

# RIVERGROVE

## JULY 2005 NEWSLETTER

Our last Board meeting was held on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2005. It was very poorly attended and we do hope to see more homeowners at our next meeting which will be held at Georgianna Church Hall, Old Settlement Road, South Tropical Trail, on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2005 at 6.30pm. Please try to attend as your impute is very valuable to us.

### The Dock.

- An unknown driver crashed into our dock fence recently and demolished part of it. Tim Harber has kindly repaired it.
- Tim Harber also has weeded the banks again. This is an ongoing situation and we would appreciate some volunteers to help with this on a regular basis.

### Boulevard Trees

- There are still a number of homeowners with dead or missing boulevard trees on their properties.
- Marie Prescott has contacted all involved with the intention of resolving this problem and hopefully all trees will be replaced by the end of July 2005.
- Trees that are not replaced will be replaced by the Board and a fine placed against the HomeOwner.

### Landscaping

- The Landscaping committee, led by Barbara Meyer, has made a great improvement to the entrance of Rivergrove. There is still more to be accomplished with the entrance and volunteers would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Barbara for details.
- The curbstone at the entrance will be painted yet again. Many vehicles seem to mount it as they turn into Rivergrove. Please try to slow down and miss it.

### Storm Shutters

- At the recent meeting the Board discussed the closure of Shutters while away on vacation. We would strongly advise that the shutters be left open when on vacation and a key be left with a neighbor, to close or put up shutters in the event of a hurricane. We feel that a closed home and no impending hurricane is a clear

indication to burglars that the home is unoccupied and a prime target for robberies or vandalism. It also detracts from the look of your home and Rivergrove.

### Septic Tanks

- Some homeowners are still experiencing problems with their septic tanks. A recognized plumber was contacted and he stated that the filter in all our septic systems will only last two to three years and then must be cleaned. Also what we put down our drains is very important.

### NOT recommended: -

Dishwashing detergent...All, Cascade, Palmolive, Sun Light, Electra Sol.

Toilet Bowl Cleaners...Vanish long Life, Ty D Bol Dura Bleach, 2000 Flushes, Chlorox + Bleach, Lysol Cling, Sno Bol, Vanish Thick Liquid.

Dishwashing Liquids... most are compatible as long as they are not anti bacterial.

Soap ... Lifebuoy, Safeguard, Dial, Zest, Coast, Irish Spring, Lever 2000, Spirit, Shield.

Drain Products... Drano, Liquid Plumber, Drain Care Drain Opener, Lysol Drain Opener, Liquid Fire.

Household Cleaners ...Pine Sol, Lysol plus Bleach, Lysol Anti bacterial.

Shampoo ... Selsun Blue, Denorex, Tegrine, Head & Shoulders.

Laundry Detergents & Bleach..This category is so big we can't list all the various brands. In general, use 100% biodegradable compounds. Avoid detergents listing chlorine, quaternary compounds, or cationic surfactants on the label. Instead of chlorine bleach use all fabric bleach such as Biz, Borateem, Snowy, Purex, CloromII or Vivid.

**NEVER FLUSH THE FOLLOWING:** Disposable diapers, bones, sanitary napkins, tampons, tampon applicators, coffee grounds, plastic band aids, bandage wrappers, dental floss and cigarette butts, petroleum based paints and solvents. These WILL NOT BREAK DOWN and cause blockages.

### RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

Dishwashing Liquids ... Shaklee Basic ( no phosphates), Electrasol Super Concentrate, Amway, Plamolive Ultra Concentrate.

Soaps... Ivory, Dove, Tone, Lux, Camay, Vel, Oil of Olay, Gentle Touch, Jergens Mild, Kirks, Lava.

**Toilet Bowl Cleaners** ... Duette, Ty D Bol, Bully Swish\*, HD Sani Flush (Liquid)\*, The Works, Crystal Vanish\*. ....\*These are acids & must be neutralized with baking soda dissolved in water before flushing.

**Drain Cleaners** ... Bio-Clean, Plumb Clean.

**Household Cleaners** ... Shaklee Basic, Amway LOC, Spic & Span, Mr. Clean, 409, Fantastik, Shower Power.

**Shampoo...** Finess, Teen Spirit, Breck, Aussie Mega.

We hope the above information will help all homeowners to improve the condition of their septic systems.

### **Architectural Review Board (ARC)**

- The ARC is in place to support each property owner's right by enforcing the covenants (deed restrictions) with common sense. Most exterior modifications are within the domain of the ARC and approval must be obtained prior to beginning any changes. If prior approval is not obtained, the ARC has the right to request removal or stop installation/construction.
- Examples of items requiring ARC approval include fences, solar panels, hurricane shutters, gazebos, satellite dishes, swimming pools, driveways and changes to the homes exterior colors.

### **4<sup>th</sup> July Celebrations.**

- This year 4<sup>th</sup> July seemed to be spoiled for some homeowners by the illegal use of Fireworks by their neighbors. There were a few unfortunate incidents that resulted in the sheriff's department being called to Rivergrove.
- PLEASE REMEMBER....fireworks that go airborne or are bottle rockets are ILLEGAL in Brevard County. It was quite irresponsible of homeowners, first to purchase these illegal fireworks and second to fire them within a close community such as ours, to risk fires of homes, damage to roofs, screens, gardens and solar panels. Animal owners complained that their pets were very upset at the noise of these fireworks.
- We would ask all homeowner to have a little thought for his or her neighbors and not cause problems that certainly do not need to occur. There are many organized firework displays throughout the county.
- Any use of illegal fireworks within RiverGrove will be deemed a violation of our covenants and could lead to a fine.

- We will be discussing this issue at the next board meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> August and urge all to attend.

### **Vehicle Parking**

- It is still an ongoing problem in Rivergrove. PLEASE NOTE....You are not allowed to park your vehicles on the street at night. We see cars left overnight in the street on a regular basis. Please park in your garage or on your drives.

We received an e-mail from a young man in our community by the name of **Anthony Defilippo**. He is offering a dog walking service for homeowners in Rivergrove. He already has a few regular customers.

Also he has successfully passed the Safe Sitter course instructed by Weustoff Hospital and is available for baby-sitting.

Anthony can be contacted on 321 459 3491 or e-mail, [sdemuth154@hotmail.com](mailto:sdemuth154@hotmail.com).

If there are any older kids in the neighborhood looking for odd jobs...yard work, car washing etc. contact Marie Prescott, [aprescott@cfl.rrlcom](mailto:aprescott@cfl.rrlcom), to be included in the next newsletter.

We end this newsletter on a sad note.

Our friend and neighbor Captain Ron Yoli of Long Sandy Circle passed away on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> 2005.

We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Barbara and their family at this sad time.

The Board of Directors can be addressed at the monthly meeting in person, through our community website: [www.fghoa.com](http://www.fghoa.com) or by mail:

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