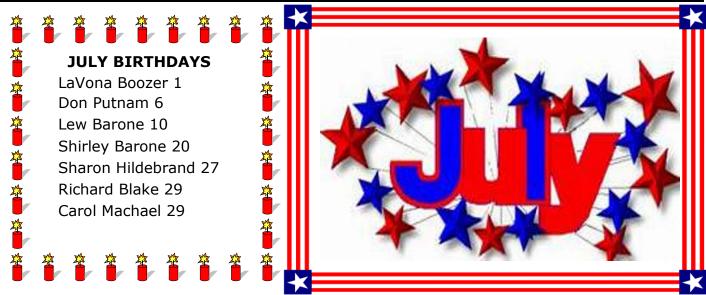


# **Raintree Village News and Views**

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#### A NOTE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Roofs have been cleaned as have the dryer vents. Thank you for your cooperation in both of these undertakings. As we are in hurricane season; there is Hurricane Readiness info on our website (raintree-village.org), in the clubhouse, and thanks to Marilyn, in last month's newsletter. Along with hurricane season comes rainy season, which brings mosquitoes. They nest and breed in standing water ANYWHERE. After a rain, check your area for standing water. If there are mosquitoes you need to get rid of please call Pinellas County Mosquito Control at 727-464-7503 they will be out within 72 hours to treat your area. This is a FREE service.

Thank you all for calling your Board member representative with any issues. This allows things to be handled in the most efficient way and reduces chances of something "slipping through the cracks." If you are not sure who your representative is, please see the list on page 3.

As stated in the minutes of the June Board meeting there will be no July Board of Directors meeting; the next meeting will be August 17, 2021.

Be well and stay safe, Dan Cottle, President, Raintree Village Board of Directors



4th of July Cook-Out Sunday, July 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse Please let Nora know if you're coming by phone, text, or email so we know how many to expect:

(727)723-4623, n\_stackpole@yahoo.com

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Raintree Village-Communications c/o Marilyn Putnam 2101 Sunset Point Road,# 1201 Clearwater, FL 33765 **UPDATES!** If you would like to have your birthday listed in the newsletter, or if you have a phone number that is new or has been changed, please let me know.

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#### BLUE PLATE COMMITTEE

We provide meals (usually 6) for any resident that needs temporary assistance (this is all free of charge). So if you or a neighbor are not feeling well or can't get out to shop, let me know and my team will be able to help

I'm also looking to expand the team. If you have been on the team in the past or want to be involved with this program, please let me know. We obviously need people to cook and deliver, but we also need people just to run errands, drive to the doctor, pick up scripts etc.

We have been doing this for a couple of years and is so rewarding, everyone is always appreciative.

Call me and let me know if you want to stay involved or get involved.

-Barbara Archibald #603 727-446-4658

#### WELCOME!

The Board of Directors would like to welcome all of our new neighbors and friends to our Village and we look forward to meeting each of you. There are many great things going on in our Village (when we're not experiencing a pandemic!). As you settle in, you will need to traverse the new world you have moved into. Ask your neighbors, your Maintenance Team, and your Board members for assistance. We are all here to help you settle into our great community. See you soon, and again, WELCOME!

# MAILARSE

## IN MEMORIAM Hellen Kathe "Kitty" Martha Sheppard April 4, 1934- June 12, 2021

It is with great sadness that we make note of the death of Kitty Sheppard (our neighbor at Raintree Village), who passed away on June 12th at the age of 87.

Kitty was born in Islip Manor, Long Island, New York, to parents, Karl and Paula Jonasson. During her senior year of high school she worked for AT&T as a telephone operator, continuing her career after graduation. In 1954 she married William Cook, but the marriage ended shortly in divorce. She married George Rau and moved to Florida in 1962 where she worked for the General Telephone Company. George died suddenly in 1977. Kitty filled her days with work and joined the American Business Women's Association and the GTE Speaker's Bureau. She was named one of ABWA's Women of the Year in 1978, and Outstanding Speaker of the Northwestern Division of the GTE Speaker's Bureau. In 1987 she retired from GTE and two year's later was privileged to be Pastor Parsh's Administrative Secretary. She met Dan Sheppard in 1989 and they were married in 1990. They had 15 blessed years together before Dan's health deteriorated and he passed away in 2005. Three children, Pennie, David, and Terry preceded her in death. Kitty is survived by her sister Edith Pallman, children Cheryl (Jerry) Poulis, Allyson (Allen) Blouse, Geoffrey Rau, Kathie Mansfield, Merry (Ken) Fritz, Doug (Linda) Sheppard, Dennis (Loren) Sheppard, 19 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. A funeral service was held on June 19th at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Clearwater.

