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# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

**DECEMBER 2012**

**Candidates Sought for Board of Directors  
Please submit applications by December 13th**

**Candidates Sought for  
Board of Directors  
By Carol Heckert**

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the Board of Directors. Two people will be elected to fill Board vacancies at the Annual Meeting in February. We need homeowners like you to become active and participate if we are to keep the community vibrant.

Are you interested in helping to maintain the beauty and functioning of our community while keeping costs within the limits of our annual budget? If so, you may want to become a candidate for the Board of Directors. Board members have a variety of functions, which include approving expenditures, maintaining the budget, enforcing covenants, overseeing contracts, passing standing rules and serving as liaison to Rivendell committees.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors, please write a Letter of Intent consisting of two paragraphs. The first paragraph should briefly describe your background plus 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. The Letter of Intent (limit word count to 250-350 words) and a photo should be sent **by December 13th** to LHM: [kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv](mailto:kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv) and [shannonbanks@mgmt.tv](mailto:shannonbanks@mgmt.tv). Their phone number

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**Highlights of Annual Budget/  
Board Meeting November 5, 2012  
By Mary Kennedy, Reviewed by  
Bobby Merrill**

*Editors' Note: The "Highlights" are not the final approved minutes. The Minutes of the November 5, 2012 Board Meeting will be voted on by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting. The Approved Board Minutes of August 20, 2012 are located at the back of this issue.*

**At this meeting the Board:**

- \* Approved proposed Budget for 2013.
- \* Agreed to pursue litigation as the fourth step of non-compliance for two homeowners.
- \* Approved \$4600 for trimming over 200 palm trees measuring 15 feet or higher.
- \* Approved \$980 to kill and remove invasive plants in Crescent and Village Parks.
- \* Approved repairs to pump shed.
- \* Approved stall installations in pool restrooms by Light House Management maintenance department.
- \* Approved Nominating Committee for two 2013 Board positions.
- \* Recommended Maintenance Committee and County determine maintenance directives for property abutting Park Trace border.

**Manager's Report (Kyanne Merrill)**

Convened Special Meeting of Board of Directors with attorney Paul Olah to discuss owners' past due and collection procedures October 3, 2012.

*(Meeting highlights continued on p.2)*

(Meeting highlights continued from P. 1)

Convened Budget Workshop of Board of Directors to review budget and reserves October 3, 2012. Contacted County regarding lifted sidewalks near pool. Sent 54 compliance letters to homeowners concerning yard conditions, roof/fence/structures and signs. Coordinated requests for street light repairs and fence repair/cleaning.

**Treasurer’s Report (Bobby Merrill)**

\$13,000 under budget, pool \$4,000 over budget. Funds currently in a First America CD can be put in a Money Market Account to increase interest rate 0.35%. This was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Architectural Review (Gwen Stepien)**

ARC approved 16 of 24 submitted applications. After discussion regarding application for an above ground propane tank it was determined to be a County issue: permits, safety standards and installation requirements are not an ARC issue.

**Maintenance (Jim Stepien)**

Water lettuce in front ponds is a nuisance. One newly planted palm tree has died, will be replaced under warranty. More than 200 palm trees over 15 feet need trimming costing \$4600 or \$23 per tree. Village Park and Crescent Park are overrun with invasive plants. Aquagenix will spray to curtail their growth and Sun State will remove subsequent debris. Cost is \$490 per park. Common areas not covered by either Aquagenix or Sun State are currently falling through the cracks and must be addressed as a contract addendum in 2013.

Builder/developer provided only three quarters of community’s common area with irrigation and electricity. For the past 12 years the Community Association has been addressing this void and will probably continue to do so until a unified appearance throughout Rivendell is finally realized. FPL have absented themselves from the problem stating that a licensed electrician must be employed for any future irrigation projects and landscape lighting.

Installation of pool restroom stalls, for which funding had previously been approved, will be done by LHM maintenance department.

**Communications (Barbara Gahry)**

Compiling the 2013 Community Directory will begin in January.

The Woodlands Word should be included as part of the Communications Committee not as a separate report.

