

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



For many years, each holiday season Raintree Village has participated in the TOYS FOR TOTS drive. We will again set up a table in the clubhouse for donations. Please consider donating new, unwrapped toys to this drive. It has also been a tradition for the Social Committee to sponsor events throughout the year, and to use any profits from those events to purchase children's bicycles for the drive. Due to the pandemic, we haven't had any social events since early March, so our funds are not at their usual level. We currently have about \$350, with which we could probably purchase four or five bikes. If any residents would like to get together with friends or neighbors to purchase additional bikes, I'm sure they would be very happily received by the children who benefit from this program.

Normally, members of the Sheriff's Department would come and pick up all of the bikes and toy donations at our holiday party. But, as we know, these are not normal times, and we won't be having a holiday party this year. We will try to make arrangements with the Sheriff's Department to pick up the toys in early December, and will let everyone know the date and time in case you would like to see everything get loaded into the truck, and to cheer on and thank the representatives from the Sheriff's Department for their efforts to help make the holidays happy for needy children.

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Marilyn Putnam

727-218-6456 or

marilynputnam54@gmail.com

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BLUE PLATE COMMITTEE

Do you have a neighbor who is under the weather and needs dinner delivered for FREE? Please let one of us know. Please call Barbara Archibald @ 446-4658, Allie Martin @ 603-481-6120, Barbara Britain @ 441-9142, Pat Rossewey @ 754-6012, or Marilyn Putnam @ 218-6456.

Or, do you need a friend to pick up a prescription or buy a few grocery items? Do you need a ride to the doctor? Call Lucy Tirabassi @ 585-738-3713, Marilyn Putnam @ 218-6456, or Carol Dunn @ 686-2454.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS! Would you like to join the committee? If so, please call Marilyn Putnam at 218-6456.

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****John Brittain**

Our Raintree Village neighbor John Brittain passed away on September 29th. He was a very loving, generous, and giving man.

John was married to his wife Barbara for 65 years. He is survived by Barbara, his son Doug (Denise and Josh), and was preceded in death by sons Steven and Michael.

John served in the Air Force, then with Eckerd's (now CVS). He started as a clerk working up to Sore Manager and then District Manager for the Lakeland area. He had been retired for the past 20 years and enjoyed a life of leisure.

We offer our sincere condolences to Barbara and family.

PINELLAS HOPE HOMELESS SHELTER

Please note, Pinellas Hope is NOT currently taking clothes, however, they are in desperate need of toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, disposable razors, shave cream, bath soap, female hygiene items, etc.). If you bring these items to my house, we will deliver them on our next trip down there. These people are not as lucky as we are and are so thankful for anything that we give them.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

-Barbara Archibald #603

RTV Book Club**October 2020**

The RTV Book Club met on Monday, October 12 to discuss The Things We Cannot Say by Kelly Rimmer. The story, which was touching and authentic, alternated between Nazi-occupied Poland and the present-day descendants of the Polish family in America. It was easy to follow both stories and, although the ending was definitely a two hanky affair, the consensus was that it was worth reading.



The book for November is Rage by Bob Woodward. It is the account of President Trump's first four years in the White House and was written with the President's full cooperation. I am a little shocked at some of the quotes the President gave Woodward to print, but I'm not surprised he used them. Sensationalism always sells.

Our group will be meeting on Monday, November 16th at 2 pm at the clubhouse. Hopefully, we will be able to sit outside under the trees to have our discussion. It makes me think of the "olden days" and the one-room schoolhouse. (Not that I was there!) Look forward to seeing everyone on the 16th.

-Nora Stackpole



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

Nancy Kastner 10
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 Cikatello 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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

**AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS**

Dottie Carlson 1
Gabe Gambino 3
Jim Mecklenburger 5
Mitch Rosende 19
Andrez Wiatrak 29

**JUNE
BIRTHDAYS**

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

**JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

LaVona Boozer 1
Peggy Dys 5
Don Putnam 6
Lew Barone 10
Michele Caputo 15
Shirley Barone 20
Sharon Hildebrand 27
Richard Blake 29
Carol Machael 29

**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

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

**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Larry Hoffman 3
Dave Sitter 8
Sandy Blake 9
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

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**DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

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



COMING NEXT YEAR!