HOME OWNER CALL LIST FOR PROBLEMS			
	<u>Phone #</u>		
Chuck Sambol, Director Building #'s 2000, 2400, 2500 and Unit #'s 901 and 902	727-365-4580		
Dan Cottle, President Building #'s 1800, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2600, 2700 and Unit #'s 101, 102, 201 and 202	440-666-0813		
Barb Masson, Director Building #'s 1000, 1100, 1200 and 1300	727-441-8855		
Ralph Memoli, Director Building #'s 600 and 800, Unit #'s 203, 204, 205 and 206	727-443-6461		
Betty McClure, Vice President Building #'s 500, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700 and 1900	727-447-3076		
Dee Dee Street, Director Building #'s 300 and 700, Unit #'s 103, 104, 105 and 106	727-474-6013		



## **Raintree Village News and Views**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY LISTED, PLEASE E-MAIL ME AT marilynputnam54@gmail.com.

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bob Moore 12 Patricia Mills 21 Chuck Sambol 21 Kyle Cothran 23 Janet Ozbun 31

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Michael Sheared 3				
Sharon De Vore 4				
Jim Grant	4			
Linda Layton	4			
Pam Cain 9				
Joyce Smith	9			
Bobby Burke 1				
Terry Cicatello 14				
Pat Vowles 14				
Andrea Memoli 14				
Yvette Navarro	17			

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS Carol Dunn 5

Glenn McClure 16 Don Smith 26

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Gary Prawel 1 Jerry Ozbun 4 Jason Hoffman 6 Kathy Megivern 16 Jill Morrison 22 Erica Moore 23 Lucy Gambino 23

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Hurn 6 Charles Wilhelm 8 Dee Dee Street 10 Allie Martin 22 Tootsie the Dog 24 Barbara Archibald 26 Janet McGinnis 27 Paul Martaus 28

## JUNE

BIRTHDAYS June Duncan 2 Jim Shirer 5 Jim Vowles 10 John Lorello 13 Ellen Stoup 14 Andy Larsen 15 Nancy Shirer 24 Barb Bollenback 25 Eva Wiatrak 26 Esther Hueg 28

## BIRTHDAYS

JULY

LaVona Boozer 1 Don Putnam 6 Lew Barone 10 Shirley Barone 20 Sharon Hildebrand 27 Richard Blake 29 Carol Machael 29

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dottie Carlson 1 Jim Mecklenburger 5 Mitch Rosende 19 Andrez Wiatrak 29

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dave Sitter 8 Craig Carlson 10 Jack Smith 14 Maggie Thorne 15 Lucy Tirabassi 15 Bruce Harner 16 Miki Martaus 19 Marilyn Putnam 23 Pat Lorello 24 Steven Malec 29 Betty McClure 30

## OCTOBER

#### BIRTHDAYS

Mickey Prawel 2 Barb Masson 4 Clem Street 5 Brenda Sitter 20

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joe Ozbun 2 Jim Cain 7 Jim Kastner 13 Tom Archibald 18 Dan Cottle 19 Dwayne Schunneman 19 Mike Hurn 22 Ralph Memoli 23 Ruth Cottle 30

#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Goodman 4 Eileen Klinger 16 Terry Grant 18 George Klinger 28

#### RTV Book Club June 11, 2021

It wasn't such a breezy day outside on June 11<sup>th</sup>, but the air conditioning was working fine in the clubhouse for our discussion of <u>A Walk In The Woods</u>, by Bill Bryson. At 44 years old, Mr. Bryson decided to walk the Appalachian Trail, which is a 2000+ mile path that runs from Georgia to Maine up the East Coast. This adventure is chock full of hilarious people, beautiful vistas and interesting facts about the flora and fauna that run up and down the east coast of the United States. This is a fun, fact-filled read for anyone.

