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**Riviera Estates Personnel - 2016**

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Diane .....	Assistant Comm. Manager .....	784-1320

**Riviera Estates Homeowners Association Jan. - Dec. 2016**

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Terri Walls, #89, [gammawtj@gmail.com](mailto:gammawtj@gmail.com)

October is here and we are getting excited for the northerners to return, which should begin here this month. The weather the last month has been quite an experience with Hermine, the first hurricane of the season to cross our paths. It was not an evacuation event for us, but it was quite a rain event. The last I heard, the total rainfall in Palm Harbor in two days was over 22 inches. That is A LOT of rain and we did have flooding all around us, but fortunately nothing in the park flooded.



The state of Florida has been left with an enormous amount of damage though from flooding, beach erosion and all kinds of issues in the wake of that storm. I was glad we did not have to deal with a lot of high winds. We were very lucky and personally I will be glad when the season is officially over, which is November 1st. It will be some time before the state recovers from the damage to our shores and flooded areas. But we had plenty of warning and time to prepare before it hit us and for that I am thankful.

This month there are some things going on. The 3rd and 4th are Rosh Hashanah. Yom Kippur is the 12th. The 10th is Columbus Day. And of course, Halloween is the 31st. The month of October is also Breast Cancer month. Things socially around here will pick up quickly in the next two months. The Labor Day party we were planning was cancelled due to the fact that the remodeling of the clubhouse is still in process, and the heat was too intense to consider having a group outside around the pool. That was a disappointment, but the heat has been very intense this year. Not worth the risk of someone becoming ill from the high heat and humidity.

On a personal note, the 1st of October is our 40th Anniversary.....and our grand daughter that recently had the pacemaker put in will be eleven on the 4th of the month. So it is a busy month for us.

As I mentioned earlier, our northern friends will begin their annual migration heading this way for the winter season. Most will come down in November, but we have a few who arrive usually in mid to late October. All the social gatherings will be starting up, along with our parties and fun. Also our HOA and Good Neighbors Club will be restarting their monthly meetings in November, and both have business to take care of. The election of officers will be held in December, and the new officers will begin their duties the first of January, so be thinking about who you would like to nominate, or perhaps if you are interested in running for any of these vacancies.

When you do return and if you head up a function, please give me a call and let me know when you are starting up, time, etc. And thanks to all who volunteer their time to organize a good time for us. We do appreciate what you do to make a good time for all.

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Well, the heat this summer and humidity have been horrible this year. I am looking forward to a cool down and being able to get back outside and get the outside in order. I am tired of being inside, even though it is cool and comfortable. I am also looking forward to lower electric bills real soon. I hope you all are doing well and healthy, and as usual, please "pay it forward" if it is just buying a cup of coffee for a stranger or checking on a neighbor or friend. Have a good month and looking forward to seeing everyone return soon.

## From the Co-Editor's Desk

Larry Dunnett #171, [mindfarms@gmail.com](mailto:mindfarms@gmail.com)

**D**o you know what Laughter can do to you?

Like yawning, laughter is contagious; the laughter of others is irresistible.

That women laugh twice as much as men - personally I think they laugh AT men more. Laughter in relationships declines dramatically as people age. I think that is kind of like not laughing at the same joke over and over. Interacting with other people (those that don't take themselves too seriously) can give us new opportunities to laugh at and with them.

Shared laughter is one of the most effective tools for keeping relationships fresh and exciting. All emotional sharing builds strong and lasting relationship bonds, but sharing laughter and play also adds joy, vitality, and resilience. And humor is a powerful and effective way to heal resentments, disagreements, and hurts. Laughter unites people during difficult times.

Laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict. Humor lightens your burdens, inspires hopes, connects you to others, and keeps you grounded, focused, and alert. Laughter relaxes the whole body. A good, hearty laugh relieves physical tension and stress, leaving your muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes after.

Laughter boosts the immune system. Laughter decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies, thus improving your resistance to disease. Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals. Endorphins promote an overall sense of well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain. Laughter protects the heart. Laughter improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow, which can help protect you against a heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

Laughter makes you feel good. And the good feeling that you get when you laugh remains with loss.

Shared laughter is one of the most effective tools for you even after the laughter subsides. Humor helps you keep a positive, optimistic outlook through difficult situations, disappointments, and keeping relationships fresh and exciting.

