



# Meadow Sweet Circular



NEWSLETTER FOR THE COTTAGES AT RIVENDELL

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## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CORNER

by Mac Segar

This is no surprise to any of the residents but our houses are getting older and with age comes more structural maintenance opportunities. They are never "problems," just "opportunities".

This month it should be pointed out a place where an opportunity may soon exist is your garage door. Specifically, the main spring which raises and lowers the door. The projected life for this spring is eight years, give or take a year or so depending upon how you use it. Just for vehicles it will last longer than when it's used as a "front door".

Of course normal maintenance will detect when the spring is worn almost to the breaking point but when it does break the door will not function electronically. The news gets worse, if the spring breaks when the door is being lowered the door will "free fall"! Heads, toes and animals beware!

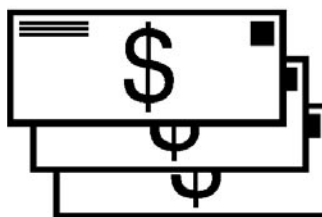
Cost for replacing the main spring is approximately \$175 and the job takes about an hour.



If you have noticed a few little purple flowers peeking through the shrubbery at our entrance, Farmers Jack Martin, Jane Lettich and Sherry Parfumi are responsible. Now that we have had some rain, the flowers are bound to grow and prosper! Thanks Farmers!

## DUES REMINDER

Our quarterly maintenance fees are due April 1, 2009. The check must be made out to "Rivendell Unit 1 Neighborhood Association" and mailed to:



Superior Bank  
c/o Pilaris Property Mgmt.  
PO Box 48988  
Sarasota, FL 34230-5988

Coupon must accompany each check and there is an address label in the back of the coupon book. Any payments made later than 15 days past the due date will be fined.

## OVERNIGHT PARKING

Overnight parking on the street is allowed by permit ONLY. If cars were parked across from each other, emergency vehicles could not get through.

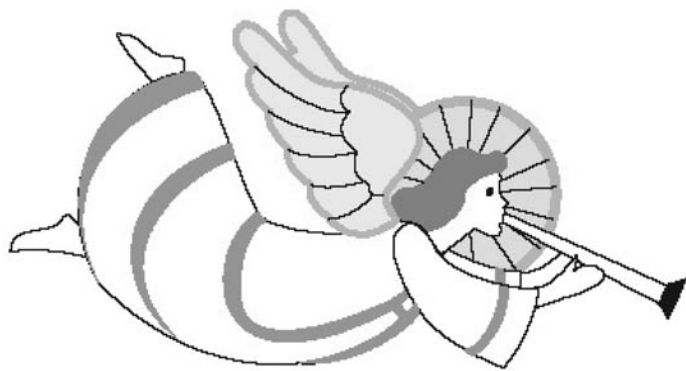
If you have overnight guests and they cannot be parked in a driveway, any one of your board members can give you a temporary permit to place in the car where it can be seen. It will be signed and dated.



## POOL AREA

One of our umbrellas was left open when some of our neighbors using the pool forgot to close it. In one of our gusty Florida winds, it was blown into the yard of a neighbor, landing just short of his glass window. Fortunately it did not do any damage there, but the umbrella pole was broken. The umbrella is beyond repair and will have to be replaced.

When using the pool, umbrellas need to be closed and furniture needs to be returned to its original position before leaving. It is your money that is paying to replace these things.



## LETTER

### TO MY AMAZING NEIGHBORS

It has been over a month since I found out what a truly caring and giving neighborhood we all inhabit. I keep saying, "Thank God for Meadow Sweet Circle!"

I am so comforted by the loving gifts of food (lots and lots of good food) flowers, poems, cards and compassion. I will endeavor to thank each one of you personally and return your dishes. Some are not marked with a name, so come by for a cup of tea and have a look!

No where else would I feel so safe, both day and night, and have \*elves\* who leave flowers on my porch and my paper at my door. And even help with my garbage containers. And no where else would neighbors not complain as our little circle was jammed with cars on February 25, 26 and 27.

God Bless Meadow Sweet Circle and the angels who live here.

Amen!

Donna Claflin



## MARCH 7 HAPPY HOUR

Hosted by Audrey and Terry Sweeney, the March 7th happy hour had a good turnout. It's always good to catch up on neighborhood news and relax with an amazing array of goodies. Thanks to all! See June Curtain's Artichoke Dip recipe, next page!



