

SHORELINE

RLPOA

June 2015

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The Raintree Fireworks show is **July 4th**, starting between 9:30 - 10:00 p.m. \$8,500 has been budgeted for the Fireworks show this year, which is the same as last year. Paid from those budgeted funds are the contract for the display, LS Police Department stand-by, as required by LS Codes, and various miscellaneous items needed each year. Any donation made to this fund will be added to the budgeted funds so a bigger fireworks show can be held. Each RLPOA member or company who donates to the fund will be recognized in the Shoreline. Below is a form that you can fill out and attach with your donation. You can bring in or mail your donation to RLPOA / 825 SW Raintree Drive / Lee's Summit, MO 64082.

Deadline to Donate: Monday, June 15

Donation for Raintree Lake POA Fireworks Display

Name _____ Lot # _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Donation Amount: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

REMINDER: NO FIREWORKS ON COMMON GROUND. YOUR FIREWORKS PERMIT IS FOR YOUR PROPERTY ONLY. RESIDENTS – CALL POLICE IF YOU SEE FIREWORKS BEING SET OFF ON COMMON GROUND.

Financial Statement

As of April 2015

Money Market Sweep Account: \$388,813.25	Capital Asset: \$10,500
Included in the Sweep Account are Reserves for:	Monument: \$5,000
Operations: \$70,000	Raintree View: \$9,000
Dock Self Insurance: \$41,000	Siltation Loan: (\$45,000)
Siltation: \$22,500	2014 Rollover: \$19,749
Insurance Reserve: \$5,000	Notes Payable: \$177,121.58
Annual Loan Payment: \$72,747	Expenses: \$ 90,685.23

Delinquency Report Comparison

2015	2014
One Quarter Past Due: 116 Lots totaling \$12,735.66	\$13,769.87
Two Quarters Past Due: 31 Lots totaling \$10,015.56	\$ 6,459.55
Three Quarters Past Due: 22 Lot totaling \$ 8,382.57	\$ 1,966.25
Liens: 27 Lots totaling \$49,210.23	\$69,083.64



Board Approvals for May 12, 2015:



- Approved Bollard lights for Duck Pond Activity Center parking lot
- Approved Capital Asset Reserve Study
- Approved Summerfest Parade & Carnival budget up to \$6,500
- Approved Summerfest 4th of July Fireworks budget up to \$8,500
- Approved Lake treatments budget up to \$6,000
- Approved Pool Equipment repair budget up to \$5,400
- Approved the June Pizza Party budget up to \$1,750

Unsatisfied Judgments/Liens

LIENS			
Lot#	First Name	Last Name	Address
119	Roger	Slead	732 SW Raintree Drive
158	Steve	May	727 SW Raintree Drive
371	James & Robin	Hockett	4050 SW Orleans Ct.
862	Stanley & Teresa	Lamaster	5108 SW Mallard Point
1502 A-D	Michael	Smith	3886-C SW Harbor Drive
SR9	Michael	Willard	3821 SW Windsong Dr.
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
1361	Victor & Sharon	Lee	820 SW Lake Pines Drive
1639	Russell	Winton	4517 SW Admiral Byrd.
NS04	Tim & Jennifer	Fortier	4468 SW Raintree Shore
W37A-D	Darron Properties		3824 SW Harbor Drive

Plus an additional six properties that are in bankruptcy.





