



Meadow Sweet Circular



NEWSLETTER FOR THE COTTAGES AT RIVENDELL

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GOOD FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR PASSES AWAY



The Cottages is saddened by the passing of our good friend and neighbor Robert Mainey. "Bob" and Mary were one of our earliest settlers. Bob was an avid gardener and could often be seen working in his yard.

Bob was a sergeant of the Sarasota City Police for 15 years, and was then put in charge of Sarasota Division Youth Services. He retired from Sarasota County Zoning Department in 1991.

Our support and best wishes to Mary and her family.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jack Terry has been nominated to chair the Nominating committee for the annual election. If you are interested in serving on our Cottage's Board, please send a short resume to Jack. There are three openings to fill this year, and the election will be held on February 25th, 2010.

Jack can be reached at 578 MSC, phone 918-0108, or e-mail AJT46@yahoo.com.

MSC MINUTES

These minutes are not approved, but are corrected and ready for approval at the next meeting.

RIVENDELL UNIT I BOARD MEETING

Nov. 19, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. 20 members present.

Present, Mike Georgopolis, Carole Myles, Jack Terry, Margery Arendt.

Jane Lettich, absent,
Quorum Established. Minutes of Oct. 20, 2009, approved with one change: Porch swing was repaired by handyman.

1. Unfinished Business. Pool heater fence surround. New plans have been submitted to RCA ARC for approval.
2. Budget Report: Mike. Year to date numbers look good. 2010 Budget unanimously approved after some discussion. Motion, Mike. Second, Carole. Approved.
3. T and H Comptrollers and Sun State Association assignments, contractually confirmed. Motion, Mike. Second, Margery. Approved.
4. By Laws amended to conduct financial matters with electronic transactions required for payment processing. Motion, Mike. Second, Carole. Approved.
5. Jack Terry to chair Nomination Committee for 2010 election. Motion. Carole, Second, Marge. Approved.
6. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010. There will be no December meeting. Annual Members and Election Meeting will be held on Feb. 25, 2010. Followed by a board meeting.
8. Motion to adjourn. Carole, second, Margery. Meeting Adjourned, 7:15 PM.

Margery Arendt, Secretary

WATERCOLOR CLASS

with Susan Martinolich

I would like to have either one class in beginning watercolor or one class in advanced beginner; or both if that's what the residents want. Each class is 2 hours long for 10 weeks at \$100.00. Paid up front.



Supplies are about \$60-\$80, and I will go over everything in the first class. I would like to have a class on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons or early evening if that is possible. Please feel free to contact me anytime. 941-342-1569

Bio: Susan Martinolich has a BS in Graphic Design from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She has worked as an Art Director for 25 years in New York and Boston. While taking many courses and workshops in watercolor painting along with other arts; she began teaching watercolor painting since she arrived in Florida in 2005. Susan has won several awards when exhibiting her watercolor paintings in New York. She has taught painting to large groups and semi privately. She tries to make the learning process fun & positive at all times.

WATER AEROBICS

Lauren Vines, a water aerobics teacher with fitness insurance, has begun teaching at the Clubhouse pool with two classes each week. The first will run from 1-2 PM on Monday. The second class is Wednesday from 1-2.



Lauren currently teaches at the YMCA and other county communities. She is asking for \$5.00 per class. Please bring a noodle, sunscreen and a hat. Men and women welcome.

See you in the water, Jane Lettich

“I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, toys not included.”

Bernard Manning

CALENDAR OF UP-COMING EVENTS

December 5 –Holiday Party
6 PM @ 516 • Cocktails & Hors Doeuvres
8 PM @ 545 • Desserts, Coffe and After Dinner Drinks.



January 10 –Sunday - 10AM
Coffee
Bragg & Brown



DATES TO FLY THE FLAG



January 1, 2010 - New Year's Day

January 18, 2010 - Martin Luther King Day

February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday

February 15 - President's Day

February 22 - Washington's Birthday

6TH ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Saturday, January 30 • 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

