership meeting of February 1, 2010 were approved.

On matters relating to appointment of Election Committee, Ms. Merrill introduced Board member Mark Adler, Barbara Gahry, Mike Bergman and Dave Tomer.

On matters relating to nominations from the floor, the floor was opened for additional nominations. Curt Kennedy nominated himself from the floor. Ballots that had already been submitted were offered back to residents if they wanted to change their vote.

On matters relating to close and collection balloting, the membership voted and the balloting was closed at 6:10 P.M. All ballots were collected.

President's Report, Mr. Greco thanked the volunteers who contributed their time to serving on committees.

Treasurer's Report, Mr. Critser provided a summary of the year end financials. Some points were:

- The legal expenses were only budgeted for \$30,000 which went over by \$10,000.
- The line item for bad debt was increased.
- The Board is filing to collect funds as necessary.
- Tree trimming is becoming a liability as the community grows more mature which will have to be addressed in the budget.

New Business,

On matters relating to Approval of Rollover of Surplus Funds, the membership voted and it was approved to rollover the 2010 surplus funds into the 2011 budget. The vote passed.

At this time the meeting was recessed at 6:30 PM and reconvened at 6:45 PM.

Homeowner Comments,

An owner requested the parliamentary procedure be posted in the woodland word to clarify when it is applicable to member comments and unfinished business. In addition, the issue with owners not picking up after pets should be addressed.

She also suggested efforts be made to keep the mailbox lights uniform.

On matters relating to Announcement of New Directors,

The members who were elected were as follows:

Mark Adler	(1 year term)
John Critser	(1 year term)
John Greco	(1 year term)
Bobby Merrill	(2 year term)
Judy Sokal	(2 year term)

There being no further business to come before the membership, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Kyanne Merrill, CAM

Dated this 2nd Day of March, 2011.

DID YOU KNOW Comcast Internet Offers Free Virus Protection To Customers

It is wise to have some type of virus protection on your computer. Norton Utilities is good and offers several levels of security. Norton Utilities is available from Symantec. However, if you are a Comcast Internet customer, you can install Norton Utilities FREE through Comcast (a benefit).

This is the Comcast FREE installation link. It is very easy to do.

<http://security.comcast.net>
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For more information about the Symantec products, go to the following website.

<http://www.symantec.com/norton>

Whether installing Norton from Comcast or ordering from Symantec – be sure to order the correct operating system version (Mac vs PC, etc.).

Once Norton is installed, set up weekly system scans (do this under Preferences). Also schedule a live update for new virus definitions about once a week.

Question? Complaint? Concern?
Contact Lighthouse Property
Management

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Please send your name and email address to Barb Gahry at Bgahry@aol.com.

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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.

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Non-emergency Contact number for our area is: 316-1201

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Thank you to the following Committee Chairs for your leadership and dedication to your committee and community:

- Dave Gill, Landscape/Environmental Committee (L/E)
- Barry McClure, Architectural Review Committee (ARC)
- Norma Lee Rhines, Communication Committee



Did You Know: Things a burglar won't tell you

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here last week cleaning carpets, painting, or delivering your TV.
2. Thanks for letting me use the bathroom. I unlatched the back window.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside.
4. I look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. I might leave a flyer to see if you pick it up too.
5. If you're out of town, get a neighbor to park a car in the driveway periodically.
6. If glass is part of your front entrance, don't install the alarm control pad where I can see if it's set. 7. Install an alarm in the window over the sink AND the windows on the 2nd floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. Motion detectors are a good idea too.
8. It's raining. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters.
10. I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. I won't have enough time to break into that safe. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. You can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer that simulates a real television. (Find it at <http://www.faketv.com/>)
14. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy. I try not to look like a crook.
15. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
16. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise.
17. Why would you pay money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
18. I look in windows for signs you're home, for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I drive or walk through the neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
19. Avoid announcing your vacation on your FaceBook page. It's easy to look up your address.
20. To you, a window open just a crack is a way to let in fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
21. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: *Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com/> and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.*

Protection ideas for you and your home:

Use **wasp spray**, instead of pepper spray because it can shoot up to twenty feet away and is more accurate. The wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get to the hospital for an antidote.

Put your **car keys** beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or in, press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until you turn it off or the car battery dies. Soon all the neighbors will look out their windows-the criminal will run.

Remember to carry your keys to walk to your car in a parking lot. The alarm will work the same way.

The car panic button can also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. Carry your car keys if you are working outside of the house, too, in case you fall. You can activate the car alarm and someone could check it out.

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