Mark your Calendars

Teen Swims

Thursday, June 11th

Thursday, July 16th

7-10 PM

Family Swim Saturday,

August 15th

6-9 PM

FOOD and music at all 3 events



RAINTREE LAKE POOL RULES



Pool capacity-235

1. Persons using the pool agree to abide by the directions of the lifeguards and/or manager on duty.
2. No alcoholic beverages, narcotics or drugs of any kind shall be allowed in the pool area.
3. Resident ID cards (2 years and older) are required by all to enter the pool.
4. Residents will receive 10 single day guest credits per lot per pool season to be used at their discretion. Maximum of 10 guest credits can be carried over from previous year. Single day guest passes will be available to purchase in blocks of 10 for a \$20.00 fee at RLPOA office.
5. All guests will be accompanied by a Raintree resident at all times.
6. All guests ages sixty-five (65) and above and two (2) and younger will be free of charge but must be accompanied by a Raintree resident at all times.
7. Baby-sitters: Non-Resident passes
 - a. Must be at least fourteen (14) years of age.
 - b. Quantity of one (1) babysitter pass/non-resident pass will be available per season per lot. ID must be made at RLPOA office.
 - c. Flat fee for babysitter/non-resident will be \$20.00.
 - d. Permission slip signed by resident and babysitter/non-resident must be on file.
 - e. ID Card will be issued to babysitter/non-resident and is required to enter the pool.
8. Raintree residents are responsible for their cards. No cards will be kept on file. Additional or replacement cards may be purchased in the office for \$5.00 each.
9. Resident children under ten (10) years of age must be accompanied by a Raintree resident fourteen (14) years of age or older. Amended March 24, 2005

10. Pool Hours:

Mon thru Sunday 10:30 AM – 9:00 PM

Thurs.....10:30 AM – 8:00 PM (unless scheduled swim meet) (Adult swim 8 PM -10 PM)

Note: Adult swim is to be 18 years of age and older.

11. No swim lessons will be available at the pool.
12. Resident Grandparents: Visiting grandchildren up to 18 years of age, may use the swimming pool on your resident ID card, but must be accompanied by you while at the pool.
13. Diving is prohibited.
14. Proper swim attire required and/or swim diapers. No cut-offs in the pool.
15. No running or pushing on pool deck.
16. No gum or food in pool. Food is allowed on pool deck.
17. No glass in pool area. All beverages and suntan lotions must be in aluminum or plastic containers.
18. Swimming after pool hours is prohibited. Violators will be restricted from using the pool and prosecuted due to trespassing.
19. No rafts or large flotation devices in the pool.
20. Pool games are left to the discretion of the lifeguard or manager on duty.
21. The rope floats that separate the deep water from the shallow are there for safety purposes and are not to be hung on.
22. No talking with the lifeguard while on duty.
23. Showers must be taken before entering the pool.
24. Any resident or their guests using profanity, verbal abuse, or threats to any lifeguard, pool or RLPOA personnel will lose pool privileges for ninety (90) days (carried over to the next season) plus a \$100 fine. (Note: Residents are responsible for their guests at all times). Policy approved June 2002. Amended March 24, 2005.

WATER SLIDE RULES

1. Children under forty-eight (48) inches tall must be accompanied by an adult or wear a coast guard approved life jacket.
2. Only one rider on the slide at a time, unless the young child is accompanied by an adult.
3. Slide must be ridden with feet entering water first.
4. Riders must wait for the attendant's "start signal" before starting the ride.
5. Keep arms and hands inside at all times.
6. Do not run, dive, stand, kneel, or stop in the slide.
7. At the end of the slide, exit area quickly.
8. CAUTION: For safety reasons, pregnant women and persons with heart conditions or back trouble should not ride this slide.
9. No toys may be taken down the slide.

Adult Pizza Party



When: June 12

Where: Raintree Clubhouse

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Dinner served: 6-8 pm

Fun continues until: 10 pm

BYOB

**To volunteer please call Connie Johnson at 537-3384 or
Lenore Chambers at 537-9773.**

Be sure to bring your Raintree I.D. card with you!!

Adult Activities Need Your Help!!

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Raintree Adult Activities, call Rose Marie Walter at 537-8486. Get involved and enjoy meeting people and helping to continue the great activities that Raintree offers!

Can you do Just One Thing?

