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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Painting that has been long overdue on eight units has been completed by Creative Solutions Home Remodels. Cleaning of leaves from roofs will be completed shortly if not done already. Information on dryer vent cleaning on June 7,8, and 9 is listed later in this newsletter (please see page 9).

Please make sure we have a current key or combination for EMERGENCY ENTRY to your unit. Keys/combination would only be used in your absence or inability to respond as well as tenting of building to remove termites. The keys/combos are kept under lock and key with only certain Board members having access. Keys/combos are signed for (time stamped) and entry is by two Board members and then returned immediately. If you have keys/combos to turn in, THEY MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR UNIT NUMBER. You can give them to your unit Board rep or drop them in the mail slot of office door in the clubhouse. This may save a life or limit any water damage or other expense. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

Birthday BBQs are back on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:00PM. Burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and Birthday Cake are provided. With the cost of everything going, up you still get all this as well as socializing with your neighbors and friends for only \$5.00; best deal around! And at no extra charge you get the culinary expertise of Chef Ralph. Hope to see you on June 8th.

Through the efforts of Mike Dugan and Chuck Sambol we have put together a Financial Condition Report. This will be given out at every Board Meeting in place of the Treasurer's Report, and all in attendance will be given a copy. This is to give you a better understanding of how your monthly fees are being used. An overwhelming majority at the May meeting liked this report and its transparency.

Be well and stay safe,

Dan Cottle, President, Raintree Village Board of Directors





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The format must be in a Word file or JPEG and camera ready. Payment by check must be made in advance to:

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!

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Raintree Village News and Views



It has been a very sad time at Raintree Village lately. We have lost several of our neighbors. Some of the obituaries are printed here and on the next page.

Michele Caputo July 15, 1957 - April 8, 2021

On April 8, 2021, Michele Caputo, a vibrant, bright light, left this earth at the age of 63. She was predeceased by her parents, Antonio and Irene. Michele was born in New Jersey, and raised in Stamford, CT. She lived in many places around the country, finally settling in Clearwater. She was in a car accident that left her a quadriplegic at the age of 24; as a result of her injury, she became very involved in championing the rights of the disabled. Spending more than half her life in a wheelchair did not diminish her love of traveling. Michele visited many countries around the world and spent her 60th birthday snorkeling in St. Thomas. Her adventurous spirit was sated by horseback riding, kayaking, parasailing, skiing, and sailing. Michele also attended Clown College and became a professional clown, "Rosy," volunteering her services at many facilities. She was a founding member of the San Diego Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association. Her love of dance led her to become involved with the San Diego Dance Theater. She is survived by her brother Anthony, sister Carolyn, and brother-in-law Louis, two nephews, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She also leaves her great friend and roommate Dwayne, and her beloved service dog, Tootsie. Michele impacted many people throughout her lifetime and she will be greatly missed. Please consider donating to REVolutions Dance (revdance.org), a non-profit organization in her memory. Private services were held to honor Michele.

Lawrence L. Hoffman September 3, 1937 - April 26, 2021

Our neighbor, Larry Hoffman, 83, passed away on 26 April 2021.

His funeral was held at a private family graveside service on Wednesday, 28 April 2021.

Larry was the cherished father of Jeffrey (Ziva) Hoffman, Todd (Susan) Hoffman, Jason Hoffman, and the late Debra Hoffman Morton. He was the brother of Josephine Zucker and Aaron (the late Toni) Hoffman; grandfather of Daniella (Jonathan) Zeloff, Yaniv (Simi) Hoffman, Daphna Hoffman, Andrew Hoffman, Samuel Hoffman, Matthew (Trang) Hoffman, and Jamie (Adam) Rose; great-grandfather of Caden Morton, Neco Rose, August Rose, Alyal, Yakira and Oren Zeloff. He was the beloved husband of the late Marlene Hoffman and the late Nancy Hoffman.

