



The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

April 2010

RIVENDELL'S WATERSHED

by Ken Heckert and Tom Shola

Did you ever wonder what happens to the rainfall that doesn't evaporate or soak into the soil around your house? Well, from a technical perspective this is known as surface or storm water runoff. This is the same runoff that pours into the swales between our homes and fills our storm water ponds and preserves.

The land from where the water drains is called a watershed; watersheds can vary in size from just a few acres to much larger areas. It is easy to see how Rivendell's sixty-five acres of lakes play an important part in the watershed that empties into Little Sarasota Bay.

Understanding the effects that our activities can have on the land around our homes and preserves and how it can effect water quality may lead us to reevaluate our actions. This is especially true when we might be gardening, doing lawn care, and dealing with pet waste or various forms of debris and plantings. The often-missed result of these and other activities is that they can contribute additional excess nutrients, sediments and pollutants that will find their way into the watershed. As a direct result many of us have witnessed how excess nutrients accelerate algae blooms and weed growth in our ponds. In addition, sediments can carry nutrients and pollutants that make the water in our ponds less visually appealing by clouding it and possibly harming fish life.

According to the EPA, storm water runoff is the second most prevalent source of water quality impairment in the nation's watersheds after industrial pollution. If the effects of legal exclusions for agriculture are also included in the calculation then storm water becomes the fourth most prevalent source of water degradation.

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NEW BOARD ACTS ON LANDSCAPE FORM, ATTORNEY, ARC GUIDELINES, WEB SITE by Mary Kennedy

The recently elected Board of Directors met March 10, 2010. Present were Board President, Mark Adler, John Greco, Mary Marryott, Bob Gililland, and Tom Shola. Their actions included decisions to:

- Terminate the contract with landscaping firm Sun State and instead hire Nanak Landscape,
- Seek new legal representation for the community,
- Simplify architectural review guidelines, appoint a new architectural review committee, and add wrought iron as an approved material for fences,
- Create a new community web site in the name of Lighthouse Management to ensure the web site's ongoing safety.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Gililland reported that the first month's cash position was good. The glitches in the changeover from First American Bank to LandMark Bank have been straightened out. And Rivendell's CD's are invested safely with three separate banks.

Owners' Comments: Concerns ranged from the lack of an operating website, to algae on the ponds, and landscape changes thrust upon homeowners. Mark said that many of these issues would be addressed at the Town Hall Meeting, and agreed that official signs in advance of major landscaping changes might be helpful.

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Increasingly, communities like Rivendell are recognizing the causes and consequences of runoff and are taking action to control and prevent storm water pollution, often without any mandate. Innovative communities like ours are realizing the environmental, economic, and social benefits of preventing storm water pollution.

Across the nation, there is also a growing interest in proposed new federal storm water regulations, i.e. comprehensive storm water regulation is required under Section 402(p) of the Clean Water Act, also see UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA CASE NO. 4:08-cv-00324-RH-WCS.

At future Town Hall meetings like the one held on March 31st, Rivendell residents will have an opportunity to discuss the recommended set of Storm Water Best Management Practices that will be used to reduce excess nutrients, sediments and pollution in storm water runoff, thereby protecting our ponds and Little Sarasota Bay. ■

Rivendell Lakes Management

Please contact Russ Hoffman,
Rivendell Lakes Manager,

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- Rivendell lakes or shorelines,
- Florida Friendly Yards project, or
- FireWise Community practices.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications: New chair, Judy Sokal, reported that the deadline for changes to the 2010 Directory was April 15. The Board approved her request for \$60/month for distribution of the Woodland Word in the Pelican Press. Advertising cutbacks will result in a smaller newsletter, and community input on content is welcome.

Web Master: Tom Shola will be the new Webmaster and is currently downloading all pertinent information onto the new one to be ready in around two weeks. The account will be in the name of Lighthouse Management to ensure safety of the site permanently.

Emergency Response: New chair, Jeannette Munger, elaborated on the many dimensions of the ERT, including CERT and CPR training. Over the next month, she will set up retraining classes and do an inventory of existing supplies. A budget will be requested at the next Board meeting.

Architectural Review: Simplified ARC guidelines and application were approved by the Board acting as the ARC. It was approved that the ARC guidelines will omit the "right of unannounced inspection" clause after the ARC approved homeowner project as well as the "indemnity clause." Standing rule on approved fence materials changed to include "wrought" iron (aluminum) in black, white or beige. New chair, Barry McClure, and ARC members Frank Pafumi, Allen Roeter, and Gwen Stepien will join Board liaison, John Greco.