A lot of people would *like* to help out, but they don't volunteer –they're afraid they might be required to attend monthly meetings. And they JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME for that. But... what if you were asked to **DO JUST ONE THING?**

- One trip to the store for supplies (we pay)
- One-time parade street guard
- One online search for the perfect thing we need
- One session of Easter egg filling
- One activity set-up
- One errand
- One Shoreline Ad creation
- One brain-storming idea session
- One-time parade judge

1. **ONE**
thing

The family activities committee would like to create a list of people who will do JUST ONE THING to help out in our community. Your help will be SO appreciated!

WE PROMISE NOT TO ASK FOR ANY MORE OF YOUR TIME THAN JUST THAT ONE THING!

Tell us what you are willing to do, and that is all we will ask you for.

PLEASE Call Greer Cannady 816-213-4551 or email her at greercannady@gmail.com if you are willing to help.

RAINTREE SUMMERFEST

PARADE & CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

Parade begins at 9:30

- * Assemble at dam parking lot at 9:00am - parade to begin promptly at 9:30
- * This year's parade is going to be incredible!!
 - * For more information contact Jenny Bolin at 316-5252

Carnival 10am-1pm

- * Join us after the parade at the clubhouse
- * Inflatables, rides, games, face painting, caricature drawings, snow cones, and cotton candy



For information or to
volunteer contact:
Greer Cannady
greercannady@gmail.com
816-213-4551



WE WANT YOU



To Join The Parade!

Clubs – Streets – Families - Friends

2015 Parade Entrants Please contact Jenny Bolin

816-301-8282 jeniferbolin@gmail.com

Save The Date

Saturday

July 4th, 2015

KIDS BIKE PARADE!