**New Business:**

Board approved proposed Budget for 2013 (Bobby Merrill, treasurer).

Board approved Barb Gahry, Mike Bergman, Carol Heckert and Dave Tomer as members of the Nominating Committee for two 2013 Board positions. (Nancy Schubert, Board representative).

Board approved legal action as fourth step in noncompliance of two homeowners: 1076 Mallard Marsh-for sale sign location; 718 Shadow Bay Way-for dead palm fronds and weeds in landscape.

Board recommended Maintenance Committee work with County in confirming exact location of County property and Rivendell’s common property on Park Trace border to determine maintenance procedures. This ongoing source of homeowners’ and Board’s frustration is the result of aggressive bush hogging several years ago decimating visual buffer between Park Trace and Rivendell.

**Next Meetings**

Board Meeting in January TBA  
Annual Homeowners’ Association Meeting February 4, 2013.

**Homeowner Comments**

Marilyn Probert, 775 Fordingbridge Way, was reassured that squatters were not residing in foreclosed house on Fordingbridge. Rosanne Beatty, 1104 Mill Pond Court requested budget clarification. Larry Southwick, 550 Meadow Sweet Circle, requested clarification on landscape contract and irrigation pump services.

*Residents desiring a copy of the budget may pick one up at Lighthouse Property Management, 16 Church Street in Osprey.*

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is 966-6844. If you have any questions, feel free to call any member of the Nominating Committee. Committee members are Nancy Schubert, chairperson, Mike Bergman, Barbara Gahry, Carol Heckert, and David Tomer.

We will publish the letters and photos from all candidates in the January Woodlands Word, and will hold a Candidates Night if there are more candidates than open positions.

### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

By Jim Stepien, Chair

As a result of the Maintenance Committee (MC) meeting falling just two days after the RCA Board Meeting, only one agenda item was discussed. At the Board Meeting, the MC was tasked with gathering information regarding an area of common land on the northeast corner of our community. Since the MC members are not all familiar with the area, it was decided that we would do one of our committee walk-arounds and then schedule an MC meeting to fully discuss this item.

#### The MC made the following proposals and status report to the Board:

Palm Tree trimming - the MC requested funding to trim 200 palms throughout the community. The Board approved the request, and the work will be scheduled as quickly as possible.

Crescent Park and Village Park restoration - the MC requested funding to have the invasive vines, shrubs, and Brazilian Pepper plants treated. Once these plants have been killed we will have our landscape contractor remove the dead vegetation. The Board approved the request and work will begin soon.

The main pump shed located near the bridge on Rivendell Boulevard should be renovated in the next few weeks.

A broken wall lamp in the pool complex was repaired and all three lamps were repainted.

The MC is continuing to review options for improving the appearance of the traffic islands at Rivendell Boulevard and Placid Lake Drive, and also the bridge plantings on Rivendell Boulevard.

#### Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

Our next MC meeting has not been scheduled due to the upcoming holidays. Please contact Jim at [jimstepien@gmail.com](mailto:jimstepien@gmail.com) if you would like to be notified once a date and time are set.

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• information available at the time of publication.  
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### The Rivendell Bridge Group By John Beatty



The Rivendell Bridge Club

On Monday evening, October 15, the foursome of Fr. Ed Kearns, Jane Lettich, Lois Konet and John Beatty enjoyed a game of Rubber Bridge. Lois, a newcomer to our band of bridge players, was a welcome addition.

The Rivendell Bridge Club met again on Monday evening, October 29th. The foursome of Jane Lettich, Steve Bragg, Ann Bragg and John Beatty enjoyed a game of Rubber Bridge. The Bragg's are frequent substitutes when regular players are unable to attend. Our newest member, Lois Konet, was unable to join us. We wish her a speedy recovery, and look forward to her return in the near future.

The Bridge Club meets every Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the clubhouse in the Cottages. We are an informal club, without officers or dues. Occasionally someone brings treats. Mostly, we just get together and play cards.

