



# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

May 2011

## Oak Tree Removal Questions

By John Critser

Recently there have been inquiries from residents about trees, especially the oak trees that are prevalent throughout our community. While not meant to be a conclusive answer to all questions, the following information can provide some general guidelines:

- 1) Regardless of governmental regulations, the planting or removal of trees on an owner's lot generally require ARC approval and the proper steps should be taken to follow the ARC request process.
- 2) With few exceptions, trees that are completely on an owner occupied lot, unless they qualify as a "Grand Tree," *do not require* County permits to be removed. (See definition of Grand Tree below.)
- 3) All trees, regardless of size, located in Association common areas or along the roadways in the Sarasota County right-of-way **do require** permits to be removed. The removal of these trees is regulated by the County.
- 4) Generally, owners' lots begin 25 to 30 feet from the centerline of the adjacent public roadway. This usually falls on the "house side" of the sidewalk. This means that most trees located between the sidewalk and the roadway belong to either the Association or the County and require a permit to be removed. There are also instances of common area on the house side of a sidewalk. When in doubt consult your survey and the ARC.
- 5) As part of the overall landscaping maintenance plan, the Association may trim the trees in the common areas and the County right-of-way as needed to

## Message from the President

As those of you who examined the Association's budget for 2011 will have noted, the majority of the community's expenditures go to environmental items; in a nutshell, common land and lakes maintenance. This includes all of the landscaped areas along Rivendell Boulevard, various medians, parks and lake banks, the numerous lakes themselves and the large areas of preserves, buffers and wetlands.

For 2011, we have a new landscaping vendor (Valley Crest acquired Nanak), a new lakes maintenance vendor (Aquatic Systems replaced Beautiful Ponds) and we are actively interviewing for a vendor to provide preserve monitoring and maintenance.

Your committee volunteers have spent many hours planning and contracting for several renovation projects. Winter freeze clean up and mulching have been completed. A complete analysis and upgrade of the main irrigation system is underway which will enable several turf restoration projects to be completed at the pool and along the Boulevard. The Indian Hawthorns are being cut back on the Rainbow Point medians so irrigation renovation can take place, followed by Hawthorn restoration as needed.

Other items underway include: the removal of the non-functioning solar irrigation units, a landscape plan and renovation for each of the areas where solar power was previously used to provide electricity for irrigation, tree trimming along roadways and general clean up of certain common areas.

As with most projects, many of these items take longer than originally planned due to unforeseen issues and the coordination of multiple vendors. We expect that we will see the benefits of this work as the year progresses.

*Sincerely,*  
John Critser

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accommodate vehicle traffic on the roadways and pedestrian traffic along sidewalks.

- 6) The County has advised that they do not generally authorize the removal of trees due to sidewalk, irrigation system or road damage. Sarasota County will maintain sidewalks and roadways as needed if they are damaged due to trees in the right of way. Property owners are responsible for maintenance and repairs within the owner's lot boundaries.
- 7) For specific questions or guidance, contact Sarasota County Resource Protection: Mark McClintock (941-915-7716) or Bryan Beard (941-915-7717).
- 8) Visit the Sarasota County website at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) for details on qualifications for Grand Tree status. (Generally, a Grand Tree is so large that it would have been in our community well before the development of the roads and houses).

## Update from our new Landscape/Environmental Chair, Dave Gill

By Mike Bergman

Dave Gill will be looking for you at the next Landscape/ Environmental committee meeting. Up for discussion will be the repair and maintenance of the grass, trees, and plants along the roadways, medians, and around the ponds. Irrigation, an ongoing challenge, as well as the ponds and wetlands are also the responsibility of the committee. If you have any ideas or expertise about what our common areas should look like, come to a meeting. Dave would like your input. He serves as the moderator of open, courteous discussions of these matters.

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Question? Complaint? Concern?  
 Contact Lighthouse Property Management  
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**The Rivendell 2011 Community Directory has been delivered.**  
 If you have not received your copy, please contact your block captain or Barb at [bgahry@comcast.net](mailto:bgahry@comcast.net)

### Pelican Press Delivery

The *Woodlands Word* is usually delivered inside the *Pelican Press* the first Thursday of each month.  
**Seasonal residents** if you want to **suspend delivery** of the Pelican Press, call **349-4949**.  
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**Remember you can still read the *Woodlands Word* online** by going to [http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal\\_login.html](http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html) and clicking on News Letters.