Management Oversight: President Mark Adler has met with Lighthouse regarding general infractions noted, and overall inspections have been increased to every three weeks.

Pool: Chair Tom Faessler was made aware of a steel rod in the stationary gate needing repair.

Landscape: Chair, Charles Kiblinger, and his committee have met and invite new members.

Finance and Procurement: Bob Gililland is seeking an engineering contractor to inspect Rivendell's lakes and dams. This is required every four years and will touch upon plans to eventually dredge the lakes. SWFWMD (Swiftmud) will also be involved in the lake inspections.

Environmental: Chair, Ken Heckert, met with Rob Wright from Sarasota County to assess Rivendell's environmental needs.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Kyanne Merrill reported that community inspections have varied under different Boards. Problems with the pool heater have been rectified. Three bids for a 2009 audit had been sought. A skateboard sign has been installed, and Official Board minutes are being forwarded to Pam Babbitt for publication. Previous hearing requests had not been possible due to lack of volunteers for hearing committees, but have now been set up.

OLD BUSINESS

The ARC fence application for 806 Foot Hill Court has been amicably resolved.

A motion was made and seconded to retain a second attorney for an opinion on 638 Rivendell regarding general releases. The motion was passed to hire attorney Kevin Wells at a cost of approx \$1,500 to help us end this matter. A motion was made and passed to employ the CPA firm, Flanagan and Jason Inc. (low bidders) to perform the 2009 financial audit for Rivendell. (They just completed the 2007-2008 several months ago.) ■

A discussion ensued among Board members concerning the landscape performance and contract of Sun State. This matter was discussed at last month's Board meeting, including much community input, and the vote was deferred until the next meeting so Mr. Adler could spend time researching the facts before making a decision. It received negative performance reviews regarding their use of high nitrogen content fertilizer and the over-pruning of trees on Rainbow Point Way. President Adler researched Sun State and other landscape companies and concluded that Nanak Landscape Company, that offered the lowest bid for the same services, saving Rivendell \$1,000/month, and had several favorable reviews, should be hired. A motion was made to terminate Sun State after thirty days notice and hire Nanak. Although this was heatedly debated, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to Rivendell's Current Attorney admitted conflict of interest in the 638 Rivendell matter, the Board approved seeking new legal representation for the Rivendell Community Association.

Policies for handling past due homeowners' accounts and foreclosed properties were addressed by Bob Gililand. Inconsistencies seem to exist for processing late fees and the interest rates assigned them and procedures will be solidified with Lighthouse.

The Board will also work with Lighthouse and the new attorney on how to proceed with foreclosed properties to recover monies owed or write them off. Past Attorney's fees have cost more than monies owed.

Wednesday, April 7th is the next scheduled regular Board Meeting. (A Town Hall Board meeting will be held March 31.)

Editor's Note: These Board highlights are intended to get news of important Board decisions to residents as soon as possible. They do NOT replace the official Board minutes, which are produced by Lighthouse Management, and appear in the back of the newsletter after the Board has approved them. The highlights published here have been reviewed by a Board member for accuracy.

NEXT RIVENDELL BOARD MEETING

**APRIL 7th, 2010
AT 6 PM
BENTLEY'S
(formerly The Osprey Inn)**

Rivendell Meetings and Events We Knew About At Press Time

- April 7 - Board Meeting (1st Wednesday of each month)
- April 12 - Book Club Meeting (2nd Monday of each month)
- April 13 - Emergency Response Group Meeting (2nd Tuesday of each month)
- April 18 - Earth Day Celebration at Oscar Scherer State Park
- April 27 - Architectural Review Committee (ARC) (last Tuesday of each month). Submit applications 7 days prior to the meetings.
- April 28 - Communications Committee Meeting ■

COMMITTEES AT WORK

Architectural Review - by John Greco

The ARC has new committee members, a new application form, and a statement of the structure of the ARC.

Its new members were selected at the March Board meeting. They are Barry McClure as chair; Frank Pafumi, Allen Roeter, Gwen Stepien, and John Greco, Board Liaison.

The new application form was approved by the Board at the March meeting and appears on page 16 of this issue.

