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# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

**DECEMBER 2011**

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## CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Barb Gahry

The Nominating Committee is, once again, seeking nominees for the Board of Directors. Three people will be elected to the Board at the Annual Meeting on February 6, 2012. Interested candidates should submit a biography and a photograph to the Nominating Committee by December 10, 2011. The biography should contain two paragraphs. The first paragraph should summarize your background and any experience that qualifies you as a candidate. The second paragraph should describe what you want to accomplish for the community as a member of the Board of Directors. The word count for the biographical information should be between 250 to 350 words. The biographies will appear in the January 2012 issue of the newsletter.

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**Candidates Sought for Board of Directors  
Please submit applications by December 10th**

### **Board Adopts 2012 Budget By Mary Kennedy**

At its November 3rd Budget Adoption Meeting, the Board:

- Presented 2012 Operating Budget and Reserve Schedule;
- Entertained homeowners' comments on proposed budget;
- Approved 2012 Budget;
- Confirmed nominating committee for upcoming Board elections;
- Confirmed Bruce Lorie as chair of pool committee.

### **Treasure's Report**

Delivered by President, John Greco, for absent Treasurer, Bobby Merrill. Community Bylaws dictate November passage of a proposed budget for the following year. The budget is not written in stone but reflects the best estimate of allocated funds needed for next year. The Board retains the right to re-allocate funds appropriately as needs arise during 2012. The Budget and Reserve Schedule for 2012 was distributed at the meeting with prior availability from Lighthouse Property Management.

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### **Message from the President December 2011**

As President, one of my jobs has been to field reports from homeowners who say that they have seen a dangerous looking alligator. Because my wife and I love all the wildlife we observe by our home, I have been hesitant to call in the trappers. Truth be told, we are delighted when we see a gator. In studying this issue, here is what I've learned.

**Rule of Thumb: All Florida fresh waters have alligators.** There may be, of course, exceptions to this rule. However, you can't be sure about the exceptions. Since we live next to a large natural State Park, you should absolutely assume that the rule of thumb applies, **even if you can't see them.**

It's very important to keep children and pets away from the water's edge by our lakes and ponds. Do not allow dogs to swim or explore the water because dogs look like prey to alligators.

If you see an alligator, one of the most important rules is ...**Leave It Alone.** Alligators shouldn't be feared, but they definitely deserve respect. Because alligators sometimes need to move large distances to meet their survival needs, they often show up in undesirable locations such as backyards.

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## Rivendell Board Meeting

NEXT BOARD MEETING

WILL BE

December 8th 2011

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).

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Members of the Nominating Committee are Ken Heckert kenheckert@verizon.net (Board Liaison), Mike Bergman (MBBergman@aol.com), Barbara Gahry (BGahry@aol.com) and David Tomer (dtomer64@comcast.net).

If there are more than 3 candidates for the Board, there will be a "Meet the Candidates Night" in January 2012 (date to be announced) at which time you will have the opportunity to meet the candidates and ask them questions.

## NOW IS THE TIME

By David Gill

"Now is time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of their...community." Not said by Patrick Henry or Abraham Lincoln, but by Charles Weller, a court reporter testing a typewriter in 1867. But seriously, now IS the time for all Rivendell residents - especially you - to think about who will be making decisions about our community in 2012 and beyond. Three new board members will be elected next February. Now is the time to make sure they espouse your concerns and ideas on how to maintain the value of our home and community. Now is the time to talk to those neighbors you trust and convince them to volunteer a few hours a month. Better yet, talk to your spouse and realize that one of you really should step forward to serve the community. Don't let it be "Now is the winter of our discontent". Realize that NOW is the time to call one of the members of the Nominating Committee, listed on page 3 of this issue of The Woodlands Word, or e-mail Kyanne Merrill at Lighthouse Property Management (kyannemerrill@mgmtv.com) and add you name. You won't regret it.

## Vandalism and Sabotage in

Rivendell

By Judy Sokal

Dear friends and neighbors, it is with a heavy heart that I must report to you that Rivendell is being targeted by an unknown person or persons. In September, the sprinkler timers controlling the islands along Rainbow Point Way were deliberately turned off so that our plants would die. Luckily, our landscape company discovered the problem and the sprinklers were turned back on. But we were forced to purchase a lock for that area to preclude further mischief. In November, the irrigation system timer to the pool was turned off -- on purpose. Had that not been detected quickly, we might have experienced costly repairs to the system.