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## **Issues from the March 22 meeting of the committee:**

### **Landscaping and irrigation.**

**Ongoing maintenance** by our vendor **Valley Crest** will include cleanup and spot repair around the pool, pruning and mulching where needed, and replacement of turf along Rivendell Blvd. The irrigation pump and system will be updated and cleaned. Butterfly gardens and Indian Hawthorns are to be pruned back to acceptable heights.

### **Solar vs. FPL power to irrigate around five ponds.**

Currently, **none of the solar powered irrigation is in working order.** While solar power is deemed desirable, the cost involved in implementing and maintaining the units, and current lack of expertise, has led the **committee to shelve this option.** Planting goals around these ponds will be determined, and then a choice between FPL powered irrigation or no irrigation will be decided. In the latter case, Bahia grass will be planted and maintained to thrive without irrigation. Discussion is ongoing.

### **Ponds.**

There has been **continual cleanup of unwanted plants in our ponds** over the last several months. Recent rains have helped raise the volume, and improved the appearance. On the downside, the heavy rains can cause excessive fertilizer runoff into the ponds, increasing algae bloom. It is a constant juggling act to kill off the undesirable plants without harming desirable plants and wildlife.

### **Wetlands, Preserves, and Buffers.**

We are the stewards of about 100 acres of **protected, environmentally sensitive lands.** They fall **under the jurisdiction of the County,** with additional monitoring by State and other government agencies, which set the minimum standards of what needs to be done. Aquatic Systems provided an estimate that it would take \$400,000 to make all of our wetland areas 100% compliant. We do not have to do all of the work at once and it will be spread over

several years, but it will take more than the usual yearly budget of about \$15,000. We will meet with County officials to determine what must be done, and take care of needs on a must-do basis. The basic needs are to reduce the growth of exotic species that choke out native plants. A master plan will be discussed and developed for the wetlands, and a contract will be put out for bids. Dave will meet with Aquatic Systems to produce a reasonable one-year proposal. Dave is also meeting with another Wetland Environmental contractor to discuss their approach. Dave Gill has a detailed breakdown by specific areas for interested readers.

### **Rivendell border with Park Trace.**

The removal of exotic plants such as Brazilian Pepper and Meleleuka along the border with our northern neighborhood community has left some of our homes with a lack of privacy. Also, there has been some encroachment into our common property by some residents of Park Trace. We have had a survey done marking our northern boundary. A simple post and wire fence has been put up and trees will be planted to provide privacy.

If you care about how the community looks, and want to express your point of view, give Dave Gill a call or e-mail, and show up at the next meeting with your ideas. Your input will be appreciated.





## Environmentally-Friendly Yard Tour Invitation

**Date:** Sunday, May 8, 2011

**Time:** 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Location:** The Woodlands at Rivendell

**Start Point:** 1001 Oak Preserve Lane, Osprey FL - corner of Rivendell Blvd. and Oak Preserve Lane.

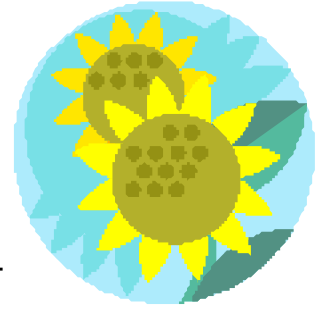
**The Event:** A tour of 9 newly landscaped yards, which demonstrate varying results of a two-year “Landscape Perception and Behavior” study conducted by the University of Central Florida. Most of the participating yards are currently in bloom and show the beauty of native landscaping.

Visitors will be able to observe a mixture of native and Florida-friendly gardens and talk with homeowners and plant experts about yard design, plant selection, homeowner participation, and approaches to current and future maintenance.

We encourage you to visit as many gardens as you wish in whatever order you wish. A map of participating homes and a plant list for each yard will be available the day of the tour at the Start Point, and all the yards will be marked with a red balloon on the mailboxes.

There is no charge for the tour.

E-mail Claudia at [clewis.consulting@gmail.com](mailto:clewis.consulting@gmail.com) for more details.



### Rivendell Environmentally Friendly Yards

Bowman, 1073 Scherer Way

Champer, 804 Placid Lake

Heckert, 808 Placid Lake

Jankowski, 1184 Mallard Marsh

Limoncelli, 663 Rivendell

McMurry, 1204 Mallard Marsh

Post, 1001 Oak Preserve

Saake, 733 Crane Prairie Way

Sarno, 713 Fordingbridge



Florida Friendly Yard photos by Judy Sokal



## Through The Lens

By Kay Mruz

The American alligator is synonymous with the state of Florida, so much so that in 1987 it became the official state reptile. Florida is home to about 1.25 million alligators. I am so glad a few of them can be found throughout Rivendell.