The ARC structure, as adopted on Feb. 17, 2010 by the Board, is as follows:

- The ARC will have a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 members. The committee shall have a chairperson and shall include at least one member of the Board who will also serve as Liaison to the Board.
- ARC members will have a term of 2 years, unless terminated earlier by a vote of the Board. In the first year (2010), 2 members will be appointed for a term of 2 years, and 2 members will be appointed for a term of 1 year.
- Volunteers for membership on the ARC will be asked to apply at the beginning of each year by submitting their bio and objectives to the Board.
- Members and the Chair of the ARC will be selected by a vote of the Board at the March Board meeting.

Emergency Response Group (ERG) -- by Jeannette Munger

Editor's Note: The ERG will be meeting the second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Jeannette Munger or Tom Shola for more information.

The Emergency Response Group (ERG) met for the first time this March and welcomed new member Barry Portugal. As the group begins its efforts to rebuild membership, provide life saving training, and review the community's Disaster Plan, the membership agreed that a series of articles for our residents would be beneficial.

Certainly no one likes to think what might happen if a disaster strikes. However, it is not prudent to wait until tragedy occurs to get your household in order. Start by taking some of the stress out of the process by making it a family project and letting everyone know what their responsibilities are if disaster does strike. This will give family members a sense of security.

First do these three things for your financial recovery after a disaster:

- Gather important papers and documents
- Prepare a home inventory
- Check your insurance for adequate coverage and that you can cover your immediate needs

When gathering important papers we often experience those "mini emergency" stress outs; I thought I knew where that @!%& document was... Take your time now to locate those financial papers, Social Security cards, Birth Certificates or Passports. As you find them protect them by keeping them together in a waterproof and fireproof container.

Items that we should carry with us at all times include:

- Photo ID
- Medical Information; things like blood type, health conditions medicine(s) dosage(s), allergies, your doctor's name and phone number
- Credit Cards
- Emergency Contact Information

COMMITTEES AT WORK

By using today's technology, most of the important home, financial and family data can be stored electronically on a USB drive, CDs or DVDs. Many other documents can be scanned electronically to be included in the created archive that becomes a light "grab and go" package.

- Checking and bank account numbers along with bank names
- List of investments and savings, be sure to include CDs, stocks, bonds and mutual funds
- Credit card safety record and reports
- Household Inventory
- Titles; house, car and other property
- Insurance Policies; name(s) of company with policy number(s) and type(s)
- Copy of wills, trusts, living wills, DNRs or Advanced Directives
- Certificates (or copies); Birth, marriage, divorce, death and adoption
- Passports
- Educational Records

This task can be one of your first steps in getting your family prepared for disasters while adding to your peace of mind.

Landscape - by Bob Gililand and Charles Kiblinger

The 2010 Landscape Committee met for the first time March 3rd. Twelve residents attended the meeting to discuss replacing plants that have died during our record cold winter. Who would have thought Osprey would turn cold enough to kill Florida native plants?

In attendance were: Charles Kiblinger, elected by the Committee as Chair, Bob Gililand, Board Liaison, Tom Shola, Nigel Day, Carl Schubert, Walter Perkowski, Denny Pavlock, Jim Munger, Diana Leipprandt, Alexis Spaulding, Carol Heckert and Ken Heckert. Two other members, Peter Wilson and Norm Sandrib, were unable to attend. Membership is open to all residents of Rivendell. You can join the Committee or just attend meetings to see what is going on.

The Committee is responsible for planning all new and replacement plantings in the community and improving the aesthetics in all common areas. They work with contractors to design the plantings on common areas and replace damaged and dead plants. Each member will be assigned an area to monitor and report problems and possible improvements to common areas.

The first meeting focused on four areas that have a high impact on the overall look of the community: the rear entrance, the front entrance including the Cottages' entrance, the bridge on Rivendell Boulevard, and the ends caps on Rainbow Point and Placid Lake medians. The Committee voted to consult a landscape designer to advise us on the planting choices and give us an estimate of costs for each area. This design will be discussed at our next meeting.

Because of the extreme weather this year, many areas will need replanting with more cold-tolerant plants. The Committee will be advising the Board on any work that exceeds the current budget allotment. The landscape maintenance budget was substantially reduced from the 2009 amount. The Committee's goal is to have some plantings in place in April to mark warmer weather and they will move on to other areas as money becomes available.