Finally, also in November, a vehicle deliberately rode on the common area's grass at the park on the Sarasota side of Rivendell Blvd. between the intersections of Placid Lake Dr. and Clear Creek Dr. in a behavior called "donuting." The vehicle goes back and forth repeatedly, and in this case, not only ruined a large grassy area, but also backed over one of our bushes as well as an irrigation timer box that was only four months old. Valley Crest made the repairs very quickly, and we thank them for their timely help, but there were more significant costs for this replacement. Needless to say, the police were contacted.

What can we do? Please, be more vigilant as you walk or drive through our community. If you notice anyone who seems to be somewhere that doesn't make sense, please call Lighthouse Property Management immediately at 966-6844. Rivendell belongs to all of us, and is the responsibility of us all. **If you see vandalism taking place, call 911.**

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### Homeowner Comments

Concerns were raised over budgeted maintenance allowances for landscape, wetlands/environmental/preserves and landscape replacement. Further discussion focused on proposed pool expenditures and lack of funds for a new irrigation pump.

### Budget Approval

The Board approved the following changes: Reduced Wetlands, Environmental/Preserves expenses by \$3,600; Increased Pool House Exterior Painting Reserve expense by \$1,000; Increased Contingency Fund by \$2,600. The 2012 budget was then adopted.

### Nominating Committee Appointed

In preparation for the election of three new Board members in 2012 the nominating committee of Ken Heckert, chair, Barbara Gahry, Mike Bergman, and Dave Tomer was approved.

### Pool Committee Chair Confirmed

Bruce Lorie was confirmed as new chair of the Pool Committee.

(Message from Pres. continued from page 1)

Your property is usually a temporary resting place. The gator will most likely leave on its own in search of a more suitable habitat. Wild alligators have a natural fear of man. If left alone, an alligator would much rather avoid humans than attack them.

People should report only those alligators that are actively causing problems or posing a threat. They should not report an alligator that is simply sunning itself on a bank or swimming in a lake, which is just doing what alligators naturally do. However, if a gator advances towards you when it sees you, some misguided person has probably fed it and it now associates people with food. In that case, it has unfortunately been rendered dangerous and should be removed.

Alligators play a valuable role in the ecology of our wetlands by helping to keep other animal populations in balance. It is my hope that a better understanding of the information presented here will help ensure that Rivendell residents and our indigenous neighbors can continue to safely and favorably coexist.

John Greco

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## Watch Your Mail For Special Form By Barb Gahry

It's time to update the Rivendell Resident Directory for 2012.

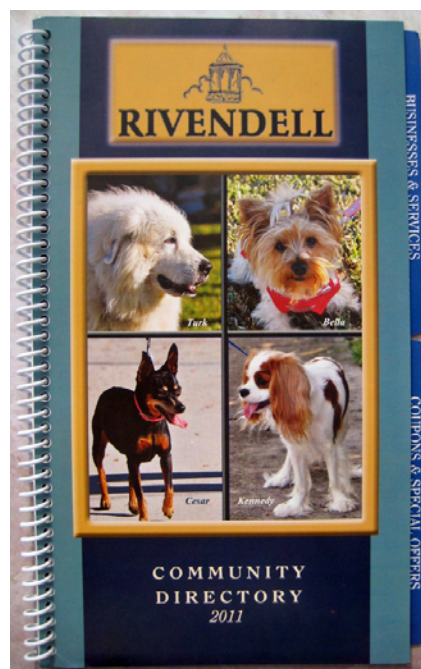
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A pre-addressed, stamped envelope will accompany the form for your convenience. All owners of record will be published in the directory, even if the home is used as a rental property. We encourage all residents to return the completed form as soon as possible after receiving it. Last year, our directory theme was Pets of Rivendell. The 2012 theme will be Beautiful Gardens of Rivendell (see adjacent article). Send your high-resolution photos to Barb Gahry at [bgahry@aol.com](mailto:bgahry@aol.com) for inclusion into the directory.

## New Directory Coming in March 2012 -We Need Photos

The Communications Committee is very pleased that the publisher of our annual Directory will have it ready for residents in March 2012. This means that those interested in submitting their high-resolution photos to Barb Gahry ([bgahry@aol.com](mailto:bgahry@aol.com)) should do so as soon as possible.

Last year's was deemed "best" by all advertisers, and we hope to do as well in the coming issue. Our theme for 2012 is "The Gardens of Rivendell" and we are looking for photos of your gardens, flower beds, or even individual flowers. It should be a stunning new Directory. Thanks in advance for your photos!



