

# SHORELINE

RLPOA

February 2015

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## Annual Meeting Thursday, March 26



The Annual Meeting of the Raintree Lake Property Owners Association is scheduled for **Thursday, March 26, 2015, at 7:00pm** and will be held at the clubhouse. All residents are urged to attend, but voting will be restricted to residents in good standing (dues and fines paid). If you are unable to attend, you may vote by giving a proxy to someone who will be there, simply fill out the proxy and drop it by the RLPOA office or you may vote electronically.

This year, terms will expire for the following members of the RLPOA Board of Directors: Brenda Miller, Brian West, Mark Spencer, David Parker and Brad Oestreich.

If you'd like to be a candidate, please call the General Manager, Rachelle Vandiver, or contact any member of the Nominating Committee (David Elliott, Jim Metzger, Hank Goldman, and Joe Walter).

**Proxies will be mailed directly to your home again this year, including the instructions to vote electronically. Watch for this mailing in March.**



## Visit with Santa - A BIG Success!!

*Thanks to everyone that brought their kids to visit Santa at the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 13. A great time was had by all. Special thanks to our wonderful Santa, John Hayes, who does an incredible job each year for us and makes the visit with Santa so special for each child. Thanks also to Ashlynn Oliver for all of her help.*



## Financial Statement

As of December 2014

### Money Market Sweep

**Account:**  
\$252,960.00

**Included in the Sweep  
Account are Reserves  
for:**

**Operations:**  
\$70,000

**Dock Self Insurance:**  
\$36,500

**Siltation:**  
\$22,500

**Insurance Reserve:**  
\$5,000

**Annual  
Loan Payment:**  
\$72,747

**Capital Asset:**  
\$27,000

**Monument:**  
\$5,000

**Raintree View:**  
\$1,500

**Siltation Loan:**  
(\$45,000)

**Notes Payable:**  
\$203,857.63

**Expenses:**  
\$ 47,345.08

## Delinquency Report Comparison

**2014**

**2013**

### One Quarter Past Due:

81 Lots totaling

\$ 9,103.69

\$ 7,481.90

### Two Quarters Past Due:

11 Lots totaling

\$ 4,269.63

\$ 1,674.96

### Three Quarters Past Due:

1 Lot totaling

\$ 376.59

\$ 5,744.49

### Liens:

29 Lots totaling

**\$45,751.27**

**\$44,987.17**



## Board Approvals for January 13, 2015:



- Awarded contract for dock replacement to Tiger Docks.
- Approved budgeted funds of \$41,000 for dock construction.
- Approved Charitable Event request for Clubhouse - K. Grose.
- Approved budgeted dock maintenance funds (swim, courtesy & boat) \$26,000.
- Approved budgeted electronic voting funds \$5,500.
- Approved budgeted funds for Appreciation Dinner \$7,500.
- Approved budgeted funds for maintenance's equipment purchases up to \$30,000.

## Unsatisfied Judgments/Liens

LIENS			
Lot#	First Name	Last Name	Address
119	Roger	Slead	732 SW Raintree Drive
158	Steve	May	727 SW Raintree Drive
711	Rosalyn	Campbell	429 SW Seagull
862	Stanley & Teresa	Lamaster	5108 SW Mallard Point
1502 A,B,C,D	Michael	Smith	3886-C SW Harbor Drive
SR29	Sonja	Lane	3824 SW Windsong Dr.

UNSATISFIED JUDGMENTS			
Lot#	First Name	Last Name	Address
43	Angela	Marks	3829 SW Harbor Circle
48	Ronald & Deborah	Knold	3804 SW Harbor Circle
463	Dennis	Hammontree	4279 SW Averio Lane
552	Moses	Smith	313 SW Green Teal
620	Lauren	Gleason	405 SW Seaside Sparrow
1005	Kelly	Smith	905 SW Drake Drive
1361	Victor & Sharon	Lee	820 SW Lake Pines Drive
1639	Russell	Winton	4517 SW Admiral Byrd.
NS04	Tim & Jennifer	Fortier	4468 SW Raintree Shore
SR19	John	Adams	740 SW Windsong Cr.
W37A-D	Darron Properties		3824 SW Harbor Drive

Plus an additional six properties that are in bankruptcy.

### **Raintree Residents:**

***Please update your contact numbers with the office so we  
can contact you in case of an emergency!  
(816) 537-7576 or [office@rlpoa.com](mailto:office@rlpoa.com)***



# Board Candidate Profiles



**Class A Single-Family**

**Name:** Mark Spencer

**Address:** 512 SW Raintree Drive

**Employment:** Hewlett-Packard Enterprise

**Years at Raintree:** 18 years

**Current or Previous Service:** Current Board Member

Mark and his wife Patty moved to Raintree in 1997 with their two children. Mark is an Escalation Manager for Hewlett Packard and manages a virtual team of engineers during crisis situations with all aspects of IT for companies and corporations. Over the years he has attended Board meetings and Lake Committee meetings at Raintree and made recommendations for the community including the boat stickers with emergency numbers, garbage containers located around the lake, and the every-other-year attendance requirement for safety meetings. As a board director Mark continues to provide input for the betterment of the RLPOA community regarding safety, beautification, and increase of neighborhood property values. Mark lives by the motto "If you do something, you might as well have fun doing it" and his favorite things are "temps over seventy degrees, enjoying the amenities of the Raintree community, and having fun with family and friends." "I truly believe that over the past year the Board has worked very well together and has made significant progress within our community."



