



# The Meadow Sweet Circular



NEWSLETTER FOR THE COTTAGES AT RIVENDELL

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TRACY ARENDT - TECHNICAL COORDINATOR

## From the ARDR Committee

Submitted by Ed Kearns, Chairman

The Architectural Review Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors, is comprised of the following volunteers:

Ed Kearns (Chair)

Maureen May (Board Member)

Larry Ruckert

Joanne Segar (Board Member)

Bill Straw (Board Member)

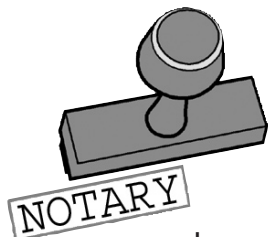
→ Meetings are held at our Clubhouse when the need arises.

→ All recommendations made by the Committee must be submitted to the Board for approval.

→ A request form is available from any committee member.

→ We encourage everyone to read the Deed Restrictions and By-laws, which we all received at the time of purchase of our homes.

We appreciate your cooperation.



## Notary Notice

Submitted by Margery Arendt

I am a Notary Public, for any neighbor who has need of one. Contact me at 918-0953 or at 516 MSC. All Rivendell neighbors welcome.

## Activities Fund Report

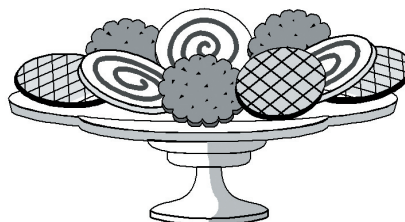


Below you will find the current monthly Activities Fund report for NOVEMBER, 2003:

**BEGINNING BALANCE:** **\$332.47**

Nov. 23 Funds from Coffee \$12.00 **\$344.47**

**ENDING BALANCE:** **\$344.47**



## Holiday Cookie Exchange & Coffee

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

If you missed this fun holiday event last year, you will have an opportunity to join the merriment this year. To participate in the Holiday Cookie Exchange, please bring 3 dozen cookies to swap and a few extra to serve with coffee and punch that evening. Bring a small gift (approximately \$5.00 in value) wrapped in holiday paper to be part of the exchange. If you prefer not to make cookies, bring your gift and come anyway.

Please call me by Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> so I will know how many **cookie exchangers** to expect.

**Llwana Propst - 966-6726**

## Cottage Com- ments:



Dear Neighbors,

We would like to share a few thoughts during this thankful holiday season:

*"May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to make you HAPPY." "The HAPPIEST of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the MOST of everything that comes along their way."*

*Sherry & Frank 541 MSC*

Dear Neighbors,

Deed Restrictions: I'm all for them.

There are three basic reasons why people purchase particular properties. Not necessarily in this order they are location, price and appearance. Deed Restrictions have no bearing on location and probably little as far as selling price but they sure can influence appearance. How many times have you ridden through a neighborhood and saw a house for sale, then said to yourself, "the house is nice but who'd want to live in this neighborhood?"

No matter what it takes to protect your investment and mine, I plan to be a strong advocate for strict enforcement of the documents we all signed and agreed to when we purchased our homes,

You can curse me today, hate me tomorrow but when the value of your property goes up & resales are high, you'll love Deed Restrictions.

*Mac Segar 508 MSC*

Dear Neighbors,

MSC Volunteers Work

Congratulations to those many teams of volunteers in this pleasant neighborhood. From common property beautification to social activities and from newcomer greetings to pick-ups & deliveries for each other when requested. What a fine outpouring of good actions.

This cottages atmosphere provides us with a unique sense of well-being. In a somewhat 'transient' state, like Florida, this Meadow Sweet Circle is like no other neighborhood around. Without much formal organization, the majority in our community accomplishes more together than those highly-structured places, ten times our size. Hats off to all and thanks!

*Mike Georgopolis 540*



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Dear Neighbors,  
ENOUGH ALREADY! What about "Peace on Earth and goodwill to all?"

I have lived in Meadow Sweet Circle now for almost a year. I think it's a great neighborhood but like many neighbors I've talked to over the past months I've seen a disturbing movement from a few residents within the community that is causing animosity, resentment and unnecessary aggressive behavior.

As we approach Christmas we should remember this Jewish guy who lived 2000 years ago who tried to teach us some really good lessons.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". That's a good one!

Next time you pass another resident, put aside your animosity or your tendency to look for petty rule breakers and say "Hi neighbor how are you? Is there anything I can do for you?" Be the best neighbor anyone ever had. Welcome newcomers with a baked apple pie or a fresh pot of coffee and a bunch of flowers instead of looking to see if they are breaking any rules by putting a bird bath or an pretty ornament in their garden. If we all practice this there will be no problems to deal with. Let's grow up and stop this petty squabbling.. It is degrading and downright childish.

Remember these words next time you have the desire to judge or complain or get worked up over a petty thing that bothers you and no-one else-

**"You will never be sorry-  
for thinking before acting,  
for hearing before judging,  
for forgiving your enemies,**

**for thinking before speaking,  
for stopping your ears to gossip,  
for bridling a slanderous tongue,  
for harboring only pure thoughts,  
for being courteous and kind to all."**

*Michael Woodward 512 MSC*

Today is a new day. Let us live in peace and harmony. For those that can't there's always Turtle Rock!