RESPECT is what every alligator you encounter should get. Males can reach 14 ft. in length and weigh as much as 800 lbs; females are 9 ft. and weigh half as much. They can achieve land speeds of 30 mph in short bursts. Their huge jaws contain about 80 teeth that are replaced if lost.

BATHTUBS are the only place where a person can sit in the water and be totally safe from alligators. Outside, alligators can be found in any body of water. Alligators can even tolerate water that is slightly salty for short periods of time. Once an alligator reaches adulthood, any animal in the water or at the water's edge is a potential meal. Beginning at dusk and extending well into the night, an alligator will wait for prey

to approach the water. Lunging out of the water with lightening speed, alligators will pull their victims underwater thus drowning them. If the meal is too big to swallow whole, the alligator will perform a "death roll" and tear off bite-size pieces. The water is its territory, and these reptiles don't know the difference between a human and a deer. People and pets should never go near the water's edge and should not swim in water where an alligator might reside. It is never safe to swim at night, alone, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

LOVE is in the air during April and May. During this time, male alligators, eight to ten years old, will head out in search of a mate. This is probably the best time to find alligators in yards, driveways, and pools as they travel from pond to pond searching for a mate. Once a mate is found, the male will try to impress her by bellowing, slapping his head on the water, and blowing bubbles. The female builds a nest using aquatic vegetation. She uses her feet and tail to create a mound. In the center, 30-70 eggs are laid and covered. As the plants decay, heat builds up which incubates the eggs. Below 86 degrees produces females; above 96 will produce males, and temperatures in between results in a mix. For two months the mother fearlessly guards the nest. When she hears chirping, she uncovers the nest and brings the hatchlings to the water in her mouth. Although the mother still tries to guard them, 80 percent are lost to predators.

IT'S A DEATH SENTENCE for any alligator to be fed by humans. They lose their fear of humans and quickly become a threat. When reporting an alligator as a nuisance, make sure it really is being a problem. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission does not relocate them. Trappers will take them away and kill them for their meat and hide.

Be aware of your surroundings while out and about in Rivendell. Understanding alligator behavior is the best way to avoid trouble. Alligators are normally not aggressive towards humans and want to get away from people as much as people want to get away from them.