Our next meeting is Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the clubhouse. We are reading <u>You're Next</u>, by Gregg Hurwitz. This book promises to be as terrifying as Bryson's book was funny. It is the story of a man who drags himself up from a childhood in the foster care system to become an affluent builder with a family. Then the bottom falls out of his perfect life when he is stalked by people who want him dead, and his life becomes a mad dash to save himself and his family. We look forward to seeing you all for this new Gregg Hurwitz thriller. -Nora Stackpole

## Social Committee

July 2021

The Social Committee is coming out of hibernation (or should we call it covidnation?)! Ralph has already started the birthday barbecues and in that vein we would like to continue with a Fourth of July barbecue. It will be happening on the 4<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) at 1 pm in the clubhouse. (You have been fliered. LOL)

Now that we have your attention, let's get some other social stuff going...bingo!...dinners out...holiday parties. All it takes is a person who is willing to say "lets have a party", call a meeting, set a date, and go. There are lots of residents out there willing to help. They just need a leader. And, we don't need the same leader for every event. I look forward to seeing a bunch of you at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July cookout and other events as the year progresses out of the doldrums we have been in.

-Nora Stackpole

# BLUE PLATE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Recently, we had some cash donations from a couple of RTV residents; they are too busy to cook and/or drive anyone anywhere, but want to help. This money is a big help to the team, thank you very much for your kindness.

We appreciate that the last two residents we helped were suggested to us by a thoughtful neighbor. This is what our program is all about. Please call me if you or a neighbor needs some assistance.

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-Barbara Archibald, 446-4658 #603

#### **RAINTREE VILLAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, June 15, 2021**

### Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at the clubhouse. President Dan Cottle opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vice President Betty McClure, Barbara Masson, and Directors Ralph Memoli, Deedee Street, and Chuck Sambol were present. Secretary to the Board Carol Machael was present. Manager Bob Kelly was present. The meeting had been posted in accordance with Florida statutes; a quorum was noted. It was also noted by Cottle that Richard Blake had resigned from the board and his position was not yet filled and that Barbara Masson had submitted her resignation as treasurer, to be replaced by Mike Dugan until the end of the year.

#### **Review/Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the May meeting were approved after having waived the reading with a motion by McClure, second by Street; passed 5-1. Minutes had been distributed to the Board members at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

#### Reports

<u>Tenant Owner Committee Report –</u> Lucy Tirabassi reported that three occupied units are for sale, one with sale pending, and two units are unoccupied and not for sale.

<u>Grounds/Landscaping Report</u> – Sambol reported that he will speak to landscapers about the leaves that have accumulated. He also stated that a 13-page document by Serv-Pro referencing hurricane preparedness is on the website. He encouraged tenants to put away lawn furniture, pots and tables in the event of a hurricane.

<u>Building Maintenance</u> – Cottle reported that Mark is staying current with the work orders; he also mentioned that if owners do not want their dryer vent cleaned, they should submit a work order to that effect at least 5 days prior to the specified date. Roofs and dryer vents have been cleaned <u>Manager's Report</u> – Bob Kelly stated that he meets each Monday for check signing and to assist with issues that arise, and that residents are welcome to attend

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Dugan presented the financial report which showed income for the month of \$49,609 and expenses of \$49, 570 for a net of \$39.

Monthly Totals	Year to Date		
Income	\$49,609	\$284,033	
Expenses	<u>\$49,570</u>	<u>\$220,303</u>	
_	\$39	\$63,730	

#### Money Market Acct for the Month of May

Reserves Added	\$7,217	\$36,083
Spent	\$4,400	\$4,400

**Insurance Accrual** \$9,442 \$77,991

Operating Bank Acct.	\$114,756
Less Ins. Accrual	<u>-\$77,991</u>
Available Op. Funds	\$36,765

Delinquencies \$474.00

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## RAINTREE CON

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#### **Old Business - None**

#### New business

Request by #2705 to replace windows. Memoli moved, Sambol seconded; unanimous. Request by #2503 to extend the patio. McClure moved to approve, Street seconded; Sambol abstained. Approved unanimous with 1 abstention. Discussion took place regarding waiving one of the summertime meetings. It was decided to waive the July meeting with a motion by Memoli, second by Masson; unanimous.