**Class A Single-Family**

**Name:** Brenda Miller

**Address:** 5115 SW Snowy Egret

**Employment:** Self Employed

**Years at Raintree:** 21 years

**Current or Previous Service:** Current Board member, Activities Committee member, Facilities Committee member, Raintree View Committee member. As Activities Committee member I organize the annual Lake Clean-up event held in May.

I would like to continue to work with other Directors in making our community a better place to live and to be a voice on the Board in the next 2 years. I am currently a Real Estate Sales person with Coldwell Banker and my wish is to continue to assist in making sound decisions that will positively affect the value of real estate, and quality of life in our community. I continue to support the rules and regulations that we currently have in place in an attempt to assist in maintaining our property values. The issue that I am particularly interested in is the Ethics Policy that has been put in place within this past year for all our volunteers. Our community continues to grow and we can no longer work on the "good old boy" system. All volunteers need to understand the impact they have on our community and in my opinion must acknowledge that they will work within a high ethical standard when making recommendations and decisions for our members.



# Board Candidate Profiles



**Class A Single-Family**

**Name:** Craig A. Eaton

**Address:** 401 SW Albatross Ct.

**Employment:** Tech-Reps, Inc.

**Years at Raintree:** 9 1/2 years

**Current or Previous Service:** President Raintree Angler Club and Chairperson of Lake Committee

My wife Jolie and I, along with our son Cail, have been neighbors in the Raintree community for 9 1/2 years. I have been active in the community as a volunteer for many of our events. I have worked in the telecommunications industry for 30 years and assisted The Fountains in getting Google fiber. My interests are simple and have not waived, "I CARE" about our community and preservation of our resources. The Board is doing good things and I know I can contribute to their vision for Raintree's future.



**Class B Multi-Family**

**Name:** Jenifer Bolin

**Address:** 731 SW Lemans Lane

**Employment:** Grandview School District

**Years at Raintree:** 11

**Current or Previous Service:** Member and Past President of Raintree Lake Garden Club, Summerfest Parade organizer, member of Family Activities Committee

In May 2003 I moved to Raintree with my two boys, and we have been very happy living in this community. I joined the Raintree Lake Garden Club 10 years ago, and am a past President of this great club. Last year I decided to revive the Parade for Summerfest, and really enjoyed all the support the community gave to it, making it a success. That decision somehow resulted in my becoming involved with the Family Activities Committee, from which I get a great deal of satisfaction. When I learned that a class B Board Member was not going to seek re-election, I decided to put my name forward. Never having served as a Board Member in the past, I feel I can bring a fresh and open mind to the deliberations of that body. I have no hidden agenda but intend to listen to all sides of all issues, use common sense, and cast my vote based on what is best for the entire Raintree Lake community.

## BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS AT RAINTREE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT OR PREVIOUS SERVICE ON RAINTREE BOARD (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**GIVE A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY AND STATE WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (suitable for possible publication in the *SHORELINE* – you may attach up to one additional page, if necessary, and furnish a photo for publication):**

[It is suggested that, in addition to your personal and professional background, you address the following factors: (1) previous volunteer or government service or other experience, if any, which would contribute to your effectiveness as a Board member, (2) service on Raintree committees, if any, (3) your views on Raintree Covenants, Rules and Regulations and their enforcement, (4) issues at Raintree you are particularly concerned about and solutions you would support if elected to the Board.]

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**I HEREBY REQUEST THAT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PLACE MY NAME ON THE BALLOT FOR THE 2015 ELECTION:**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Attention 2015 Board Candidates

If you are interested in running for the Raintree Lake Board of Directors, please make your candidacy known to the office by **Sunday, February 15, 2015** in order to be named on the mailed Proxy Ballot. And if you furnish them by February 15, 2015, we will publish your biography and picture in the Shoreline, so residents are informed when voting.

Although nominations can be accepted (and will be added to the electronic ballot) until nominations are closed at the Annual Meeting on March 26, candidates who are nominated at the last minute (especially those nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting) will be at a significant disadvantage by being left off the mailed Proxy Ballot and for having missed the opportunity to have their information published in the March *Shoreline*, particularly because many members will have already voted electronically or by mail before the Annual Meeting. **Remember there are no provisions for "write-ins" on the proxy ballot.**

**Please complete the form on page 6 of this edition of the Shoreline and turn into the Raintree office by February 15 to be included in the March Shoreline.**



*Adult-Only Activities  
Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday,  
February 25  
  
Duck Pond Activity  
Center*



**Remember!  
Boat Slip Leases  
are due by  
Sunday, March 15th!**

# 2015 Fees

## Assessments: Fee

Class A Single Family Annual	\$507.96
Class A Single Family Quarterly	\$126.99
Class B Multi-Family Annual	\$338.64
Class B Multi-Family Quarterly	\$84.66
Commercial Annual	\$451.56
Commercial Quarterly	\$112.89

## Boat Slips: Fee

Boat Slip Lease (Annual)	\$350.00
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## Boat Stickers: Fee

Motorboat	\$50.00
Non-motorized	\$15.00

## Clubhouse: 9:00am - 12:00am Fee

Full Day Use Friday-Saturday-Sunday	\$400.00
Deposit	\$300.00
Mandatory Cleaning Fee	\$150.00
Half-Day Use Monday - Thursday (excluding holidays)	\$125.00