Your comments on landscaping improvements are welcome. You can call anyone on the committee or attend any meeting to give us your opinion. Lets hope for better weather and pretty flowers to celebrate spring. ■



Oscar Scherer State Park's Lester Finley Trail: Wheel chair accessible By Norma Lee Rhines

The jungle would have been impenetrable if it weren't for the trail. The graceful tops of the sable palms and massive live oaks provided a natural canopy of shade allowing for occasional early morning light beams to trickle through onto the trail ahead. Occasional intervals of open areas in the vegetation revealed the South Creek, a river several hundred yards across in some places and down to fifty feet further upstream. Depending on the tide, it flowed at various speeds into Small Sarasota Bay.

The footpath continued to twist and wind in a westerly direction through the dense forest as it attempted to follow the waterway. Wild grapes hung from Saw Palmettos and any other convenient tree or bush. Three-foot high Beautyberry bushes, with clumps of shiny purple berries, enveloped the shoulder of the pathway. On the river side, the Black Mangroves hung onto the river bank in a small cove and abutted its cousin the Red Mangrove that preferred to grow further into the water.

I continued along the trail and rounded the bend that hugged the river's shore, now traveling west to southwest. Arriving at a fishing platform that jutted out into a shallow area of the creek, I kept my distance from Poison Ivy that entangled the base of a Sable Palm. The trail gave way to openings above, allowing glimpses of clouds.

Now heading south-southwest, I crossed a footbridge over a small giggling brook that entered and melded into the larger South Creek.

This is the territory of possums, rabbits, Palliated Woodpeckers, Eagles and the Little Blue Heron.

The path split into two forks. I began down the right branch facing due west toward the Gulf of Mexico. The serpentine path, in and out of the jungle, finally ended onto a peninsula that extended into Salt Creek. Mangrove prop roots anchored the steep bank protecting the shoreline from erosion. I gained a remarkable view of the dark teak colored water that was abundant as it streamed by, flowing sometimes over fallen vegetation at banks. Across the river, which lacked the protection of Mangroves, an Oak tree was partially submerged. The fast moving waters had weakened the bank and ripped the tree off its holding, pulling it into the current.

As I headed back facing east, I heard a bird cry that I couldn't identify. The Red-shouldered Hawk is a frequent visitor in these forests but it wasn't his call. Sheltered again by the overhanging Live Oak, I was amazed how its long limbs reached out over the riverbank with Spanish moss almost touching the water's surface.

My early morning walk granted me the most enchanting views. The smooth laid path surrounded by this dense thick jungle around me and those stately palms and oaks reaching such sublime heights of vivid green masses of foliage which no sun rays could penetrate, the bubbling primeval sounding brook in soft swooshing sounds befitting the sacred quiet of the landscape, provided an amazing wild tropical experience. My morning had been spent in a blessed place.

This is Oscar Scherer State Park's Lester Finley Trail – wheel chair accessible. Amazing!

Editor's Note: Earth Day will be observed at Oscar Scherer State Park April 18 with an all-day family event.



Meet Judy Sokal, new Chair of the Rivendell Communications Committee by Mike Bergman

When you first meet **Judy Sokal**, you notice she loves to be surrounded by beautiful things; her home is like a museum. The walls are covered in magnificent paintings, furniture pieces are hand painted, and there are sculptures everywhere. The artwork was done by Judy and her late mentor and partner, Denny Arant, a renowned artist. Judy has been an artist all her life. It's one of her passions, and she's really good at it. Her work has been displayed at galleries in Washington, DC, Sarasota, and Nokomis.

Judy is also an accomplished singer, appearing professionally with a 30-voice group called **Gloria Musicae**, which performs at the Sarasota Opera House and similar venues. She also heads up PR and sings with a 15-voice woman's choir, **Belle Canto**, and has sung in musical comedies and a Top 40 Rock band, and soloed at the Kennedy Center in DC.

It was her desire to be closer to her daughters and grand kids that brought Judy to Sarasota from the DC area. A former teacher, she loves working with kids, which she now does on a volunteer basis. She has helped organize fund-raising efforts for child care and is currently a volunteer tutor at the **Laurel Community Association** where she helps kids with their reading and homework in an after school program.

Her passion for volunteering recently led her to take on the chairmanship of the Rivendell Communications Committee. Judy hopes to provide a new perspective to the committee and will begin by reevaluating what the community wants in our newsletter, website and directory. Specifically, she would like to hear how readers feel about the content of *The Woodlands Word*, what they would like to see continued, and what could be changed or eliminated as the newsletter responds to OnTrac's decrease in advertising pages. Please e-mail comments and suggestions to Judy at judysokal@gmail.com.