#### Announcements / Audience Comments

The monthly birthday barbecue was held this month with more attendees than last month. Please consider attending in July. Mask wearing is optional. More information in the newsletter.

#### Adjournment

Masson moved and McClure seconded to adjourn the meeting.





Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray,,,

Each month you'll get to know one of your neighbors in Raintree Village!

## Getting to know...Bruce Harner!



Bruce Harner, a dapper and fit 94 year old, who lives in Unit #2202, has lived in RTV for 11 years.

He was born in Red Knob, West Virginia. During the Depression, when he was eight years old, his family moved to Midland, Michigan, where his father found work in the oil industry. He graduated high school in 1943 during WWII and briefly worked for Dow Chemical Company before enlisting in the Navy.

Following boot camp, he was sent to Biloxi, Mississippi for gunnery school. He then made two cruises to England as part of a Naval gunnery

crew on a merchant ship. When the war ended in Europe, he shipped to the Pacific theater via the Panama Canal.

He was off the coast of Japan when the Japanese surrendered and can recall the boisterous celebrations in Hawaii shortly after the war.

After being discharged, he returned to Midland, Michigan and resumed working for Dow Chemical. In his free time he enjoyed boating and salmon fishing on Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay.

He met the love of his life, Anabel, on June 14, 1950 and they were married on June 16, 1952. Anabel worked as a nurse before devoting herself to care for their three daughters: Becky, Rita and Amy. Anabel later started a daycare center.

After retiring from Dow Chemical, Bruce worked part-time for 23 years in the funeral industry.

Bruce and Anabel moved to Florida in 2009 and into RTV in 2010. They were married for 66 years. Bruce has 10 step-grandchildren and a few "grand dogs"!

When asked what he likes best about Florida and RTV he said, "Warm weather and no lawn mowing!" Bruce has been on the RTV Interview Committee for 5 years, exercises with the Water Lilies every day, plays shuffleboard weekly and enjoys the monthly Club House Cook-outs. If you see Bruce, say hello!

-Mary Hurn conducted the interview and her daughter Mary Elizabeth Hurn did the write-up.

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## RAINITREE CON

# July 2021 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Water Lilies 10:00	<b>2</b> Water Lilies 10:00 Shuffleboard 12:00 PM	3
4 Happy July	<b>5</b> Water Lilies 9:45 Shuffleboard 10:30	<b>6</b> Water Lilies 10:00 Check Signing 10:00 AM	7 Water Lilies 10:00	<b>8</b> Water Lilies 10:00	<b>9</b> Water Lilies 10:00 Shuffleboard 12:00PM RTV Book Club 2:00 PM	10
11	<b>12</b> Water Lilies 9:45 Shuffleboard 10:30	13 Water Lilies 10:00 Check Signing 10:00 AM *BIRTHDAY BBQ-5:00 PM	14 Water Lilies 10:00 Maint.,Grounds & Landscaping Comm. Meeting 1:00 PM	<b>15</b> Water Lilies 10:00	<b>16</b> Water Lilies 10:00 Shuffleboard 12:00 PM	17
18	<b>19</b> Water Lilies 9:45 Shuffleboard 10:30	<b>20</b> Water Lilies 10:00 Check Signing 10:00 AM	<b>21</b> Water Lilies 10:00	<b>22</b> Water Lilies 10:00	<b>23</b> Water Lilies 10:00 Shuffleboard 12:00 PM	24
25	<b>26</b> Water Lilies 9:45 Shuffleboard 10:30	<b>27</b> Water Lilies 10:00 Check Signing 10:00 AM	<b>28</b> Water Lilies 10:00	<b>29</b> Water Lilies 10:00	<b>30</b> Water Lilies 10:00 Shuffleboard 12:00 PM	31

IF YOU HAVE ITEMS FOR SALE, WANT TO PLACE AN AD OR MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR EDITOR AT: marilynputnam54@gmail.com or 727-218-6456 There is no charge for RTV sale items or announcements.