A note from Larry's son, Jason Hoffman

My Father, Larry Hoffman or "Larry the Liquidator" (known during his business years) was a great man. He was very kind and loving. He loved life and people, especially the people of Raintree Village. There were many good times shared at the birthday parties and events held at the clubhouse over the years. May he always be remembered in our hearts and may he rest in peace.



Terry Jean Grant December 18, 1942-April 27, 2021

Sadly, our neighbor Terry Grant passed away at the end of April. A private graveside service was held on Friday, June 30th. We send our deepest sympathy to her husband James and family.



John P. Thorne May 18, 1931- May 7, 2021

John P. Thorne; known as Jack, was born in Buffalo, New York on May 18 1931. He was the youngest sibling of Stephen and Elizabeth. Jack graduated from Christchurch School, Christchurch, Virginia, and attended William & Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia prior to serving in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Combat Engineer in Korea. After his Service, Jack studied mechanical engineering at the University of Detroit, while working at The General Motors Technical Center in Detroit, Michigan. Later, he became a financial planner. Jack was an entrepreneur and a businessman.

Jack lived in Costa Rica for several years, where he met the love of his life. Maggie and Jack got married in 1995. They were blessed to have known true love and happiness in their love story. He became Erick and Karen's Papa Bear and they have great memories of his love and care. Jack knew how to enjoy life, he was a world traveler who loved the sea and nature, and he was also an excellent dancer. He was generous, distinguished, and elegant with a charming sense of humor. Jack had a noble and gentle heart and he left a legacy of love for his family and friends. He will forever be in our hearts.

TO MY HUSBAND JACK

My husband had a gentle heart

He was nice and fun and he made me laugh
 He was my best friend, my true love
 He was a real blessing from God above.
 He was a great father
 My kids loved this man
 He was always there for us, rain or shine
 I loved him deeply, he was my sunshine.

I loved to swim in the ocean of his blue eyes
 And dance in the gentleness of his arms
 When he sang to me we enjoyed life
 I gave him my love with all my heart.
 -Maggie Thorne

Vera McGinnis May 22, 1928—May 28, 2021

Vera McGinnis (93) passed on May 28th 2021. Mac and Vera retired from the Chicago suburb of La Grange Park to RTV in 1979. Serving on the Board for many years, Vera was very protective of her beloved village, wanting RTV to be the best of the best. She is preceded in death by her husband Alan (Mac), daughter Donna and sister in law Nona. She is survived by her daughter Janet and brother and sister in law J.Milton and Joanne McGinnis and many cousins across the country. Interment will be at Bay Pines Columbarium at a yet to be determined date.







My Sister Sandra Blake Gone But Never Forgotten

Of all the many, many pictures I have of my sister this is the one that always stands out in my mind big time. A picture of my sister (left) and her best friend in life Betty (right) taken but blocks away from where we used to live in Clearwater. My sister and I grew up together on a small 88 acre farm in Sciota, Pa. Where there were no other friends but miles away. We only had each other. It was in retrospect a great way of growing up. We walked to school every day and most of the way hand in hand. We moved to Clearwater in the early 50s where we would meet life-long friends and build a lot memories. My sister followed me from Clearwater when I graduated high school to go back to Stroudsburg, Pa. Where she graduated from Stroudsburg High School and later met her husband Rich. When I relocated to Florida years ago she and Rich eventually followed and we became neighbors. I still hear her voice in her passing and the hurt of knowing she is but a heartbeat away is now a never ending hurt. Now instead of her following me, I am left following her to the heavens. My sister passed and is leading the way on April 6 at 11:40am 2021.

-Donnie Smith



My Son Joe Smith Writes:

Extremely tough day today as we lost my Aunt Sandy. My Uncle Richard has lost his Best Friend and partner from my earliest memories. My Dad, Donald Smith, has ingrained in my mind that his sister, Sandra, was always called Sis. It has been, and always will be her legacy in my mind that each of my sisters are referred to as MY Sis when I speak of them. My memories are long between Stroudsburg and my last trip to Clearwater. It was always extremely important to me to visit them while seeing Dad. I believe the smiles on all of our faces express the gratitude of the moment. May Uncle Richard, Tracy, Krista Day, Dad, and Aunt Sharon Morris and all of our family find solace in knowing she is in heaven. My Aunt. I hear your laugh and take your challenge to carry it on......