Haiku

By Judy Sokal

I have always loved to write, but never had the time or patience to take on even the short story as a realistic goal. I decided to give haiku a try. It was the briefest writing I could think of short of twittering.

I have found it challenging to find just the right word to convey a message. But it is fun and relaxing to sit down when I have some quiet moments to come up with one.

"Cactus Blossoms" came to me on the day that our little cactus actually did bloom unexpectedly with delicate flowers. They faded quickly but were a joy while they lasted.

CACTUS BLOSSOMS

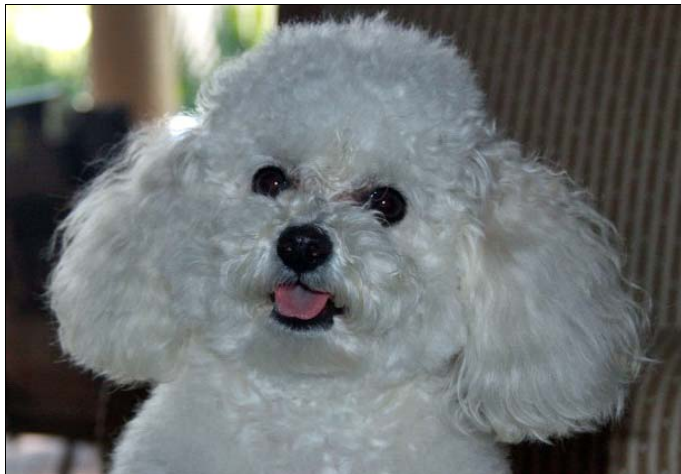
THE FRAGILE BLOSSOMS
OPENING THEIR PINK PETALS
BRIEF DAY OF GLORY

Where do you volunteer?

Please let us know how you like to spend your time!

The Woodlands Word would like to feature articles about Rivendell Residents and where they contribute their talents and expertise (i.e. museum docent, tour guide, hospital volunteer, tutoring, Selby Gardens, etc.).

Please send an email to merpike@mac.com
Or pbbabbitt@comcast.net
labeled "Volunteer Interests."



Teddy is a four year old toy poodle who is full of energy and personality. He lives on Anna Hope lane.

Canine Corner Photo Essay

By Meredith Pike

Labradoodles, poodles, and saved from the pound!



Mac, a two-year-old Labradoodle, lives on Mallard Marsh Dr. His playful nature makes romping in the backyard especially rewarding.



Sara, who previously resided at the Humane Society Shelter, has lived on Anna Hope Lane for about 2 years.

Did You Know?

Shingles vaccine -- Adults over the age of 60 may want to consider getting the **Zostavax Vaccine** to prevent shingles and other conditions (like Ramsay Hunt) from this varicella zoster virus. See: http://www.zostavax.com/?WT.srch=1&WT.mc_id=ZX04Z or <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/ramsay-hunt-syndrome/DS00878/DSECTION=prevention>

KUDOS

Gratitude to Meredith Pike, and the many gracious **Block Captains** and **Volunteers** who helped distribute the March 2010 issue of *The Woodlands Word*. They worked cheerfully and efficiently, and we are most grateful.

SERVICE PROVIDER RECOMMENDATION

Housecleaning: I highly recommend Jacek and Barbara Jarzecki. They have been cleaning our house for many years and have many other clients in Rivendell. They do a very good job, and are reliable, honest, and pleasant. In addition, because there are two of them, the job is done in half the time. Call them at 366-6552.

Cindy Schmidl

BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE

by **Marilyn Probert**

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. All Rivendell residents are welcome; just call the month's hostess if you'd like to attend any of the meetings. Here's what's in store for the next three months:

On April 12th "American Wife" by Curtis Sittenfeld will be the topic. This is a novel inspired by the life of Laura Bush. Although the protagonists have dissimilar names and they live in Wisconsin, the parallels are obvious. However, the author wants us to remember that this is a book of fiction. When Charlie (as in Good Time Charlie) Blackwell meets Alice Lindgren she is a registered Democrat who disagrees with many of Charlie's political views. Because she fears hurting him politically, Alice struggles with the necessity of keeping her beliefs to herself throughout the early years of their marriage and especially during the White House years. Dori Davis will be discussion leader at Pam Babbitt's home at 743 Fordingbridge Way; Pam's phone number is 918-8781.