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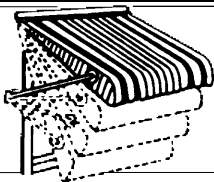
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Want to laugh more?

Watch a funny movie or TV show.

Go to a comedy club.

Read the funny pages.

Seek out funny people.

Share a good joke or a funny story.

Check out your bookstore's humor section.

Host game night with friends.

Play with a pet.

Go to a "laughter yoga" class.

Goof around with children.

Do something silly.

Make time for fun activities (e.g. bowling, miniature golfing, karaoke).

And learn to laugh at yourself. We all do things from time to time that is we saw somebody else do it we would laugh.

Pets can Help You Deal with Depression, Anxiety, and Stress. Those of us that own (or have owned) pets know that they do things that make us laugh sometimes. But even more importantly having a pet fulfills the Human basic need of touch. The companionship of a pet can help prevent illness and even add years to your life.

One warning though... be careful to not laugh too hard when you have to go to the bathroom, in that instance the laugh may come with a puddle.

Another thing about laughter I have noticed over the years is that judgmental folks don't laugh near as much as non-judgmental folks.

So there you go – now you know a little bit more about laughter.

Laugh, Love, and Live.

Larry D



## Riviera Estates - From the Manager's Desk

*Susan Worden, Community Manager*

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**S**usan is here on Tuesdays and Fridays., 9: 00-3:30. Remember to contact her via email (best) if you need to talk with her when she is not here. Her email address is **riviera@arcinvestments.com**. Our assistant manager is here Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Riviera Estates Homeowner's Association

*Alan Hennigar, President*

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**T**he next meeting of the Homeowner's Association will be November 3rd at 9:30 a.m. which is the first meeting after the northerners return. There will be a lot to catch up on and the nomination and elections of new officers will be in November and December, so please be sure to attend.



## ACTIVITIES AND REMINDERS

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### POOL AND PET OWNER REMINDERS

**FYI:** Riviera Estates MHP would like to remind our residents that **NO one is allowed to touch the temperature settings on the pool heater and/or the clubhouse air conditioner.** Our manager and the Homeowner's Association Executive Board have insisted on this. Pool hours are 9:00 a.m. until dusk daily. Pool is heated in winter, the months of November through March. .

Please remember when leaving the pool, to **CLOSE DOWN THE UMBRELLAS**, pick up your trash and close the gates. If you are going by the pool, and see the umbrellas are open, please go in and close them. A wind gust can pick them right up and they become a missile and could damage or injure, along with the umbrella itself getting damaged. Treat our community pool as if it were your own. Thank you.

**ATTENTION PET OWNERS:** Please be a responsible pet owner and a **RESPECTIBLE** pet owner as well. When walking your pets, please do not allow them to "potty" in other people's yards. Some are not pet lovers as we are.



Your dogs must be leashed at all times, and there are plenty of areas where your dog can go. There is a pet cleanup station in the storage field for your use.

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## Activities and Department Reports

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**A**ll activities with the exception of Koffee Klatch on Saturday mornings are suspended until the fall when the northerners return.

**Good Neighbors Club::** Good Neighbor's Club Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month for the membership. Our next meeting will be on November 10th, at 9:30 a.m. Contact Claudette Lusignan at 223-5228 or email the Good Neighbors executive board with questions, suggestions, etc at [gnclubre@gmail.com](mailto:gnclubre@gmail.com). We also have a new website, where event calendar is posted and pictures etc. It is [www.rivieraestates-goodneighbors.com](http://www.rivieraestates-goodneighbors.com), Please check it out.

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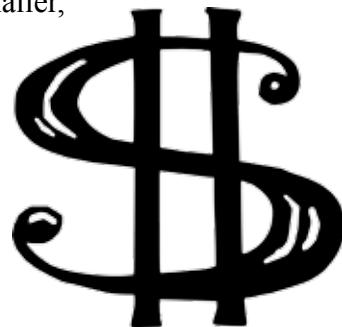
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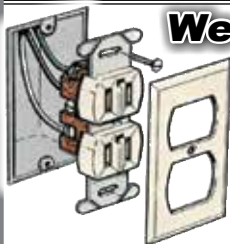
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Take for example, American writer Flannery O'Connor. She was stricken with lupus erythematosus in her mid-20s. She spent almost all of her life (she died at age 39) on her family's farm. But as the disease made movement more and more difficult, it also pushed her to sit at her typewriter every day and write. The stories she churned out are full of wild imaginings and a great spirit of hope.