### Nuisance Alligators Notice

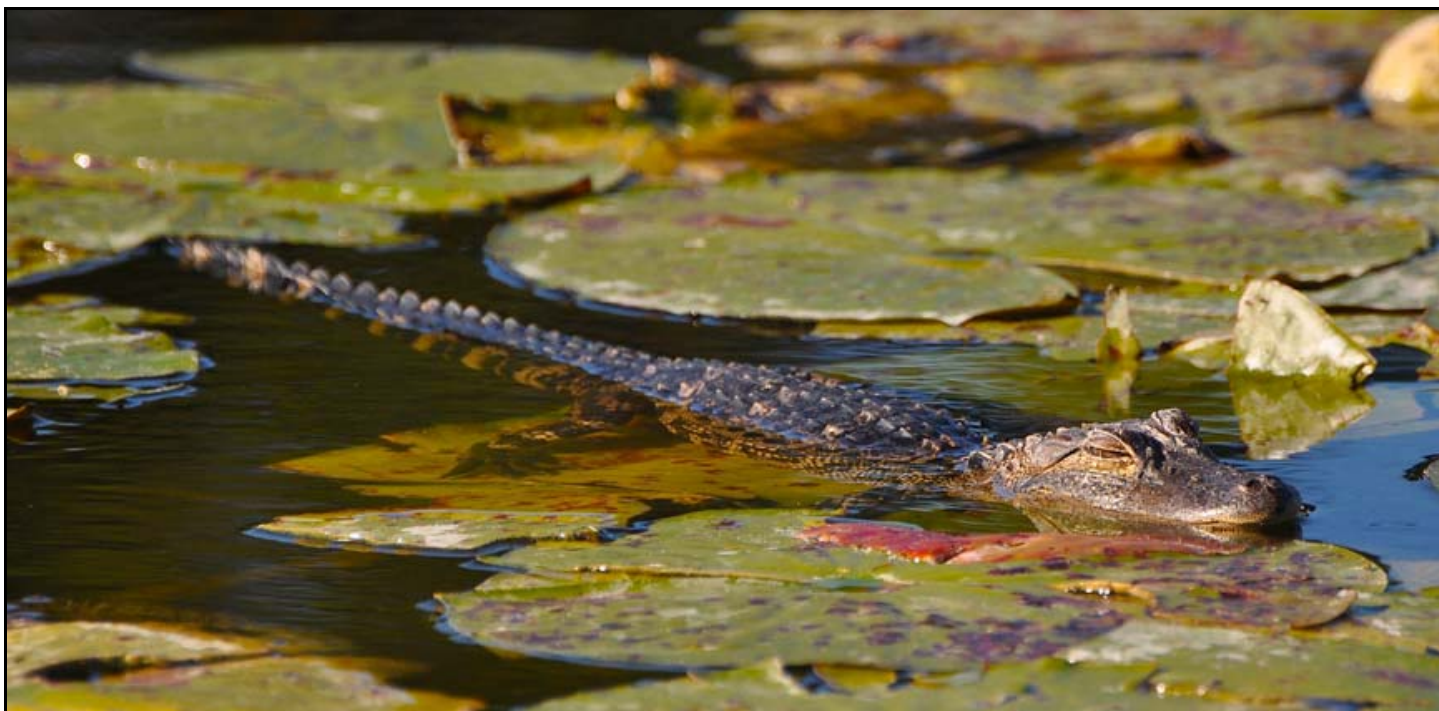


Please contact Lighthouse Management if you are concerned about an alligator in the development.

The management company will assess the possible danger, liability, homeowner sentiment, previous calls, etc. and contact the appropriate authorities.

**Call Kyanne or Hope at Lighthouse  
Property Management, 966-6844**





*Photographs by Kay Mruz*

**Do Not Feed the Wildlife – especially alligators!**

## COMPUTER SPRING TUNE-UP, PART II

### *How to Speed up your Sluggish Computer*

Information taken from article published October 27, 2010

By Eric A. Taub

"Limber Up Your Sluggish Computer"

As computers age, they become sluggish. Most office supply stores provide PC tune-ups. Staples offers one free. Others, like Best Buy's Geek Squad tune-up cost \$49.99 and up. You can use the same software the pros use to get rid of computer bugs that may be slowing your system down. Staples runs a suite of cleanup tools that it licenses from Norton. These tools are built into Windows 7. Microsoft offers MS Security Essentials, free antivirus software (available from **Microsoft.com**). There are free programs available such as AVG Free (**free.avg.com**). It is important to run antivirus software regularly.

#### **1. Defragment your hard drive.**

Large programs tend to become "fragmented", meaning that critical files are scattered across multiple sectors of a drive. It takes the computer extra time to find and assemble all the pieces needed to run the program.

Defragmenting the drive will retrieve the files and place them closer together, speeding up the response time when you run the program. Search for "defragment" under the Start menu in Windows 7, or look for it under **Programs>Accessories>System Tools** in older Windows machines. This Windows Disk Defragmenter tool will defragment your hard drive, either manually or automatically on a schedule you can customize. Defragmenting a hard drive can take anywhere from a few minutes to a few hours depending on the size of the drive and how cluttered it is.

**For Mac Users:** Based on the Unix operating system, the Mac OS commonly runs cleanup routines in the middle of the night, if you leave the machine fully on. If you don't, the computer will run most of those routines automatically the next time it is awake. Manually defragmenting a hard drive is not necessary, as the OS does it automatically.

#### **2. Delete old files**

Look through folders and delete any pictures or documents you don't need. Extra files take up extra space on the hard drive. Store your photos on CDs, an external hard drive, or to [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com), so you can make more room on your hard drive.

#### **Identify more space-hoggers**

One easy way for Windows users is to download "**WinDirStat**," ([windirstat.info](http://windirstat.info)) a program that will help you identify and remove the space-hoggers. Mac users can try Disc Inventory X ([derlien.com](http://derlien.com)). Most maintenance tools are easily found in Windows 7. Click on the small white flag in the bottom right of the screen to bring up the Action Center. If you haven't installed antivirus software, you will be prompted to find such a program. You're also given the option to back up your hard drive.

**For Mac Users:** Leaving a bunch of files on your desktop actually slows down your Mac, a Mac user in the community was surprised to learn. The solution was to create a folder **with an alias** on the desktop and pile all those scattered files into it. That way, they won't slow down your computer as much and you'll still have instant access to them.