## Duck Pond Activity Center: 9:00am -10:00pm Fee

Full Day Use Friday-Saturday-Sunday	\$125.00
Deposit	\$250.00
Mandatory Cleaning Fee	\$75.00
Half-Day Use Monday - Thursday (excluding holidays)	\$35.00

## Pontoon (includes one tank of fuel!!): Fee

Full Day Use	\$160.00
Morning (8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.) Fri, Sat, Sun and Holidays	\$100.00
Afternoon (3:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.)	\$100.00
Early Bird Special (Mon - Thu 8:00am - 2:00pm (excluding Holidays))	\$55.00

## Pool: Fee

Residents	FREE
Guests - First 10 guests per lot	FREE
Guests - Visits after the 10th	\$2.00

## Resident ID: Fee

First card per resident	FREE
Replacement card per resident	\$5.00

## Acitvities: Fee

Easter Egg Hunt, Summerfest, Adult Pizza Party, etc.	FREE
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## Winter Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday  
9:00 am - Noon

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Fax: 537-5621

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LSMO 64082

office@rlpoa.com

General Manager:  
Rachelle Vandiver  
manager@rlpoa.com





# Increase in Boat Slip Fees for 2015

As the Board of Directors is tasked to “maintain all capital assets” they requested from the Finance Committee to define actual cost on all revenue items to make an informed decision during the budget process.

The Finance Committee went through a rigorous process involved with boat slips, boat permits, and pool to understand the actual cost to maintain these amenities along with swim docks and common ground/lake aesthetics. All operational accounts were figured along with percentages of shared cost. (i.e. water patrol, summer office help, siltation, etc.).

As the Finance Committee reviewed the capital asset list and the continued increases in maintenance on the boat docks, it was determined that boat dock replacement should be engineered and a plan put in to place to begin replacing aging docks.

A little bit of history regarding the docks is necessary. Every dock at Raintree Lake was capitalized by the lessees for a 10-year period. Everyone paid upfront for a 10-year lease. There was an incentive of obtaining a slip during this growing phase. Then the task of the Finance Committee was to recommend how best to budget these funds for maintenance, operations and a new boat dock to replace an existing one. It was determined that the best way was to come from the budget with 2015 slip fees.

Slip fees back in 1997 were \$250 with current (2014) slips still remaining the same at \$250. What has changed in the past 17 years, encapsulated foam, electricity, (lifts run by batteries), dock lights, rip rap, swim docks, courtesy docks and fishing dock, water patrol (it used to be by volunteers), and concrete dock stubs.

The Finance Committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved 2015 boat slip fees to be increased to \$350 per slip to continue maintenance, operations and the construction of a new boat dock.



## THE VILLA VOICE



The brave souls (14 of them) who ventured out on one of the coldest nights in January for “Bingo Night” had a great time and have expressed interest in playing Bingo again. Special thanks go to our local bingo caller, Art Kemble, and hostesses, Peggy Bartlett and Mary Lynn Tolle.

Next month on February 5<sup>th</sup>, we are planning to go to the new Fun House Pizza restaurant (formerly Pappi’s Pizza). It should be fun to scope out this new eatery in Lee’s Summit. Reports have indicated the pizza is “great” and they also have a varied menu in addition to pizza. To provide the restaurant with an idea of the number coming, please contact Peggy Bartlett (537-7768) or Barbara Kirk (366-0340), hostesses. Rather than carpooling from the Duck Pond, we will meet at the Fun House at 6:00 p.m. However, if you need transportation or do not like to drive at night, please contact one of the hostesses or any committee member. Everyone is welcome!

The hostesses for our March 5<sup>th</sup> “Game Night” at the Duck Pond Activity Center are Debbie Chapman (913-523-4932) and Gloria Pilkerton (537-3263). **If you have a favorite game you wish to play, please bring it along with a dessert to share.** The ever-popular “Spoons” game will be there. Drinks will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

If you have any interest in helping with a future event, please contact a member of the Activities Committee. We have several more “game nights” that need hostesses! A committee member will serve with you as a liaison should you need assistance.

Information regarding dates and other events being planned will be forthcoming in future SHORELINE editions.

# ***Do's & Don'ts of Winter***

***Any activity on the ice is  
strictly prohibited***

***Please keep off the ice!***



One of Raintree's family fun events is sledding down the dam. Please remember that cars cannot be parked between the signs on the dam. This is a City violation and you can be ticketed by police! All sledding activities are at your own risk. **Please be safe!**

***Stay Warm & Be Safe!***

# Winter Greetings from your RLPOA Water Patrol

Water Patrol often sees children and young adolescents playing, sledding, and running across the frozen lake out at Raintree Lake. Ice conditions here in Missouri are rarely safe enough to cross our 235 acre lake, which is why the RLPOA has set out signs stating to “STAY OFF THE ICE.”

Over the holiday break we witnessed children who were unsupervised throwing rocks onto the frozen lake; this was acceptable yet frowned upon. This group became very brave and started out onto the frozen water crossing the spillway. This group of unsupervised children, residents of Raintree Lake, had no idea that 1 ½ inches of ice was not safe to walk across. The children were told to get off the ice. If this young man had fallen through the ice, and was able to escape the water, the temperature was 28 degrees and the onset of Hypothermia would have happened in seconds.