The selection for May is "Sarah's Key," a highly recommended novel by Tatiana de Rosnay, which describes the roundup and "relocation" of Jews living in Paris in 1942. ■

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes for February 17, 2010

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors was scheduled at 6:00 P.M. at the Osprey Inn 1660 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Adler at 6:02 P.M.

Notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association and the requirements of Florida statutes.

The following Directors were present:

Mark Adler Bob Gililand John Greco
Mary Marryott Tom Shola

A quorum was present.

On matters relating to approval of the previous January 4, 2010 meeting and February 1, 2010 Organizational meeting, upon a motion made by Mr. Gililand and seconded by Mr. Shola, it was to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed. The minutes will be annexed into the official records of the association.

TREASURERS REPORT: Mr. Gililand reported the financials will be available after February 20th and a report will be given at the next meeting.

Owner Comments on Agenda items,

Vic McMurry, 1204 Mallard Marsh, is thankful for the consideration of contracting with an engineer for the lake shorelines and developing a procedure for erosion issues in the backyards of homes. Mr. McMurray felt the deed restriction related to garbage and other waste should be enforced.

Greg Derron, 1055 Scherer Way, felt the new Board should continue to focus on the deed restrictions especially since there are existing basketball hoop, truck and holiday decoration violations.

Mike Gruenfield, 1036 Scherer Way, recommended once the erosion study is conducted there should be a time for owners to have questions answered and provide input.

Dave Gill, 774 Shadow Bay Way, shared his appreciation to see all the seats on the Board filled and hopes the Committees will be reactivated and participation will be welcomed. Participation from the owners is needed.



Carl Schubert, 936 Scherer Way, suggested the new Board react intelligently and review all contracts and not just a select few. Committees should not make decisions and be advisories to the Board. The committees should only make recommendations to the Board.

Jim Stepien, 816 Golden Pond, suggested more notice be given to the owners for the agenda and the items to be discussed on the agenda.

Mr. Adler informed all in attendance the Board will have an open interactive forum and residents will be allowed to comment throughout the meeting.

Gwen Stepien, 816 Golden Pond, inquired if volunteers for the committees will be selected tonight. The Board will select the Board liaisons to the committees and committee chairman and members will be established at another time.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Communications Committee, Mr. Adler reported the long time chair and editors stepped down and replacements are needed. Pam Babbitt has volunteered to oversee the Woodland Word newsletter. Additional participants are always welcome.

Website Committee, Mr. Adler reported he is having difficulties obtaining the associations website rights and may consider alternative solutions such as utilizing the Management's association website. Ms. Marryott agreed to contact the previous website master to obtain necessary information regarding Rivendell's website.

Safety Advisory Committee, Mr. Adler reported this committee has been inactive and opened discussion to the Board. Mr. Shola reported he receives the sheriff's monthly notifications and there does not seem to be an interest by owners to volunteer for a neighborhood watch program. The program is difficult to maintain. The Board agreed to table this discussion.

Architectural Review Committee, Mr. Greco reported he reviewed the previous ARC minutes which includes most of the necessary information such as determining a quorum and indicating who was in attendance. It was questioned if a Board member was present during these meetings and if they voted in accordance with Article 9 of the Bylaws. Several residents in attendance commented on this matter and indicated there were previous board members that attended the committee meetings and some may or may not have voted. Mr. Adler provided a clarification that moving forward the Board member liaison to the ARC will be a voting member per the Bylaws.

Management Oversight Committee, Mr. Adler reported he has been assigned to the Committee and it will not be formed as of yet. Mr. Adler clarified why this Committee was established and what the intended purpose was, which was to oversee the Management Company. This would include supplying the inspection reports, guiding Management in what a violation is and develop standards.

Pool Committee, A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Gililland

MOTION 10-07: To appoint Mary Marryott as liaison to Pool Committee. Motion passed.

Landscape Committee, Mr. Gililland reported this committee's objective is to ensure the look of the community is enhanced and the communications between the residents and Landscape Company are improved. Mr. Gililland welcomed owners to volunteer on the Committee.

Mr. Adler announced there will be a town hall meeting that will allow for residents to comment on how they would like the community to look and how aggressively the deed restrictions should be enforced.

Finance and Procurement, Mr. Gililland reported no action has been taken as of yet related to any finance matters.

