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March 2020



Highlights, February 5 Annual Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting By Carol Heckert; Reviewed by John Fitzgibbon

Board of Directors election:

Maureen Emmons and John Fitzgibbon were re-elected to 2-year terms. Cathy Daignault was elected to finish out the last year of Larry Dobias' term. The rollover of \$33,000 from 2019 was approved. These actions occurred February 5, 2020, during Rivendell's annual meeting and a subsequent Board of Directors' meeting.

Pine View School presentation:

The principal of Pine View School and the project manager for the new school building gave a presentation about their plans for the building. The new building will be 3 stories high and will replace the pods that are there now. It will be 10 feet from the Pine View Path at its closest point. A construction road will run parallel to the Pine View Path from Old Venice Road. All trees removed to make the road will be replaced with native trees once the building is completed. A question was asked about the trees marked with white ribbons. This was done as part of a survey; they will not all be removed. Construction will begin this summer and continue until December 2021. All work will take place on weekdays.

Police presentation:

Deputy Karen Hicks spoke about preventing crime in Rivendell.

1. If your home has a security system it must be registered, and a decal displayed for ID purposes. You may register your security system by contacting the Sheriff's Crime Prevention Office at 861-4084.
2. If you see someone speeding in the community, get the license number and call the police at (941) 365-8247. The police will send a letter to the speeder.
3. The police have a mobile app you can put on your phone, and you can text them at 911 during an emergency. You can also contact the police during an emergency by pressing the On/Off button on the right side of your iPhone several times.
4. The non-emergency number for the police is (941) 316-1201.

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Rivendell Calendar of Events - March 2020



Become involved in your community! Volunteers needed on many of the committees listed below. If you have an interest in getting to know your neighbors and getting more involved, please contact the committee chairs listed below.

March 4...Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for 6 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2705 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis.

March 4, 11, 18 and 25...Play Euchre, a fun interactive card game. Scheduled each Wednesday of the month from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Learn to play and make some new friends! Location to be determined. For more information contact Mike and Annie Francis at 585-749-0430.

March 9...Rivendell Book Group meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. The host will be Adele Kellman, 1040 Scherer Way. To confirm attendance please call her at 908-464-7003 or email at adele.kellman@gmail.com. The book under discussion is *Educated* by Tara Westover.

March 5 and 19...Bridge Group meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Contact Barbara Loe at 651-398-2256 for more information

March 10...Social Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Location to be determined. Contact Carolyn Kenney at kenneycsrq@gmail.com for more information.

March 14...Dine In Group meets the second Saturday of the month. For more information contact Kristin Ellison at kristinellison1@gmail.com.

March 17...Rivendell Book Group II meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. This month's event will be held at 1077 Mallard Marsh Drive. Please contact Darragh Briffett at 941-210-6495 if you plan to attend. The book under discussion is *This Tender Land* by Kent Krueger.

March 19...Mix and Mingle Social is scheduled 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Rivendell Community Pool. Bring your favorite beverage and optional snack to share. Lots of fun meeting your neighbors! All welcome.

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Ponds and Preserves presentation:

Sue Remy made a presentation about the proposed Low Maintenance Zones. The proposal is to establish a low maintenance zone (LMZ) behind all houses that back onto our storm water ponds. The LMZs will extend 3 feet from the pond, with grass growing 8 – 12 inches high. The reason for this proposal is to prevent erosion caused by irrigation and rain runoff, wind driven waves, and the weight of heavy mowers. The community is already maintaining a low maintenance zone on all banks of ponds that are not behind houses. The plan calls for West Bay to maintain the LMZs behind houses as well. There are sufficient funds in the 2020 budget to cover the cost. *It was noted that the area up to approximately 10 feet from the ponds is common area. Although homeowners have been required to maintain this area, the community owns it.*

In addition to the LMZs, the community plans to place aquatic plants in the water next to the shorelines. This has been tried in Egret and Bobcat Ponds with mixed success. The hope is that the LMZs will prevent much runoff that creates algae in the ponds, and Aquatic Systems will not need to spray the ponds with the quantity of chemicals that kill aquatic plants.