Rivendell residents, whether players or kibitzers, are always welcome to join our group. Stop by and meet some of your neighbors who share a common interest. For more information, please call or email John Beatty; Telephone: 941-966-3780, Email: [JRBeatty80@aol.com](mailto:JRBeatty80@aol.com)

**Rivendell Board Meeting  
NEXT BOARD MEETING  
To Be Announced - Stay Tuned!**

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
& ELECTION MEETING**

**Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Mark Your Calendars Now**

**Do Consider Running for one of  
the Board Seats up for Election**



## Swimming with Manatees

### By Carol Heckert

In the winter, when the Gulf of Mexico becomes cool, manatees swim inland to reach warmer waters. Manatees cannot live in water below 68 degrees. The Crystal River is a favorite winter home for manatees, as the water is warm all year round.

In December 2009 we drove to the Crystal River to swim with the manatees. We signed up for a manatee swimming tour with Captain Joe. He takes up to six people out on a boat from 9:30 AM until they are ready to return. He provides wet suits, snorkeling gear, snacks and drinks as part of the tour.

The day was chilly, so we put on wetsuits. As we motored out on the water in search of manatees, Captain Joe educated us about manatees and how to conduct ourselves with them in the water. He located a spot where there were about 30 manatees and only one other small boatload of snorkelers. It was difficult to see the manatees from the boat, but once we had on our snorkeling gear and looked underwater they were everywhere. They were as curious about us as we were about them. One swam right up to me to stare into my face. We saw a mother manatee nursing her baby. After a while the manatees ignored us and we just floated around with them until we were tired. We didn't return to shore until about 3:00 PM.

It was an exciting experience to enter into the manatees' world under the water and to swim among these big, gentle creatures. We heartily recommend the trip for adventurous nature lovers of all ages. Weblink: *Manatee Tours Crystal River Florida Manatee Swim Tours | fun2dive*



## Take Down Your Hurricane Shutters Please

Hurricane season, which lasts from June 1 to November 30, is officially over.

(For exact wording consult *Rivendell Community Directory 2012*, p.9, 4.09 Hurricane Shutters)

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

The Communications Committee is very pleased that our annual Directory will be ready for residents in March 2013. This means that those interested in submitting their high-resolution photos to Barb Gahry (bgahry@aol.com) should do so as soon as possible.

Our theme for 2013 is "The Birds of Rivendell" and we are looking for photos of birds we've seen in Rivendell. It should be a stunning new Directory. Thanks in advance for your photos!



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## Flat Stanley visits The Wettlaufers in Osprey!

When Nancy and George Wettlaufer's granddaughter, Alice, was in the second grade, Flat Stanley visited her grandparents in Rivendell. Flat Stanley had a great time at the beach, Farmer's Market, and looking at our baby cranes.

If you want to know more about Flat Stanley, check out pages 6 & 7 in the November 2012 *Woodlands Word*.



Flat Stanley loved his visit to Sarasota!

At the beach, he collected seashells, stuck his toe in the water, ... Brrr! and watched the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico.

Wildlife was everywhere. He saw alligators in the pond behind Grandma and Grandpa's house and made friends with new baby Sandhill Cranes.

At the Saturday Farmer's Market, he filled his basket with strawberries, oranges, tomatoes, and spinach, all grown on a nearby farm. Afterwards, he ate a delicious Grouper sandwich, fresh from the Gulf. Yum!

He was happy to hear it would be warm and sunny when he got back home. Bye, FS. Come again!





## ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA Mark Your Calendar



### **Belle Canto**

**December 8 at 8 pm**

A fun-filled and uplifting holiday concert at The Glenridge by this acclaimed female vocal ensemble. For more information call Judy Sokal at 966-5904 or visit <http://bellecanto.org>

### **Suncoast Chorale**

**Glorious Christmas**

**December 7, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.**

Trinity Presbyterian Church

**December 9, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.**

Venice Presbyterian Church

For more information call (888) 326-8403 or <http://suncoastchorale.com/Schedule/tabid/527/Default.aspx>

### **Lights in Bloom at Selby Gardens**

**December 15 to 23 and 26, 27th, 2012**

**6:00pm to 9:00pm**

Selby Gardens is magically illuminated with flowers, butterflies, and dragonflies 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 fundraising 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>