Environmental Committee, Mr. Adler reported at the previous meeting there was discussion of combining the Environmental and Landscape committees. Mr. Adler and Mr. Shola felt that they should be separate. Ms. Marryott suggested the two committees meet together for the first few months to determine their initial visions and objectives so they are both in coordination with each other. Mr. Gililland felt there is approximately only 20% of the function of each committee that is related to each other. There are 15 acres that are covered by the Landscape Committee and 65 acres of lakes covered by the Environmental Committee. Mr. Shola made a motion and Mr. Gililland seconded

MOTION: 10-08: to continue with the Landscape and Environmental Committee being separate and appoint Tom Shola as Board liaison. Ms. Maryott was opposed. Motion passed 4-1 vote.

Management Report, Ms. Merrill provided a report (see attachment #1). Ms. Merrill requested the Board to authorize attorney Dan Lobeck to respond to a complaint filed to the state by an owner in Rivendell against Management. This request was made due to the fact that the association's attorney only represents associations and can only respond at the direction of the Board. The association's attorney is familiar with the case and previously sent a similar correspondence to the complainant's attorney. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Gililland and seconded by Mr. Shola

MOTION 10-09: to deny the request to have the attorney respond on behalf of the Management. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS,

ARC application (deferred by previous Board to new Board), there was discussion regarding the guidelines requiring landscape around fencing and where on the lot line a fence can be placed. A motion was made by Gililland and seconded by Mr. Greco

MOTION 10-10: to arrange a meeting between the neighbors of 806 Foot Hill Ct. and 808 Placid Lake to come to an agreement on the terms of the approval of the fence and location. Ms. Marryott and Mr. Greco agreed to mediate the session. Motion passed.

Continuance for Case No. 2009-331 Restoration Plan, Russ Hoffman reported there have been some encroachments by residents who cut down trees in preserve areas. Once the survey is completed a restoration plan can be designed. Meetings with the County will be scheduled accordingly.

638 Rivendell Boulevard, Mr. Adler reported Attorney Dan Lobeck contacted him to provide a briefing on the matter. The previous Board had come to agreement with the owners during mediation; however there has been a problem executing the releases of both parties, the final step in the process. A motion was made by Mr. Adler and seconded by Mr. Gililland

MOTION 10-11: To meet with an attorney to determine what the cost may be to have the case reviewed and advise if a release corresponding to the mediated settlement should be signed by the current Board of Directors. Motion passed.

Ms. Marryott and Mr. Adler agreed to meet together with an outside attorney.

Owners of 1109 Millpond, Mr. Adler reported he spoke with the owner and they would like to have the matter resolved. The Board agreed to research alternate solutions rather than pursue litigation. This matter was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS,

Landscape contract and performance review, Mr. Gililland provided a report regarding the performance of the Sun State Landscape Company. There were some items that were addressed regarding mowing around lakes, general mowing and what pesticides were to be used. After an inspection of their most recent work it was determined to be unsatisfactory. Mr. Gililland suggested the Board consider Nanak's Landscaping Company proposal, which was lower in price. Mr. Adler agreed to meet with the current landscapers and address at the next board meeting.

Carl Schubert urged the Board to look at the positive outcome of the work Sun State Landscaping has done throughout the community, including the buffer area at the end of Oscar Scherer and along Rivendell Boulevard.

Jim Stepien reported Nanak Landscaping submitted a proposal that was less than all the others; however they did not have any local properties to reference.

New ARC rules and members, Mr. Greco reported an e-mail was sent to owners recruiting new members for the ARC until February 26th. An interview process will be scheduled and the Board will vote on the ARC committee members. Mr. Greco submitted some guidelines for the establishment of the ARC. (see attachment #2). After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Gililland

MOTION 10-12: to adopt the ARC Establishment Rules as recommended in attachment 2. Motion passed.

The architectural committee will be announced at the March board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Gililland

MOTION 10-13: to have the Board of Directors serve as the ARC members until the committee members are established at the next meeting. Motion passed.

Legal representation of Rivendell Community Association, this matter is tabled.

Management of Rivendell Community Association, this matter is tabled.

Contract for CPA to perform the 2009 Financial Audit, Mr. Gililland reported a full audit will be completed in accordance with Florida State Statute. Two bids have been obtained and the third should be submitted soon. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Contract for an engineer to evaluate the lakes and shoreline, Mr. Gililland reported there is a question of what the cost is to dredge the lakes if it is required. A motion was made by Gililland and seconded by Mr. Adler

MOTION 10-14: to authorize the procurement committee to obtain bids from Engineering Firms to evaluate the lakes. Motion passed.

