



# Meadow Sweet Circular



NEWSLETTER FOR THE COTTAGES AT RIVENDELL

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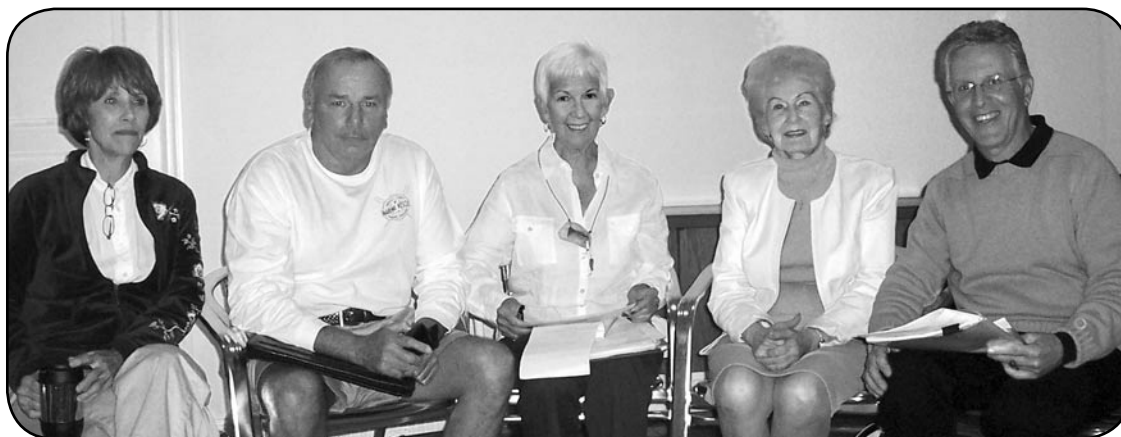
## FRIEND & NEIGHBOR PASSES AWAY

The Cottages is saddened by the death of our good friend and neighbor Bill Claflin., who passed away on February 20th, 2009. He, and wife Donna, have lived in the Cottages the past 4 years. Bill was running for election for one of the two open seats on our board. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Our support and best wishes to Donna and her family.



## NEW BOARD ELECTED FOR 2009



Left to Right -

**Treasurer:**

Carol Myles

**2nd Vice President:**

Jack Terry

**President:**

Jane Lettich

**Secretary:**

Margery Arendt

**1st Vice President:**

Mike Georgopolis

## New 2009 Board Guiding Principles

- We will work together as a team
- Strictly abide by MSC - Unit 1 by-laws as called for. (Also follow Riv. Unit 1 Articles and Declarations as required while honoring Big. Riv. Rules.)
- Comply with Florida Homeowners Association laws and section 720 stipulations.
- Pre-schedule at least seven board meetings. (No MSC business on weekends, holidays, holiday-eves, no meetings during July and August.)
- Strive for solid personal communications while avoiding emails
- List priority projects and orderly approach to accomplishment, by mid-April.
- Require timely and up-to-date budget detail from accounting service firm.
- Offer open and forthright discussions.
- Keep Meadow Sweet Circle well-maintained and looking beautiful with active board oversight by walking around (all within budget parameters).
- Govern objectively, as we are neighbors and friends
- Provide useful and informative newsletter to keep membership informed.

This eleven point pledge to you, the homeowner and member of our community, is fundamentally how your elected board will be doing its work. We thank you for your continuing support.

*Rivendell Unit 1 - Board of Directors*

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CORNER

by Mac Segar

There's a new name in town, but maybe it should be called a new e-mail maintenance ID.----- mscdetail@yahoo.com All residents are requested to use this e-mail address when communicating problems or concerns as they might pertain to the overall maintenance in the Cottages. Please, no phone calls.

What might you need the mscdetail@yahoo.com for? Irrigation problems, mowing or detail trimming requests, streetlight outages, a broken mailbox or downed tree limbs. Use it to report anything you see that's out of the ordinary.

### mscdetail@yahoo.com

This e-mail address is monitored daily and all e-mails received will be answered within 24 hours with copies of your concerns or problems forwarded to the appropriate vendor.

## LETTER

### THEY ARE NOT THE ENEMIES

With the election of new board members, I think it valuable to write the following:

As we all know, but sometimes forget, Board Members are volunteers who serve without remuneration. We should presume that they give their responsibilities their best effort and vote on what is best for the community. I am sure the new Board would admit, they, like us, are far from perfect. Rather than barage them with emails and phone calls (barring emergencies), we as residents have an opportunity each month to speak before the official meeting begins. Hopefully we all wish the new Board well, and promise our cooperation and gratitude.

Ed Kearns

**“You live and learn.  
At any rate, you live.”**

Douglas Adams

## IT'S THE LAW!

Sarasota County and HOA bylaws state: No dog is to be out of their fenced property without being held by a leash. By-laws also require not leaving your dog's mess for your neighbors to clean up.



## HAWAIIAN CHICKEN

1 package onion soup mix  
8 oz apricot preserves  
1 bottle (red) Russian Dressing

Mix all the above in a  
casserole dish.

Add 4 -6 chicken breast halves.  
Add 2 cans whole potatoes, drained.

Bake 45 minutes at 350°. Turn breasts once.



**We want to include all news. Please call  
Margery Arendt at 941-918-0953 to in-  
form of any story or subject of interest.**



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## GREAT TURNOUT AT VALENTINES COFFEE

Our Valenine Coffee on Feb 15th was the first coffee of the year and we had a turnout of thirty-two. Maury Tragar saw to it that coffee urns were full and hot. There was coffe cake, donut balls and Valentine cookies to go along. The tables were set and decorated by Mike & Carolyn Georgopolis and Audrey & Terry Sweeney. Each neighbor who attended receive a Valentine with a raffle ticket attached. The prize was a box of Mrs. Fields chocolates and was won by Shirley Barth, who generously shared with all!



## CALENDAR OF UP-COMING EVENTS



### Saturday • March 7

Happy Hour 5:00 PM  
Hosts Audrey & Terry Sweeney  
BYOB and an Hors D'oeuvres  
to share.



### Sunday • March 29

Coffee 10:00 AM  
Coffee & Pastry  
\$1.00 donation appreciated

### Sunday • March 15

St. Patrick's Day Brunch  
at Stoneybrook  
10:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
\$16.95/person  
RSVP to Margery Arendt  
no later than March 7.



### Saturday • April 4

Auction to Benefit  
Cottages Activities Fund 7:30 PM  
All procedes go to Activities Club.  
Wine and Cheese provided.  
Neighbors to donate items.  
Contact Jane Lettich at  
941-966-2425 with questions and donations  
Auctioneer: Carmen "No-Rights" Miranda.  
Bring cash or check - credit cards not accepted.



**If you have an idea for a social event, or would like to  
volunteer to help, please call Margery Arendt at  
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## - Rivendell Unit I-Meadow Sweet Circle Cottages -

**2009 Board Meeting Schedule**

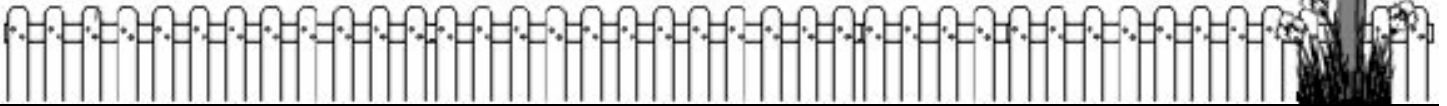
Evenings - 7 p.m.

(no community business conducted on weekends, holidays, holiday eves, July or August)

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