An average of 1,301 deaths per year are associated with exposure to excessive natural cold. According to the CDC, approximately 67% of hypothermia-related deaths are among males. This young man could have very easily been our first drowning at Raintree Lake. Parents and grandparents please talk to your children and grandchildren and explain to them the dangers of the ice.

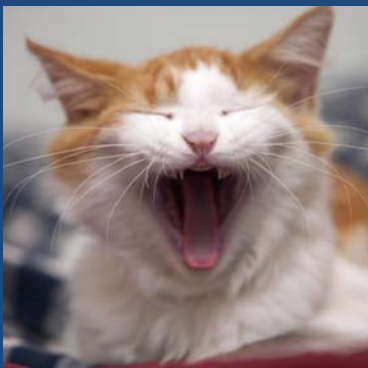
## What factors influence drowning risk?

**Lack of Barriers:** Fences or barriers along your property will inhibit unsupervised children from wandering down to the lake.

**Lack of Close Supervision:** Drowning happens swiftly and quietly anywhere water is present. This can be a bathtub, a bucket, or even the frozen lake.

**Location:** According to the Center of Disease Control 57% of drowning in males 15 years and older occur in natural water settings such as rivers, lakes and ponds.

**Alcohol Use:** Among adolescents and adults, alcohol use is involved in up to 70% of deaths associated with water recreation.



## SOUND OFF

Parents and grandparents, please be aware that children are often seen throwing rocks in and around the fountain in The Fountains of Raintree. This becomes a hazard for motorists driving around the fountain. Also kids have been seen throwing rocks at the lights, and have broken some of them. During colder months they have been seen riding skateboards and bikes in the fountain. And one even drove a car through it in the winter, damaging the fountain. The repair of these items are paid for by the residents of The Fountains.

One other issue with the fountain is there are those who choose to swim in it in the summer. Even parents and grandparents have been seen allowing their children to swim in the fountain. In the fountain is all sorts of debris, including broken glass, making it a very dangerous place to swim.

# Musk rats *by Missouri Trappers Association*

The muskrat is a common and valuable furbearer. Muskrats are widely distributed throughout North America. This species can adapt to a wide variety of climates. Muskrats are dependent upon habitats including water. This species thrives in many lakes, rivers, creeks, ponds, and marshes. Muskrats can tolerate a certain amount of pollution in water, and this important furbearer is often found living within large cities.

## **Description**

The muskrat is classified as a rodent because of its four incisor teeth in the front of the mouth. The two upper and two lower incisors overlap, allowing them to self-sharpen as they are used. Folds of skin behind the incisors allow a submerged muskrat to cut vegetation without getting water into its mouth. The size and weight of muskrats varies with regions, and the quality of food available. Southern muskrats average around two pounds in weight, and weights of three and four pounds are common for muskrats in the Northern states. Most adult muskrats attain a length of 22-25 inches, including the nearly hairless tail.

The muskrat has relatively small front feet, with four major toes and small thumbs. Hind feet are much larger, and partially webbed. The tail of a muskrat is deeper than it is wide, and it tapers to a blunt point at the end. The species use their tails as an aid to swimming.

Muskrat fur is short and dense. Colors are mostly browns with lighter shades of greys or blondes on chest and stomach areas. The underfur traps air, and prevents the skin of the muskrat from becoming wet while it is in the water. Musk glands are predominant beneath the skin on the lower abdomen of male muskrats. These two glands become swollen during the spring and produce a yellowish, musky smelling fluid.

## **Reproduction**

Muskrats are one of our most prolific species. Adult muskrats can have up to five litters in a year's time. Muskrats in northern states seem to average about 2.5 litters a year. Muskrats in southern states often average 3 litters. Litter sizes vary, and 5 or 6 kits per litter is common. There is evidence that muskrat populations may be somewhat cyclic. Muskrats produce fewer litters when populations are dense and more litters when populations are sparse. The quality and abundance of food also affects the number of litters as well as litter sizes. Female muskrats born in the spring are sometimes capable of raising their own litter by late summer or early autumn. An average female muskrat will raise about 15 or 16 young in a good year. One female muskrat has been known to produce 46 young in one year. The gestation period for muskrats is 29 days. Muskrats are thought to have one mate during rearing seasons. Populations can be estimated in the fall by counting lodges, and multiplying by 5.

## **Habits**

Muskrats are somewhat sociable with others of the same species, but will often fight to the death as populations become dense. Preferred foods include a variety of vegetation, including roots, stems, and buds. Muskrats often seek out undercut banks for protection while feeding. Food is usually carried by this furbearer by mouth, and eating takes place above the water level. Muskrats are often active during the day, as well as night, with peak activities near dawn and dusk. Muskrats commonly stay underwater for five minutes while searching for food and they are capable of holding their breath underwater for 10-12 minutes. Territory sizes vary according to population densities and the quality of the habitat. These territories average about 200 feet in diameter in marsh habitats, and slightly longer along streams. Dispersals occur when the young are encouraged to leave the dens. Most of the young muskrats do not move further away than 200 feet in good habitats. Adult muskrats sometimes disperse further distances, particularly in the early spring before mating season begins.

In many marshy areas muskrats build dome shaped lodges of vegetation in the water, similar to beaver lodges, but smaller in size, these lodges have one or more underwater entrances, and commonly house an entire family group. Smaller but similar structures are known as "push-ups". These push-ups usually serve a muskrat as a protected feeding and resting area, especially after ice forms on the water surface. Bank dens are common and these usually have underwater entrances leading upwards to hollowed out chambers in the bank above the waterline. Trails of air bubbles can often be seen through thin ice. These bubble trails are made by muskrats exhaling air as they swim beneath the frozen surface.