**Please complete and return this card ONLY if you have changes or additions to your listing in our 2012 Rivendell Directory.**

**OR:**

**For convenience, you may instead e-mail your changes to:**  
[arguswmo@netzero.net](mailto:arguswmo@netzero.net)

Our directory is intended for the use of residents only and should not be given to any non-residents. Our local publisher, SunDown Publishing, will only distribute directories inside of the community of Rivendell and your listing information will remain private.

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# \_\_\_\_\_ Our annual directory is provided to our homeowners at no cost to the community. If you need more than 1 copy, our publisher will make them available for cost. Show the number of extra copies you need and return a check made out to SunDown Publishing. The cost is \$8.00 per extra copy.

**THIS FORM, OR YOUR E-MAIL, MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Each Year your Rivendell Communications Committee strives to provide our residents with an accurate, useful and private directory. Thank you for your cooperation and help.

This is an example of the directory information form.

## NEXT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP and ELECTION MEETING

Monday, February 6th, 2012  
 6:00 pm at Bentley's  
 Mark Your Calendars Now  
 And Consider Running for one of  
 the Board Seats up for Election

## Landscape/Environmental Committee

### Minutes of November 8, 2011

By Dave Gill

#### 1. Old Business

- a. Tree Trimming by VC Arbor Division will start December 1, 2011.
- b. Main irrigation pump: is proving to be more difficult than originally thought to install a temporary flow meter to determine water needs. Valley Crest is still assessing the option of a second pump versus a new larger submerged pump.
- c. The old plastic boxes for the solar equipment have been removed.
- d. Generator: The committee still feels that this is not a LEC issue and refers it back to the Board for disposition. Committee recommends: either offer it for sale to Rivendell residents or give it to a charitable organization.
- e. Pine View Trail: Last June we had Aquagenix apply herbicide to exotics and vines along the path. The dead material has looked messy, but the committee agreed that over time the material will fall down and decay and new natural growth will take over. Assess again next March.
- f. Bahia grass around some ponds. Committee recommends that the board advise Valley Crest not to mow every week and to allow areas to go to seed this winter for rejuvenation. This should be added to the Valley Crest contract.

#### 2. Lakes Report

- a. Aquatic Systems Contract was signed. No problems were discussed.

#### 3. Wetland Report

- a. Exotics control and some nuisance work are on-going. Next year's contract will include more extermination of Fox Grape Vines in the preserves.
- b. Aquagenix's new contract will start January 1st, 2012.

#### 4. New Business & Landscaping Projects

- a. Adding trees and cleaning up bushes on the road side of Golden Pond, Pine Pond, Placid Lake and Eagle Lake. Committee recommends getting proposals from at least three (3) landscape companies to plant new palm trees in the existing mulched islands. Visual effect should

be similar to Ibis Pond, if it can be done without irrigation. Committee will discuss again at next meeting.

- b. Placid Lake Drive Island. The end point needs more pizzazz. Committee will get proposals to add large rocks, society garlic, roses and Muhly grass similar to the point at Rainbow Point Blvd., if it can be done without irrigation.
- c. Yellowing and death of Slash Pine trees in community. Bob Mertens, horticulturist for the Sarasota County Extension Services department advises that many of these trees, also seen on golf courses, are subject to a Pine Chlorosis. It is an urban problem caused by poor drainage, too much irrigation and too much fertilizer. The trees do well in low PH sandy soil on dry raised hammocks. There is not much we can do about it, but plan to replace them with other hardwoods or palm trees.

#### 5. Other Landscaping/Environmental issues

- a. A palm tree leans over the fence at west side of pool and drops seeds into pool. Committee will see if Valley Crest can keep it clean, so that seed and plant material do not drop into the pool. If problematic, the tree may have to be removed.
- b. The variegated leafed yellow Arboricola on the Rivendell Avenue Bridge are not even. Some plants look puny and stunted. The Committee recommends getting a "soil test" first to determine any deficiencies and then discuss options at next meeting.
- c. The Landscaping contract with Valley Crest will be edited and up-dated for 2012 by Ken Heckert and Dave Gill for approval by the Board.

#### 6. Next meeting: (Second Tuesdays of month) Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 7:00 PM, at the Cottages Clubhouse.