Rivendell is responsible by law for maintaining our storm water system. Several nearby communities (Waterford, Stoneybrook in Venice) have already had to remediate the functioning of their systems, which can cost several million dollars. Rivendell's goal is to prevent this from happening in our community by taking action to prevent erosion now. The proposed action could save us a great deal of money in the future.

Until the current proposal is approved and adopted by the Board of Directors, homeowners living on ponds were asked to voluntarily maintain 3 foot LMZs behind their houses and to decrease their use of fertilizer. The Board will evaluate the potential financial costs and responsibility for additional LMZ maintenance at the March and April Board meetings, with an official vote of the Board to be taken soon after.

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March 24...Ponds and Preserves Committee will meet at 10:00 am at the Covenant Life Church, 8490 McIntosh Road, Sarasota. For more information contact Frank Freestone at paddlemania@verizon.net.

March 26... Communication Committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. For more information contact Barbara Gahry at barbgahry@gmail.com.

March 28...Dine Out Group meets the third Saturday of the month. For more information contact Kristin Ellison at kristinellison1@gmail.com.

March 31...Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meets the last Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm at the Cottages Clubhouse. Contact Maureen Emmons at mauremmons@ymail.com.

To make additions or corrections to the Calendar of Events, please contact Lesley Sterling at 703-919-0744 or lesley.sterling@yahoo.com.

Board of Directors Meeting

A Board of Directors Meeting followed the Annual Meeting. The 4 former Board members will retain their offices and committee liaison assignments. Cathy Daignault, the new Board member, will be a Director at Large and will be liaison to and acting committee chair of the Pool Committee.

The Board approved trimming the magnolia trees on Rivendell Blvd. for \$3,000, as well as improving the appearance of the brick columns at the community's entry by means of a fence, weed cleaning, and new plantings.

The next Board of Directors meeting will take place on March 4.

New Rivendell Board



FRONT ROW L TO RL: Cathy Daignault and Maureen Emmons

BACK ROW L TO R: Steve Bragg, John Fitzgibbon and Ray Capuano

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Check Out Our Stunning Wildlife Photo Gallery By the Rivendell Ponds and Preserves (P&P) Committee



Are you a current resident, prospective homeowner, or just a nature enthusiast? Good news! We have re-imagined our website's P&P Photo Gallery to showcase Rivendell's natural beauty and abundant wildlife.

Special thanks to **Bob Frank**, who has spearheaded this amazing effort. As a wildlife photographer, he has taken magnificent photos around Rivendell and at nearby Oscar Scherer State Park. Bob has created a series of stunning wildlife slideshows now posted on the P&P website. Kudos also to **Gary Mruz** for his web expertise.

Our Community Wildlife Photo Gallery

To keep our gallery current and growing, we encourage residents to submit their wildlife photos. Send them to **Bob Frank**: frank@ohio.edu. We are always looking for ways to improve our Rivendell Photo Gallery. One potential idea would be a "Wildlife Photo of the Month". We would love to hear your ideas on other ways to engage our community in this project.

The Nextdoor app and *The Woodlands Word* will keep folks up to date on the latest changes to the site. At times, articles with more detail about the creatures featured may accompany the images. We hope you will visit often and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.



Both **Bob Frank**, and his wife, **Allie Sandow**, have a passion for wildlife photography. They moved to Rivendell because of its natural setting and abundant wildlife. Bob Frank is a former dean of Ohio University.

WE SHARE RIVENDELL'S NEIGHBORHOODS, PONDS AND PRESERVES WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF DIVERSE WILDLIFE



See the stunning Rivendell Wildlife Photo Gallery on our website.
www.rivendellcommunity.com.



Community Garage Sale Prevails Over the Weather

Despite the rain we had over 100 visitors at the Community Garage Sale!

Special thanks go to Carolyn Kenney, Adele Kellman, Mitzi Bruck, Michael Wieder, Ken and Gabe Zawacki and Gary Mruz for helping make it a success.

Should we do it next year? Please email your opinions and suggestions to Sallie Hawkins at aa5pilot@verizon.net.

Rivendell Book Group Schedule

By Judy Sokal



The Book Group will meet March 9th at the home of Adele Kellman, 1040 Scherer Way. Please call Adele at 908-464-7003 or email adele.kellman@gmail.com if you plan to attend. The book selection is *Educated* by Tara Westover and will be led by Carol Heckert.

