



A NOTE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

As we are entering the cooler and drier months please follow city of Clearwater watering guidelines. If you have a watering system please use it wisely. I remind you of this as we are on pace to pay \$181,000.00 for water, sewer and trash. This amount is more than \$11,000.00 over what was budgeted and next year will bring a increase in rates from the city. Always be on alert for leaky faucets, running toilets, etc. If you are not sure, call your building representative, Mark, or myself to check it out. This is one of the few items in the budget we can control. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Trees will be trimmed in the upcoming months (October and/or November) and will include branches off roofs, removal of dead trees, and palms. As soon as we get a date we will pass it along.

If your garage door needs repair, PLEASE call Overhead Door Company for repairs. As the Association is responsible for this expense DO NOT CALL PRECISION DOOR, they are extremely overpriced, almost double. If you need a new unit Home Depot or Lowe's sells them and will install also at a reasonable price.

A reminder that the annual meeting and elections will be held on December 14, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Clubhouse.

Be Safe,
Dan Cottle





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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

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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!



RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

A generous and kind soul who lives in Raintree Village has made a Holiday Wreath and is donating it to the Social Committee. We intend to raffle off the wreath to raise money for bikes to donate to the Sheriff's toy drive. The drawing will be held at the birthday barbecue in November. Of course we would love everyone to be there for the drawing, but that is not necessary to win. Just make sure your name is on the ticket you turn in to the Social Committee.

The raffle tickets will cost \$1 each; 7 tickets for \$5 (that's only 71 cents each) and 15 tickets for \$10 (which is 67 cents per ticket...quite the bargain!!) We will be selling tickets around the neighborhood as well as at the October and November birthday barbecues. Best of luck to everyone.



SHUFFLEBOARD

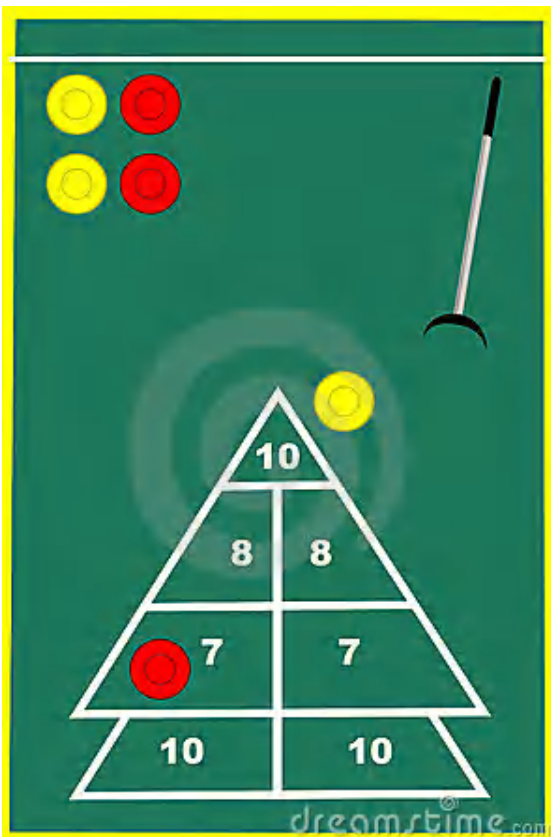
Fall 2021

It's that time of year again. The humidity is lower. You can tell because the pages of the book you're reading by the pool are not sticking together. The "snowbirds" are starting to return. You can tell because there are more cars in the driveways. This is the time of year when an old folk's fancy turns to shuffleboard. The whoosh, click of the biscuits will be heard again on the courts.

The shuffleers will be starting again on Monday, October 4th at 10:30 am. There is no requirement to play, except a desire to be outside, in the shade, with a group of fun-loving people. There are some who are willing to share their shuffleboard knowledge, but if you think you know everything, you're still welcome to come and play.

COME ONE, COME ALL!!!! SHARE IN THE FUN!!!!

-Nora Stackpole





IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY LISTED, PLEASE E-MAIL ME AT
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**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

Bob Moore 12
Patricia Mills 21
Kyle Cothran 21
Chuck Sambol 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 10
Terry Cicatello 14
Pat Vowles 14
Andrea Memoli 14
Yvette Navarro 17
Mary Hurn 21

**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
DeeDee 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
Patrick Hurn 30

**JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

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
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

September 2021

There were five members of the RTV Book Club present in the clubhouse to discuss the book Shoeless Joe by W.P. Kinsella. The movie "Field of Dreams" was based on this book..."...if you build it, they will come..." This was a light, friendly story about a man who was just trying to make his way in this world. There was no shortage of material for discussion. Although the story was surrounded by baseball players, baseball facts, and baseball legends, it was really a story about following your dreams. For Ray, the protagonist, baseball was the vehicle for that. The group enjoyed the human part of the story. The characters were genuine and even the "bad guys" were not completely unlikeable. The consensus was this was a worthwhile read. We gave it 4 out of 5 Rain-trees.



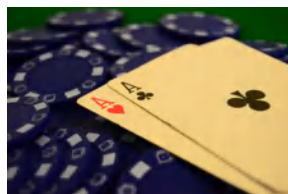
The book for October is The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd. It is an eighteenth century story of a 16 year old girl who takes over running her family's plantation in South Carolina. She is young, female and in charge. These are all good reasons for failure at that time in America's history. You'll have to read the book to find out how this all plays out. We are meeting at 2 pm on Friday, October 8th in the clubhouse. We look forward to seeing you all there!