Participants: David Gill (Chair), Rosanne Beatty, Carole Myles, Ken Heckert, Carol Heckert, Carl Schubert, Walter Perkowski, Jim Stepien, Bruce Lorie.

## Osprey Library at Historic Spanish Point



### By Hope Kocian and Sara Jones

From the Sarasota County Government News  
<http://www.scgov.net/NewsStories/news17.asp>

The Sarasota County library system has opened **The Osprey Library at Historic Spanish Point**, 337 North Tamiami Trail. Enter through the main Visitors Center Door.

**The Osprey Library is open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.** A library drop box is available 24 hours a day and free parking is available.

The library offers the same services featured at each of the county's other libraries: free on-site computers, free Wi-Fi access, online availability of the entire library catalog and pick-up and drop off service for items from other libraries within the system. The Friends of Osprey Library provided the furniture for the porch adjacent to the library for comfortable seating.

The new library is a "connections" library. "A connections library has a smaller physical footprint than our other libraries, but thanks to technology, offers all the services our customers expect," said librarian Peg Mendon who will be available during library hours to assist customers.

The mid-County library project has been in the planning stages for several years, but lack of space and budget constraints had put the possibility of a new library in question. "We could not have done this without the support of the Osprey community," Sarabeth Kalajian, general manager of the Sarasota County Library system said.

For more information, call **941-918-4037** or visit <http://sclibs.net/Libraries/osprey.aspx>

## Pool Committee News

### By Bruce Lorie, Committee Chair

Members of the Pool Committee plan to recommend to the Board that we make several upgrades to the Pool Complex. The first upgrade will be to replace bathroom doors and frames. Also included in the first upgrade are plans to repaint the entire Pool Complex inside and out.

Further improvements are in the planning stages; among items being discussed are updating the bathrooms by adding new stalls to the men's and ladies rooms, adding electric hand dryers to both bathrooms, and installing new sinks, faucets, toilets and urinals. We would also recommend tiling the bathroom floors for sanitary reasons. These improvements will not cost the homeowners any additional out of pocket expenses.

I hope this will clear up any rumors regarding the Pool Complex. Please stay tuned for more Pool News.

I would like to thank the residents of Rivendell for the positive response to improving our community.

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## Through The Lens

By Kay Mruz

In March of this year I was once again by the ponds at the front of Rivendell trying to decide between two potential photo opportunities. A mottled duck was flying in for a landing while a heron was becoming very upset about an egret coming closer and closer to it's hunting area. Suddenly, out of the corner of my eye I caught movement right behind me. To my surprise it was a river otter crossing the road going from one pond to another. Everything happened at once! Before I could raise my camera, the otter went under water, the duck flew away and the egret and heron settled their differences. After seeing the otter I was determined to search the ponds to find another.

River otters are long, slim mammals 38"-47" in length and weigh 10-20 lbs. They have short legs, webbed feet and sturdy tails. Their fur is a rich dark brown with a soft, insulated undercoat protected by an outer layer of long, water-repellent guard hairs. Air is trapped between these layers to help keep them warm and dry underwater. River otters have long muscular tails and short little legs with webbed paws. Special valves close off their ears and nostrils when underwater. With one breath they can remain submerged up to four minutes and dive to depths of 55 feet. Otters live along the banks of rivers, streams, lakes and ponds in forested areas. They may dig their own dens or use other empty animal burrows, most often beaver, which they modify to suit their needs. There is usually one entrance underwater and one above ground. Hollow logs can also be used as a den. Dens are lined with various types of vegetation to keep them warm and dry.

A river otter's diet consists mostly of crayfish, frogs, crabs, and various types of fish. Sensitive facial whiskers help find prey in murky water. Their energetic and playful nature requires them to eat 15% to 20% of their total body weight each day.

My endless searching of the neighborhood ponds finally paid off one morning when I caught sight of a mother otter and her pups. Otter young are born between November and May. Litter size is usually two to four pups. The pups are born fully furred but blind and toothless. After four weeks they open their eyes and begin to play. By the time they are seven weeks old they have been introduced to water. They must learn how to swim from their mother.

Otter pups are able to fend for themselves by four months of age. They will stay with their mother as a family unit for the next year.

There will be many opportunities to photograph a mottled duck flying by, or a confrontation between herons and egrets, but it will probably be a long time before I see another river otter and her pups!



