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|  | OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS | | | | | |  |
|  | Mickey Prawel | 2 |  | | | | |
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GOODBYE, PAUL AND LAURA!

Our neighbors Paul and Laura Droni will be moving to Texas later this month to live near their son's family. We will certainly miss them! Laura has been a special part of the Social Committee and the catalyst for many fun-filled parties and events at Raintree Village. Paul has always been Ralph Memoli's right-hand man for the Birthday Barbecues; helping with shopping, cooking, greeting people, and serving up the birthday cake. In addition, Paul has been the Village gardener—planting, watering, and weeding to beautify our Village. Good luck, Paul and Laura, and be sure to come back and visit us often!

A NOTE FROM THE RAIN TREE VILLAGE BOARD PRESIDENT

It is the consensus of the Board that the current restrictions on the use of the clubhouse will continue. The limit on occupancy will remain at 50% (37 people) and masks and social distancing are encouraged. The library is open, and the exercise equipment is available as long as the user cleans it before and after use. Social events and parties will continue to be prohibited. The Board will revisit this decision at future meetings and will lift the restrictions once it is deemed safe to do so.

-Don Putnam





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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

I am sad to report that our neighbor, Kenneth Wilson, passed away at the end of August. Our deepest condolences to his wife Deborah and family. His obituary follows:

Kenneth Hugo Wilson

Passed away AUG. 28th. He retired to Clearwater after 40 years with United Airlines. He was a member of VFW Post 2473 in Clearwater and served on the Honor Guard at American Legion Post 238 in Safety Harbor he is survived by his wife Deborah Pirkle, his son Stephen Wilson, daughter-in law Theresa, granddaughter Dannielle of Clearwater, brothers Wayne, Gerald, and Garry Wilson of Pennsylvania, daughter Ann Rogge of Dover Delaware.

**Shuffleboard
October 2020**

It's that time of year, again, when we hope the weather will start to cool off and we can get outside more often. Shuffleboard will start Monday October 5th at 10:30 am at the shuffleboard courts.

In an effort to increase participation aaaaaaand make the game more interesting, we will be having an ongoing contest. We start with a game called "Turkey Shoot". This involves six rounds of practice during which you keep your individual score. Then we will play regular shuffleboard games. The "Turkey Shoot" scores will continue to rise as individuals play and add each week's total. (Of course, the more you play, the higher your score will be, hence the incentive to participate.)

In the spring there will be cash prizes (the best kind of prizes) for the three highest total scores and maybe some other worthwhile categories. Can you see that you don't have to be the best at shuffleboard to win at this game? You just have to show up! There's a lesson here for all of us, I think.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the shuffleboard courts on October 5th.

-Nora Stackpole

DVD LENDING LIBRARY!

A new circular rack filled with 400 DVDs has been installed in the clubhouse. Residents are welcome to borrow (and return) them. Many thanks to Jim Mecklenburger for this generous donation to the community! There is now an old bookcase in the clubhouse that is looking for a new home. Check it out if you are interested.

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 October 20th. Your interest and support are most welcome. Please come and see how you can become more involved in Raintree Village!





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 Cicatello 14
Pat Vowles 14
Andrea Memoli 14
Yvette Navarro 17

**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**

Paul Daroni 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 Daroni 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

**NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

Joe Ozbun 2
Jim Cain 7
Jim Kastner 13
Tom Archibald 18
Dan Cottle 19
Dwayne Schunne-
man 19
Mike Hurn 22
Ruth Cottle 30

**DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

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



**RTV Book Club
September 2020**

The September meeting of the RTV Book Club met in the club house on the 14th. It was a small group, but undiminished in enthusiasm. The discussion was about The Giver of Stars, by JoJo Moyes. The action centered on a group of women who started a mobile library to distribute books to remote homes and schools in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky. The librarians used horses and mules to navigate the mountain paths, so they were limited in the number of books they could carry. It was thrilling to see how hard these women worked to get books to the people and horrifying to witness the lack of respect that was shown them by some of the people in the environs. But we all loved the book.



The next meeting is on Monday, October 12th at 2 pm in the clubhouse. If the weather cools off, we may be able to meet under the trees, again. That was lovely. The book we are discussing is The Things We Cannot Say, by Kelly Rimmer. A woman is raising her autistic child and while dealing with the realities of the present, discovers that her recently hospitalized grandmother had a "past". The story moves between Nazi occupied Poland and the present as the woman tries to unravel the mystery of the past. We look forward to seeing everyone and anyone who wants to join us.

