

The Meadow Sweet Circular

NEWSLETTER FOR THE COTTAGES AT RIVENDELL

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Landscaping News:

HOMEOWNERS PLEASE NOTE:

Because association the has the responsibility of maintaining our grounds, we need to do an inventory of all trees in our community. In the next few weeks Joanne Segar and Vivian Kunkel will be walking the common areas to identify them. Elizabeth Straw and Elizabeth Giles will do the count for the private areas. Thanks for your cooperation. Submitted by Vivian Kunkel, for Landscaping Committee

A NOTICE FROM JIM FAIX:

Valley Crest will try to mulch on Tuesday, November 11th. They will also try to fertilize and mow all on their mowing day. That way, when the men blow the walks, they will blow the grass clippings and any scattered fertilizer pellets back into the grass. This is if Mother Nature cooperates.

Activities Fund Report



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

BEGINNING BALANCE:

\$322.47

Oct. 12 Coffee Funds Deposit

\$10.00

ENDING BALANCE:

\$332.47

You are Cordially Invited to the Rivendell Cottages

HOLIDAY **PROGRESSIVE** DINNER

Saturday, December 6th 5:30 PM to 9 PM

Marge Chandler & Allen Terman (578) Cocktails & Hors D'Oeures

Margery Arendt & Vivian Kunkel (516) Wine & Main Course

Chuck & Gretchen Bly (545) Dessert & After Dinner Drinks

Your check is your reservation, made payable to:

Rivendell Activities Fund

Checks must be received no later than Nov. 21st. Deliver to:

> Audrey Sweeny - 588 Margery Arendt - 516 Gretchen Bly - 545

Monthly Bridge Submitted by Ed Kearns

Bridge will be held at the Clubhouse this month, on November 20th at 7 PM.

New-comers welcome. Call Ed Kearns 966-7184 or Marge Chandler 966-2325 to join in.

Cottage Comments:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Neighbors,

This column is for your voice to be heard in our community. Send in comments, ideas, critiques and compliments to MargArendt@aol.com, or type them up and deliver to 516. I'd love to have something to run in this space every month, so let us hear form you.

Margery Arendt

Dear Neighbors,

I want to express my satisfaction with the neighborhood newspaper...it is certainly greatly appreciated. I particularly am pleased to have the minutes of meetings available to those who cannot attend...and am especially pleased at having the financial figures readily available. Much thanks to Marge and Tracy!

Jane Sellers 494 Meadow Sweet Cr.

Dear Neighbors,

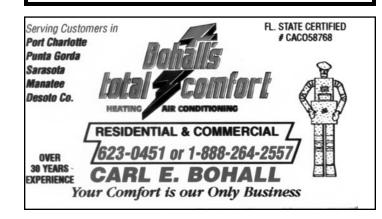
Re: MSC's Beautiful Trees & Gardens Green. lush and maturing Florida appearance... from tree-lined streets our to the individual and personalized cottage gardens we all enjoy. Over 100 community property oaks and more than a dozen palm trees to look after, while creating more shade and beauty going forward.

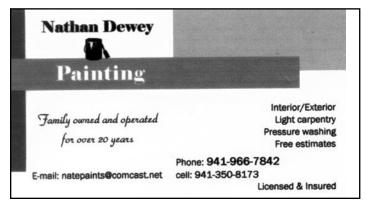
The majority of us appreciate the way the common areas are growing in. Everything looks good after a summertime of rains. It's a genuine 'cottages' approach indeed. Most of us moved here looking for a substantial neighborhood identity and all these nicely-placed trees will prolong it forever.

Along with careful cost-control measures to maintain our trees, let's support the majority leadership and see to it that we receive accurate bids and pricing for the oft-needed attention the trees will require. Why remove anything now? Proper care and attention is what all growing things need. MSC'S entry way and community curb appeal are both excellent and will continue to get better as time goes on.

With good budgeting and well-guided workmanship on the trees, we can easily afford to maintain these community assets and keep them looking great. A plus for all of us.