Educated is the autobiographical story of Tara Westover's journey from being the child of extreme anti-government, anti-science, and religious fundamentalist Mormon parents to becoming a Cambridge- and Harvard-educated PhD.

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

Following is the future schedule:

March 9, 2020, *Educated* by Tara Westover

April 13, 2020, *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett

May 11, 2020, *Tangerine* by Christine Mangan



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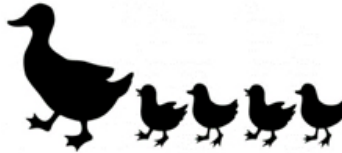
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We're Getting Our Ducks in a Row - Ducks (& Wildlife) Will Thank Us By the Rivendell Ponds and Preserves Committee

As you have been hearing, the Rivendell Board, along with the Ponds and Preserves Committee, has already been active this year to help control erosion damage on our pond shorelines. Erosion is visible on most Rivendell ponds, as evidenced in the slideshow at the February HOA Annual Meeting. A significant majority of residents were positive and supportive of the proposed program and actions.



Many similar communities are dealing with these erosion issues as well. Like a sitting duck, neglected erosion damage continues to get worse – until a significant remediation is required - at great HOA expense. Rivendell is taking steps now to control receding shorelines and erosion damage to avoid expensive repairs later. We cannot duck out of responsible pond management. Erosion is not only unsightly, it disrupts the functional flow of our deeded stormwater system, reduces water filtration, and degrades natural habitats.

We must not duck this issue! Healthy ponds keep property values strong. Our community must take action now to address erosion damage. To be effective yet keep costs lower, Rivendell has adopted a “**Natural Shorelines**” Program. Much like a duck takes to water, this straightforward plan helps provide stability to the pond bank to prevent erosion, reduces fertilizer runoff into the pond, and creates a stronger balance with nature.

Healthy Rivendell “Natural Shorelines” Action Steps

- The Board has established a community-standard 3-foot Low-Maintenance Zone (LMZ) policy for all shorelines currently mowed by the community. The HOA landscape

contractor will no longer mow to the edge of the ponds. Grass in the LMZ will be maintained to a height of 8-12 inches. (Note that all pond shorelines and LMZs are on community-owned common ground.)

- The Board encourages all homeowners adjacent to a pond to install a 3-foot LMZ around their pond, in accordance with the community-standard LMZ. The Board is seriously considering implementing a policy of mandatory LMZs for all homes adjacent to ponds.
- Aquatic plantings have also been shown to filter chemical nutrients flowing into the ponds. Excess nutrients can worsen algal growth. Native plants have deeper roots that hold the soil on the bank, reduce wave action, and absorb water runoff. More aquatic plantings will be installed beginning this year - and phased in as budgets allow.

Your actions make a difference! Getting our ducks in a row to fight erosion now helps keep the ducks and wildlife enjoying our healthy ponds forever. Rivendell residents are lucky ducks!



LMZs are Now the Community Standard for Managed Shorelines Along Ponds. Your Actions Make a Difference.

The Rivendell Board has agreed to install Low-Maintenance Zones (LMZs) on community-mowed pond shorelines along roads to reduce erosion and nutrient runoff.

- These LMZs will be maintained to the community standard of a 3-foot width and trimmed to 8-12” on a regular schedule.
- Shorelines bordering preserves won’t be mowed and will be allowed to grow naturally.
- While the Board researches extending this policy to all ponds community-wide, we strongly encourage homeowners living adjacent to a pond to install a voluntary LMZ (no mowing within 3 feet of the bank). Please prevent grass clippings from going into the pond and avoid cutting aquatic plants.

Online? Get more information in the Dec. 2019 *Woodlands Word* article: Low-Maintenance Zone (LMZs) Now on Community-Mowed Ponds

Construction Update From Sarasota County

US 41 from Blackburn Point Road to Preymore Street: Construction project: Crews are resurfacing the roadway, replacing the US 41 northbound bridge over North Creek, improving drainage, constructing sidewalk and installing new highway lighting. Expect nighttime/overnight northbound lane closures from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. And nighttime/overnight southbound lane closures from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. A traffic shift is tentatively scheduled to be implemented on **Friday, February 21**. Northbound traffic will shift to one of the southbound lanes, reducing traffic to one lane each direction. Once implemented, the traffic shift is expected to be in place for approximately eight months while crews reconstruct the northbound bridge over North Creek. Bergeron Land Development, Inc. is the contractor. Expected completion is spring 2021.

