



Raintree Village News and Views

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



A NOTE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Well the weather has cooperated and we were able to get gutters, downspouts, and gutter guards installed on units 1500 and 1700. Tenting of the 1800 building will be done on September 8th. Please be aware of the equipment in the street.

We have signed up with SERVPRO in their Emergency Readiness Program. Mike Wolfe of SERVPRO attended the August Board meeting to explain the program and answer questions. The program in a nutshell puts us as a preferred client in the event of a disaster such as a hurricane, wind storm, tornado, flood, etc. as opposed to trying to call someone to help us like everyone else will be doing. They will be contacted via phone app, by a board member, maintenance man, or our property manager as to the situation and they will tell us when their crew will arrive to stabilize our situation. This service is free to our Village. Hope we never need them, but good to know they are there if we do.

We are getting into the time of year for our budget for 2022 to be put together. The first meeting of the Budget Committee will be on Monday, September 13th, at 11:00 in the clubhouse. All residents are welcome to attend. As inflation has effected gas, food, clothing and just about everything else it will also effect our budget. Village insurance will increase 20 to 30%, utilities are expected to increase a few %, cable and internet will increase 4 to 5%. Add these to the increased cost of materials to repair our units and things look a little bleak. As residents we can help control only our utilities, which is water usage.

I ask that we all be aware of our WATER consumption. Please adhere to the watering policy, and check your toilets in your lesser used bathrooms for faulty flaps that will cause a continuous water flow and are hard to detect, especially in second floor units.

In light of this inflation, please know your board is working on every possible way we can keep our expenses as low as possible.

For this month's Birthday BBQ please notify me at 440-666-0813 by September 12th to insure we have enough food. Your cooperation in this is appreciated.

Thank you to Board member DeeDee Street for handling the ticket process for RTV Nite at the ball park. A good time was had by all.

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

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

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 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 September, October and November birthday barbecues. Best of luck to everyone.

**FOR SALE**

Pride lift chair one year old
good condition \$100.00 OBO
Please contact Cheryl Poulin,
unit 2502.
Phone: 727-735-7112



**I just ordered a
life alert bracelet so
if I get a life, I'll be
notified immediately.**

CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS!

Raintree has had a number of bridge parties in the past and they had very active groups that met at the clubhouse. Their bridge get-to-gathers were fun and a way to connect with friends and neighbors to keep their minds sharp!

If you are interested in starting a group...and having bridge parties again at Raintree, please let me know. If you haven't played in years.....it doesn't matter....all are welcome!

Also, if you would like to be a sub in one of my groups, please let me know.

-Allie Martin
Unit #301
603-481-6120



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

**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

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**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

August 2021

The RTV Book Club met on Friday, August 13th...oh, no! In spite of the ill-omened day, the discussion was active and interesting. We read The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules, by Catherina Ingelman-Sundberg. The group agreed that the characters in the story were well-developed and interesting, and the individual quirks that each person displayed made them adorable. The "scrapes" into which they got themselves, however, were a little baffling. The "seniors" decided they wanted to improve their lot in life. They were confined to a senior home where the food stunk. They decided they needed to get thrown in jail. None of us quite understood how that was an improvement, but we decided that it was a cultural thing, since the book was set in Sweden. Maybe the jails in Sweden are better than senior housing. The book was not the laugh riot we expected, but it was cute and we liked the characters.



Next month we are reading Shoeless Joe by W.P. Kinsella. This is the book upon which the movie "Field Of Dreams" is based. It promises to be a very interesting read. We will be meeting on Friday, September 10th at 2 pm in the clubhouse. We look forward to seeing you all there.

-Nora Stackpole

FOOD RESCUE!

St. Paul's Lutheran (Gulf-to-Bay and Saturn) holds twice weekly food rescues, which are open to the entire community. Fresh fruits and vegetables, some staple foods like rice and canned goods, pastry and breads, some frozen meats; all are available. No registration, no requirements; just come at 3:00 pm Monday and Thursday (when pizza is also available). Bring a tote bag, and choose what you would like.

We get to meet our neighbors; we keep food out of the landfill; we enjoy sharing.

This is truly open to all, and the goal is to see that everything we have is taken by someone.