RTV Book Club May 2021

It was another warm, breezy day under the trees at the shuffleboard courts when the RTV Book Club met to discuss <u>We Begin At The End</u> by Chris Whitaker. With the whoosh, click of an ongoing shuffleboard game in the background, the five attending members of the book club engaged in a thought-provoking discussion of the story and its characters.



<u>We Begin At The End</u> was peopled by vivid characters. They were flawed and realistic actors on a true-to-life stage: sometimes brave, sometimes timid; often loving, frequently harsh; but always interesting. The one tragic flaw in the book was the lack of organization to the movement of the story. There was a certain amount of temporal and geographic jumping around which made the book a little tricky to read sometimes. The group agreed that the effort to stay with the story, however, was worth it.

The Book Club selection for June is the hilarious Bill Bryson book <u>A Walk In The Woods</u>. It is the story of a travel writer who decided, at the age of 44, to walk the 2200 miles of the Appalachian Trail. We will be meeting on Friday, June 11 at 2 pm, probably in the clubhouse... but, maybe this gorgeous weather will continue. We hope to see you all.

-Nora Stackpole

Shadow Rememberance

Our little darling outdoor Raintree black cat Shadow has passed. Shadow passed today peacefully in her nap in the driveway. She came to us 16 years ago as an abandoned stray. The chip in her neck pointed to a residence a mile away and where the former owners no longer lived. We had the chip changed to Joyce and I and once again she would have a home to call her own. Her name came about due to the huge shadow she cast every time she got between our neighbors outdoor night light and our home next door. Every year she got a bow to stern physical and got all her shots. She loved the outdoors and only came inside to get her flea and tick medicine once every 3 months. She adapted to Raintree and has been a very big part of our lives and the lives of many neighbors in Raintree Village. She was a kind cat and showed affection to many folks in Raintree. It was rumored that the rodent population in Raintree diminished a lot during her tenure. Joyce and I along with many neighbors and friends will miss this kind cat as she dined out often all around Raintree. We had her cremated and her ashes put into a "black cat" urn that is positioned so that it can be seen by all. She has been placed out front where she used to lay with her favorite Southern style collar around her neck and is under light at night. I cannot begin to tell you the void this cat has left in Joyce and my lives. She always found us along the way in all our many walks around Raintree. Always there for breakfast and dinner. She was a very special little animal.









Mary Hurn recently suggested the addition of a new column to our newsletter featuring a different resident each month. She conducted the interview and her daughter, Mary Elizabeth Hurn, did the following write-up. Thank you to Mary and her daughter!

Getting to know...Patricia Mills!

In our new monthly column, you'll get to know one of your neighbors in Raintree Village!

This month you'll get to know Patricia Mills, who lives in unit #2702.

Sarcastic and jovial, you'd probably know Patricia best by her perfectly-coifed hair and bright red nails, spending most afternoons at the pool. She's lived in Raintree Village since 1995 and has had a prominent presence ever since.



Patricia grew up in Kentucky and Tennessee. She moved to Orlando in 1952 appreciating church, alligator farms, cow pastures and Dairy Queen with her parents, and eventually witnessing the "Disney Boom."

In 1974 she lived on Sanibel Island with her first husband, who built houses in the area, then moved to Cape Coral. There, they owned a bait and tackle store where she learned to make bait and crab traps. She eventually moved on to more creative ventures, such as crafting shell candles with starfish and seahorses, selling them to local boutiques, and learning to make the best coquina chowder you've ever had.

She then moved to Clearwater and was a condo manager between here and Ft. Myers for 20+ years.

Since moving into Raintree Village in 1995, she's been a member of the interview committee and the social committee. She would decorate the neighborhood with holiday ribbons, organize barbeques and...Secret! She was the "Easter Bunny" who distributed candy to all the residents for more than 20 years!