WANT TO PLAY CARDS?

We're looking for people to join our friendly, low-stakes, weekly poker games. We currently play on Friday night but are open to changing to a different night. If you are interested, please give me a call.

-Don Putnam, 413-362-5135



**BIRTHDAY BARBEQUE!**

The Birthday Barbecue was held on September 14th. Thanks to chefs Dan Cottle and Mike Dugan, the food was great and a wonderful time was had by all who attended. Join us for the next one on Tuesday, October 12th!



Happy birthday to Craig, Betty, and Marilyn!



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

Getting to know...**Nora Stackpole!**



Fun-loving Nora Stackpole, who lives in unit 2704, was born in Somerville, Massachusetts into a typical Irish Catholic family. She was one of 6 children and attended Rosary Academy in Watertown, an all-girls Catholic school all the way through high school. She then attended Emmanuel College in Boston, majoring in chemistry. She then received her Masters in Education from Bridgewater State College. Clearly a smart lady, she finally received her ABD PhD in education from Boston College!

She worked as a teacher for 50+ years. She started teaching at Somerville High School, then after 8 years, took a break to start a new career in sales. She started selling Learning Programs from Encyclopedia Britannica ("they were a great product, which made them easy to sell"). She switched to selling investments for Mutual of Omaha after receiving her Series 6 Lic. Teaching was in her blood so she wanted to get back to those students! Over her career she has taught all age groups, focusing on high school and college: science, chemistry, physics, and calculus.

Nora moved to Florida 20 years ago "for the sunshine" purchasing a home in Tarpon Springs. She moved to RTV 9 years ago, after she retired.

She is very proud of her 5 nieces and nephews and their children. She has a contagious laugh and is known by them as the "fun aunt". Since the start of the pandemic, she participates in weekly Zoom chats with members of her large extended family. She fondly remembers very loud, raucous holidays.

She is a very busy lady! She's involved in 3 Book Clubs, RTV Shuffle Board, RTV Water Lilies, RTV Social Committee, Piano Lessons (her recital is in November!) and Tai Chi. She also works out with a personal trainer.

What does she like most about RTV? Besides her friends, "location, location, location!"

When asked for a fun fact about herself she said, laughing, "I hate hugging!"

When you see Nora, say hello!

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





RAINTREE VILLAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at the clubhouse. President Dan Cottle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Vice President Betty McClure and Directors DeeDee Street, Ralph Memoli, Chuck Sambol, Barbara Masson, Sherri Fiore and Manager Bob Kelly were present. Secretary to the Board Carol Machael was on vacation, fill-in Ruth Cottle took the minutes for Carol. The meeting had been posted in accordance with Florida statutes; a quorum was noted.

Review/Approval of Minutes

Minutes had been distributed to the Board members at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of the August meeting were approved after having waived the reading with a motion by Sambol, seconded by Memoli, passed unanimously.

Reports

Tenant Owner Committee Report – Lucy Tirabassi reported that there no interviews held. Three units are unoccupied and not for sale.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Dugan was on vacation therefore Dan Cottle read the Treasurer's report. Income \$52,470, with operating expenses of \$38,563. Monies added to the Reserves: Painting \$717, Roofing \$6,167, Termites \$167, Tree Trimming \$166, resulting in total operating expenses of \$45,780, giving us a new balance of \$6,689. Operating bank account was \$143,352 less insurance accrual of \$106,322 leaves available operating funds \$37,030. Delinquencies totaled \$641 and Dan was told most of those should be cleared up by now.

Grounds/Landscaping Report - Sambol reported delays in the landscaper's schedule was caused by the many rain days we had in the past month. Sambol stated he would be checking the Village to get ready to schedule another clean up. Also, he was looking to spruce up the west entrance. He is going to get advice on what to put there with little or no maintenance required type plants. A resident mentioned the sign needs to be touched up with paint so Chuck will also take a look at that.

Building Maintenance – Cottle and Mark met with Tim from Murray Tree Service and will be scheduling a day next month to remove the branches from the rooftops and 3 dead trees will be removed. Residents will be informed of the date once set.

Manager Bob Kelly – Attends Monday check signings, discuss current topics, questions on budget draft.

Old Business

Tree removal unit 2006, met with 3 different tree service companies and all determined that the tree is healthy and there is no need to remove the tree. The request to remove was denied. The vote was unanimous.

Resident Mr. Cain had stated in the August meeting that he wanted to clarify statements from the May minutes. The secretary reached out via e-mail to Mr. Cain to invite him to come listen to the minutes from the May meeting regarding his request. Mr. Cain responded he would contact the secretary Carol later in the week to schedule time to listen. Mr. Cain failed to respond, therefore the minutes from the May 2021 meeting will stand as written and his request is denied. Vote was unanimous.

New Business

Unit 1805 requested 3 windows replaced per RTV specs. Motion to approve Masson, second by Street. Approved 7-0.

Announcements


Next budget meeting will be October 4th at 1 pm.

Adjournment

Masson moved and Fiori seconded to adjourn the meeting.



October 2021 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Water Lilies 10:00	2
3	4 Water Lilies 9:45 Check Signing 10:00 AM Shuffleboard 10:30 Budget Comm. Mtg.—1:00 PM	5 Water Lilies 10:00	6 Water Lilies 10:00	7 Water Lilies 10:00 Game Night 6:30 PM	8 Water Lilies 10:00 RTV Book Club 2:00 PM	9
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