### 3. Delete temporary Internet files often.

*Windows 7 and Windows Vista:* Click on **Start button**, click **Control Panel**, Click **Network and Internet** and then click **Internet Options**. Click the **General tab**, and then click **Delete** under **Browsing history**. Click **Delete all**, click **Yes** to confirm and then click **OK**.

### 4. Empty your trash or recycle folder.

The files you "delete" aren't actually gone until you delete them permanently from your computer's trash or recycle folder.

### 5. Delete programs you don't use.

It is easy to download programs, use them once and then forget they are there. These applications take up space on your hard drive. Go to your start menu and look through programs no longer used and get rid of them.

### In general, to speed up processing:

1. Don't have more than 1 or 2 programs running at the same time.
2. Clean out your mailbox folders; clean out your bookmarks; store memory intensive photos & documents on DVD's - then remove them from your hard drive.

Both Mac and PC users agree that the computer's operating system is not typically to blame for slowing things down. Rather, one of the biggest culprits lies in the newer and bigger versions of favorite software. With our desire for having the biggest and newest, the real culprit of sluggish computing may actually be **us**.

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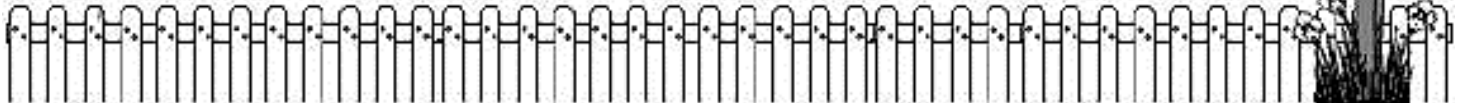
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# Cottages Postings



## UPDATES

Grass plugs program in progress.  
County plan for handicap access walkway & curb-but delayed – May (?). This is a county project – takes time.  
Planning Summer Palm tree trims now (request your tree concerns a/o).

## RU1NA BOARD ACTIONS

April meeting results:  
New Board – Officers selected:  
Jane Lettich continues as President  
Carole Myles continues as Treasurer  
Dave Perez – 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Skip Kessel – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Mike Georgopolis – Secretary  
July Board Meeting – Thursday 7/21/11

## SOCIAL COMMENTS

June 10 Ice Cream Social: RSVP by June 7 to Ann Bragg or Jane Lettich. Children & Grandchildren Welcome!  
Meadow Sweet Circle is part of Rivendell. Speed Limit is 25 mph. Children, dogs, and residents thank you.  
To use the Clubhouse, please call 966-7184. Ed Kearns keeps the events calendar.

## FLAG DAYS

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> - Mothers Day  
Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> - Armed Forces Day  
Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day  
Tuesday, June 14 – Flag Day  
Sunday, June 19 – Fathers Day

**Photos from the Spring Sunday Coffee at the Cottages Clubhouse ~ photos by Pat Martin**

**Men talking baseball**



**Neighbors enjoying goodies**



**Spring Sunday coffee**



**Women enjoying company**





## RESTAURANT REFLECTIONS

### Mazzaro Coffee & Italian Market By Norma Lee Rhines

I did a TripAdvisor (TripAdvisor.com) search for popular restaurants in St. Petersburg. An interesting place popped up as #1 – **Mazzaro Coffee & Italian Market**. I checked it out on my way back from the Tampa airport recently. Interestingly, Mazzaro's isn't really a restaurant. It has a deli counter, a bakery section, coffee bar, and a cheese and wine room. The assortment of prepared foods includes salads, antipasto, soups, hot and cold sandwiches (really GREAT), homemade pastas including angel hair, ravioli, fettuccini, linguini, and manicotti (made from scratch each day). The fresh breads (Italian, Semolina, Tuscan, Ciabatta, Pugliese, Foaccia and Rosemary) are all baked daily on site and did I mention the pastry? If you like Italian rum cakes, tiramisu, cannolis and Italian cookies (over 30 kinds), this is the place for you. I selected a blueberry cupcake from the bakery section and headed for the coffee bar. This cupcake is enormous and filled with cream cheese. It could easily serve four people, but I took care of it on my own.

The coffee bar serves up gourmet coffees from Columbia, Mexico, and Ethiopia plus their own blend. You can take a seat at the coffee bar, enjoy a sandwich, salad and pastry, order your cappuccino, espresso or latte AND enjoy the company of your fellow customers.