## MARCH 29 COFFEE

Pat Brown and Mary Kella hosted the Coffee at the Clubhouse Sunday morning. We had 24 neighbors attend, including Sandy and Tom Garvin, who are moving into # 576. They come from Mitchell, Kentucky.

Mary and Pat did a great job of hostessing. Pat has promised a copy of her Cheese Blintz recipe for our next edition!

If you would like to volunteer to host a Coffee or a Happy Hour, please call Margery at 918-0953.

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH AT STONEYBROOK

Our Saint Patrick's Day brunch at Stoneybrook Country Club was a great success. The clubhouse has been beautifully remodeled - for those of you who haven't been there recently. The food was really fabulous and they included Irish decorations and green napkins for our group. There were some Irish dishes on the buffet as well.

We all agreed that we should do this again soon.



## GOING, GOING, GONE!

A reminder that our auction is going to be held at the clubhouse Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 pm. Please call Jane , 966-2425 or Margery 918-0953 if you have any questions. Any stuff that you think might sell will do, and donations will be accepted at the clubhouse Friday or Saturday afternoon. Items can also be previewed then. See you there!

## CALENDAR OF UP-COMING EVENTS

### Saturday • April 4

Auction to Benefit

Cottages Activities Fund 7:30 PM

All proceeds go to Activities Club. Wine and Cheese provided.

Neighbors to donate items.

Furniture and large items should be submitted by photo. Pick-up and delivery of bought items is the responsibility of the purchaser.



Contact Jane Lettich at

941-966-2425 with questions and donations

Auctioneer: Carmen "No-Rights" Miranda.



### Saturday • April 25

Happy Hour 5:00 PM

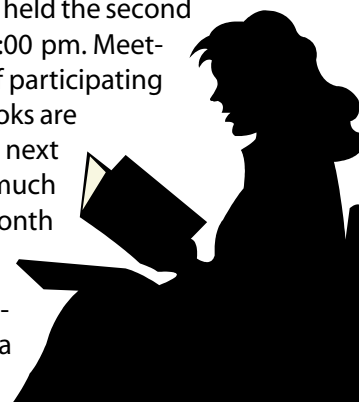
BYOB and an Hors D'oeuvres to share.

**If you have an idea for a social event, or would like to volunteer to help, please call Margery Arendt at 941-918-0953**

## BOOK CLUB

The cottages has a book club held the second Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Meetings are held at the homes of participating members who take turns. Books are chosen by the hostess of the next meeting. There is usually much input, and the following month the book is discussed.

All cottage residents are welcome to join. Call Mary Kella at 918-1972.



## WARM ARTICHOKE DIP

Courtesy June Curtain

6 Oz. can Marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped

1 Cup Mayonnaise

1 Cup grated Parmesan cheese

Mix all ingredients together and bake in glass or ceramic casserole at 350° for 20 minutes

Serve warm with scoop-style corn chips or any chip or cracker you prefer.



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**“If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right.”**

Henry Ford

# MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING

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## UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF RIVENDELL UNIT I BOARD MEETING MARCH 26, 2009

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Present: Jane Lettich, Mike Georgopolis, Jack Terry, Carole Myles, Margery Arendt

1. Call to Order 7:35 pm
2. Discussion to terminate contract with Middleton for mowing.  
Motion to approve: Carole Myles. All were in favor.
3. Discussion to hire Attorney Kevin Wells to handle delinquent dues.  
Motion to approve: Mike Georgopolis. All were in favor.
4. Discussion to continue with Purmont Insurance and add liability clause for \$500. Motion to approve: Jane Lettich. All were in favor.
5. Discussion to research handicap access to side walks. Sherry Pafumi and Clyde Behanna agreed to form an ad hoc committee.
6. The county is spending 4 days repairing 220 uneven areas on our sidewalks at no cost to us.
7. A new bid was given for cleaning of the clubhouse. Tabled.
8. Discussion of charging Woodlands Board for clubhouse usage. Jane will discuss with Ellie Hartle, Woodlands Board President.
9. Mike said clubhouse décor will be looked into.
10. Meeting Adjourned – 8 PM

*Margery Arendt, Secretary*

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