## **Seeking Nominees for Two Rivendell Board Positions To be elected at the Annual General Election Monday, February 4, 2013**

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

**If you are interested in serving the Rivendell community**, please submit a Letter of Intent (a brief statement highlighting your interest and qualifications), along with your photo to

**Kyanne Merrill at Lighthouse Property Management**

[kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv](mailto:kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv) 966-6844

**Deadline is December 13, 2012**

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## Osprey Nokomis Chamber of Commerce

By Rod Thomas, VP Osprey Nokomis Chamber of Commerce via Sara Jones

Thursday, July 12th, 2012 marked an auspicious occasion within Osprey and Nokomis. In 1974 the Osprey Chamber of Commerce was disbanded for economic and official reasons. The widening of U.S. Route 41, the sale of parkland to the developers of the Oaks and the demise of the local school all led to the collapse of a small business community. Today there is a different story echoing around the many businesses that have, since those early days, sprung into life in this wonderful community.

Osprey Nokomis Chamber of Commerce held their first official open meeting at Bentley's Hotel on July 12th 2012. The turnout was nothing short of amazing with close to 60 local business owner-operators in attendance. Among the attendees was Norma Martin, an original member of the first Osprey Chamber of Commerce. Norma has been a resident and business owner in the area for 66 years and is an inspiration to us all. We were delighted to receive from Norma three original copies of the early Osprey Chamber magazine that takes us back in time to the early 70's. Copies of these magazines will be available on the Osprey Nokomis Chamber Website that is being developed by Jeevy Computing. Over 40 new members have taken advantage of the "Founding Membership" opportunity and everyone is looking forward to showcasing their businesses to the community in the future. Among the first showcase businesses were Armel Jewelers, Butchers Gourmet and Bentley's Hotel, which is the new home to the Osprey Nokomis Chamber community.

Over the years, the community had lost its identity and often when asked "Where is Osprey?" or "Where is Nokomis?" people from the surrounding areas would respond with an "I do not know." However, with the re-birth of the Osprey Nokomis Chamber of Commerce, the business and residential communities can proudly say we are located between Venice and Sarasota, are on beautiful Sarasota Bay, and border Casey Key and Oscar Scherer State Park with its 1,382 acres.

The area is made up of hundreds of businesses in all shapes and sizes from the local bait shop to Wal-Mart Super Store. The majority of the business community is locally owned and operated and all are enthusiastic and energized to make themselves, their quality services, products, and ideas known to the area as well as to attract tourism and customers from all over the world.

Osprey Nokomis Chamber of Commerce is open for business and our community looks forward to introducing ourselves and our businesses as well as putting the area back on the map so that next time someone asks, "Where is Osprey?" or "Where is Nokomis?" everyone will know who and where we are, followed by: "Oh, you just have to go there, it's the place to be!" Check us out online: <http://www.ospreynokomischamber.com>.

Watch for our pages within the Venice Gondolier Sun Edition every Wednesday and look for the **ONCE** (Osprey Nokomis Chamber Editorial) monthly newsletter, available upon request online or at Bentley's Resort and other participating member sites that are listed on the Chamber website.

### Current Board Members:

President:	Ven Konuru, Jeevy Computing
Vice-President:	Rod Thomas, Bentley's Hotel & Resort
Secretary:	Bryan Guetner, Remax Platinum
Treasurer:	Hank Goldsby, First America Bank
Current Event planner:	Kelly Brantley, Jeevy Asset Management
Recently assigned Board Member:	Tony Clements, Oscar Scherer Park

Please contact Rod Thomas at 941-918-0000 for any further information.

## How to Stage a Class Reunion

By Debbie McMurry

I accepted the challenge of organizing our 40th high school class reunion. Little did I know how much time it takes to get it right! First you need people who will help you to the bitter end; once that is settled, it all comes together. I was fortunate to have two co-chairs, my best friends from high school.

### The "How To"

**1. Reach out to find your classmates.** The Internet is your best source, and I found a website (free at the time) called *Class Creator*. The website was user friendly and I was able to design it to our class needs.

**2. Contact the person who possesses the most current list of classmates and contact information.** With the help of my co-chair, we downloaded their names to the website.