Watch this space for more
information



Lee's Summit Fireworks Regulations

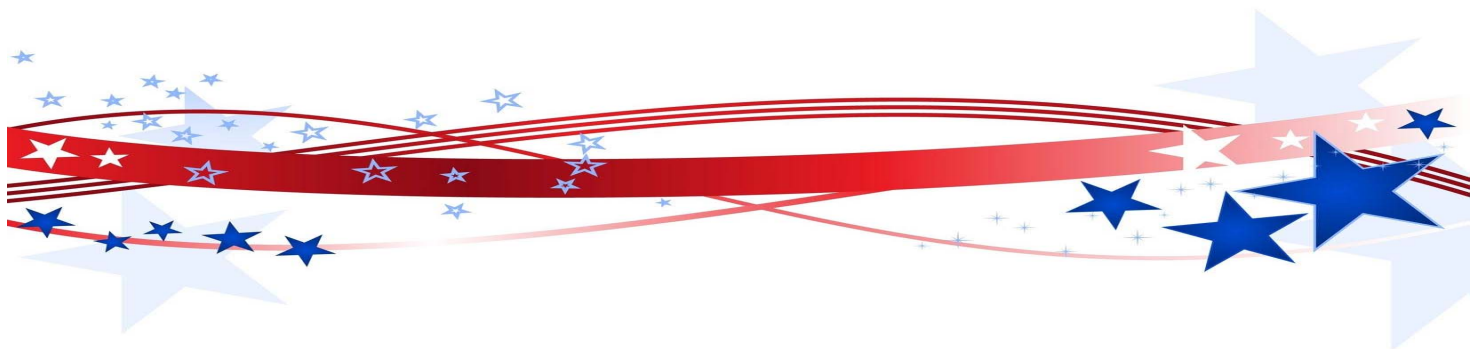


Consumer Permits:	A permit is required for each household discharging fireworks within the city limits. Permits are free and can be obtained at any authorized vendor in Lee's Summit or the Finance Department at City Hall (220 SE Green Street, 969-1139).
Fireworks Not Allowed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rockets on a stick (example: bottle rockets)○ Missiles with fins or rudders for the purpose of achieving aerodynamic flight; and○ Roman Candles, California Candles, Illuminating Torches, or similar items, with or without spikes, which contain wording on the caution label that is substantially similar to the following: "WARNING SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS" or "WARNING SHOOTS FLAMING BALLS AND REPORTS"; and single or multi-shot parachutes, with night effects.
Allowable Times/Dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● July 2: 10am-11pm● July 3: 10am-11pm● July 4: 10am-12am
Age Limits:	Must be 16 or older, unless supervised by a parent or guardian
What are the restrictions on where you can shoot fireworks?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cannot use fireworks, including pyrotechnic devices in such a manner that, after it is ignited, will propel it, or any part thereof, such that it, or any part thereof, lands on property not owned by the person shooting the fireworks.● Cannot shoot fireworks within 300 feet of permanent flammable liquid or gas storage or dispenser, or where fireworks are stored or sold; or 600 feet from a church, school, hospital, or mental health facility.● Cannot be discharged within any structure; on property not owned by the shooter, or propelled onto property not owned by the shooter;● Cannot shoot into or at a motorized vehicle including watercraft (except where a display permit has been issued for a floating vessel) or at or near any person, group of people, or animal.
Can you purchase fireworks in Lee's Summit?	You can purchase fireworks from any of the authorized vendors within the city limits of Lee's Summit. Fireworks sold outside of the city limits may not be discharged in the city limits unless they are allowable fireworks under the city ordinance.

Before shooting fireworks, be aware of conditions in the area where fireworks are being discharged. Avoid areas of dry vegetation or other combustible materials and have a water hose or bucket available in case of a small fire. Keep small children and pets out of the immediate area. Please properly dispose of waste material in a safe manner.

If you have any questions about the fireworks regulations, firework display information, or [information on keeping safe](#), please contact the Lee's Summit Fire Department at 207 SE Douglas Street or call (816) 969-1300.

Excerpted from: <http://cityofls.net/Fire/Permits-Inspections-and-Development/Fireworks.aspx>





Raintree Theatre in the Park Drama Troupe

FREE activity for junior actors between the ages of 3 and 12.

Announcing a great opportunity to help your child develop confidence in public speaking, memorization skills, and working well in a group while having a ton of fun!

Practices will be held at the clubhouse playground at 9:30 AM on Wednesday mornings from June 17 through July 22 and will last about 30-45 mins. During these six weeks we will spend time working on vocalization skills, memorizing material and learning stage directions. At the end of our season, we will perform for the residents at John Knox Village giving the children an opportunity to give back to our community. A parent or guardian should plan on accompanying their actors to all practices. Please contact Sarah Ortiz at sarahsellsre@sbcglobal.net with any questions you may have. While an RSVP with your name, contact information, and ages of participants is not required, it would be helpful.

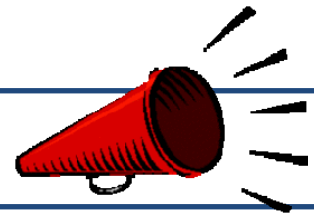


Learn WaterSports!



Have you been wondering when your neighbor is going to invite you out to try your hand at Water Skiing, Wake Boarding or Wake Surfing? Stop wondering and put June 20 from 9 to noon on your calendar. A few of your neighbors have agreed to share their boats, equipment and knowledge of these three WaterSports to help the first 30 interested Raintree residents get out on the water and give it a try. There is no cost to participants. Participants need to be at least 10 yrs. old. Adults are welcome/encouraged. Don't be bashful. Participants and/or their legal guardians will be required to sign a liability release waiver and follow all instruction provided by their boat captain. To get on the list, just send a message to ronald.e.moody62@gmail.com. Let us know which WaterSport you would like to try. Once we've filled our thirty spots, we'll put you on a waiting/next time list. We'll send you a meeting time/place or a waiting list number. Plan to be out on the water for an hour with a couple other first-timers just like yourself.