Patricia's late second husband, John, was on the board of Raintree Village for nine years. Her father, who is now in assisted living, lived with her in RTV for 3.5 years.

She has one son, Scot, 48, who lives in Ft. Myers as an Environmental Engineer, as well as one grandson, Jacob, who is 14.

Years ago, she was an avid gambler in Las Vegas, visiting twice a year. Today, her hobbies include baking and reading crime novels. She likes travelling to pick tomatoes near Bradenton, shopping, and, of course, swimming.

Stop by the pool and say hi to Patricia!

RAINTREE VILLAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the clubhouse. President Dan Cottle opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vice President Betty McClure, Treasurer Barbara Masson, and Directors Ralph Memoli, Deedee Street, Richard Blake 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.

Review/Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April meeting were approved after having waived the reading with a motion by Masson, second by Street; unanimous. Minutes had been distributed to the Board members at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Reports

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

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Cottle stated that he, Mike Dugan, and Chuck Sambol had worked extensively to put together a report that was transparent and broke down the major items for better understanding of the current financial position.

Income for April:\$50,378; operating expenses, \$38, 508. \$7,217 was allocated to painting, roofing, termite, and tree trimming reserve accounts. Net income for April was \$4,653. The operating bank account contained \$46,169 after \$68,549 for insurance accrual was deducted.

Mike Dugan gave the report and stated that he and treasurer Barbara Masson had reviewed it together. There was discussion on the shortage in Reserve Accounts—the paving account was not funded in the past five years and there is still a negative balance in the roof reserve account. A former board member in attendance stated that the costs on the 30 year reserve spread sheet were prepared by the past president and were inaccurate and that all transferring of reserve funds was done by him as well.

Following the financial discussion most of those present indicated support for the current report by a show of hands. (The report is attached at the end of the minutes.)

<u>Grounds/Landscaping Committee</u> – Cottle reported for Richard Blake that the landscapers continue to do a fine job of grass cutting, trimming and weeding.

<u>Building Maintenance</u> – Dan Cottle reported that painting has been completed on units 806, 1004, 1901, 2100, 2305, 2401, 2201, and 2202 with primer coat of Kilz and caulking provided as needed. Cleaning of the roofs has begun and should be complete in the next few weeks. He asked that Mark be allowed to clean off roofs uninterrupted and that he will remove all roof refuse from gardens and lawn before end of the day. There will be cleaning of dryer vents on June 7, 8, and 9. The exact schedule will be posted in the newsletter.

<u>Bob Kelly from Ameritech</u> – He stated that he meets each Monday for check signing and to assist with issues that arise, and that residents are welcome to attend.

Old Business - None

New business

Request by #2303 to add a patio in the back. A drawing was provided. Masson voted to approve; Street seconded; approved unanimously.



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Announcements / Audience Comments

The monthly birthday barbecue was held last month with 19-20 attendees. There will be another barbecue in May and it is hoped that more people will attend. Mask wearing is optional. More information in the newsletter.

Adjournment

Masson moved and Sambol seconded to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

	FINANCIAL REPORT						
	Month	Yr. to Date					
INCOME	<u>\$50,378</u>	<u>\$234,424</u>					
Water/Sewer/Trash/Elec	\$18,003	\$66,007					
Cable TV	\$5,853	\$23,211					
Bldg. Maint & Sal	\$5,386	\$21,903					
Lawn/Fert./Pest Ctrl.	\$3,825	\$11,325					
Other Expenses	<u>\$5,441</u>	<u>\$19,421</u>					
OPERATING EXPENSE	\$38,508	\$141,867					
RESERVES			Balance				
Painting	\$716	\$2,150	\$11,728				
Paving			\$75,597				
Roofing	\$6,167	\$25,717	-\$23,472				
Interest			\$5				
Pool Deck & Heater			\$884				
Termite Control	\$167	\$500	\$4,500				
Clubhouse Deck	φ	Φ	\$699				
Tree Trimming	\$167	\$500 \$00.06=	\$4,500				
Reserves	\$7,217	\$28,867	\$71,441				
Expenses Net	\$45,725 \$4,653	\$170,734 \$63,690					
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Insurance	\$9,442	\$68,549					
OPERATING BANK ACCOUNT \$114,718							
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DELINQUENCIES None