**3. Send a message.** I sent messages to everyone informing them of the date (two years in advance); I also asked that anyone who recognized a missing classmate (also listed on the website) contact me.

**4. Form a committee.** During the two-year time frame we held committee meetings every three months. We discussed the length of the reunion (previously we held three day events), the time of year, the venues, gifts, cocktail parties, decorations, entertainment, and remembrance of classmates no longer with us.

**5. Choose the best time of year.** It is extremely important! Our class overlapped the "All Class Reunion" held in the summer every five years. When we were younger, summer was best so we could bring our children. For our 40th reunion, scheduling around our children was no longer necessary, so we selected the Fall, choosing a date around our High School home football game.

### Event planning:

**1. We settled on a three-day reunion** because classmates had to travel from as far away as California and Canada. The first night would be a casual mingling among old friends, the second night, the dinner, and on the third day we would picnic at the beach.

**2. Necessary footwork.** My friend and I visited res-

taurants and country clubs. Speaking directly with each venue's planning coordinator, we discussed drinks, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dancing, and, most importantly, cost. Our goal was to keep the price as low as possible without compromising the event. Many venues required a deposit (generally to cover alcohol consumption). The country club we chose required only a \$100 deposit (Pelican Point Country Club in Venice). We were given three different food menus to choose from, all-inclusive with hors d'oeuvres, main meal, and dessert. We selected the BBQ menu, as it was the least expensive choice. The attire for the evening was "Club Casual," again making this reunion cost-effective. Our classmates each paid for their own liquor consumption; however, we did purchase a keg furnished by the club for \$200. The final cost per person was \$50, which included the expense for a disk jockey! As entertainment could make or break the party, I spoke with many disk jockeys in Sarasota County. Their costs varied from \$200 to \$800, and we found that obtaining a referral was helpful. We also reserved the hall one year in advance; any later would have limited our location or worse, cost too much.

**3. Contacting various hotels in the area and requesting discounts.** The response was very positive because October is a slow month and they were happy to have occupancy.

**4. The two other events.** With the important dinner venue decided, we concentrated on "Night 1" and "Day 3." Our Friday night "meet and greet" was held at one of the local restaurants -- Left Coast Seafood. (The owner/manager was one of our underclassman from Venice High School.) He reserved an area for just our group. Again, we paid for our own drinks, but the restaurateur supplied the appetizers free of charge. Most of the classmates purchased meals, so that benefited his business. The third day required a small deposit for a Nokomis Jetties picnic pavilion. We instructed our friends to bring food (sandwiches) and the planners would provide soda and water.

Currently I am organizing yet another reunion, again with help. We are calling it a "Birthday Bash" because we all turned 60 this year! Most of the attendees live in Sarasota County. We have selected a great spot, talked with the manager, and scheduled a November date. After our 40th reunion we realized that "getting together" every ten years was too long. In the future, we will continue to have



three-day weekends, held every five years, with smaller gatherings in between.



Many of the attendees are locals. Perhaps you know some of them!

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS for ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW Committee (ARC) AND MAINTENANCE Committee (MC) for 2013**

**Qualifications** for committee membership include the ability to work well with others, good judgment, and a desire to serve the community. Volunteers help maintain the beauty and appeal of your neighborhood.

If you would like to join either of these important committees, please submit a brief statement highlighting your interest and qualifications to Kyanne Merrill, Lighthouse Property Management, at [kyanнемerrill@mgnt.tv](mailto:kyanнемerrill@mgnt.tv).

If you are currently a member of either committee and wish to serve again in 2013, please communicate this also to Kyanne Merrill, Lighthouse Property Management, at [kyanнемerrill@mgnt.tv](mailto:kyanнемerrill@mgnt.tv).

Submissions for committee membership are being accepted.

Notes: The appointed committee members will begin their service after Board approval at the Annual Election held in February.

**Auto Debit Option for Semi-Annual Home Owner Dues with Form By Anabel Martinez, LHM**

Lighthouse Property Management Company (LHM) will send out the semi-annual assessment fee statements. The Semi-Annual Assessment is due January 1, 2013. Late fees added if not paid by January 15th, 2013.

