



The Meadow Sweet Circular



NEWSLETTER FOR THE COTTAGES AT RIVENDELL

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Ken Alarie, Margery Arendt, Diane Fitzgerald,
Barbara Ekster, & Chuck Bly

LETTER FROM THE UNIT 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The new Board of Directors of the "Cottages" of Rivendell wishes to thank the members of the community for your confidence in us, and we look forward to your continued support. We also wish to thank the departing Board members for their hard work and contributions to the community.

Congratulations to the Board of Directors of the Rivendell Community Association (Big Rivendell). We look forward to a constructive and beneficial relationship.

Many people before us have spent a great deal of time and energy to make "The Cottages" a desirable place to live. We plan to continue that forward movement, because we believe that is what the community wants. The Board will be fiscally responsible and dedicated to maintaining the value of our properties. We promote friendship, goodwill and good neighbors. We invite all parties to put aside their differences, work constructively and proceed forward for the betterment of the community. Extend a helping hand and let's all do something kind and helpful to and for one another. You will see some changes in the approach of this Board during our journey to do what is best for the community and the residents. Not everyone will agree with the decisions enacted, but as

mature individuals we must move forward or be relegated to the past. We have solid thinking, caring individuals on this Board who will act in a responsible and responsive fashion. Your support makes it much easier.

Ken Alarie	President
Chuck Bly	Vice President
Margery Arendt	Treasurer
Diane Fitzgerald	Secretary
Barbara Ekster	Member at Large

The Standing Committee Members are as Shown:

Finance Committee

Mike Georgopolis, Chairman
Floyd Tekampe, Vice Chair
Margery Arendt, Board Representative
Dr. Andrew (Drew) Fink
Martha Rogers
Maury Tragar

Maintenance Committee

Jack Martin, Chairman
Clyde Behanna, Vice Chair
Chuck Bly, Board Representative
June Curtain
Mike Georgopolis
Terry Sweeney
Allen Terman
Barbara Tragar

Architectural Committee

Ed Kearns, Chairman
Marge Chandler, Vice Chair
Diane Fitzgerald, Board Representative
Bob Axiom
Jim Parker



Rivendell Cottages Election Results

Submitted by
Margery Arendt,
Nominating Committee Chair

The results of the annual meeting, where 58 out of 84 Homeowners voted, on three issues were as follows:

1. Should Homeowners pay for the replacement of their own bushes, shrubs and trees?

34 YES, 23 NO, 1 ABSTAIN

2a. Should Homeowners on inner circle be allowed to have sidewalks to the street?

42 YES, 15 NO, 1 ABSTAIN

2b. Should Homeowners on inner circle pay for the installation of these sidewalks ?

42 YES, 15 NO, 1 ABSTAIN

3. Should the Washingtonian Palms at the entrance be removed?

6 YES, 51 NO, 1 ABSTAIN

As you can see, the first three items were favored by the majority of VOTERS. Unfortunately, a majority of 2/3 of all HOMEOWNERS is required for ratification. Since 26 homeowners failed to vote at all, their votes count as NO and all of the issues on the ballot were defeated. It is disheartening that all the best efforts of caring, responsible residents can be so easily thwarted by those who seemingly don't care.

Congratulations to the New Big Rivendell Community Association Board

February marked the turnover of the Greater Community from the builders to the homeowners. Here are the results of the "Big Rivendell" Elections:

President - Jack Klingensmith - 201 votes

1st VP - Edward Lin - 191 votes

2nd VP - Manny Eframian - 188 votes

Secretary - Joanne Segar - 121 votes

Treasurer - Derek Curran - 197 votes

Runner up - Marge Chandler - 74 votes



How to Get the Woodland's Word

The Woodland's Word, Big Rivendell's newsletter, is posted on Larry Ruckert's web site, www.thecottagesofrivendell.com every month. He has also submitted the E-mail addresses that have been submitted to him to Big Rivendell. You should already be receiving their newsletter if you are on that list. If you wish your E-mail to be added to their list, send an E-mail to: joanne.eframian@verizon.net or pearllinda@aol.com and let them know.



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Activities Committee

The Activities Committee is a group of our neighbors who plan and execute community events for the enjoyment of all Cottage homeowners. It is a volunteer endeavor whose events are wholly sponsored by the participants for the benefit of all who care to attend. The community extends much thanks to Gretchen Bly, who chaired the Committee last year, and welcomes Mike and Carolyn Georgopolis, who have volunteered to chair this year. Your neighbors appreciate all you do, and we wish everyone great fun in the year ahead.

Activities Fund Report



Below you will find the current monthly Activities Fund report for FEBRUARY, 2003:

BEGINNING BALANCE:		\$396.47
Feb. 12	2/8/04 Coffee	\$30.00 \$426.47
Feb. 23	2/22/04 Coffee	\$25.00 \$451.47
ENDING BALANCE:		\$451.47



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE COTTAGE'S ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH

6.00 P.M.

MSC CLUBHOUSE

\$6.00/ADULTS

\$2.00/CHILDREN UNDER 10

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at the Clubhouse

Sunday, March 14th, 10 AM to Noon.
Hosts Margery & Tracy Arendt

Sunday, March 28th, 10 AM to Noon.