## Just listen

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A man whose marriage was in trouble sought advice from his minister. The minister heard the man out and then said, "You must learn to listen to your wife."

The man took this advice to heart, but he returned a month later to say the marriage was still unhappy, even though he had learned to listen to every word his wife said.

The minister said with a smile, "Now go home, and listen to every word she *isn't* saying."

## Learn to let go

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A little boy was playing one day with a very valuable vase. When he put his hand inside it and couldn't draw it back out, he called for his mother. His mother tried gently to slide his hand free, but it remained stuck.



She was ready to break the vase when she said, "OK, let's try one more time. Open your hand and hold your fingers out out straight, and then pull."

"Oh, no, mommy!" the boy cried. "If I do that, I'll drop my penny!"

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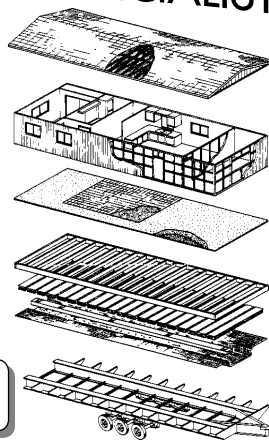
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**National Bullying Prevention Month.** A campaign held during October, uniting communities nationwide to educate about and raise awareness of bullying prevention, National Bullying Prevention Month is recognized in communities across the United States, with hundreds of schools and organizations signing on as partners.

**National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.** The internet touches almost all aspects of everyone's daily life, whether we realize it or not. National Cybersecurity Awareness Month is intended to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cybersecurity and increasing the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident.



**National Walk Your Dog Week, Oct. 1-7.** According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, more than 40 percent of dogs—a total of about 17 million—in the United States are overweight. Walking your dog just 30 minutes a day helps both of you maintain a healthy weight and a good heart.

**Earth Science Week, Oct. 9-16.** This year's Earth Science Week celebrates the theme, "Our Shared Geoheritage"—the collection of natural wonders, landforms, and resources that have formed over eons and come to this generation to manage, use, and conserve effectively.

**Free Speech Week, Oct. 16-22.** A yearly event to raise public awareness of the importance of free speech in our democracy and to celebrate that freedom. Express your right to free speech by posting a message online, composing a poem, writing a letter to the editor, or whatever works best for you.

**National Massage Therapy Awareness Week, Oct. 23-29.** Research suggests that symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression may be ameliorated with massage therapy. Athletes at all stages have also benefited from massage therapy. By combining your exercise routine with a massage therapy treatment, you will be able to train longer and harder and make the most of your workout.

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**National Chess Day, Oct. 8.** Play a game that sharpens your mind, challenges your intellect, and brings you closer together with other people.

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## Try these tips for better napping

**S**leep is important to your health, and regular naps can make a positive difference. One Harvard study found that people who nap at least three times a week for a half hour or more have a much lower risk of heart disease. Other studies suggest that a 40-minute nap can improve performance on the job.

So what's the best way to nap? The Science of Us website summarized the findings of different studies. First, try to sleep for at least an hour to get a deeper sleep, even though shorter naps have positive benefits as well. Second, lie down for your nap; you'll wake up feeling more alert than if you sleep sitting up in a chair.



Finally, nap in the morning if possible. You're more likely to get REM sleep because your brain still craves it from the night before. Although, on the other hand, afternoon naps tend to be more restorative and improve memory.

## Chest pain? Worry—but don't panic

**Y**ou're having chest pains. Should you rush to the hospital? Although you shouldn't ignore the pains, don't panic. According to an article on the Medline Plus website, fewer than 6 percent of chest pains are symptoms of a heart attack. That's the good news. The bad news is that doctors usually can't determine the cause of chest pains, and they can be evidence of a serious illness.

Researchers studied a database containing records of emergency room visits, looking at 11,000 cases of chest pain unrelated to other trauma. They found that only 5.5 percent of patients suffered from life-threatening ailments. The most common diagnosis was simply "non-specific chest pain," accounting for more than five in 10 patients complaining of discomfort.

Chest pains cause more than 8 million trips to emergency rooms each year, second only to abdominal pains.