Thank you to Carol Dunn for sharing this information.

**I don't understand
why people have to
"get ready" for bed.
I'm always ready for
bed.**

**Lying about my age is
easier now that I have
trouble remembering
what it is.**

**BIRTHDAY BARBEQUE!**

The Birthday Barbecue was held on August 10th. A delightful time was had by all who attended and, as usual, the food was superb. Thanks again to chefs Ralph and Dan! Join us for the next one on Tuesday, September 14th. If you plan to attend, please call Dan Cottle at 440-666-0813 by September 12th.





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

Getting to know...**Sharon Hildebrand!**



Sharon Hildebrand, who lives in Unit 2100, has lived in RTV for two years. Originally from Cincinnati, OH, she moved to Florida in 1983.

She grew up the oldest of seven children in a very artistically talented family. Her siblings are a woodwork restorer, a stone mason, a graphic artist, a seamstress/quilter, and her father was a painter and woodworker. Sharon herself creates art using pen & ink, as well as pastels in her personal art studio here at Raintree Village

In Ohio, she attended an all-girls Catholic high school, where she says she received a “wonderful classic education”: Literature, music, science and even how to hold a teacup properly! She then attended the University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning. She had a long career in HR and payroll, later moving on to worker's compensation and retired as a Claims Manager.

She has two children: Becky, who lives in Fort Myers and serves as the CEO of Habitat for Humanity for Lee and Hardy counties; and Paul, who lives in Clearwater and manages a large car dealership. She has 5 teenage grandchildren.

She likes the friendly and helpful residents of RTV and currently serves on the Tennant Owner Committee.

And a final fun fact: She has studied Egyptian, tribal and Turkish belly dancing!

If you see Sharon, say hello!



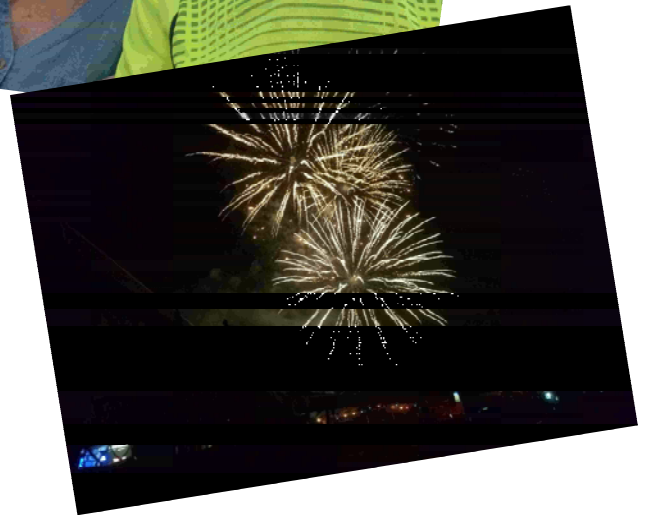
-Mary Hurn conducted the interview and her daughter Mary Elizabeth Hurn did this write-up.



RTV Threshers Baseball Outing A Fun Night Out

The weather was picture-perfect for watching a baseball game close up with friends and neighbors. The Raintree Village Group had a choice of great seating right along the 3rd baseline within the Hot Corner Cafe area, which provided us all with all you can eat and drink all night long buffet style. Plenty of good food, which included dogs, burgers with all the fixins, snacks, drinks, ice cream, etc, etc. We were in an area where you could expect some fly balls to be hit and there were a few. The camaraderie among the group was fun to watch, as it was just that kind of night. To top it all off, after the game we watched for 20 minutes some of the very best fireworks that we all have ever seen. It was just a great night for getting together with friends and neighbors and all for only \$15 a person. And there was free parking at the 1st baseline entrance area. Thank you Dan and whoever worked with you to pull off this super RTV outing. Let's do it again some-time. And Joyce said "By the way, the next time I am bringing along my glove".
-Donnie Smith





Are you or someone you know behind on rent?