Pine View School Expansion to Begin This Spring

By Kristine Nickel

A \$28M expansion of Pine View School for the Gifted will begin in the spring of 2020 according to Paul Pitcher, the project manager for the construction of the three-story, 80,000 sq. ft. building. "We will be starting mid-to-late spring on the (construction) road with the construction to start the first week in June," said Pitcher during the Annual Homeowners Association meeting February 5.

The road is needed to obtain access to the building site, which is located on the southeast corner of the Pine View School property, adjacent to Rivendell. Pitcher was quick to assure the homeowners gathered at the standing-room-only meeting that the road would, "hug as close as we can to our property line." As a point of reference, the closest point between the school's property line and the Rivendell path is 10 feet.

Residents who regularly use the path have been curious about the markings on various trees along the path. Pitcher clarified that issue early in his presentation saying that the markings were used as part of the survey process. Some trees, "old nasty palmettos and pine trees" will be removed as part of the construction, and upon project completion the

plan calls for the planting of native species to "recreate the buffer," said Pitcher.

Other areas of concern voiced by residents included noise and potential traffic congestion on Old Venice Rd. According to Pitcher the construction crews "will try to stay away from bringing trucks in during student pick-up times." He also assured the crowd that the project would maintain county standards for noise and dust abatement. Construction hours are expected to be between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm. Residents who encounter problems may get in touch with Lighthouse Management, the project's point of contact.

The presentation began with an introduction of the Pine View School Principal, Steven Covert, a former Rivendell resident. During brief remarks, Covert stressed that the school's intention is to always be a good neighbor and to partner during the process of building the new 3-story classroom building. It will replace 46 portable mobile learning centers currently used by the grade 2-12 school. Pine View School is ranked as the top public school in Florida and among the top 15 schools in the U.S. making it a "magnet for folks to come to Florida," said Covert.

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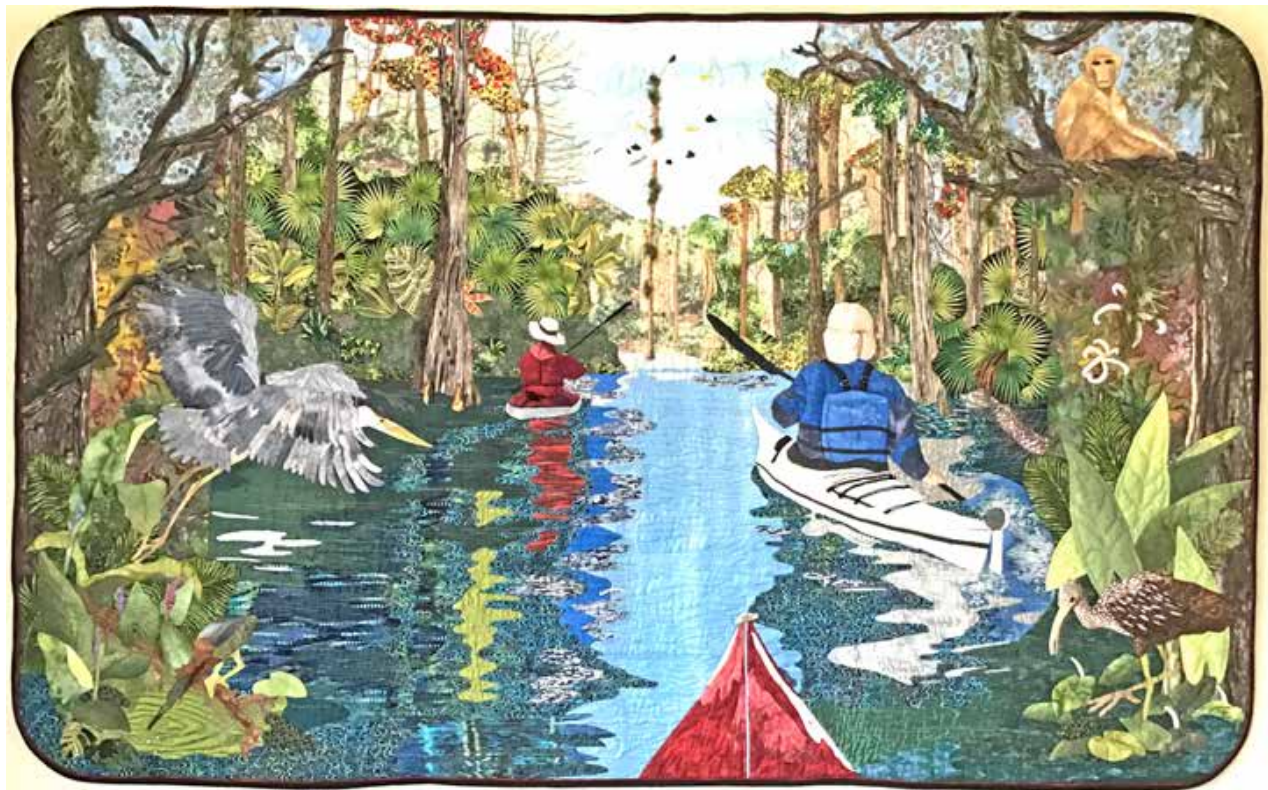
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Take a break; relax in Our Café while you enjoy a bite provided by Café Venice. With gift raffles and opportunities to win prizes, this show will be new and exciting.

