



# Meadow Sweet Circular



NEWSLETTER FOR THE COTTAGES AT RIVENDELL

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## LAWN CARE & MAINTENANCE

Thursday March 4, 2010

In response to residents who are dissatisfied with their lawns, Mike, Mac and Jane met with Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance personnel, John, Time Manager and Nick, Operations Manager. We asked your questions.

**Is the crew monitored?** Crew has specific job to do and a time frame. Their 4 hours of work is overseen on every job, be it raking, fertilizing, mowing.

**Why does timed-release fertilizer take so long to dissolve?** Time release can take up to 6 months to dissolve. The pellets have a polymer coating. The County sets the rules for type of fertilizer to use on commercial lawns. Individuals may apply fertilizer. Before you apply fertilizer, contact [MSCDetail@yahoo.com](mailto:MSCDetail@yahoo.com). This will ensure your efforts are not counter productive to Valley Crest's scheduled treatment.

**Why don't they hand rake?** Hand raking is not as effective as blowing the lawn. Raking breaks St. Augustine runners. The Cottages has a mixture of Bermuda and St. Augustine grasses. Bermuda browns out in cold and greens in warm weather.

**How do I talk to Valley Crest crew?** You don't. Email [MSCDetail@yahoo.com](mailto:MSCDetail@yahoo.com).

Landscaping changes. Plants grow higher and wider. The higher plants can be trimmed down. Older plantings interfere with irrigation. Please be open to this fact.

This community has 2500 irrigation heads and 115 oak trees. If irrigation water does not reach a spot in your yard and you see brown developing, e-mail [MSCDetail@yahoo.com](mailto:MSCDetail@yahoo.com). Your problem could be infestation. Cinch bugs like dry soil. They need to be drowned.

**Everyone needs to take an interest in their property.** Communicate your problems in writing to [MSCDetail@yahoo.com](mailto:MSCDetail@yahoo.com).

The freeze cut back will begin Mid March, starting on less susceptible plants. The next pruning will work on more susceptible plants/bushes. This pruning needs to be done in phases.

Thank you for your questions and patience.

## GARAGE SALE

By Jackie Axiom

Our 6th annual sale was a huge success on Saturday, January 30th. 13 families plus the Activities Committee participated. We had an exciting day with all the visitors in our neighborhood.

A big thank you to Bert and Roland Trautman who took charge of the clubhouse sale, and to Carol Myles and Mike Georgopolis for directing traffic. Thanks to all the home participants as well as those who donated items to the community sale. The activities fund has grown by \$117.10.

## BOARD CONTACT

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### MAP/DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please note the following correction:

576 - Tom & Sandy Garvin

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## CALENDAR OF UP-COMING EVENTS

### MARCH

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> • 6:PM**

**COFFEE Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> • 10:AM**

### APRIL

**BAKED POTATO PARTY  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> • 5:PM**

**HAPPY HOUR Friday 30<sup>th</sup> • 5:PM**

### MAY

**BREAKFAST AT NORTH JETTY - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> • 9:AM**

**WINE & CHEESE NIGHT - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> • 5:PM**

### JUNE

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> • 7:30PM**

### OCTOBER

**OCTOBERFEST-POT LUCK - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> • 5:PM**

### NOVEMBER

**THANKFUL DAY - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> • 5:PM**

### DECEMBER

**HOLIDAY PARTY - To be announced,**

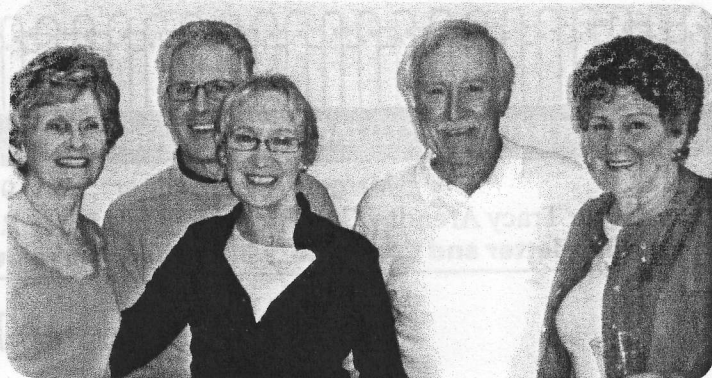
**As well as various Happy Hours and coffees.**

**“The principle function of  
March is to use  
up the winter  
weather that  
wouldn't fit into  
February.”**



-Doug Larson

## FEB 26<sup>TH</sup> HAPPY HOUR



Hosts: Llwana Propst, Mike & Carolyn Georgopolis and  
Terry and Audrey Seeney

## PRUNE SOUR CREAM COFFEE CAKE

By Ruth Cassell

- 1½ cups prunes
- 1 tsp. grated lemon rind (optional)
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ salt
- 1 cup soft butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ½ cup light brown sugar firmly packed
- 1 tbs. cinnamon
- ½ cup chopped walnuts

Pour boiling water over prunes. Let stand 15 minutes.  
Drain, pit and dice. Add lemon rind and set aside.

Grease and flour a 9 inch tube pan. Sift together flour,  
baking powder, baking soda and salt. Toss prunes with  
¼ cup flour mixture.

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in eggs one  
at a time. Slowly beat in flour mixture, alternating  
with sour cream and vanilla, ending with flour. Fold in  
prunes. Combine brown sugar, cinnamon and nuts.  
Turn 1/3 batter into pan. Sprinkle with 1/3 nut mixture.  
Repeat layering twice. Bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes  
or until done. Cool in pan on rack for 10 minutes. Re-  
move from pan.



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