The American Rescue Plan has provided millions of dollars in funding for rental assistance through the Pinellas County Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

You may qualify if:

- You've lost your job or significant income due to the COVID-19 pandemic,
- You're behind on rent payments or at risk of missing a rent payment, and
- You have a household income at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI). To check your household's AMI eligibility, visit www.bit.ly/rental-ami

Applications will remain open until funding is exhausted. For an application, visit <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/where-to-get-help/>

Thank you to Erica Moore for providing this information.



RAINTREE VILLAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at the clubhouse. President Dan Cottle opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vice President Betty McClure, Barbara Masson, and Directors DeeDee Street, Chuck Sambol and Sherri Fiore 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 noted by Cottle that Sherri Fiore has been appointed to fill the seat of Richard Blake who resigned from the board.

Review/Approval of Minutes

Minutes had been distributed to the Board members at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of the June meeting were approved after having waived the reading with a motion by Masson, seconded by McClure, passed unanimously. Prior to approval Jim Cain stated that he wanted to clarify information that had been written into the May minutes and approved at the June meeting. He asked to have them "adjusted". It was suggested by Kelly that the board take time to review and discuss at next month's meeting.

Reports

Mike Wolfe, Servpro – Wolfe discussed his disaster-readiness program, and Ameritech mgr., Bob Kelly, affirmed the quality service provided by this company. The importance of notifying a board member prior to calling Servpro, if possible, was stressed. A motion was made by Street, seconded by McClure for RTV to use Servpro as needed in damage cleanup and restoration. Unanimous.

Tenant Owner Committee Report – Lucy Tirabassi reported that one interview was held in July and two in August to date. Three units are unoccupied and not for sale. Richard Blake will be replacing Nora Stackpole on interview committee.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Dugan reported income of \$52,955 with operating expenses of \$35,525. Delinquencies totaled \$1400 with \$910 collected. Late fees and interest from Unit #705 remain outstanding and will not be waived. (See report on page 10.)

Grounds/Landscaping Report – Sambol reported that due to the frequent rains there was little to report except that work is being done of the swales, or depressions in the ground, to facilitate drainage.

Building Maintenance – Cottle reported that new gutters, downspouts and gutter guards will be installed this week on the 1700 buildings, weather permitting. He reiterated that the board member assigned to the unit or Mark should be notified of any maintenance issue.

Old Business - None**New business**

1. Request by #2502 for some financial reimbursement of plumbing bills. Owner had plumbing work done for about \$1000; board member or Mark was not notified and work done was not consistent with "up and over" repairs that had been successful in other units. RTV paid for "up and over" expenses as plumbing issue was not resolved successfully. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Fiore, with second by McClure to decline tenant request for reimbursement, because policy had not been followed. Vote to approve 5, abstention 1 (Sambol).
2. Request by #2006 to have laurel oak tree removed. Owner is willing to pay the \$5015 to Stevens Tree Service but would like board to consider this payment as credit toward any future assessment. Discussion took place as to whether tree needed to be removed and number of trees that must be planted to replace it (by Florida law). Sambol moved to get a 2nd or even a 3rd opinion as to whether the tree needed to be removed and the cost to do so; seconded by McClure. Street moved to table this discussion; McClure seconded. Discussion as to credit toward future assessment will also be revisited at a future meeting.
3. Ameritech contract requires renewal. Motion by Sambol and second by Masson to renew it. Unanimous.

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4. Cain had submitted a written request in the required 5 days prior to the board meeting desiring a motion to pay RTV insurance in only one payment. Cottle stated that taking out a loan to pay this was not and had not been discussed by any board members. The payment is due October 1. Sambol stated that although there is \$113,000 in the budget for this payment, a bill had not yet been received. He also said there was a possibility of a 20% increase over last year and that until the bill is received discussion about how to pay it is premature. Cain's request for this motion was denied by the board by a vote of 5-0 with 1 abstention (Masson) per RTV Rules and Regulations #5 Paragraph B. (Lack of proof or substantiating evidence).

Announcements / Audience Comments

All are invited to RTV night at the ballpark. For a \$15/person fee, a buffet, the game and fireworks are provided. Payment and reservation to DeeDee Street must be made by the end of the week.

Masson commented that the thermostat in the clubhouse has been repeatedly turned to low 70s and left there, increasing the bill for RTV as well as stress on the air handling unit. She asked that if the thermostat is turned down for comfort of occupants, it be turned up again upon leaving the clubhouse.