*Proud Mama Otter ~ photo by Kay Mruz*



*We otter be in pictures~ photo by Kay Mruz*

### Did You Know?

There are valuable coupons for a variety of services and restaurants located in the back of your **2011 Rivendell Community Directory**. (blue tab labeled Coupons and Special Offers)

**Enjoy!**





Chris Dower – photo by Judy Sokal

## Chris Dower: Rivendell's Own Computer Whiz

By Mike Bergman

Need some help with your Mac or PC computer? Printer or scanner quit working? Can't quite get the hang of your new smart phone, iPod, or iPad? Caught a virus that slows down or crashes your computer? Fear not. Just call our resident computer guru, Chris Dower. Chris has already helped some of our neighbors, and he can help you with all of the above, plus much more.

Chris lives with his family on Mallard Marsh Drive, and attends Pine View School. His parents moved to Rivendell from California, because of our proximity to this world-class school. Chris does his community service by volunteering at the Venice Library. He is an intern with the Pine View School Tech Department. He gets the call when the school's computer hardware or software malfunctions. Upon graduation, Chris hopes to attend the University of Florida or Rice, to major in engineering or computer science. There, he'll take part in the ROTC program, with hopes of joining the Navy after graduation.

### 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.



"The Rivendell Rocketts" led by leader Carol Anne Haddock, far left. ~ photo by Judy Sokal

## DID YOU KNOW? Rivendell Water Aerobics

Carol Anne Haddock conducts an informal water aerobics class on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 10 a.m. (9 a.m. during the hot summer season) at the Rivendell Community Pool. Anyone who is interested can contact Carol Anne at 918-8941 or 539-6176.



Side kick, 1, 2, 3.... ~ photo by Judy Sokal



# Cottages Postings



## UPDATES and ACTIONS

Property revitalization program...  
Homeowners being notified about appearance  
upgrade recommendations now.

## RU1NA BOARD ACTIONS

2012 Budget being approved.  
Seeking candidates for 2012-2013 Board Seats.

## BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, January 26th  
Thursday, February 23rd – including Annual Mem-  
bers Meeting and Board Elections.  
Thursday, April 19th

## SOCIALS

Christmas party: Sunday, December 11th at Barth's  
starting at 6:00pm. Followed by desserts at Brown's  
at 7:30pm.

## FLAG DAYS

Wednesday, December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day  
Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day  
Sunday, January 1 – New Year's Day  
Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



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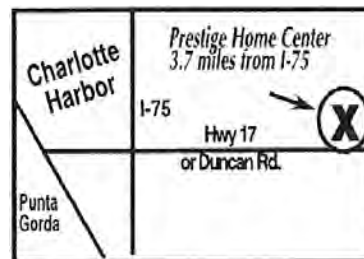
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## ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA



### Lights in Bloom at Selby Gardens December 16 to 23 and 26, 27th, 2011 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Selby Gardens are magically illuminated with flowers, butterflies, dragonflies, and Birds of Paradise in lights. Lights in Bloom will include miniature garden trains, Santa and his elves, as well as Hanukkah and Kwanzaa activities. Appetizers, beer, wine, and kids "merry meals" are available for purchase.

This is a fund-raising special event; therefore no passes, coupons, discounts or reciprocals will be honored. There are no refunds or rain checks given. Tickets purchased in advance can be used for any night. 941-366-5731 <http://www.selby.org/events/lights-bloom-2011>

### Van Wezel Performing Arts Center 2011-2012 Event Brochure

This link will allow you to page through the Van Wezel's Event Brochure. After you have gone to the link, just click the moving arrow in the upper right hand corner of the "brochure" page.

[http://www.vanwezel.org/brochure.cfm?utm\\_source=Van+Wezel&utm\\_campaign=122731ed5a-tix-onsale&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.vanwezel.org/brochure.cfm?utm_source=Van+Wezel&utm_campaign=122731ed5a-tix-onsale&utm_medium=email)

The event calendar: <http://www.vanwezel.org/index.cfm>



### Run Through Rivendell By Shannon Banks, LHM

**Event Name:** Race for Jena  
**Date of Race:** January 14th, 2012  
**Web site:** [Smiles929foundation.org](http://Smiles929foundation.org)

• **1k Walkers/Runners will stay on Pine View Grounds.**

• **5k Runners will start at Pine View Track.** Proceed South on Old Venice Avenue to Rivendell. Runners will run in Rivendell for 1 mile then turn around and end race on Pine View track. Expect 75 runners to run through Rivendell. Anticipate runners entering Rivendell at 8:10 am and exiting Rivendell by 10:00 am at the latest. The police will close one lane only and volunteers will be on site as well. Traffic should be light. We welcome any homeowners to participate, volunteer or cheer on the runners.