The Rivendell Community Association has an automatic payment program available for semi-annual dues, which are due in January and July of each year. Rivendell has approximately 493 homeowners and only 20 have signed up for auto debit of their dues.

If you are interested in using auto-debit to pay your home owner dues, a copy of the Credit / Debit Authorization Form is included on page 14, or you can access it through the Lighthouse Property Management website, or email Anabel Martinez at [anabelmartinez@mgmt.tv](mailto:anabelmartinez@mgmt.tv) or call 941-451-8265 ext.101.

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**The Architectural Review Committee (ARC)**

meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

Applications are due to Lighthouse Management by the third Tuesday of each month.

**NOTE:** The ARC recommends that applications be received one week before the next meeting. Applications received after the monthly date will have to wait until following month.

**REMINDER:** If you are submitting an ARC Application Form for Landscape changes, you must attach a copy of your Site Plan (also called a Survey of Lot or Plot Plan or Plat). Your application will NOT be reviewed without a copy and this would delay your work. The Site Plan should show names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping or fencing.

Dates, times, and locations of Board and Committee meetings are based on the information available at the time of publication.

## Minutes of the Architectural Review Committee October 30, 2012

**Attendees:** Gwenda Stepien – Committee Chair, Nancy Schubert – Board Liaison, Joe Sefack, Shirley Borean, Mary Marryott, Mickie Konner

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of 5 Committee members present.

The minutes of the prior ARC meeting were reviewed and agreed as written.

**The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.**

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	682 Clear Creek Drive	Propane tank	Resolved: On Hold Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Joe Sefack
2.	900 Scherer Way	Paint house same color	Resolved: Approved Motion: Mary Marryott 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mickie Konner
3.	1101 Mallard Marsh	Replace window	Resolved: On Hold Motion: Mickey Konner 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Joe Sefack
4.	794 Shadow Bay Way	Front landscape	Resolved: Approved Motion: Borean 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien
5.	723 Shadow Bay Way	Paint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Shirley Borean 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mary Marryott
6.	588 Meadow Sweet Circle	New roof	Resolved: Approved Motion: Mickie Konner 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien
7.	1159 Mallard Marsh	Paint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mary Marryott
8.	1105 Mill Pond Court	Irrigation well	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien Notes: Must put hedge or plants around
9.	1105 Mill Pond Court	Paint front door	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien
10.	1105 Mill Pond Court	Plant Vibernum around well	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien
11.	1105 Mill Pond Court	Remove hedge round pool equipment. Put 5' fence	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien Notes: Fence must not be any higher
12.	668 Clear Creek Drive	Plant new plants front of house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Shirley Borean 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mickie Konner
13.	986 Scherer Way	Guttering around house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Mary Marryott 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mickie Konner
14.	986 Scherer Way	Paint garage door	Resolved: Approved Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien
15.	718 Fording Bridge	Take out Ligustrum Tree replace with smaller tree	Resolved: Approved Motion: Mary Marryott 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien Notes:

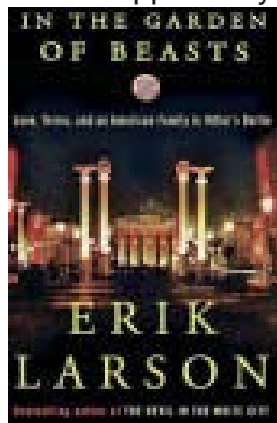
ARC meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

**Next Meetings: November 27, 2012 and December 27, 2012**



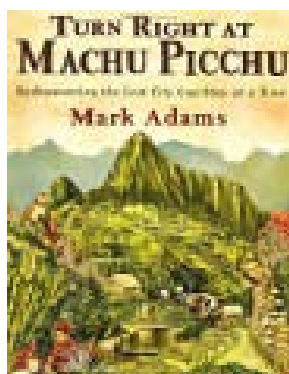
## Book Group By Marilyn Probert

On Monday, December 10, the Book Group will discuss *"In the Garden of Beasts"* by Erik Larson. This is a nonfiction account of the rise of Hitler and Nazism in 1933 from the perspective of U.S. ambassador William E. Dodd and his family, especially daughter Martha. Dodd was appointed by FDR after several other potential nominees had rejected the "opportunity" to serve in Germany. Larson shows us how Hitler managed to rise to power due, in part, to the unwillingness of the U.S. and its future allies to believe the tales of indiscriminate killings, torture, and incarceration that Dodd and his fellow ambassadors were reporting. In the midst of the turmoil, Martha at first was a social butterfly who idealized Hitler's goals and turned a blind eye to the atrocities being committed in full view. Her escapades help to lighten an otherwise grim story.



