



Raintree Village News and Views

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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Our new lawn service day will be on Wednesday going forward. The landscaping crews did a good job beginning the clean up and shaping of bushes, shrubs and out of control vegetation in and around the property. With a few exceptions the crews worked without interference from residents. These workers are trying to do their job and while you are telling them how to do that job, nothing is getting done and we are paying for "your version" of their job. We must remember that the common areas of the village are from buildings out and are the responsibility of the association. The Board approves plantings to owners who request such, but owners are responsible to maintain plantings per our documents, if not the association will maintain per documents. In the few incidents of resident interference there was a common theme, "I was told it was ok to ignore the documents and plant what I want and don't worry about it". I assure you this is not acceptable. If you are in this group, I understand your displeasure with the cutting of some of your plants, etc., however your displeasure should be directed to the person who "gave you permission to ignore our documents". I personally checked all such claims and found there was no evidence of Board permission on any of the claims. Please remember to submit your request before you plant. If there is any questions, consult your documents and speak to the Board member assigned to your unit.

During the first two weeks of June cleaning of dryer vents will be done. More info will be out to you as we get closer.

Just a reminder, per the medical experts, it is okay for vaccinated folks to meet without masks and social distancing of 3ft. not 6ft.

The May Board Meeting will be available on Zoom. You will need to go to our website, Raintreevillage.org, and follow the directions.

Be safe

Dan Cottle, President, Raintree Village Board of Directors



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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.

Marilyn Putnam
727-218-6456 or
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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

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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!



IN MEMORIAM



Sadly, another of our Raintree friends and neighbors has passed.

Sandra S. Blake (Smith), 77, of Clearwater, FL, passed away April 6, 2021. She is survived by her loving husband Richard, her best friend of 48 years. She was born on September 9, 1943 in East Stroudsburg, PA. Sandra is also survived by her sister Sharon, brother Donald and their two daughters Tracey McTernan and Krista Day. In addition to their two daughters, there are five grandchildren, Jayda, Kaia, Megan, Kate and Mike and one great grandchild, Fae. Also nieces; Sharon, Donna, Linda and Cindy; nephews Joe, Paul and cousins Scott, Jack and David. She is preceded in passing by her father Donald B. Smith, mother Lillian M. Morris (Smith) and sister Bonnie Lee and niece Eva. Sandra grew up on an 88 acre farm in Sciota, Pa where she attended elementary school before moving to Clearwater. Sandra attended Clearwater High School and graduated from Stroudsburg High School in 1961. Sandra worked at the County Courthouse in Stroudsburg, PA and at Patterson-Kelly in East Stroudsburg, PA where she met Richard. They were married on August 8, 1972. She retired from Penn Fuel Gas on the same day Richard retired from Patterson- Kelly, April 8, 2008. They then moved their retirement to Clearwater, Florida on May 2, 2008. Sandra loved playing games, reading and doing crossword puzzles. Some of her favorite games were Hand and Foot and Marbles. She loved her family, home and wide circle of friends who were always welcome at her door step. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the America Cancer Society.

I am sad to report that our neighbor Larry Hoffman passed away a few days ago. His obituary will be in next month's newsletter.



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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bob Moore 12
Patricia Mills 21
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 10
Terry Cicatello 14
Pat Vowles 14
Andrea Memoli 14
Yvette Navarro 17

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Paul Doroni 3
Carol Dunn 5
Glenn McClure 16
Don Smith 26

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

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Linda Hurn 6
Charles Wilhelm 8
Dee Dee Street 10
Jack Thorne 18
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
Nancy Shirer 24
Barb Bollenback 25
Eva Wiatrak 26
Esther Hueg 28

JULY BIRTHDAYS

LaVona Boozer 1
Don Putnam 6
Lew Barone 10
Michele Caputo 15
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

Larry Hoffman 3
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 Schunne-
man 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
April 2020**



The RTV Book Club met on Friday, April 9th under the trees by the shuffleboard courts. It was another beautiful spring day in Raintree Village. The book was *The Four Winds*, by Kristen Hannah. It followed a family of farmers through the depression and into the drought that caused the dust bowl. The characters were unforgettable as was the whole period in the history of the United States. This was not just a story of poverty, but also of the hardships faced by these people during the fierce drought.