## Muskrat - Fast Facts

- Muskrat are classified as a rodent and have four incisor teeth.
- Adults muskrats can reach 25 inches in length and average 2-4 pounds.
- Muskrats can birth up to 5 litters per year, with an average of 5 kits per litter.
- Underwater, muskrats can hold their breath up to 12 minutes.
- Few muskrats reach four years of age.

## Range

Muskrats are widely distributed throughout North America. Forty-eight states have muskrat trapping season.

## General

Uncontrolled muskrat populations do cause damage to private property and habitat. Hole digging activities undermine earthen dams and dikes. Damages also occur to irrigation canals and farm ponds. Large populations of muskrats also cause "eat-outs". These areas are simply over cropped by the feeding activities of the muskrats and the loss of vegetation and resulting silting makes the area less productive for other wildlife species as well. Muskrat "eat-outs" often destroy the roots of the vegetation, and it may take 15-20 years for the habitat to return to its original capacity to serve wildlife.

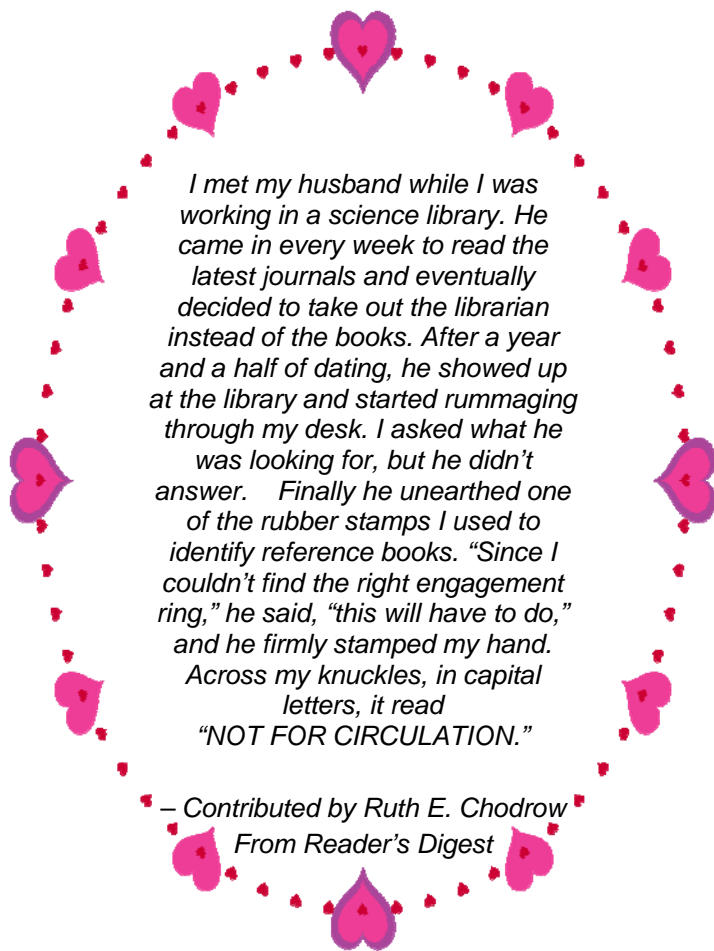
Muskrats are an important prey for a variety of wildlife, including mink, fox, coyotes, hawks and owls. One major disease is Errington's disease. This serious virus can live in mud and infect muskrats in areas that have been uninhabited by other muskrats for as long as 5 years. Epidemics can and do occur with this devastating disease. Muskrats are also vulnerable to tularemia, and a variety of internal and external parasites. Few muskrats attain four years of age.

Please report any sightings of muskrats to the office at 537-7576. We appreciate your help in assisting us with the control of these rodents.



## Raintree Lake

Muskrat Yearly Summary											
Comparison	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	
Nov.		10	8	9	28	41	34	19	12	23	
Dec.	25	23	5	5	12	16	23	20	20	27	
Jan.	58	5	3	2	0	0	16	0	0		
Feb.	24	4	3	9	0	8	19	20	3		
March	35	25	5	7	14	23	20	21	37		
Sub total	142	57	24	32	54	88	112	80	72	50	



## 2015 Activities Schedule

Adult Pizza Party	3/20
Easter Egg Hunt	4/4
Cinco de Mayo	5/2
Spring Garage Sale	5/7 - 5/9
Lake Clean-up	5/16
Fishing Derby	5/25
Adult Pizza Party	6/12
Teen Swim	6/18
Summerfest & Family Block Party	TBD
Fireworks	7/4
Teen Swim	7/16
Adult Pizza Party	8/7
Family Swim	8/15
Fall Garage Sale	9/10- 9/12
Adult Pizza Party	TBD
Visit with Santa	12/5

## Are you a "Snow Bird"?



Many of our Raintree Lake residents fly south for the winter, or anywhere there is a warmer climate. It is important to let the office staff know if you are one of our "birds". Often, we are unable to reach a resident about billing and boat slip leases. Additionally, we are the first contact of the Police and Fire Departments in the event there is a problem with your home. Please take the time to let our office staff know before you "fly south" and when you return. A simple phone call will do the trick!