Race for Jena has been granted a RIGHT-OF-WAY USE permit No. 11 133072 00 BW to run through Rivendell on January 14th, 2012. The race will begin at 7:30 am and conclude at 10:00.

The Jena Ashley Smiles 929 Foundation is a non-profit organization started in memory of Jena Ashley Leblang (Hellman) by her friends and family. The mission of the Foundation is to put smiles on the faces of those who need them through our own actions and activities as well as by supporting new and ongoing community service projects, especially focused on youth, literacy, and medical research.

## BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE

By Marilyn Probert



The Book Group's topic on Monday, December 12, will be "The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey" by Candice Millard. After TR's humiliating defeat in the presidential election of 1912, he went off to South America to lick his wounds. While there, he undertook a dangerous expedition to map the Rio da Duvida (River of Doubt). Accompanied by his son Kermit, Candido Rondon (a very famous Brazilian explorer), and an adventurous crew, TR had many harrowing experiences that are well chronicled by Millard. The book discussion will take place in Sallie Hawkins' home at 716 Anna Hope Lane, phone 966-6916.

The January 9, 2012 discussion will center around "March," the Pulitzer Prize winning novel detailing the activities of the absent father of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women." Loosely based on Louisa's father, Bronson, Mr. March had gone to support the Union cause during the Civil War; author Geraldine Brooks outlines the changes that the separation wrought in his relationships with his wife and daughters. Elaine Roeter will be discussion leader, and Barb Gahry will host at her home at 699 Rivendell Boulevard. Barb's phone number is 586-3936.

The February selection is "The Bread Givers" by Anzia Yeziarska, which details the coming of age of Sara Smolinsky, the youngest daughter of an Orthodox Jewish rabbi. Set in the 1920s and 30s, Sara struggles for independence from her father's rigid concepts of a woman's place in the world and within the family.

Book Group meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month, and all Rivendell residents are welcome; if you'd like to attend, just phone the month's hostess so that she'll know how many to expect.



## Recipe Round-up

### Skillet Mac and Cheese

By Marilyn Probert

- 2 cups diced zucchini (about 2 medium sized)
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed basil leaves
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 3 cups cooked elbow macaroni
- 1 28 oz. can diced tomatoes
- 1 can cheddar cheese soup
- 1/2 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

In skillet, cook zucchini, onion, and basil in margarine until tender.

Add remaining ingredients; heat until the cheese melts. Stir occasionally.

As a main dish, this serves about five people. It also makes a nice side dish (a good use for leftovers if you have any!)

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## Medical News You Can Use Flying Can Cause Changes in Insulin Pump Performance By Ed Lin

Diabeticlive.com is warning insulin dependent diabetics planning to take a plane that changes in cabin air pressure while flying may alter the functioning of insulin pumps. The research arose out of an incident involving a young diabetic traveler using an insulin pump whose blood sugar levels dropped unexpectedly one hour into a flight.

After uncovering reports of similar incidents involving insulin pumps delivering incorrect insulin doses while being used on planes, a team of researchers from John Hunter Children's Hospital in Australia decided to perform some tests.

They placed ten insulin pumps on a commercial flight. When they analyzed them later, they found the pumps delivered 1 to 1.4 extra units of insulin after take-off, and that a small amount of insulin was drawn back into the pumps when descending for a landing.

To read the entire story on diabeticlive.com, including the researchers' suggestions for diabetics with insulin pumps who plan to travel by plane, visit this website: <http://www.diabeticlive.com/diabetes-101/diabetes-news/changes-in-pressure-during-flight-may-affect-insulin-pumps/>

## LIFE-SAVING MEDICAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

By Ed Lin

Ed's Note: The teaching below is literally a real life saver and will nearly double the chance of CPR success. Just note the last few sentences which state that this procedure should not be used on young children (much less force should be used so you do not crush their rib cage) and drowning victims (without mouth-to-mouth or other ventilator assistance).

## Take a few minutes to learn Sarver Heart Center's Continuous Chest Compression CPR, developed at the Univ. of Arizona

Every three days, more Americans die from sudden cardiac arrest than the number who died in the 9-11 attacks. You can lessen this recurring loss by learning Continuous Chest Compression CPR, a hands-only CPR method that doubles a person's chance of surviving cardiac arrest. It's easy and does not require mouth-to-mouth contact, making it more likely bystanders will try to help; it was developed at the University of Arizona College of Medicine.