Remember: Venice Area Quilters' Guild takes pride in community service. Proceeds from our Mini Quilt Auction go to the South County Food Pantry.



Five of the guild's National/International award winners will participate in a special display. Rivendell resident Jean Freestone has been asked to participate and three of her past quilts will be in this display. One quilt, Silver River Serenity, has our Rivendell Ponds and Preserves Chair kayaking, although you may not recognize him!



Silver River Serenity quilt by Jean Freestone

"It's gone from being a nice place to live to a show place."

Spotlight on Doreen and Joe Sefack

By Kristine Nickel

Not many people purchase a house sight unseen but for Doreen and Joe Sefack, their 2003 selection of 1056 Scherer Way was a slam dunk. "We selected the house online," admits Joe. Doreen quickly qualifies the story by adding that there really were several influencing factors. "We knew we wanted the West Coast of Florida," she adds. "And my doctor in New Jersey highly recommended Sarasota because of the reputation of the hospital here." The final factor was that a friend from their church in N.J. lived on Mallard Marsh and raved about Rivendell. "We called her agent, looked at floor plans, put down a deposit and came down and closed the deal," recounts Joe.

Neighbors and people who worked with Joe during the many years he served on the Rivendell Board of Directors as well as various committees would scarcely call Joe an impulsive person. "It may seem that I make decisions quickly, but people don't always see all of the research that goes into decision making," he says. Doreen concurs, saying they research and talk about everything extensively. "It's worked in our relationship for 58 years."

Doreen and Joe will be taking a new turn in that relationship when they move to Bay Village later this spring. Health issues are a driving force, but they're taking the move with their usual aplomb. "Downsizing has been interesting," says Doreen. Joe points to the generous help their neighbors have offered in smoothing out the rough patches in this journey by pitching in with Goodwill runs and clearing out duty. "One of

our neighbors even helped us find a new home for our dog," exclaims Doreen. Indeed, Maggie May, the Wheaton Terrier, is already ensconced in another loving home, easing the Sefacks' worry about their beloved companion.

The help Joe and Doreen have received is emblematic of their feelings about Rivendell. "I have such admiration for people who volunteer and give back to this community," says Joe. "Year after year people do a yeoman's job and they rarely get acknowledged. But without the dogged determination, time and effort of people here, it wouldn't be the community it is. Rivendell's gone from being a nice place to live to a showplace."

And although Joe wouldn't give himself much credit for being part of the transformation he cites, his many years of service have been much appreciated. For this former Chevrolet dealer from New Jersey, volunteering on the HOA was just the right fit for his retirement. "In 2006-2007 I wasn't really involved in anything else," he recalls. When a board position became available mid-term he called then president Ellie Hartle to volunteer. "I served out that term and then through unfortunate circumstances I became president of the Board. It was learning under fire. But I really enjoyed it and I especially loved working with the Board and all the homeowners. In fact, through 2019 I never missed a meeting."