Dear Neighbors,

The entry to the Cottages is so beautiful--thanks to the volunteers who have taken their time and energy to trim the Washingtonians and the attractive plants that line our entry. We are certainly lucky to have such a dedicated group of volunteers Visitors always comment on the beauty of the entrance

*Millie Horne 542*

To the Editor:

Ignoring the fact that our deed restrictions speak plainly on the subject, I appeal on different grounds to the minority of residents who often leave their **garage doors** open. The risk of ruffling feathers is worth it if my effort encourages those who (probably innocently) forget how much the simple act of pressing a button will do to improve the appearance and enjoyment of our neighborhood.

Even the neatest garages are not things of beauty. Often used for storage (not just of cars), they can be

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**Rob Schloss**



quite unsightly. In a small, compact neighborhood, open garages stand out - not positively. They do not enhance curb appeal - to either visitors or fellow residents. I'm not commenting on doors open when work is being done - or when left open a foot or so for air circulation (sauna, anyone?). But I believe most of us agree it is not too much to ask people to close the doors when leaving by car, going for a bike ride, a healthy walk (with or without dog), etc. and then after returning.

Car mounted openers, those mounted inside our garages and relatively inexpensive ones for mounting outside, are easy to operate. Let's all use them more often. We will all benefit. Thank you.

*Tim Rogers 563 MSC*

## Meadow Sweet Cuisine...



Recipes Contributed by your neighbors.

### SOUTH WESTERN EGG CASSEROLE

Compliments of Llwana Propst

Serves 8

- 10 eggs
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 4 cups (16 oz.) shredded Monterrey jack cheese
- 2 Cups (16 oz.) Cottage Cheese
- ½ cup butter or margarine, melted
- 2 cans (4 oz. each) chopped green chilies

Oven Temperature 350°

In a large bowl, beat eggs. Combine flour, Baking powder, and salt; stir into eggs (batter will be lumpy). Add cheeses, butter and chilies. Pour into a greased baking dish 13 x 9 x 2 inches. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 35-40 min or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand 5 min before cutting. (Note: can be made the night before and refrigerate. Take out 30 min ahead to let casserole come to room temperature.

**Nathan Dewey**



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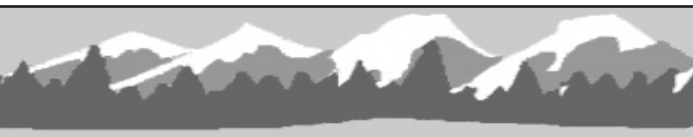
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- Clean Gutters
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- Walkway Pavers Installed Over Concrete
- Single Room Painting
- Clean Patios & Patio Furniture
- House/Plant/Pet Sitting
- Installing Shelves
- Installing Faucets, Deadbolts
- Spread Mulch
- Lights Changed/Dimmers Installed



BY THE HOUR  
OR BY QUOTE

CALL ALLEN: 966-2325



**Chuck & Gretchen Bly**  
Hosts of the November 11th Coffee



## at the Clubhouse

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>,  
10:00 AM to Noon, Hosted by  
Mike & Carolyn Georgopolis.  
Meet with your friends and

neighbors and enjoy some sweets and treats and relaxed conversation. 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.**

### Upcoming Coffee Schedule:

Jan. 4th - Margery Arendt & Vivian Kunkel

Jan. 18th - Terry & Audrey Sweeney and Jack & Pat Martin

Feb. 8th - Steve & Betty Bradich

Feb. 15th - Marge Chandler & Allen Terman

Mar 13th - Bob & Jackie Axiom and Bill & Mary Kella



## 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](mailto:MargArendt@aol.com) or at 918-0953.

*I'm sending this note to  
remind you, that taxes  
have taken away  
The things that I find  
most essential; My rein-  
deer, my work shop, my  
sleigh...*

*I now make my rounds on  
a donkey. He is old and  
crippled and slow.  
So you'll know if you don't  
see me at Christmas, I'm  
out on my ass in the snow!*

**Santa**



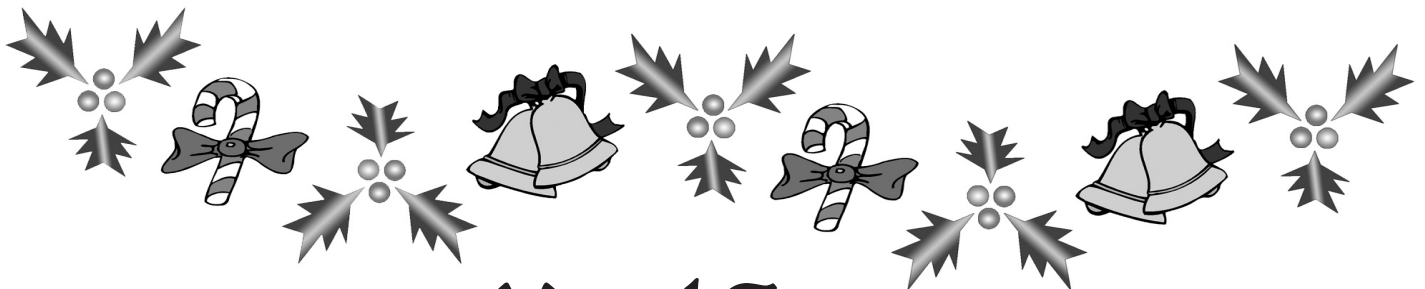
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## Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Progressive Holiday Dinner
7	8	9 Cookie Exchange @ Clubhouse @ 7PM	10	11	12	13
14 Coffee @ Clubhouse 10 to Noon	15	16 Board Meet- ing 7 PM @ clubhouse	17	18	19 	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31			

# Seasons Greetings

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