Raintree Office: 537-7576



## E-News



Stay current on Raintree events with weekly bulletins and instant news alerts on important items of interest such as water quality reports and police alerts. Sign up at: [www.rlpoa.com](http://www.rlpoa.com)

**931 members are already signed up!**

## Raintree Lake Woman's Networking Group



Please join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 9 AM, at the Duck Pond Activity Center to meet other professional women and business owners who live in Raintree. We are a no-cost, non industry-exclusive networking/professional development group. There are no mandatory meetings or requirements.

Can't make the meeting? Ask us about joining our online networking group too.

Email Lisa at [lisa@sewandco.com](mailto:lisa@sewandco.com) or Marsha at [marsha.esbedesigns@gmail.com](mailto:marsha.esbedesigns@gmail.com) for more information.



## CODES BLOTTER

Trash - 15

Boat and/or Trailer - 3

Owner's Siltation violation - 1

ARB violation - 1

Inoperable vehicle -1

## Welcome New Residents

Aaron & Cassandra Thiele  
4404 SW Admiral Byrd Dr.

Lana Bellah  
4499 SW Bowsprit

Brigham Cook & Christine Glascott  
219 SW Marsh Wren

Aaron Hiles  
201 SW Seagull





# February 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Quilting B's 9am - 4 pm @ DPAC  ARB 7 p.m. @ Clubhouse	3 Ladies Bridge 9:15am and Men's Club Cards 1:30 both @DPAC  Appeals Mtg-7pm DPAC	4 Cards 1:00 pm @DPAC	5 MahJongg 1 pm @ DPAC  Villa's Girl's Night Out @ Fun House Pizza 6:00 pm  	6	7
8	9 Daisies 4:30 - 7:00 pm @ DPAC  Pool Committee 7pm @ Clubhouse  Lake Committee 7pm @ Clubhouse	10 Ladies Bridge 9:15am and Men's Club Cards 1:30 both @DPAC  North Shore POA Board Mtg. 6:30pm Clubhouse  Board Mtg. 7pm Clubhouse	11 Ladies Bunco 10:am @ DPAC  Friendly Yarners 2-4pm @ DPAC  Common Ground Mtg. 7pm @ DPAC  RTV Meeting 7pm @ Clubhouse	12 Professional Women's Group 9 -10am @ DPAC  ---MahJongg 1:00 pm @DPAC  ARB DEADLINE	13	14  
15 Shoreline Deadline	16 Bee Keepers 9 am - 4pm @ DPAC  ARB 7 p.m. @ Clubhouse	17 Ladies Bridge 9:15am & Men's Club 1:30 pm both at DPAC	18 Fountain's Fun Day @ DPAC Time: TBD  Garden Club Mtg 7pm @ DPAC	19  MahJongg 1 pm @ DPAC	20	21
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# Raintree Lake Garden Club



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Gina Baltz, Laura Dawson and Joyce Stolberg were our lovely hostesses for the December Garden Club meeting. The evening started with a delicious catered dinner followed by several diverse games of bunco depending on what table you were sitting at. Gina made beautiful Christmas table centerpieces that were raffled off to the members.

## February Gardening Activities:

February is a short, topsy-turvy month when crocus could sprout on a warm day and then be covered in a blizzard the next day. February is the last month to anticipate our gardening needs before warm weather arrives. Here are some suggestions:

- \* **Seeds** - order early; choice varieties disappear before March
- \* **Raised Vegetable Beds** - if soil has settled, top off with shredded leaves and add nitrogen (soybean or alfalfa meal) to hasten decay
- \* **Plan Ahead for March** - order fertilizers, mulching material, stakes, plant ties and tools to ensure you will have these necessary items just when you need them
- \* **Pruning** - on one of those warm days get outside to enjoy the weather and prune trees and late-blooming shrubs; prune with a purpose such as getting rid of dead or broken branches, making plants more shapely or admitting light and air to areas beneath the trees and shrubs
- \* **Remember St. Valentine's Day** - order your flowers early for loved ones and friends.



## Gardening Quotes:

"February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March."  
J.R. Stockton



## Join The Fun!

## Garden Club Information:

The Raintree Lake Garden Club is a women's social club with emphasis on gardening and community beautification. The club was formed in 2003. Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM at the Duck Pond Building. Yearly dues are \$20.

Each meeting is different. Usually there are two to three business meetings a year and the others are of a social nature involving speakers and fun activities such as a "Getting to Know the Members" party, a Community Open House, a Christmas Party, a Planting Party at a local nursery and field trips.

The club participates in the annual Raintree Summeriest celebration. It supports the Lee's Summit Social Services Food Pantry by collecting food items in the month of December.

## You do not have to be a master gardener to be in the club.

There are all levels of expertise and different gardening interests ranging from flower bed gardening, vegetable gardening, herb plantings, container gardening, butterfly gardens and native plant gardens. Joining the Garden Club is a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends in the community. The Garden Club is a great support group for all of its' members. Pamper yourself with a fun evening out and join the Garden Club!

## Raintree Lake Garden Club

### YOU'RE INVITED

to the Next Scheduled Garden Club Meeting on February 18th @ 7:00PM for an evening of Food, Fun, & Fellowship with Gardening Topics!  
More info.? Contact Rita Madison @ 816-223-6210, [ritamadison@comcast.net](mailto:ritamadison@comcast.net)



Written by: Rita Madison

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# Become Involved!!