SCHEDULE FOR DRYER VENT CLEANING

Dryer vent cleaning on perimeter units will be done on Tuesday, June 7th. Inner units will be done on Wednesday, June 8th. Thursday, June 9th, will be for any missed units. Please have your garage doors open or insure that Mark has the combination for your door. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and will help prevent a fire. Thank you again.

BIRTHDAY BARBEQUES ARE BACK!

The first Raintree Village birthday celebration in over a year took place on May 11th. About 20 people attended, and had a good time catching up with friends and neighbors. As always, the food was excellent. Many thanks to Ralph and Dan for doing the grilling and to everyone who brought side dishes to share. Since DeeDee was the only one there with a May birthday, we decided to celebrate anyone who had a birthday since the last BBQ, which of course meant everyone. Please plan to join the group on June 8th for the next get-together!





Hurricane Season begins on June 1st. Take a little time now to make sure you are prepared.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST



Food and Supplies for Severe Weather

No one wants to think about a hurricane, tornado, or other major storm system visiting your area, but it's better to be prepared to protect your home and family. With this checklist, you can ensure you have the necessary materials on hand at home.

KEY SUPPLIES FOOD OTHER ITEMS ☐ Water - 1 gallon per Your family needs to Rain gear 1 person per day. accumulate at least a Paper towels For a family of 4 for 5 five-day supply of non-☐ Plastic sheeting days, you need 20 gallons, Save water perishable food that requires no ☐ Rope in a bathtub for basic sanitation and refrigeration and little preparation. ☐ Duct Tape dishwashing, but do not drink this water. This includes: ☐ Garbage bags ☐ First Aid Kit - Band-Aids, bandages, □ Dry cereal ☐ Aluminum foil antibiotic ointment, bleach and a Canned goods: fruit, vegetables, juice, ☐ Mosquito repellent medicine dropper so you can create water soups, meats, pasta, beans ☐ Grill disinfectant (6 drops of bleach for every 1 gallon of water), hand sanitizer, any ☐ Charcoal necessary medications, hygiene products, ☐ Lighter Peanut butter and baby products. ☐ Lighter fluid □ Bread ☐ Flashlight - 1 flashlight per family ☐ Cash ☐ Crackers member and the correct size of extra ☐ Manual can opener batteries. Granola and energy bars ☐ Large sealable bags to store important ☐ Tool Kit - A basic set of tools: hammer. Un-refrigerated fruit: bananas, apples, nails, screws, screwdriver, pliers, and knife. oranges ☐ At least ONE fully-charged cellular phone ☐ Sanitation Products - Toilet paper, moist Strike anywhere matches ☐ Pet food towelettes, and plastic garbage bags in ☐ Resealable sandwich bags Baby food and bottles different sizes. You need to keep waste Hand sanitizer Rice and pasta away from your family and other supplies ☐ Dish soap until local services like water and trash Pasta sauce Paper plates and cups have been restored □ Seasoning Plastic utensils ☐ Oats Pet leash, collar, food bowls and carrier Baby diapers, wipes and rash ointment

IF YOU DO LOSE POWER, FOLLOW THIS THREE-STEP PROCEDURE



Eat perishable items in your pantry, refrigerator, etc.



Eat perishable items in your freezer, As long as food contains ice crystals in the center, that means it's still safe to eat,



Eat your stock of non-perishable items,

SOURCES

1] http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/f&web.pdf

2) http://www.directenergy.com/blog/top-five-hurricane-preparedness-products





June 2021 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Water Lilies 10:00	2 Water Lilies 10:00	3 Water Lilies 10:00	4 Water Lilies 10:00 Shuffleboard 2:00 PM	5
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