Now that's what I call not just volunteering but something close to devotion. Rivendell's loss will be Bay Village's gain.

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Florida Southern College in Lakeland is famous for its Frank Lloyd Wright designed buildings. FSC's "Child of the Sun" campus is famed as the world's only Wright-designed college and the largest single-site collection of his works.

Founded in Orlando in 1883, the private United Methodist-affiliated college relocated to a 100-acre orange grove on Lake Hollingsworth in 1922, when traditional red brick was stylish.

In 1938, FSC president Ludd M. Spivey sent Wright a letter requesting a meeting to build "a great education temple in Florida." Spivey hoped that the architect's fame could boost interest and applications. The pair stuck together for nearly 20 years, from the first construction in 1941 (the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel), to Wright's last: the Polk County Science Building, dedicated in 1958, a year after Spivey's retirement and a year before Wright's death.

The institution has earned distinctions for its academic standards but, more impressive, it once received a shout-out from the *Princeton Review* as the most beautiful campus in the United States (first place in 2011 and 2012). The school also joined the National Historic Landmarks club, which includes such sites as the Hoover Dam, the Empire State Building and

Taliesin West, Wright's former home and school in Arizona.

Wright fanciers can tour the campus year-round, either by grabbing a map from the parking lot and going it alone or taking a guided tour. You may receive special allowances with a guide, such as the thrill of standing beneath the theater's acoustically crisp cupola dome and performing your best Olivier-as-Hamlet impression.

"Wright said that he would design buildings that would look like they were coming out of the earth, like a child in the sun," a guide said of the architect's vision. The name stuck.

The tour starts at the Child of the Sun visitor center, which is housed in the former library and was completed in 1946. On the guided tour, the docent may include a brief overview about Wright's life, including the personal (such as his three wives and three mistresses) and the professional (such as the Prairie-style houses in the Midwest, the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, and Taliesin East in Wisconsin. Not to mention the UFO-shaped room in which you may be sitting, with its 18-foot-high pit skylight and no interior walls).

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Frank Lloyd Wright buildings on Florida Southern College Campus ~ photos from *Trip Advisor website*

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2/16/19—2/15/20	30	4	1.6 months	\$438,500	\$178	98
2/16/18—2/15/19	36	8	2.7 months	\$439,000	\$182	99
Change	-17%	-50%	-41%	0.1%	-3%	-1%

Rivendell Home values - Short term trend

During the past 12 months, 30 homes have sold. The average price was \$438,500 (\$178/ft²). The housing market continues to show strength, driven by high demand and lower interest rates. The inventory of homes for sale in Rivendell is very low.

Long term trend

More than 70 million Americans will retire over the coming 15 years. 14 million are forecasted to move to Florida. This promise a healthy demand for real estate in our area in the foreseeable future.

We are Rivendell residents since 2003 and have helped many sellers and buyers in Rivendell over the years. Trust your team with proven results.

The new Tax act works in favor of Florida Real Estate Values.

The new tax treaty, introduced in 2018, has a new cap of the right to deduct local, state and property taxes. This hits residents in high tax states hard, resulting in many successful businesses and residents from for example the north-east are leaving to move to Florida where we have no personal income tax and comparably low property taxes.

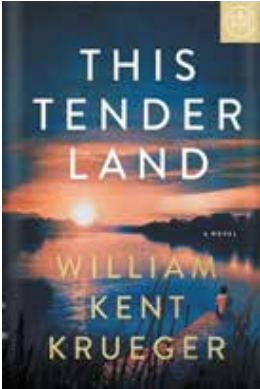


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Rivendell Book Group II

By Maria Ilioff



Book Group II will meet at 7pm on Tuesday, March 17 to discuss *This Tender Land* written by William Kent Krug. We welcome anyone who's interested in meeting new people; reading something you wouldn't otherwise read; sharing your reading experience, or just listening to the discussion. We rotate meeting locations, and this month we will meet at 1077 Mallard Marsh. Those attending should RSVP to Darragh Briffett at 941-210-6495

others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole."