The meat and seafood counters are staffed by very helpful people. Their Hawaiian fish (Ahi tuna included) comes in every weekend fresh from Honolulu. Their web site states that their cheese room carries over "three-hundred varieties of cheese from all corners of the world with a focus on Italy." Their wine cellar is one of "Pinellas County's largest and has the biggest selection of Italian wines in Florida." Free wine tasting is held on Fridays between 1pm and 5pm and Saturdays 11 am to 2 pm. There are a huge number of olive oils and vinegars from

around the world, as well as other gourmet import treats.

Mazzaro's is so popular that the place can be packed, especially on Saturdays. During the week, it is less crowded before 11 AM. If you can't find the Italian product here that you are looking for – it doesn't exist on planet Earth.

**Mazzaro Coffee & Italian Market**, 2909 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL. Take exit 24 off Rte 275 and head west on 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave N for one mile. You will see it on the right.

Hours: 9-2:30 Sat and 9-6 M-F, closed Sunday. Call 727-321-2400. TripAdvisor 97% recommendation. My recommendation 100%. <http://www.mazzarosmarket.com/>



Photos by Norma Lee Rhines



## ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA

### Selby Garden Music Series - Spring Performances PUBLIC EVENT



Discover the perfect way to spend Sunday afternoons this spring by enjoying the beauty of nature and live music and performances at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. The Garden Music Concert Series offers a different musical and performance style each week. Food, wine, beer and assorted beverages will be available for purchase from *Local Coffee + Tea* in the historic Selby House.

- **Garden Music Concerts are from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and are included in regular admission.**
- Adults \$17; Children (6 - 11) \$6; members and children 5 and under enter free; members guest - \$5 (accompanied by member). This is a Special Event - Please no passes or reciprocals.
- Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, no coolers please.
- Cancellation due to rain will be made at noon the day of the event. 941-366-5731 ext. 257
- **Performance Schedule:**
- May 1 ..... Sarasota Brass Quintet
- May 8 ..... The Venturas

<http://www.selby.org/events/garden-music-series-spring-performances>

### Lipizzan Stallions Performance

Every Thursday and Friday, 3:00 PM and every Saturday, 10:00 AM, at Herrmann's Original Royal Lipizzan Stallions ranch. Cost: \$5.00 donation. Horses and riders perform battle maneuvers that date back centuries as well as classical dressage. Located at 32755 Singletary Road, Myakka City. 322-1501, [www.hlipizzans.com](http://www.hlipizzans.com)

### Kids Corner

The *Woodlands Word* is happy to be bringing back one of its old columns for your pleasure, but in an expanded version. The Kids Corner used to feature stories, poetry, awards, etc. from the children of Rivendell. The editors decided that our many grandparents who reside here would also like to share some of the writings of, and other stories of interest about, their grandchildren. So now parents and grandparents - SEND US STUFF! If you'd like to share something, please send your name, your child or grandchild's name and age, and the item for the newsletter to Norma Lee at [nlrhines@verizon.net](mailto:nlrhines@verizon.net).

### Send in your Favorites!

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

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

## SERVICE PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS

**Environmental Cleaning Services, 941-926-3029.** Air Duct Cleaning, Mold Inspection and other services. Clean air ducts can reduce cooling/heating costs by 30%. This is a locally owned and operated, licensed and insured, company that has been in business for over 25 years. This company is prompt, professional, well organized and reliable. They were also clean, safe and efficient in their work. I am happy to recommend them. *Anella Brede-meyer*

**Handyman - Sam McLeod, 941-536-6091.** I would like to recommend a handyman that we have used for many services, from electrical to drywall to plumbing; works by the hour (\$40.00), clean, highly skilled, and reliable, Sam McLeod phone 941-536-6091. *R. Cascio, Rivendell*

**Brue's Auto Body and Painting shop, 941-966-1333.** This auto body repair shop, which is located between the House of Lords and Wal-Mart, did a wonderful job repairing a badly mangled rear door of my car. They completed the work in two days, at a very reasonable price, and returned the door to its original appearance. Their address is 701 South Tamiami Trail. This Osprey auto body shop is also highly recommended by Rivendell resident Frank Freestone (1188 Mallard Marsh Drive). *Mike Gruenfeld, 1036 Scherer Way*

**For Tree Removal and Site Clean up,** we recommend **Russell's Tree Service** (contact Kyle at 941-492-9356 or 429-0223) and **Alligator Stump Grinding** at 941-485-7363 (contact Kevin Twigg). Both are local businesses, licensed and insured. We have found them prompt to respond to us, and efficient, safe and clean in their work. *Norma Lee and Fred Rhines*

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**WANTED: YOUR OLD BIKE, 941-538-1734.** Free pick-up at your home! Bicycles For the Homeless, Inc., 8437 Tuttle Ave. #358, Sarasota.