Carol Heckert will lead the discussion at Mirinda Roy's home at 757 Placid Lake Drive. Mirinda's phone number is 918-2740.

*"Turn Right at Machu Picchu,"* by Mark Adams, will be the topic on January 14, 2013. The author had set out to recreate the original route through the Andes that had been followed by Hiram Bingham



III when he had stumbled upon Machu Picchu in 1911. Although a travel writer, Adams was not an adventurous one; he had never even slept in a tent! However, accompanied by an Australian guide, he soldiered on, determined to discover why and how Machu Picchu had been built, and what purpose it had served.

Barb Gahry will host at 699 Rivendell Blvd., phone 966-5828; Hope Kocian will be discussion leader.

We will tackle *"A Reliable Wife,"* by Robert Goolrick, at our February 11 meeting. Ralph Truitt places an ad seeking "a reliable wife;" the woman who

replies turns out to a schemer who plans to kill him and thus become a wealthy widow. A little disappointing for Ralph!

All Rivendell residents are welcome at Book Group gatherings. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. Please call the month's hostess if you plan to attend.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**August 20, 2012**

A *REGULAR MEETING* of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 6:00 P.M., at the Historic Spanish Point, 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M., by Kyanne Merrill of Lighthouse Management.

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

The following Directors were present: Bobby Merrill, Curt Kennedy, Walter Perkowski, and Nancy Schubert attended via speakerphone. Bruce Lorie was absent.

A quorum was declared to be present.

On matter relating to the minutes of the previous meeting of June 4, 2012 we approved as amended.

**REPORTS,**

Treasurer's report, Mr. Merrill provided a report. Currently the financials reflect the income is over budget and the expenses are under budget.

Manager's Report, Ms. Merrill provided a report (see attachment #1).

**Committee Reports,**

Architectural Review, Ms. Stepien, reported the committee has met twice to review applications. In total there were 13 applications, which all were approved.

Maintenance Committee, Mr. Stepien provided a report (see attachment #1).

Mr. Stepien reviewed the bids for mulching. A motion was made by Ms. Schubert and seconded by Mr. Merrill:

**MOTION 12-34:** to approve the proposal submitted by Sun State for Mulching in the amount of \$14,450 to be completed in October. Motion passed.

Restroom Stall Installation, there was discussion on the schematics of the restroom stalls, which will be provided by Lighthouse Management. A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski Mr. Merrill seconded,

**MOTION 12-35:** to move forward with the installation of the restroom stalls by Lighthouse Management Contract contingent upon on the drawing being provided. Motion passed.

Irrigation on the west side of Scherer way at the Park trace entrance, Sun State provided a final estimate to jack and bore under the road, and install irrigation and landscape in the total amount of \$2250. There was discussion on the source of irrigation. Mr. Perkowski made a motion to install irrigation on the west side of Scherer Way in the amount of \$2250. There was no second, motion was not passed. The Board directed Management to contact the County and clarify the water requirements and possibility of installing a meter.

Restoration on Rivendell, Placid Lake and Eagle Lake, a motion was made by Ms. Schubert and seconded by Mr. Perkowski: \$7955,

**MOTION 12-36:** to approve the restoration project on Rivendell, Placid Lake/ Eagle Lake in the amount of \$7955, Motion passed.

Mr. Stepien reported the Committee is working to consolidate the pool rules sign and will present to the Board for approval.

Ms. Schubert suggested the Committee research enhancing the streetscapes on Scherer Way, Placid lake and other areas. Mr. Stepien advised the Committee is looking into this.