- All guest parking permits must be renewed in January. Permits are good for up to two years, with renewal occurring in odd number years. If you have a permit now, or would like to request one, please pick up a form in the clubhouse, and submit the completed form by January 14th so consideration of it may be added to the agenda of the January 19th Board Meeting.
- A new Raintree Village Directory will be published in January. If you would like any changes or additions made to your current listing, please let me know by email: marilynputnam54@gmail.com, or phone: 727-218-6456.

Thank you!



Rachel Thomas was flocked last week on her birthday. I understand that she was also celebrated by the Sheriff's Department, who drove by with lights flashing and sirens blaring. Happy belated birthday, Rachel, from your friends and neighbors at Raintree Village!

HURRICANE SEASON

We have been lucky so far this hurricane season, but there is still a month to go. Please keep an eye on the forecast, and stay safe! Remember that if a storm does head our way, homeowners are responsible for moving potted plants and patio furniture indoors. If you have questions about storm preparation or need help, please call Don Putnam at 413-362-5135.



RAINTREE VILLAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes for Meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the clubhouse. President Don Putnam opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vice President Mike Dugan, Treasurer Barbara Masson, and Directors Dan Cottle, Betty McClure, and Ralph Memoli were present. Secretary to the Board Marilyn Putnam 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 September 15, 2020 regular Board Meeting were distributed to the Board members at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Barb Masson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Betty McClure seconded, and the motion was approved by all. Mike Dugan moved to approve the minutes, Dan Cottle seconded, and the motion was approved by all.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Dan Cottle resigning as chair of the Tenant/Owner Committee and Occupancy Committee. The Board accepted his resignation, and will oversee the two committees until a new chair is appointed.

Reports**Treasurer's Report** – Barbara Masson

September 30, 2020

Income: \$49,974.31
 Expenses: \$53,679.68

Money Market: \$26,707.25
 Operating: \$138,249.49
 \$164,956.74

Reserves: -\$26,707.25
 Insurance Accrual: -\$111,592.00
 \$26,657.49

Reserve Expenses

None

Delinquencies

\$4,565.61

Barb Masson noted that, of the three unit owners who are delinquent on paying their fees, one will be caught up by next month, one already has a lien filed, and the third will have a lien filed this week, so the Association should not incur any losses on these delinquencies.

Budget Meetings have been held and a budget for next year has been proposed. There have been increases in water and electric bills and insurance. Pool repairs and an audit, which will cost between \$5,000 and \$7,000, are scheduled for next year as well. As a result, there will be an increase in maintenance fees of about \$10 per unit per month. A copy of the budget and fee schedule will be mailed to owners from Ameritech shortly.

An audience member asked why we keep spending money on things that aren't necessary like new roofs and gutters. Don Putnam explained that, of the last six roofs replaced, five were leaking. As for the gutters, the new ones are larger and carry away much more water, eliminating water getting into lanais for most units. Also, with the leaf guards, the \$4,000 to \$5,000 we were spending

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on gutter cleaning every year has been eliminated. Mike Dugan added that many of the old gutters were installed incorrectly, allowing rain water to flow between the buildings and the gutters, causing damage. Don Putnam stated that the Board works hard to both improve the Village and to budget and spend in a cost-conscious manner.

Committee Reports:

Tenant/Owner Committee and Occupancy Committee - Don Putnam

Tenant/Owner Committee

Don Putnam

10/20/20

No interviews held and none scheduled.

Occupancy Committee

Don Putnam

Not occupied, not for sale: 6

Not occupied, for sale: 2

Occupied and for sale: 0

Units sold: 1

Maintenance and Grounds Committee – Mike Dugan

Mike Dugan stated that 12 new work orders have been added to the list, and 24 have been closed out. There is still a discrepancy of about 89 orders still listed as open, but it seems most have been closed out but not yet closed on the computer list. He is working on getting estimates to fix the sprinkler systems in the garden areas. Paul Doroni used to water these areas, but since he has moved away, we need to have another plan.