"This video is worth sharing," said **Gordon A. Ewy, MD**, director of the UA Sarver Heart Center and one of the research pioneers who developed this method.

Please see: <http://medicine.arizona.edu/spotlight/learn-sarver-heart-centers-continuous-chest-compression-cpr>

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## Sarasota Environmental Services Residential Yard Waste

### What to do for your yard waste, garbage and recycling pickup?

Place **yard waste** separately at the curb in a garbage can or Kraft bag (do not mix yard waste with garbage) that does not exceed 40 pounds and does not protrude more than one foot above the edge of the container. The use of plastic bags for yard waste is discouraged, but allowed.

**Branches, limbs and bulky yard waste should be bundled and tied with string.**

**Bundles must not exceed 40 pounds or four feet in length.**

**Bundles should be stacked as neatly as possible at the curb.**

Containers and bundles must out at curb by 6 a.m. on pickup day (Thursday for Rivendell).

Cans must not exceed 40 pounds; must be leak proof and waterproof; trash should not protrude more than one foot above the edge.

Bags must be closed and unbroken. Loose trash will not be picked up.

Items weighing more than 40 pounds require a special pickup. Call 941-493-4100.

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**How-to Guide for Residential Solid Waste 2011**

**WM Collection Schedule Map**

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**Greenway Carpet Care**, 941-228-1917, Dave Eschenbach. I have used Greenway Carpet Care multiple times over the past few years and each time I am more impressed with the quality and professionalism of this firm. The business is owned by Dave Eschenbach and he is the most knowledgeable and professional individual I have ever used to clean my carpets. His phone number is 941-228-1917 and his website is [www.GreenwayCarpet.com](http://www.GreenwayCarpet.com). Dave Swanson

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

**MOTHER'S HELPER/BABY SITTER: 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 baby sit your kids so you can have a well-deserved evening out! I am extremely friendly and responsible!

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**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](mailto:dowertechnologies@gmail.com).

**BABY SITTER 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.

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**If you have a service provider you'd like to recommend, please email Norma Lee at [nlrhines@verizon.net](mailto:nlrhines@verizon.net)**

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

### Minutes of Oct. 25 2011 Meeting

#### By Barry McClure

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

Guest: none

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM initially with a quorum of (all) 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.	1036 Oak Meadow	Lane Irrigation Well	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Pafumi 2nd: Greco Notes: (none)
2.	928 Eagle Isle Court	Painting front door	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: McClure 2nd: Roeter Notes: (none)
3.	934 Eagle Isle Court	Install beveled front door panels	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Roeter 2nd: Pafumi Notes: (none)
4.	934 Eagle Isle Court	Pool Cage addition	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Roeter 2nd: Pafumi Notes: (none)
5.	549 Meadow Sweet Circle	1) Porch railing 2) House painting	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Beatty 2nd: McClure Notes: (none)
6.	547 Meadow Sweet Circle	Landscaping additions	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Pafumi 2nd: Roeter Notes: (none)

New business: none

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Next Meeting: November 29, 2011 6:00 p.m.

Editors' Note: The following are the official minutes of the Rivendell Board of Directors. As such, they are published as they were received. The Woodlands Word is not responsible for any errors in spelling, grammar, or content. The official Board Minutes can also be viewed on-line through the Rivendell website at Lighthouse Management.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Minutes of Sept. 8, 2011 Meeting

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 6:00 P.M., at the 1st Baptist Church, located at 265 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

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

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Notice of the meeting was delivered to each Director and posted on the property prior to the meeting, in accordance with the requirements of the Association documents and Florida Statutes.

The following Directors were present: John Critser, Judy Sokal, Bobby Merrill, John Greco  
Ken Heckert was absent.  
A quorum was declared to be present.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Ms. Sokal to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Sokal and seconded by Mr. Merrill to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of June 2, 2011. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Merrill reported. The current financials indicate expenditures are under budget. This is mainly due to landscaping and legal fees; however, several landscaping projects have been approved or will be in the near future. After discussion, the Board asked Mr. Greco to contact the association attorney to recommend a course of action to pursue collection of HOA fees owed in arrears.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Communication:** Ms. Sokal reported. Publication of the Woodlands Word is progressing well with the new publisher. Barb Gahry is working on the 2012 Community Directory.