Summary from Book of the Month Club https://bookofthemoth.com/this-tender-land-557?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIoP-j347vI5wIVkZOzCh2JJwh5EAQYASABEgJlk_D_BwE

"1932, Minnesota—the Lincoln School is a pitiless place where hundreds of Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. It is also home to an orphan named Odie O'Banion, a lively boy whose exploits earn him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee, he and his brother Albert, their best friend Mose, and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own.

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CERTIFIED HEALTH COACHES: Dr. Maggi Verhagen & Deb Holton-Smith RN BSN offer "solutions to optimal health" with their simple 5 + 1 program. Join the BeSLIM Club plan with our portion-controlled meals and lose an average of 10 lbs per month. Our coaching is FREE. Call to see if this is a good fit for you! Better Together, Neighbors!!! For consult call **Deb** at **845-661-9883** or email for information **GetSLIM@Holton-Smith.com**

COMPUTER REPAIR AND INSTRUCTION PLUS OTHER HOME ELECTRONICS (TABLETS, SMART PHONES, TV, Etc): I have been providing computer services to Rivendell and the surrounding neighborhoods for 6+ years! For Rivendell and Willowbend residents I offer a special \$20 an hour rate. I also offer a flat charge for any computer virus repair taking over two hours. I am a Rivendell resident with 35+ years computer & home automation experience. Call **Gary Mruz** **941-786- 6019** or email **gary.mruz@gmail.com**

COMPUTER REPAIR, TECH SUPPORT, AND TECHNOLOGY TUTOR: Setup-Build-Troubleshoot-Repair all your technology needs including virus removal, home technology installations and computer equipment. Learn more about all your devices. I have been a Rivendell resident for 12 years, attended Pine View School, and graduated UCF with a degree in Information Technology. For Rivendell residents only, my fee is \$25 per hour. Contact: **Ben McClannahan** Cell: **727-410-2413** Email: **Bmccclann04@gmail.com**

DOG WALKER, HOUSE SITTER SERVICE: Lena Ho, a Rivendell resident who has lived here for 15 years, has had experience walking and caring for dogs. I can visit and take care of your dogs and assist in maintenance of your home such as watering plants and sending updates while you are away. References provided. **Lena Ho,** cell: **407-575-0565** email: **lho@bu.edu**

HOUSE PAINTING, HANDYMAN WORK, & HOME WATCH SERVICES: Rivendell resident with 30 years of experience enjoys assisting neighbors with economical, meticulous, professional quality house painting - interior & exterior. Also help with general home upkeep - light electrical, plumbing & carpentry jobs, etc. Are you a snowbird or landlord? I can watch your home or help with rental upkeep (home detailing & deep cleaning for move-ins or move-outs). References provided upon request. Call **Charles Tanguy:** **941-539-5647** or email **ctanguy@verizon.net**

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LUNA RESTORE: For pool/lanai deck restoration and staining, interior/exterior painting, and "fix-it" projects to update and improve the appearance of your home, contact **Vic** at **LUNA RESTORE 941-735-2324**.

MATHEMATICS TUTORING: Calculus & Statistics, specializing in AP. Retired math teacher with 30+ years in public & private schools. Rivendell resident. Your home or ours! Multiple student discount available. Ref: Who's Who in American Education, NJ Governor's Teacher Award. Call **Carol:** **941-866-0270** or email **gdontheroad@yahoo.com**

PERSONAL WELLNESS COACH, PERSONAL TRAINER, PILATES AND YOGA INSTRUCTOR: Kelly McClannahan is a Rivendell resident since 2004. I am a certified Health Coach with the Dr. Sears Wellness Institute and a Certified Personal Trainer through NASM. I offer several tiers of coaching including nutritional coaching in which I will teach you simple changes you can make nutritionally for better health and weight loss. In addition, if you'd like to add fitness, we can group or personal train. I also offer cabinet makeovers and healthy cooking lessons in your home. Call for information and details: **727-423-8208** or email **kellymccclannahan@yahoo.com**

PET SITTER, HOUSE SITTER: An adult resident of Rivendell for 15 years, I love cats, dogs, birds, & bunnies. Also very qualified to take care of your home while you are away. A dependable daily (for pets), bi-weekly, weekly, or monthly visit can be scheduled. Or I can stay at your home. My experience & references provide peace of mind that your pets and/or house are being well cared for. Call **Carolanne Haddock** at **941-539-6176**.