Mike Georogopolis 540





Margery,

Thank you so much for printing the meeting minutes and the financials along with the neighborhood happenings. Many times my wife and I can't get to meetings, and we also have had feedback from our out-of-town owners who say it's nice to be informed as to where the money goes. At the October meeting, the was a comment as to the corrections of minutes and the report which could simply be printed in the following issue. Thanks for your hard work, Margery - your neighbors appreciate it very much!

Bob & Jackie Axsiom 574

Dear Neighbors,

I try to attend all meetings, but am unable to at times, and like the newsletter letting all know what is happening in our community. There are always two sides to a story, and both should be printed. Keep it up, it is the community's newsletter.

Fim & Carol Myles, 575 M.S.C.

Dear Neighbors,

Neighborhood Watch? Why do we need an official organization for our little circle? Fortunately, we're a close community of neighbors who already look out for each other. The last thing we need is another

committee. Most of us see no reason for any type of organized watch group for the Cottages. It's just easier and safer to be neighborly. Thank you.

Carolyn Georgopolis 540

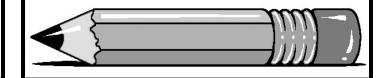
To our Editor:

As residents of the Cottages of Rivendell we want to express our appreciation for the very interesting and informative publication that you regularly prepare for our community. The Circular is a very important part of our community life and we are fortunate to have such a high calibre newsletter.

We understand that there have been efforts to prevent the publication of the Minutes of the Board Meetings and the Financial Report of the Association in the Circular. This is very important and fundamental public information that all residents are entitled to have and it is incomprehensible that it should not be given the widest possible circulation. The Circular is the ideal way to provide this pivotal information and we see no justification for any attempt to discontinue such a vital service.

Sincerely,

Howard & Llwana Propet, 555 MSC



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Rob Schloss





Special Delivery? Submitted by Margery Arendt

At the October Board meeting, it was decided to limit circulation of the CIRCULAR

to those who require a printed version, and to let those who prefer to retrieve it from the Argus Web site do so. So I am asking all of those who prefer NOT to receive the printed version of the paper to let me know at MargArendt@aol.com, or 918-0953.

Volunteers Needed:

Submitted by Margery Arendt

The Annual Board Meeting for the Cottages of Rivendell will be taking place in February. At that time, we will hold an election for three board positions to be filled. We need anyone interested in volunteering for this important community service to contact Margery Arendt, the Nominating Committee chairperson, at MargArendt@aol.com or at 918-0953.

Meadow Sweet Cuisine...



Recipes Contributed by your neighbors.

Fun Finger Rolls
Compliments of Betty Bradich

1 pkg (7.5 oz tube) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits 1/8 lb. butter or margarine Poppy seeds or Sesame seeds Parmesan cheese

Melt butter in flat baking dish. Divide each biscuit in half and roll halves to finger size. Roll in cheese and seeds. Put rolls in butter with sides not touching. Bake at 400 ° for 10-12 min. or till golden brown. Serve immediately.

HANDYMAN

- Painting
- Packing/Assembly/Unpacking
- · Plant Planting/Moving
- · Clean Soffits/Facia
- Clean and Organize Garages
- · Clean Gutters
- Change Smoke Alarm Batteries
- · Walkway Pavers Installed Over Concrete
- · Single Room Painting
- Clean Patios & Patio Furniture
- · House/Plant/Pet Sitting
- Installing Shelves
- Installing Faucets, Deadbolts
- · Spread Mulch
- Lights Changed/Dimmers Installed

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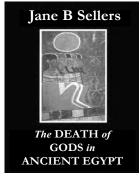
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Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Board Meeting 7 PM at the Clubhouse	19	20 Bridge at the Clubhose 7 PM	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	28
29	30					

MSC Author is Honored as Author of the Month:

Jane Sellers (494) is featured as Author of the Month in November on the British web site of Graham



Hancock. A revised edition of Death of Gods is being published this year and available at www.Lulu.com/content/ 18601. Jane has been invited to be Author of the Month on the Hancock web site and to participate in answering questions on a month long message board session. To visit the relevant page on his web site go to: www.grahamhancock.com/library/cur_author_of_month.php

A Bag of Tools

Isn't it strange, that princes and kings, And clowns that caper in sawdust rings, And common people like you and me Are builders for eternity?

Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, a book of rules;
And each must make - ere life is flown.
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

R.L. Sharp