**Architectural Review:** Mr. Greco reported. ARC meetings have been held monthly as scheduled. All ARC meeting minutes are published in the Woodlands Word.

**Pool:** Mr. Greco reported. A plumber had been engaged to replace a valve at the pool shower. The metal doorframes at the rest rooms need to be replaced due to extensive rusting. Price quotes for the door frames will be sought.

Contracts for services at the pool have been reviewed. The contract with Southwest Pools has been in affect since 12/08 and requires no modification. Mr. Greco received a proposal from Mr. Bo Potter to update his contract. A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Ms Sokal

**MOTION 11-27:** to approve the proposed contract with Bo Potter for cleaning services at the community pool at a price of \$375.00 per month. Motion passed

**Landscape/Environmental:** Mr. Gill reported. The committee met 8/23/11. The contract with Aquatic Systems expires 9/30 and should be renewed. Members of the Board should meet with Valley Crest concerning contract inclusions and expectations prior to contract renewal this fall. Aquagenix is emphasizing exotic plant elimination. Vine removal in the preserves behind homes needs to be increased. The next LEC meeting will be held 9/21 at the Cottages clubhouse.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Report delivered by John Critser in the absence of Ms. Merrill. Board members will meet with Lighthouse management to discuss compliance violation reporting and follow up.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Fining of 759 Fordingbridge Way was Tabled pending further input from the association attorney.

b. Quotes from Valley Crest Tree services for pruning were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Critser and seconded by Mr. Greco

**MOTION 11-28:** to move the Rollover fund balance of \$24,425.51 into an account to be used for tree maintenance. Motion passed.

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

**MOTION 11-29:** to authorize up to \$30,000 for tree maintenance as described in the Valley Crest proposal. Motion passed.

c. The association attorney has been asked to provide wording to amend Article 4.02 of our deed restrictions. Mr. Greco will follow up.

d. Mr. Greco will seek price quotes for a second irrigation pump.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

Mr. Critser tendered his resignation from the office of President because he has accepted a position out of State and will often be absent. A motion was made by Mr. Merrill and seconded by Ms, Sokal

**MOTION 11-30:** to accept Mr. Critser's resignation from the office of President. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Sokal and seconded by Mr. Merrill

**MOTION 11-31:** to appoint Mr. Greco as President. Motion passed.

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The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for December 8, 2011.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Judy Sokal, Secretary

Dated: This 12th day of September, 2011.

### Manager's Report

9.8.11

#### On Site/Maintenance-

- Coordinated repair of entrance fence.
- Scheduled repair of pool shower.
- Compliance drives through community.

#### Administrative-

- Forwarded financials to Board for review.
- Forwarded draft agenda to board for review.
- Forwarded draft minutes for review.
- Forwarded ARC requests to committee.
- Approved minutes posted to website.
- Forwarded approved minutes to Ms. Babbitt for publishing in the newsletter.
- Obtaining information about "water usage permit".
- Met with John Critser and Paving company to obtain estimate for alleyway repairs.

#### Correspondence-

- Letters sent to homeowners regarding submitted ARC forms.
- Letters sent to homeowners with compliance violations.

#### Compliance-

- Compliance letters mailed to homeowners. Total: 145

Roof/Fence/Structure	25
Dogs/Nuisance	0
Yard Condition/Weeds	40
For Sale signs	2
Garbage Cans	7
Mailbox	0
Vehicles	17
B.B hoop/play equip.	2
Light out	52

Vote for fining:

759 Fordingbridge Way-

DEAD FRONT LAWN-

First Notice 5/10/2011

Second Notice 7/1/2011

Final Notice 8/3/2011 (returned w/ forwarding address)

Final Notice 8/26/2011 (re-mailed to forwarding AZ address due to last one returned)

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Kyanne Merrill, CAM  
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## RCA Committees 12/2011

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Spaulding (pending Board approval)

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**Your input and feedback are always encouraged and welcomed.**

# COYOTES IN RIVENDELL

A large coyote was recently spotted in Rivendell, and the Herald Tribune mentioned increased activity on Venice Island.

Please be aware that these animals are out and about and can be dangerous to pets and people.



## Rivendell Directory Slated for March 2012 Publication

Sundown Publishing will be producing The Rivendell Directory for 2012. If you wish to advertise, please call Craig Tirgrath at 941-485-8800. Rivendell residents will be given priority for ads submitted.

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](mailto:bgahry@aol.com)

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