Hosts The Axioms & The Kellas

in addition to coffee and conversation we will be honoring the Circle's newest newlyweds MATT & MARIAN PARKIN of 559 MSC. Come and view the pictures of their Lido Beach Wedding!

Donation \$1.00 appreciated. **We also need volunteers to Host the upcoming Sunday coffees.** Please call Barbara or Maury Tragar to sign up: 966-6291.



Allen Terman & Marge Chandler
Hosts of the February 22nd Coffee

*All of the residents of the
Cottages of Rivendell
would like to offer their
heart-felt sympathies to
Dr. Richard & Susan Clancy
in the loss of their son.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



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Cottage Comments:

LETTERS TO
THE EDITOR

Dear Neighbors,

This column is for your voice to be heard in our community. All points of view are welcome, but we can't include in print what we never receive. So send in comments, ideas, critiques and compliments UNDER 200 WORDS to MargArendt@aol.com, or type them up and deliver to 516.

Your Editor,

Margery Arendt

Dear Neighbors,

I *wish* to thank all residents in The Woodlands and all my friends & neighbors in the Cottage's who supported me in my successful bid to become a member of the Rivendell Homeowners Association's Board of Directors. For those of you who voted for other candidates I appreciate the fact that you participated in the voting process.

While some people feel the best way to become known is to use letters, handbills, phone calls & personal contact for recognition, I never have, nor will I ever support those tactics. In their place I feel success and any recognition, is obtained the old fashioned way through hard work.

I have always been a dedicated, trusting individual willing to put forth the effort required to meet or exceed the goals set before me. In my capacity as a board member I will continue to work for our entire community so it will be a place all residents are proud to call home!

Sincerely,

Joanne A. Segar



IMPROVED ASSOCIATIONS FOR MSC

A new board for The Cottages...with some capable elected members will be good for this community.

A new board for 'Big Rivendell' (Rivendell Homeowners Assoc.), of which we are part, has several elected members from other neighborhoods and one from MSC.

Based on the past year's experiences around MSC, it is important that we view any homeowner who participates in the activities of Big Rivendell purely as an elected or appointed individual that works on behalf of all 500 homeowners in a fair and objective way. They are not necessarily 'representatives' of these 84 Meadow Sweet Circle homes. Our MSC board guides this community and is able to initiate a relationship with the new board of the Woodlands and AMI, the management company for the larger association, as needed.

During the course of the Woodlands transition, very few of us in MSC knew about the formation of committees and AMI. We pay our dues to RHA so we should expect open communication. Over these past few months there were actually 'block captains' assigned to get the Big Riv word out around to the smaller neighborhoods. But MSC did not know this or have a liaison...why? We can do better.

It would be a pleasant surprise as we enter into a new era to expect the RHA board and committee people to operate within standards of a harmonious and neighborly program. The MSC majority should not be worrying about the actions of only a few. Most of us in The Cottages invite a pleasant environment, appreciate honest organization and desire a friendly atmosphere.

Positive relationships with both associations are welcomed and good luck to both as we strive to do better together in 2004 and beyond.

Mike G. 540 MSC



Walking Your Dog on Meadow Sweet Circle

Just a reminder....

We all enjoy our furry, 4-legged residents, but we should all remember the rules of common courtesy that keep harmony in the neighborhoods of man and beast. Your dog must be on a leash, and under your control as you stroll around Meadow Sweet Circle or down Rivendell Blvd. Poop should be scooped and disposed of at home, and not left on the lawns of the unsuspecting. The community appreciates your cooperation.

Meadow Sweet Cuisine...

Recipes Contributed by your neighbors.



HOT CRAB DIP

Compliments of Gretchen Bly

- 2 8 oz. packages of cream cheese
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons minced onion
- 2 pats butter
- 2 cans crab meat
- 2 cans shrimp

Soften cream cheese, mayonnaise, butter and onion over low heat until butter bubbles to the top. Add crab meat and shrimp. Mix well and serve warm.

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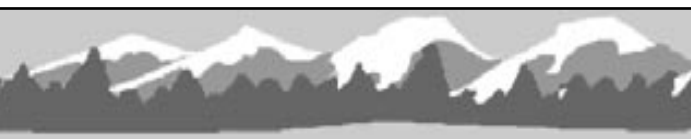
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- Lights Changed/Dimmers Installed



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OR BY QUOTE

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MARCH, 2004

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Argus Meeting 6 PM	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Coffee at the Clubhouse 10- Noon	15	16 Board Meeting 7 pm at the clubhouse	17 St. Pat's Day at clubhouse 6 p.m.	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Coffee at the Clubhouse 10- Noon	29	30	31			

THE LEPRECHAUN

Near a misty stream in Ireland in the
 hollow of a tree
 Live mystical, magical leprechauns
 who are clever as can be
 With their pointed ears, and
 turned up toes and
 little coats of green
 The leprechauns busily
 make their shoes
 and try hard
 not to be seen.
 Only those who
 really believe
 have seen these little elves
 And if we are all
 believers
 We can surely see for ourselves.



THE SHAMROCK

There's a dear little plant that
 grows in our isle
 'Twas Saint Patrick
 himself sure that set it
 And the sun on his labor with
 pleasure did
 smile
 And a tear from his
 eyes oft-times wet it
 It grows through the bog,
 through the brakes,
 through the mireland
 And they call it the dear
 little Shamrock of Ireland.