We seek donations of bicycles and bike accessories! Used bikes are reconditioned, safety upgraded, donated to social services for clients! Your bike will provide homeless adults and children with transportation! [www.BicyclesForTheHomeless.org](http://www.BicyclesForTheHomeless.org)

**FOR SALE:** *Lady's Rolex Oyster Perpetual watch*, champagne face, gold/stainless band, excellent condition, \$2400. Antique vintage *Superman watch*, all original with original band in excellent condition and it works, \$375. *New York Mets 1969 World Series* victory beer coasters from the Diamond Club at old Shea Stadium, new, \$6 each. Vintage *Thimble-drome Racer*, circa 1950, #12, yellow, model by Cox, shows some play wear, but a nice find, \$175. Old metal cigar box, *Phillies Bayuk*, shows some wear, colors are good, \$25. Please call **941-735-1452**.

**BABYSITTER Available: Molly Benkaim, 941-961-3385.** 10th grade Pine View female student available for babysitting. Former camp counselor and CPR certified. Please call Molly if you'd like references.

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

**RENTAL HOME WANTED:** If you are considering renting your home for at least one year, please contact Barb Gahry, **941-586-3936**. Must be unfurnished and have a minimum of 3 BR and preferably a pool.

## Advertising in the Woodlands Word

The *Woodlands Word* offers two types of advertising:

- o paid advertising for businesses and
- o free classified ads for small personal items.

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## BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE

By Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will meet on Monday, May 9, to discuss "Olive Kitteridge," a collection of thirteen short stories by Elizabeth Strout. Strout introduces us to ordinary people who are not especially nice or admirable, but in the end she leads us to understand them. Olive appears in each of the stories; at times she is a central character, and at others she is merely a bystander. Dori Davis, phone 918-8995, will host at her home on 819 Shadow Bay Way, and I will be discussion leader.

On June 13 "The Invisible Wall" by Harry Bernstein will be the topic. This memoir begins with the author and his family living on a shabby, dead-end Lancashire Street, which is divided with Jews living on one side and Christians on the other. The two groups co-exist with little acknowledgment of each other, hence the "invisible wall." Harry takes us along on his life's journey from England to the United States where he and his family hope to live The American Dream. Linda Pearlstein will lead the dis-

cussion at the home of Carol Heckert at 808 Placid Lake Drive. Carol's phone number is 918-9528.

There will be no meetings in July and August. The September selection is Hilary Mantel's "Wolf Hall" which details the upheavals and repercussions that resulted when Henry VIII insisted on a divorce in order to marry Anne Boleyn.

The Book Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. All Rivendell residents are welcome; just call the month's hostess so that she'll know how many to expect.

## DID YOU KNOW

**Tech Support Videos on line** <http://www.teachparentstech.org/watch> Tech-savvy young people help their family members with all kinds of tech support issues. A group of employees at *Google* thought there had to be a better way to help their family members. The result was **TeachParentsTech.org**, a site that allows you to select any number of simple tech support videos. The site is not perfect and hardly covers all the tech support questions you may be ask and need help with, but hopefully it's a start!

## Recipe served at last Book Group Meeting

Kate's Lemon Bars a la Anita Sarno

| The crust                    | The topping  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1 cup butter, softened       | 4 eggs   |
| 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar | 2 cups granulated sugar                                    |
| 2 cups unbleached flour      | 6 tbsp flour   |
| Pinch of salt                | 6 tbsp fresh lemon juice                                   |
|                              | 6 tbsp lemon rind, chopped (requires about 4 large lemons) |
|                              | Confectioners sugar for topping                            |

1. For the crust, combine the ingredients; blend with fingers or pastry blender and pat evenly into 10x15 inch jellyroll pan.
2. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, beat eggs slightly; stir in sugar, flour, lemon juice and rind. Mix well and spread over baked crust. Bake for 25 minutes more.
4. When cooled, cut into tiny squares; remove from pan and sprinkle top with confectioner's sugar.
5. If desired, cut into squares and freeze. To serve, defrost and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.