The six members who attended the gathering were very happy to have read the book even though it was plenty sad. There were redeeming qualities in the love of family, country, and land. The American Dream took a beating, but the spirit of the survivors renewed faith.

The Book Club will meet on Friday, May 14th at 2 pm to discuss *We Begin At The End* by Chris Whitaker. This story is a thriller based on a murder in a small coastal town in California and how that murder affects the family and whole community of the victim. We look forward to the discussion..

-Nora Stackpole

The Sunstar FirstCare Ambulance Membership Plan

Our neighbor, Janet McGinnis, wants to make everyone aware of this plan that could save a lot of money on ambulance services. It is not an insurance plan. It is a Pinellas County government program that works with an individual's (or family's) insurance plan to cover 100 percent of expenses associated with deductibles and copayments and 50% of cost for medically necessary transport that is denied coverage by your insurance. Please note, some insurance plans do cover the fee for ambulance transport, you need to check your policy before you enroll. For more information, please call 727-582-2008, or visit the website at www.pinellascounty.org/FirstCare The annual single membership is \$75, family \$114.





**RAINTREE VILLAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, April 20, 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, 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 March meeting were approved after having waived the reading with a motion by Sambol, second by Memoli; unanimous. Minutes had been distributed to the Board members at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Reports

Tenant Owner Committee Report – In the absence of Lucy Tirabassi, Dan Cottle reported that one interview was held for a new tenant, two units were for sale, and about six units were vacant and not for sale. It was also mentioned that Richard Blake’s wife had recently passed away and also Michele Caputo in 606.

Treasurer’s Report – Barbara Masson

Please see report attached. The delinquent account for Unit #705 has been settled and income of \$5041.27 has been paid.

Income	\$62,506.25
Expenses	<u>\$46,595.87</u>
	\$15,910.38

Operating	\$110,064.04
Insurance Accrual	<u>-\$59,107.00</u>
	\$50,957.04

Money Market Acct (Reserves)

February Balance	\$61,299.61
March Deposits	\$7, 216.67
Performance Painting	<u>-\$4,297.50</u>
	\$64,221.25

Delinquencies

None

The delinquent account for Unit #705 has been settled and income of \$5041.27 has been paid.

Grounds/Landscaping Committee – Cottle reported in the absence of Richard Blake. The lawn service company has done the first part of the perimeter and trimmed inside. Several residents “told landscapers how to do their job” and RTV must pay for the extra time of the lawn service pros who bill for hours spent. Cottle asked that residents allow landscapers to do their job uninterrupted.

Building Maintenance – Dan Cottle reported that only 4-5 work orders remain unfinished. He mentioned that the copper plumbing pipes can be corroded by the surrounding cement and may develop small holes; this is due to the age of the buildings. If hissing is heard, tenants are asked to turn off the water, call the building rep ASAP so that repairs can be made before too much damage occurs. This has occurred in 605 and may be present in another unit. A delay in acting may result in worse damage and more expense. Dol-Fan Construction works in RTV when a full day of work is present; if only a small amount of work is present, there is a wait until the next time a full day of work is present.

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



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Old Business - None

New business

- a. Request by #2705 to enclose the lanai, with all required documents present. Moved by Masson to approve, seconded by Street; unanimous.
- b. Request by #1102 to install bronze colored screen doors, front and back. Moved to approve by McClure, seconded by Street; unanimous.
- c. Request by #804 to widen drive by 3 feet to accommodate wheelchair access in and out of vehicle. Following discussion motion was made by McClure to approve patio block due to requirement for green spaces and when no longer needed or house is sold the block would be removed and area re-sodded by owner; seconded by Street; unanimous.