Woodlands Word, Mr. Merrill reported a contract has been submitted to the Board for On-track publishing to publish and distribute the newsletter at no cost to the association. Mr. Kennedy declined to sign the contract and deferred to the attorney for their input.

Management requested that a request be put in writing by the Board President to contact the attorney.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 15, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

**Owner Comments**

Carole Myles, 575 Meadow Sweet Circle, inquired about the pump shed condition. Mr. Stepien advised the committee is working on this.

Barbara Valdahl, 913 Eagle Isle Way, thanked the Maintenance Committee and Board of directors for moving forward with the restoration projects.

Monty Bachikoff, 950 Scherer, expressed thanks to the Board for their efforts. There are some areas of the sidewalk that need to be cleaned that are on Common area.

Dave Gill, 774 Shadow Bay Way, inquired about Board Member attendance to meetings.

Mary Kennedy, 946 Scherer Way, thanked the Board for their efforts.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Kyanne Merrill, CAM

Dated: This 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

**Lighthouse Property Manager's Report**  
**August 2012**

**On Site/Maintenance-**

- Compliance drives through community.
- Contacted Sherwin Williams to obtain spec for pool area, to inc. stucco walls, exterior ceilings, doors, rest rooms (walls and ceiling), exterior lighting fixtures and pool area deck.
- Contacted Sherwin Williams to obtain spec for the front entrance sign lettering.
- Continue to request restroom stall installation bids (pending receipt of 1-2 more)
- Requested bids for the perimeter fence repair/ cleaning. (forwarded to M.C)
- Requested 2 additional bids for Mulch Project (forwarded to MC, pending clarification on 1)
- Requested work order for street light repairs. (pending receipt of 2 ballast)
- Requested work order for pool light timer repair (completed)
- Scheduled painting of the pool lights (to begin 9.5.12)
- Coordinating approved fence repair (pending scheduled date)

**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.
- Posted newsletter to website.
- Meet with Jim Stepien in regards to the maintenance committee.
- Kyanne met with Sarah Kerr with Aquatic Systems (7.25.12)
- Preparing for budget preparation
- Preparing for annual meeting process.
- Contacted county in regards to pipe break on Rivendell Blvd. (county responsible)
- Send out email blast in regards to BOD meeting. (Sent 8.17.12)

**Correspondence-**

- Letters sent to homeowners regarding submitted ARC forms.
- Letters sent to homeowners with compliance violations.
- Prepared requested document(s) upon request from homeowners - Yearend Financials
- Prepared records request for Mr. Mcevilly
- Email Correspondences.

**Compliance-**

- Compliance letters mailed to homeowners. Total: 31

Roof/Fence/Structure	12
Yard Condition/Weeds	11
Signs	4
Vehicles	3

Kyanne Merrill, CAM Managing Agent

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**Board Liaison, Bobby Merrill**

**Chair, Judy Sokal**

**Directory, Barb Gahry**

**Block Captains, Cindy Schmidl**

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**Architectural Review (ARC)**

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**Board Liaison, Nancy Schubert**

**Chair, Gwen Stepien**

Shirley Borean, Mickie Konner, Mary Marryott, Joseph Sefack

**Maintenance Committee (combining Landscape/Environmental & Pool)**

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**Board Liaison, Walter Perkowski**

**Chair, Jim Stepien**

Rosanne Beatty, Bill Bloom, Bill Brenner, Nigel Day, Dave Gill, Carol Heckert, Carole Myles, Carl Schubert, Nancy Schubert

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

**Deadline:** Submit articles and information to Kay Mruz (siestakeysunset6@gmail.com) by the tenth of the month.

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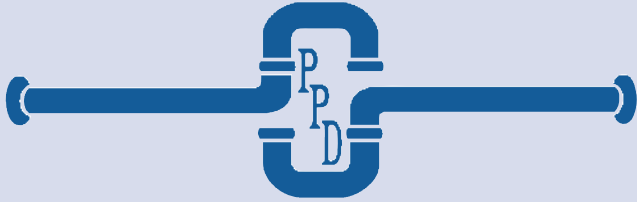
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