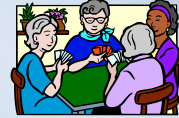


## Card Players Wanted

Men's Club

Meets every Tuesday at 1:30 pm at the Duck Pond Activity Center.

## Ladies' Bridge Club



Come to the DPAC on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 to join the fun. Everyone plays! From beginners to advanced. Whatever your level, you will fit right in.

## Friendly Yarners



No experience necessary! **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday afternoon 2-4pm @ DPAC** knitting and crocheting individuals get together to visit, improve their skills and make items for Truman Medical Center newborns and cancer patients such as blankets, caps and mittens. Instructor present at all sessions. For more information contact Sharon McCann (816) 623-3352. Bring your needles and yarn and join the fun!

## Mah Jongg

I'll be happy to teach you the American version of this fun, social game. The game takes a small amount of time and effort to learn compared to the enjoyment you will have playing. We meet in the Duck Pond Activity Center - every Thursday at 1 pm.

Linda Scott (520) 204-7339



## Raintree Lake Woman's Networking Group



Please join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 9 AM, at the Duck Pond Activity Center to meet other professional women and business owners who live in Raintree.

For more information email Lisa at [lisa@sewandco.com](mailto:lisa@sewandco.com) or Marsha at [marsha.esbedesigns@gmail.com](mailto:marsha.esbedesigns@gmail.com)

## Ladies' Bunko

Meets at 10 am on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Duck Pond Activity Center.



Contact Rose Marie Walter

537-8486



Like to play cards or games?  
Looking for guys or gals to join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm at the DPAC. If you are interested please contact Rose Marie Walter  
537-8486

# SNOW CONTROL IN LEE'S SUMMIT

The City's crews plow and treat more than 1,000 lane miles of streets and cul-de-sacs in Lee's Summit.

## Snow Control Response Levels

Lee's Summit has established snow control goals which include a completion time for each level of response. The goal time starts when accumulating winter precipitation ends and is dependent upon the severity of winter weather conditions.

Level 1: pre-treatment

Level 2: one inch or less; 24 hours

Level 3: one to six inches; 32.5 hours and six to ten inches; 40 hours

Level 4: more than ten inches; 48 hours

Level 5: sustained winds of 30 MPH; 48 hours

## Street Classifications

Three street classifications are used for snow control. Primary and secondary roads are the main priority when the snowfall begins. Residential streets are plowed last.

Primary: major four-lane or high volume two-lane streets

Secondary: minor thoroughfares

Residential: local streets, includes dead end streets and cul-de-sacs

## Residential Streets

When snow is falling or when heavy snowfall is predicted, Public Works plows one pass on residential streets and around cul-de-sacs which allows for a drive lane down the center of the street. Once snowfall stops or one pass is complete, crews will return and plow streets open as much as attainable.

## Private Streets, Driveways, and Sidewalks

Plowing snow on private property is the property owner's responsibility. Shoveling snow to the side of your driveway will lessen the amount of snow left at your driveway entrance and/or sidewalks during plowing.

## FAQs

### When does snow plowing begin?

Crews are scheduled to report before the winter storm arrives. In many cases, crews are pre-treating ahead of the storm. Crews work on a 12-hour rotating shift until all streets are plowed and treated.

### When will my street be plowed?

Public Works uses a time-based goal for snow control. The goal is to have all streets plowed and treated once precipitation ends within the time frame, which is determined by the severity of the winter weather and can range from 24-48 hours.

### Can emergency vehicles access roads safely when responding to an emergency?

Plow trucks are dispatched along with emergency equipment to assist during fire or police emergencies, as necessary.

### Does the City have a law requiring sidewalks to be cleared?

No. However, property owners are encouraged to clear snow from sidewalks for everyone's safety.

### If I call the Snow Desk, will a snow plow come down my street sooner?

The Snow Plan has a scheduled route system. Snow plows are only redirected to assist police and fire emergencies; they are not otherwise pulled off of their established routes.

### What can I do if my mailbox or yard is damaged by snow plows?

Mailboxes are sometimes damaged during snow control operations when there is wet and heavy snow rolling off the plow onto the right-of-way. Trucks also occasionally scrape sod near the curb line because it is difficult to distinguish between a curb and road during heavy snowfalls. Oftentimes the snow plow driver reports the damage; however, citizens can report damage to the Snow Desk.

### Why is my street still covered with snow after a City truck plowed it?

Snow packed onto the roadway becomes difficult to remove especially on residential streets. Lee's Summit does not have a bare pavement policy.

## Tips to Remember

- Remove vehicles, basketball goals, and trash cans from streets to prevent delays and to improve the snow control process.
- Clear snow from around fire hydrants so they can be easily located during emergencies.
- Do not make snow tunnels on or near the street and driveways. Snow plows and other drivers may not see these and could accidentally injure someone playing inside of them.