## Heart health improving for Americans

**A**mericans are taking better care of their hearts, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. According to a study published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, the rate of heart disease in Americans over 40 dropped to 8 percent in 2011-12, down from 10 percent in 2001-02. Among Americans 60 and older, the rate dropped from 19.5 percent to 15 percent in the same time frames. The researchers found no significant change either way in Americans 40-59 years old, however.

One factor influencing the improvement was having access to health insurance, according to the study. Better management of risk factors like high blood pressure, cholesterol, smoking, weight, and diabetes probably contributed to the decline, the report suggested.



## Go for the quick laugh

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Jokes don't have to be longwinded. Try these one-liners out on your friends:

- I sold my vacuum cleaner—all it was doing was gathering dust.
- I give all my dead batteries away—free of charge.
- I hate elevators, so I take steps to avoid them.
- I know a man who drinks brake fluid. But he says he can stop any time.
- When will all the rhetorical questions end?
- Women really should not have children after 35. After all, 35 children are enough.
- It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.
- A hard-boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- There are only 10 types of people in the world—those who understand binary and those who don't.



## Hot tip

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A man was watching TV one night when his wife walked up behind him and smacked him on the back of the head with a newspaper.

“What was that for?” he demanded.

“I was doing the laundry and I found a piece of paper folded up in your back pocket with the name ‘Carol Anne’ written on it,” she said.

“Oh, honey,” the man said. “I was at the track the other day and a guy gave me a hot tip on a horse named ‘Carol Anne.’ I won \$50.”

Unconvinced, the wife said, “All right, then,” and went back to the laundry.

Two nights later the husband was watching TV again when the phone rang. A minute later, his wife walked up behind him and once again hit him with the newspaper. “What are you doing?”

“The phone call? That was your horse.”





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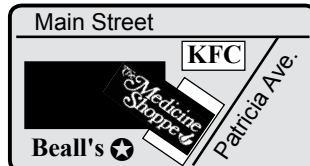
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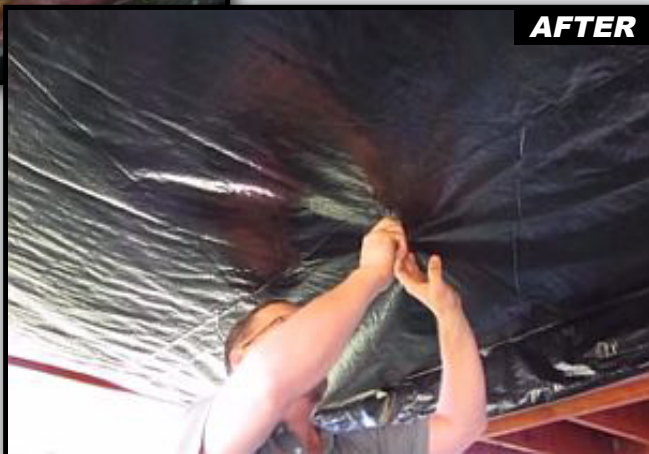
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- Seek inspiration. Spend some looking at art—paintings, sculpture, drawings. Listen to music to stimulate your creative juices.
- Start small. If you're hesitant, or blocked, don't tackle a big art project. Start with something small and easy. Work on one section of a painting you're planning, and don't think of the rest of the project. You'll accomplish something concrete, and your success may give you the momentum you need to continue.
- Switch things around. If you usually paint or draw horizontally, switch to vertical. Instead of painting what you see, paint what you feel. If you draw with your right hand, try switching to your left. A small change can make a big difference.
- Try an exercise. Pick a common saying: "Once in a blue moon," for instance. Draw or paint what the saying means to you. What kind of rare occurrence springs to your mind? How would the world look under blue moonlight? Choose other clichés and catchphrases to illustrate, and you'll keep your perceptions sharper.



## Fear criticism? Do it anyway

**T**he cliché that you can't please everyone is a simple lesson on dealing with criticism. You'll always have detractors, so you may as well follow your heart and do what's right.

That's what Julia Butterfly Hill learned. Hill made headlines a couple of years ago when she climbed into a California redwood and lived there for two years to protest logging in the ancient woods. After she came down, she wrote a book about her experience, *The Legacy of Luna* (Luna is the name she gave to her tree home).

Then came publicity—and criticism from loggers whose livelihood she was curtailing and environmentalists who accused her of selling out.

"For every action, there's an equal and opposite criticism," Hill said. So do it anyway.





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