-Nora Stackpole

HURRICANE SEASON

We have been lucky so far this hurricane season. 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.

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**RAINTREE VILLAGE
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 and 19, 11:00 am in the clubhouse**

The Budget Committee will meet to continue the process of planning the budget for next year. Everyone is invited to attend, and input from residents is most welcome. If you'd like a better understanding of what goes into determining the budget, please plan to attend.



**RAINTREE VILLAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes for Meeting of Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 15, 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 and Betty McClure were present. Ralph Memoli was absent. 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 August 18, 2020 regular Board Meeting were distributed to the Board members at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Mike Dugan moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Dan Cottle seconded, and the motion was approved by all. Mike Dugan moved to approve the minutes, Barb Masson seconded, and the motion was approved by all.

Correspondence

None

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Masson
August 31, 2020

Income: \$49,844.37
Expenses: \$50,590.47

Money Market: \$19,489.64
Operating: \$141,701.86
\$161,191.50

Reserves: -\$19,489.64
Insurance Accrual: -\$103,008.00
\$38,693.86

Reserve Expenses
\$16,702.50—Green Minority Roofing

Delinquencies
\$3,906.61

Tenant/Owner Committee
Dan Cottle
9/15/20
No interviews held and none scheduled.

Committee Reports:

Tenant/Owner Committee
and Occupancy Committee – Dan Cottle

Occupancy Committee
Dan Cottle

Not occupied, not for sale: 5
Not occupied, for sale: 2
Occupied and for sale: 1
Units sold: 0



Maintenance Committee – Mike Dugan

Mike Dugan reported that he has been working on the Maintenance reports with Jim Cain, and is making progress. There appear to be 89 open work orders, which does not seem correct. Don Putnam offered to go through them with Mike to see which ones have been completed.

Dan Cottle spoke to the driveway work, which has taken much longer than expected because we have had so much rain over the last two weeks. Don Putnam noted that the same problem has delayed the gutter work and tree trimming. We hope things will get back on track this week.

Mike Dugan and Dan Cottle have looked at the remainder of the driveways to determine how many more need repair or replacement. Next year's budget is being worked on and we need to plan what driveways will get done.

Don Putnam noted that first meeting of the Budget Committee was held. Things seem to be in good shape; nothing alarming at this point. Fixing all of the sidewalks will definitely be in the budget for next year. There is about \$2500 in this year's budget, so we may get started. The Maintenance Committee is trying to decide if it would be more cost-effective to buy the grinding machine and hire someone to do the work than to hire a contractor who owns the machine.

Betty McClure stated that Lawn Proz has not been returning our phone calls. She and Don Putnam will go to their offices this week.

Manager's Report

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Unit 104: The owner requests permission to install a 14' x 10' patio behind the unit in accordance with document requirements. Old patio blocks will be removed. Mike Dugan moved to approve the request, Barb Masson seconded, and it was approved by all.

Other Business

An audience member told the Board that she has been getting water in her lanai when we get heavy rain and it has led to some mold and mildew, which is a problem because she has breathing issues. Don Putnam stated that the swales behind the 100 and 300 building have filled in over the years, and are scheduled to be addressed. The Maintenance Committee will take a look soon and see if anything can be done in the meantime. It was explained that, according to the documents, since lanais were built as screened porches, they are not actually considered as part of the interior of the units and owners are responsible for any repairs to them.

Announcements


The monthly Birthday BBQs and Dinners Out remain cancelled for the time being due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The Budget Committee held a meeting on September 14th, and will hold another one on Monday, September 21st, at 11:00 a.m. in the clubhouse. All residents are welcome to attend. Additional meetings may be scheduled for October and will be listed in the Newsletter.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Barb Masson, seconded by Dan Cottle, and approved by all.

October 2020 Calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | 1 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Game Night | 2 Water Lilies 10:00 AM | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Treasurer's Mtg. 10:00 AM Budget Mtg. 11:00 AM Shuffleboard 10:30 | 6 Water Lilies 10:00 AM | 7 Water Lilies 10:00 AM | 8 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Game Night | 9 Water Lilies 10:00 AM | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Shuffleboard 10:30 Treasurer's Mtg. 10:00 AM Book Club 2:00 COLUMBUS DAY | 13 Water Lilies 10:00 AM | 14 Water Lilies 10:00 AM | 15 Water Lilies 10:00 AM Maintenance Comm. Meeting 1:00 PM Game Night | 16 Water Lilies 10:00 AM | 17 |
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