# Fountains Social Events 2015

## Save the date!

Mark your calendars for fun activities with your Fountains neighbors! Listed below are events that are currently scheduled. Several ***Fountains Fun Days*** are being planned but details are not yet available for all of them. ***Backyard Socials*** will begin in June and run through September. Fountains neighbors enjoy fellowship and make new friends at these summer socials. This is a very popular and informal activity! Bring lawn chairs, a favorite beverage and a light snack to a pre-determined backyard. **Event information will be announced through email and on I-Neighbors.**

### Ongoing events include:

**Monday coffee** at the Price Chopper deli cafeteria – 10:30 a.m.

**Fountains Bunko** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday\* – 1:00 p.m. at the Duck Pond Activity Center \$5

**Bridge group** – every Tuesday – 9:15 a.m. at the Duck Pond Activity Center

### Upcoming Events for 2015:

Activity	Date	Time	Location
<b>Fountains Fun Day</b> – games & lunch	February 18	TBD	Lunch out & Duck Pond
<b>Games Night</b> – bring card or board games, a light snack and your favorite beverage.	February 27	7:00 p.m.	TBD
<b>BBQ Potluck Dinner</b> (reservations)	April 11	6:00 p.m.	Raintree Clubhouse
<b>Fountains Fun Day</b> – Jamesport, MO (Bus) Reservations required \$79 by April 20	May 20	7:30-4:30	Departs from JKV
<b>Chili/Soup Supper</b> (reservations)	October 24	6:00 p.m.	Raintree Clubhouse
<b>Ladies Holiday Social</b>	December 7	7:00 p.m.	Duck Pond Activity Center

\*Some months are canceled due to holidays.

If anyone has suggestions or ideas for other fun activities, please contact Social Chairladies Connie Johnson, 537-3384 and Lenore Chambers, 537- 9773.





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Lindsey	16	Babysitting, dog walking, LS Parks & Rec. CPR trained	816-728-5158
Madeleine	15	Babysitting & Dog sitting has Lee's Summit Park & Rec. babysitting boot camp training	804-8959
Grace	15	Baby sitting, Math Tutoring, After-school Child Care, House Watching	673-6839
Zach	13	Dog walking, pet sitting and yard raking and cleaning	277-9386
Kali	16	Child care	913-306-0605
Shay	14	Dog walking, sitting, babysitting, LS Parks & Rec. CPR Trained	456-6642
Jayme	14	Babysitting	309-9364
Kyle	17	Lawn mowing & trimming. Small engine repair/ maintenance and odd jobs.	537-7927
Jacob	14	Dog/pet sitting and babysitting.	853-2226
Olivia	15	Child care and dog walking	838-5540
Jacob	16	Lawn mowing and trimming. Dependable.	816-223-7656
Noah	17	Lawn mowing, trimming, clearing off driveways, dog walking, pet sitting. Very dependable.	816-289-8019
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## Ready, Set, DIVE into the Pool Committee!!!!



Start thinking warm thoughts during these winter days!!!!!!

How would you like to serve your Raintree community by volunteering to join the Pool Committee? Assist fellow residents in planning now for the future of the pool facility! Call the Raintree office or email to express your interest: 537-7576 or office@rlpoa.com

Plan now! Summer is on the way!!

My friend Mark and I work in a lawn-mower-parts warehouse. Somehow Mark got the idea that his wife did not want a card on Valentine's Day, but when he spoke to her on the phone he discovered she was expecting one. Not having time to buy a card on his way home, Mark was in a quandary. Then he looked at the lawn-mower trade magazines scattered around the office — and got an idea. Using scissors and glue, he created a card with pictures of mowers, next to which he wrote: "I lawn for you mower and mower each day." Mark's wife loved it. The card immediately graced their refrigerator door.

— Contributed by Gene Hyde  
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"Bonnie — What are you looking here for? Aren't dinner and flowers enough?

Love, Scott."

Contributed by Richard B. Blackwell for *readersdigest.com*

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**Facilities:** WATCH CALENDAR  
**Lake:** 2nd Monday 7pm @ Clubhouse  
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**Adult Activities:** WATCH CALENDAR  
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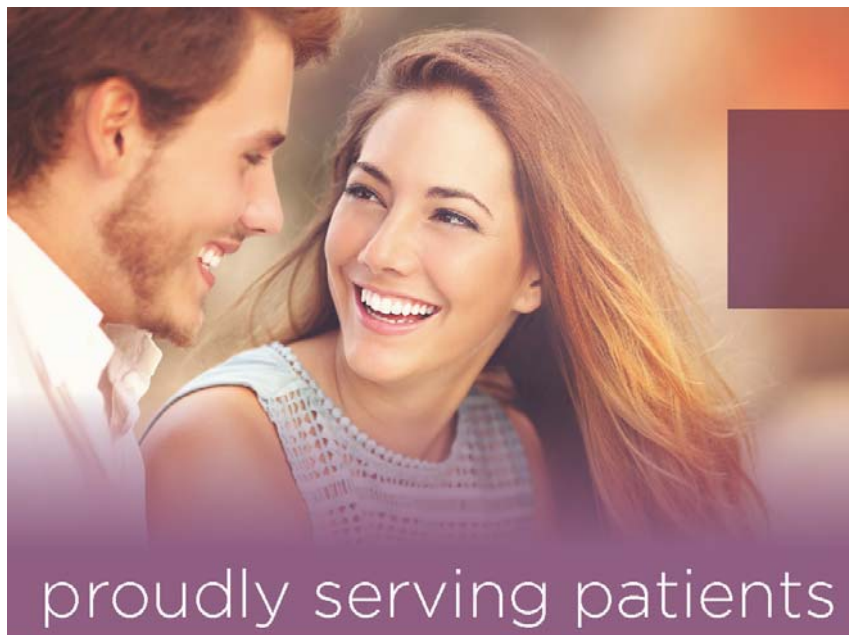
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