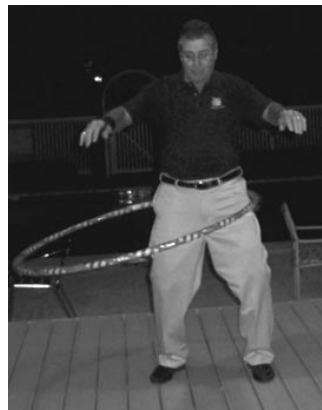
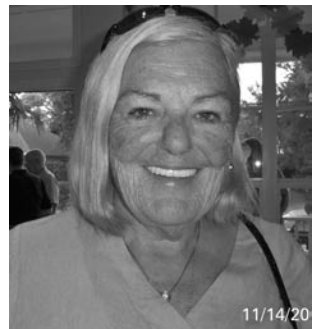
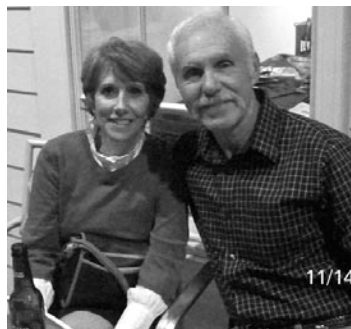
Now is the time to clean out your closets, cabinets, drawers, attic, and garage for the new year. Contact Jackie Axiom, 966-0408, if you would like to participate. A small advertising fee of \$3.00 will cover the newspaper ad and provide balloons for your mailbox. If you would like to donate items to the clubhouse sale, contact Jackie Axiom. Those items may be dropped off at the clubhouse on Friday, January 29. All items donated and not sold by the end of the garage will be given to charity. Any profit made will be given to the activities fund. Don't delay! Now is the time to start cleaning out!



THANKFUL DAY

Our Thankful Day party was held on November 14th and we had a great turnout. The food came from Cracker Barrel and was really great. There was more than enough for everyone. There was a 50-50 raffle and a hula-hoop contest. Tracy Arendt won the hula-hoop prize, but it could have been a tie with Sherry Pafumi who was obviously Olympic material. Being a polite hostess, she conceded to Tracy.

It was a fun and tasty evening. Thanks to hosts Gretchen and Chuck Bly and Sherry and Frank Pafumi. Thanks also to all the folks who pitch in an clean up tables and do dishes and put up chairs. We really have a great bunch of neighbors.



E-MAIL YOUR E-MAIL

We would like to include e-mail addresses in our next directory update. Please send yours to margarendt@aol.com so that it may be included. Thank you.

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CORNER

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Mac Segar

Hopefully everyone took the time to read "The Garden Guide" which was printed in the November 12th Pelican Press and written by Rick Wielgorecki who has been doing landscape maintenance, installations, and consultations since 1977. The article contained valuable information pertaining to grass, planting and irrigation issues most of which can be found right here in The Cottages. This time of year the surface of our lawns start to "turn color" from green to pale green and eventually straw brown but with normal irrigation and some lucky natural rainfall the roots will stay healthy. Our current irrigation produces about six tenths to eight tenths of an inch per watering which is adequate to sustain the root system but will not keep everything "lush and green".

Mr. Wielgorecki went on to write about palm trees. Specifically, what's best for most properties? The winner? The Adonidia or as it is more commonly called, "Christmas Palm" and sometimes referred to as "baby royal" and has a moderate growth rate (maximum 25ft). Best of all the adonidia requires little maintenance. The fronds simply drop off as the palm grows. Several properties in The Cottages already have these palms that usually grow in "groupings" of three, four and sometime more.

Moving on to a word or two about exterior holiday decora-

tions. Please remember when you decorate, your properties will continue to be mowed and trimmed along with one scheduled detailing just before Christmas. While Valley Crest makes every effort to avoid any accidental, misguided clips they ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE for any damage caused.

Also, to avoid any electrical "shorts" please be sure all exposed power connections are protected from water, especially the irrigation.

Finally, do you know where the ground fault circuit interrupter (GFI) is that regulates power to the irrigation timer is located? Do you know how to be sure it's "on"? Too many times when a resident reports their irrigation isn't working the problem lays directly at the feet of the GFI. It (the GFI) has been shorted out and needs to be reset. If you aren't sure about the location of your GFI or if it's functioning properly, please send an e-mail to mcsdetail@yahoo.com for assistance. On the subject of the controller boxes, all controllers have been left on daylight savings time so your property will be watered one (1) hour earlier.. This schedule will remain in affect until next spring.

To all our Cottage families, please enjoy a safe and happy Holiday Season.



WASHINGTONIAN REMOVAL PLAN

by Mike Georgopolis

Washingtonian palms will be continually removed over the next several days/weeks. Dirt will be placed in the holes to fill. Then, after the removal task is completed, sammy will send a truck to Dade county and pick-up all the replacement plants and put them in all at one time. So... patience is required on this project.

*Seasons Greetings
and Best Wishes
for 2010!*