Announcements /Audience Comments

McClure asked when clubhouse would be opened. After discussion it was determined that clubhouse could be used as before and that appropriate safety precautions should be taken.

Birthday bbq's will resume in May on the 2nd Tuesday but those wishing to attend will be required to RSVP. Those who are vaccinated will not be required to wear masks. Participants will be encouraged to bring a side dish for use of their table only, or to package individually.

The team of Mike Dugan and Mike Sheared set up this evening's meeting on Zoom in preparation for future meetings to be Zoomed. Access will be from RTV website. More information in the newsletter.

Adjournment


Memoli moved and Masson seconded to adjourn at 7:43 pm.



WATER LILIES

Now that the weather seems to be warming, we plan to be in the pool at 10:00 on weekday mornings (9:45 on Mondays). We'd love to have you join us for this water aerobics class. It's very gentle, easy, and a great way to start the day! Please call me if you have any questions.

-Marilyn Putnam, 727-218-6456



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MONTHLY COOKOUTS RESUME !!!!

It was decided at the April Board Meeting that we will begin our monthly Birthday/ Anniversary cookouts, with the following guidelines in place.

A) Fully vaccinated people are allowed to choose to mask or not, YOUR CHOICE.

B) Social distancing is now 3 feet instead of 6 feet if you are not fully vaccinated.

C) If you are not fully vaccinated you should wear a mask and observe the 3 foot rule. You do not have to wear your mask between bites.

D) Side dishes should be shared by your table. If you wish to share a side please let Ralph Memoli know @ 717-443-6461, and he will arrange for to-go covered containers to share your dish with friends and neighbors.

E) Attendance is, as always, your decision as is wearing a mask and distancing. The above stated guidelines are the same as what is in place in local restaurants.

F) As we are starting back up we request that you notify your Unit representative if you plan to attend on Tuesday May 11th, 2021 at 5:00PM. This will assure we have enough food for those who attend. Please let us know by Sunday, May 9th, if you will be there. The cost will be the same, \$5.00 per person. Soda and water are included in that as well as food.

G) If can't reach or not sure of your unit rep, please call me @ 440-666-0813 or Ralph @ 717-443-6461. Hope to see as many as possible of you there.

Thanks,
Dan Cottle

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ALSO LIKE TO LEAVE THEM
ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER
AND THEN GUESS WHAT'S ON
THE LIST WHILE AT THE STORE.**





PINELLAS HOPE HOMELESS SHELTER

Thanks so much to all of you who donated toiletries and clothing for the shelter. We took them down last week and they were thrilled. I am so proud to tell them the donations come from Raintree Village. I'm not going to list names because I don't want to forget anyone but you know who you are and how much I appreciate you.

Currently the shelter is not accepting clothing, so please don't drop off anymore clothing at my house. I will put in a notice when they open up again. Their problem is space. They had to give up space for other programs. HOWEVER..... They still need toiletries and over the counter drugs. Deodorants, shampoo, disposable razors and feminine hygiene products are still highly needed.

-Barbara Archibald

FREE TO GOOD HOME

Pat Vowles has a Bissell carpet cleaner, still in the box. If you would like to take it, please call Pat at 443-904-0006. First come, first served!

They say 50 is the new 40 and 60 is the new 50,
but all I know is the older I get,
the more 9 pm is the new midnight.

ITEMS FOR SALE

If you are interested in either of these items, please call Dave Sitter at 727-447-1691.






Gazelle Freestyle Glider by Tony Little, \$45



Reese bike rack, mounts in trailer hitch socket, \$30

May 2021 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1  Happy May Day!
2	3 Water Lilies 9:45 Check Signing 10:00 AM Shuffleboard 10:30	4 Water Lilies 10:00	5 Water Lilies 10:00	6 Water Lilies 10:00	7 Water Lilies 10:00 Shuffleboard 12:30 PM	8
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***Birthday BBQ's are finally resuming!**

See information on page 8!