Adjournment

Masson moved and Street seconded to adjourn the meeting.

WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY

Recently the clubhouse thermostat has been found to be set at 71, 72 and 73 degrees when there was no one in the building. When the clubhouse is unoccupied the thermostat should be set to 80 to control the humidity. When the building is in use a comfortable setting is 76 unless there is a big crowd

Please understand that the controls for the Air Conditioning do not work like the gas pedal on your car – it goes faster when you give it more gas. Our thermostats have one speed. They run at full speed until the requested temperature is reached. It will NOT cool down faster if set to a very low temperature.

We want our residents to be able to enjoy our clubhouse by borrowing a book or movie, playing a game of pool, or using the exercise equipment. Our budget is tight and it's very important that we keep our expenditures as low as possible. It would be such a shame to have to lock the thermostats because the air conditioning isn't being used in a considerate manner. Remember – our electric use contributes to your monthly payments.

-Barb Masson

JOIN OUR TEAM

- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking for compassionate, friendly people to join our team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide is a free program that makes it easier for older taxpayers to file their tax returns. Neighbors like you help prepare tax returns or serve in other ways, like organizing client paperwork, managing computer equipment, acting as interpreters, or making sure everything runs smoothly. There's a role for everyone. Volunteers receive complete training and have access to all supplies and equipment at no charge.
- Sign up at aarpfoundation.org/taxaide, or contact Chuck Sambol (Unit 2503) at 727-365-4580.




TREASURER'S REPORT

RAINTREE VILLAGE CONDO				
July 31 2021				
	Month	Yr to Date		
INCOME	\$ 52,955	\$ 387,723		
Water/Sewer/Trash/Elec	18,044	118,957		
Cable TV	5,975	41,081		
Building Maint & Sal	5,877	37,531		
Termite Tenting (acct 8000)		6,675		
Lawn care/ Fertil/Pest Cntl	3,750	22,575		
Other Expenses	1,879	24,722		
OPERATING EXPENSES	35,525	251,551		
			SPENT	BALANCE
Reserves- Painting	717	4,300		12,574
Paving				72,597
Roofing	6,167	44,217		(4,972)
Interest				15
Pool Deck & Heater				884
Termites	157	1,000		600
Clubhouse Deck				699
Tree Trimming	167	1,000		5,000
(a)RESERVES	7,217	50,517	\$ -	\$ 87,397
Reserved Spent				
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,742	302,068		
NET	\$ 10,214	\$ 85,655		
INSURANCE ACCRUAL	\$ 9,442	\$ 96,875		
OPERATING BANK ACCOUNT		\$ 136,682		
Less: INSURANCE ACCRUAL		(96,875)		
Available Operating Funds		\$ 39,807		
Delinquencies (2 homes)		1471		

(a) The amounts being placed in reserve accounts are what was budgeted and will be adjusted with the new budget in November.



September 2021 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Water Lilies 10:00	2 Water Lilies 10:00 Game Night 6:30 PM	3 Water Lilies 10:00	4
5	6 Water Lilies 10:00 	7 Water Lilies 10:00	8 Water Lilies 10:00 Maint., Grounds & Landscaping Comm. Meeting 1:00 PM	9 Water Lilies 10:00 Game Night 6:30 PM	10 Water Lilies 10:00 RTV Book Club 2:00 PM	11
12	13 Water Lilies 10:00 Check Signing 10:00 AM Budget Comm. Mtg.—11:00 AM	14 Water Lilies 10:00 BIRTHDAY BBQ—5:00 PM	15 Water Lilies 10:00	16 Water Lilies 10:00 Game Night 6:30 PM	17 Water Lilies 10:00	18
19	20 Water Lilies 10:00 Check Signing 10:00 AM	21 Water Lilies 10:00 Board Meeting 7:00 PM	22 Water Lilies 10:00	23 Water Lilies 10:00 Game Night 6:30 PM	24 Water Lilies 10:00	25
26	27 Water Lilies 10:00 Check Signing 10:00 AM	28 Water Lilies 10:00	29 Water Lilies 10:00	30 Water Lilies 10:00 Game Night 6:30 PM		

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