Dan Cottle has agreed to help Mike with the Maintenance Committee since there is so much to do. They have gone through our contract with the landscapers and will meet with them since they are not doing the work that they have agreed to do. For example, weeding is included in the contract but has not been done. Don Putnam noted that Jim Cain deserves thanks for writing up the specs that were used for the contract.

Manager's Report – Bob Kelly

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Unit 1201: The owner requests permission to install patios in front of the unit and in back of the unit using patio blocks laid in a sand bed, per document requirements. Barb Masson moved to approve the request, Ralph Memoli seconded, and it was approved by all.

Other Business

The Board discussed whether or not to keep the current pandemic regulations in place. We are currently following Clearwater regulations, which allow 50% of the clubhouse capacity (37 people). The consensus of the Board is that we should not make any changes at this point, especially since COVID cases are on the rise again.

Mike Dugan asked if there would be interest in having COVID testing done at Raintree Village. Most people seemed to feel that since a negative test result is only a snapshot of that moment, it wouldn't be terribly useful.

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The Board also discussed what effect the restrictions may have on the Annual Meeting in December. Since there would be a total of about 10 people who would have to be there to run the meeting, that would only allow only another 27 people in the clubhouse. We could put speakers on the deck if it is not raining so that people could sit outside, which would allow us to get to a quorum (57 owners). Most likely, an election will be needed. Four seats will be open and so far there are four candidates, although others have expressed interest in running but have not yet submitted their form to Ameritech. Bob Kelly stated that a Zoom meeting is a possibility, and he said that we can still hold an election as long as 20% of the owners are present, but no other business could be conducted without a quorum. In any case, the use of proxy ballots should be encouraged.

Announcements

- The monthly Birthday BBQs and Dinners Out remain cancelled for the time being due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- All residents should receive a mailing from Ameritech soon with a copy of next year's budget, which the Board will vote on at the November meeting.
- Barb Masson noted that, thanks to a generous donation, we now have a great selection of DVDs for residents to borrow.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Dan Cottle, seconded by Mike Dugan, and approved by all.

The Board cordially invites all residents to the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors. The meetings are held in the clubhouse on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The next one will be held on November 17th. Your interest and support are most welcome. Please come and see how you can become more involved in Raintree Village!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME HAS ENDED!

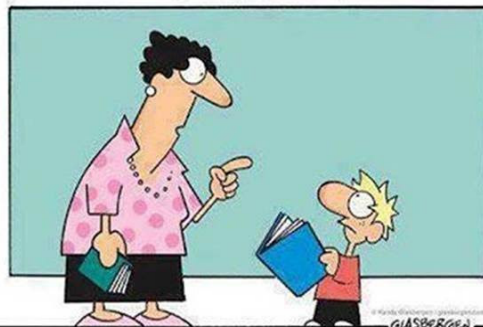
If you didn't turn your clock back one hour before you went to bed last night (on October 31st) you should do it now!

SCAM ALERT!

There is a scam happening where a cashier may ask you if you want a receipt, and if you say no, they add a cash back request to your total and pocket the extra amount. Be sure to ask for your receipt, and look at it before you leave the counter!

FREE!



Tom Alexander (#1901) has two twenty pound bags of Mahatma Rice that he can't use and would like to give away. They are good to have stored away in case of emergency, like a hurricane. If you are interested, please give him a call at 718-926-0677.



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November 2020 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Treasurer's Mtg. 10:00 AM Shuffleboard 10:30	3 Water Lilies 10:00 AM	4 Water Lilies 10:00 AM	5 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Game Night	6 Water Lilies 10:00 AM	7
8	9 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Treasurer's Mtg. 10:00 AM Shuffleboard 10:30	10 Water Lilies 10:00 AM	11 Water Lilies 10:00 AM VETERANS DAY  THANK YOU !	12 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Maintenance Comm. Meeting 1:00 PM Game Night	13 Water Lilies 10:00 AM	14
15	16 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Shuffleboard 10:30 Treasurer's Mtg. 1:00 PM Book Club 2:00	17 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Board Meeting 7:00 PM	18 Water Lilies 10:00 AM	19 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Game Night	20 Water Lilies 10:00 AM	21
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