PET SITTER SERVICE, HOUSE SITTER SERVICE: Rivendell resident and Pine View high school student who loves pets and has previous experience walking neighbors' dogs, will walk your dogs and care for any of your pets. As well, she can visit and care for your home daily or weekly to carry out chores such as water plants, check and send home updates while you are away etc. Have references. Please call **Erica** at **(941) 786-8478**.

POOL MAINTENANCE: Leslie Casanova, Rivendell resident, is the owner of a Pool Maintenance and Service company, Kraken Pool Service Inc., which services over 200 customers in the area. We offer full service weekly pool maintenance. For Rivendell residents only, we offer a special price of \$49 for the first month of service to new customers. Please call **941-993-5548** or email **info@krakenpools.com**

RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

TRAVEL SERVICES: Tired of fighting the Internet and wasting hours researching your own trip components? After over 30 years in the travel industry, I have purchased a Cruise Planners - American Express franchise and am now a full service "no fee" travel agency, operating out of my home in Rivendell. Please check out my website www.angelltoursandcruises.com where you can search various cruises and tours to your heart's content. For Rivendell residents only: I will waive my "New Client Upfront Deposit" requirement of \$100.00 to plan your trip. Just send an email to mary.angell@cruiseplanners.com, and in the subject line show "add me to your database", to start receiving Cruise Planners' specials as they're released. **Mary Angell 941-918-1990.**

TUTORING: Pre-med student with experience being a peer tutor at Boston University's Educational Resource Center and working at Varsity Tutors. Graduated from Boston University in 2018 as a double major in human physiology and nutritional sciences with a minor in dance. Subjects I tutor are ACT prep, biology, nutrition, and high school math. **Lena Ho**, cell: **407-575-0565** email: lho@bu.edu

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



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Architectural Review Committee Report - January 28, 2020

Meeting called to order 4:29 PM

Quorum present: Alex Castro, Richard Jurik, Neil Agruss, Susan Lanza, Joe Zwerling

Board Member: Maureen Emmons, Acting Chair

	Request	Address	Assigned To	Second	Status
1	Landscape	1105 Millpond Ct	Joe Zwerling	Susan Lanza	Approved
2	Lanai Work	1040 Scherer Way	Alex Castro	Rich Jurik	Approved
3	Landscape	755 Shadow Bay	Susan Lanza	Rich Jurik	Approved
4	Landscape	1072 Mallard Marsh	Susan Lanza	Neil Agruss	Approved
5	Front Door	1116 Mallard Marsh	Neil Agruss	Alex Castro	Approved
6	Remove Tree	1147 Mallard Marsh	Richard Jurik	Neil Agruss	Approved
7	Shingle Roof	585 Meadow Sweet	Alex Castro	Susan Lanza	Approved
8	Landscape	1101 Mallard Marsh	Neil Agruss	Alex Castro	Approved
9	Garage Door	779 Fordingbridge			Deferred

1) Removed tree stump must be ground. No vendor signs allowed

6) Removed tree stump must be ground. – This has been completed. No letter necessary

8) Cap Rock wall to consist of no more than 7 rocks no taller than 24 inches high each. The total height of the wall should not exceed 24 inches. No vendor signs allowed

9) Homeowners submitted request late and attended the meeting. The committee discussed the options and verbally approved one of the designs. The homeowner needs to submit a clear picture of the exact style door to the committee for the next meeting in February.

Meeting adjourned 5:03 PM

Next meeting Tuesday March 31 at 4:30 PM at the Cottages Clubhouse. Request cutoff March 24.

Rivendell Community Contacts

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Chair: Barb Gahry (barbgahry@gmail.com)
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www.rivendellcommunity.com

Contact Lighthouse Management for password to RESIDENTS section.

Woodlands Word Deadline:

Submit articles and information to Marilyn Probert
 (marilynprobert@gmail.com)
 by the tenth of the month.

Updates to the Contacts Page:

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