## The Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

meets the **last Tuesday** of each month  
at the Cottages Clubhouse.

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

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

## Minutes Architectural Review Committee March 29, 2011

Attendees: Barry McClure, (Committee Chair) Frank Pafumi, Allen Roeter, John Beatty, John Greco - Board Liaison  
The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of Committee members present.  
The minutes of the prior ARC meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.  
**The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.**

| ITEM | ADDRESS               | WORKPLAN                              | RESOLUTION   |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1.   | 1077 Mallard Marsh    | Replace dead palm tree                | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Roeter<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : Pafumi   |
| 2.   | 901 Eagle Isle Ct     | Update overall landscaping            | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: McClure<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : Greco   |
| 3.   | 533 Meadow Sweet Cir  | Plant trees (3 total, 1 fruit)        | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Beatty<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : McClure<br>Note: ARC confirmed acceptance of proximity of orange tree to neighbor as a part of application process       |
| 4.   | 1155 Mallard Marsh Dr | Solar pool heating panels             | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Pafumi<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : Roeter   |
| 5.   | 541 Meadow Sweet Cir  | Replace xoras with hawthorns          | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Greco<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : McClure   |
| 6.   | 907 Scherer Way       | House exterior painting               | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Roeter<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : McClure  |
| 7.   | 575 Meadow Sweet Cir  | Landscaping curbing on bed            | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: McClure<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : Roeter  |
| 8.   | 536 Meadow Sweet Cir  | House exterior painting               | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Beatty<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : Pafumi   |
| 9.   | 1155 Mallard Marsh Dr | Replace dead palms + paint front door | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Pafumi<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : McClure<br>Note: ARC confirmed acceptance of proximity of bismark palm tree to neighbor as a part of application process |
| 10.  | 727 Fordingbridge Way | Oak Tree removal                      | Rejected unanimously<br>Motion: Greco<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : McClure<br>Note: Tree is on county easement, and their approval is needed as a part of application                        |
| 11.  | 1095 Scherer Way      | Painting front door                   | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Roeter<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : Beatty   |

|     |                        |  |   |
|-----|------------------------|--|---|
| 12. | 1026 Oak Preserve Ln   | Landscaping bed by front window          | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: McClure<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : Roeter |
| 13. | 846 Placid Lake Dr     | Insert beveled glass in front door panel | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Beatty<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : Greco   |
| 14. | 558 Meadow Sweet Cir   | Garage door painting                     | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Pafumi<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : McClure |
| 15. | 854/858 Placid Lake Dr | Add irrigation well                      | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Greco<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : Roeter   |
| 16. | 726 Shadow Bay Way     | Tree removal                             | Unanimously approved<br>Motion: Roeter<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> : Pafumi  |

No "new business" was raised for discussion.

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

**Next Meeting April 26, 2011 6:00 p.m.**

## Board Vacancy

We are seeking candidates to fill a vacancy on the RCA Board of Directors. Director Adler has moved out of Rivendell and resigned from the Board.

The term of the Director to be appointed will expire at our next annual membership meeting in February 2012.

Interested Association members are invited to submit their information and qualifications for the consideration of the Board.

c/o Kyanne Merrill, Lighthouse Property Management,  
16 Church Street, Osprey, FL 34229.

Submissions may also be emailed to [kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv](mailto:kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv)

## Rivendell Board Meeting

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**WILL BE**

**Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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).**

## Freeze Damaged Plant Replacement

During the period from March 14, 2011 through June 30, 2011, ARC review and approval will not be required for the replacement of freeze damaged plants and grass provided that the new plantings are of a size which does not grow to a height or spread greater than the plants being replaced. Additionally, the replacement plants must not have aggressive root systems or seed products, or be listed as not recommended by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

## Where do you volunteer?

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

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

Please send an email to [nlrhines@verizon.net](mailto:nlrhines@verizon.net) or [pbbabbitt@comcast.net](mailto:pbbabbitt@comcast.net) labeled "Volunteer Interests."

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When replacing the light bulb in the mailbox lamppost, the following specification is recommended:

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To begin, click on *Association Members Login*. Your new Login ID is your 6-digit **Lighthouse Management account number** (including leading zeros) followed by your last name, for example "001234Smith." Don't know your account number? Call Lighthouse at 966-6844.

Your temporary password is LHMTMP123. Follow the prompts to create your own password.



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