Policies for handling past dues homeowner, this matter was tabled.

Scheduling of Next Meeting, a Town Hall Meeting was scheduled for March 24th at 6 pm at Bentley's Resort (formerly the Osprey Inn).

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

*Kyanne Merrill
Managing Agent
March 3, 2010.*



These photos were taken walking along the Pine View path and nature trail after the sun appeared following a downpour of between 4 and 5 inches of rain on Friday, March 12th. They capture the beauty of this area even after a deluge.

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ARC REPORT for FEB. 23 MEETING

Attendees:

Board Members:

- Mark Adler
- Bob Gililand
- John Greco
- Tom Shola

Residents:

- Barry Portugal
- Marilyn Probert

Old Business:

Approval of ARC minutes from 01/26/2010

New Business:

808	Shadow Bay	Landscaping application
1080	Scherer Way	Landscaping application
504	Meadow Sweet Circle	Landscaping application
696	Stillwater Court	House Painting application

The Arc meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM with a quorum of Rivendell Governors present with Marilyn Probert and Barry Portugal as attending residents.

The January 10th 2010 minutes of Rivendell’s ARC were unanimously approved as written.

- The Landscaping application of **1080 Scherer Way** to replace a palm with a magnolia tree was unanimously approved.
- The Landscaping application of **808 Shadow Bay** to remove three Slash Pine trees on the homeowner’s property was unanimously approved.
- The Landscaping application of **504 Meadow Sweet Circle** to replace six shrubs with holly was unanimously approved. The application also noted a prior approval by the President of the Cottages Homeowners Association.
- The House Painting application of **696 Stillwater Court** to repaint the house with neutral colors was unanimously approved.

The Rivendell ARC meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Application for Architectural Review Committee Consideration

Homeowner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address where work is to be carried out: _____

If you live in the "Cottages", you are required to get approval from Unit 1 Board of Directors before submitting this application to the ARC.

Please describe the proposed work including specifications and dimensions of the work and materials to be used. (If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet.)

Proposed commencement date: _____ Duration of Project: _____

The ARC meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Please submit this application to the address below seven days prior to the meeting.

Please attach the following to this application:

- Site Plan or Survey showing the location of the proposed work.
- A letter signed by your neighbor or a certified letter receipt sent to your neighbor for any proposed work which will have a direct effect on your neighbor.
- Color sample, color name and reference # for proposed paint.
- Plat showing names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping.
- Plat showing location of proposed fence with manufacturer's brochure describing the fence material.

Please refer to the **Guidelines for Exterior Alterations** while planning your proposed work. If you would like to discuss your application prior to submittal, please contact the Architectural Review Committee Chair or Board Liaison, who are listed in the Woodlands Word.

All work must conform to all Zoning and Building Regulations. Owners are responsible for obtaining necessary permits after ARC approval. Owners are responsible for any damages to common areas or other homes caused by their contractors.

If any modifications or changes to existing structures and landscaping is done without prior approval from the ARC, fines or removal may apply.

Home Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

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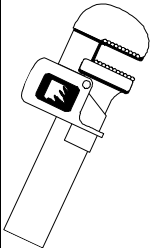
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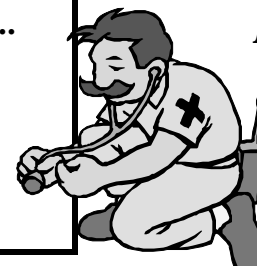
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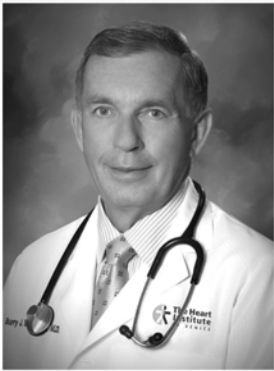


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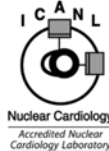
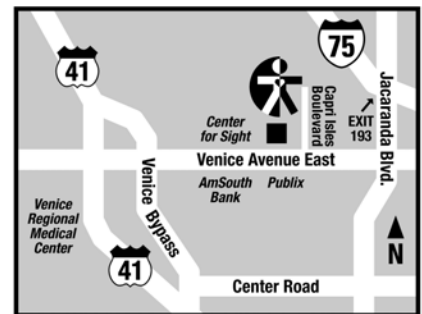


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