THE VILLA VOICE



The Villas' Annual meeting was held on May 7th and the following officers were elected at the executive meeting afterwards:

President: Hal Eagan
Vice President: Sue Rusco
Secretary: Barbara Kirk
Treasurer: Nancy Renetzky

Exterior Maintenance: Hal Eagan and Barbara Kirk
Grounds: Bill Wilson and Dean Orr
ARB: Sue Rusco

It was recommended and the Board agreed to have more frequent meetings. Therefore, the Board will be meeting at DPAC (Duck Pond Activity Center) on the 4th Thursday of each month from June through November, beginning June 25th. ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ANY MEETING. The December meeting, which involves budget approval, will continue to be held on the 1st Thursday, or December 3rd. Any questions should be directed to a Board Member.

Also, at the meeting a current directory of Villa residents was distributed. A copy can be obtained by contacting Sandy at Area Real Estate, (816) 650-6718.

Thank you to Pat Waters and Barbara O'Brien for hosting Game Night on May 14th at DPAC. The women attending had a great time playing Farkle. If you haven't participated in game night in the past, please plan to come to the next one in **September**.

Nancy Brandell is taking reservations for dinner at T-Bones on June 4th. **Please call by Monday, June 1st, if you plan to attend (537-9960).** Please meet at DPAC at 5:15 to carpool and we will leave there at 5:30 p.m. We will order from the menu. This has been a popular outing so please join us!

Dates to remember: August 7th – Villas will be coordinating the Adult Pizza Party
August 16th — Villas' Annual Picnic

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RAINTREE VIEW MINUTES - MAY 13, 2015

The committee met at 7 pm at the clubhouse. Present were Brenda Miller, Stan Spruill, and Allan Dancy.

The budget was reviewed. There is enough money for the new swings.

The perimeter trees have been a challenge. Over half of the original planting has been replaced for the third time with no success. Whatever the reason, the committee recommends that we not replace them again with the same type of tree. Different ideas were discussed, including getting the little ones from the conservation department.

Rachelle and her department has done an exceptional job on the playground modification. They have installed the new swing frame and enlarged the play area and are putting down new mulch. Also, they have implemented a Playground Safety Inspection to be done at regular intervals and documented.

At present, the committee recommends monthly inspections beginning in April and ending in October of the year, with a possible inspection during the winter.

The inspection will include but not be limited to the following list:

Broken equipment such as loose bolts, missing end caps, cracks, etc; Broken glass and other trash; Cracks in plastics; Loose anchoring; Hazardous or dangerous debris; Insect damage; Problems with surfacing; Displaced loose-fill surfacing; User modifications such as ropes tied to parts or equipment that has been rearranged; Vandalism; Worn, loose, damaged, or missing parts; Rusted or corroded metal.

The goal is to furnish a safe and convenient playground for everyone to enjoy. Please help the staff by leaving the area clean and report any equipment problems to Rachelle.

The next scheduled meeting will be on June 10, 7 pm at the clubhouse. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Yard of the Month



North Side:
4460 SW Raintree Shore Drive
Scott & Miranda Finnerty



South Side:
5001 SW Raintree Circle
Jack & Dianna Knight



Maintenance Free:
4143 SW Minnesota
Patricia Tully

Second Quarter Billing due by June 30!

Second quarter billing went out in April and will be due by June 30. **Only those who are current in their dues will be admitted into the pool.** Keep this in mind so your family can enjoy a full summer of swimming fun at Raintree!



2015 Activities Schedule

Teen Swim	6/11
Adult Pizza Party	6/12
4th of July Parade	7/4
4th of July Carnival	7/4
4th of July 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	9/19
Visit with Santa	12/5



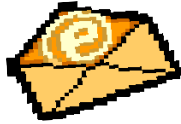
SOUND OFF

ATTENTION RAINTREE LAKE RESIDENTS: Please do not blow grass trimmings into our streets! This is an on-going situation with some homeowners. Please be aware that everything on our paved streets ends up in our lake or neighborhood ponds. Waste into our waters causes many problems. One important issue is siltation. Cleaning out **excess fill and siltation is expensive for us, the homeowners!** Another important issue is having trash (mowed grass) in the street in front of the homeowners home. Neighbors and other residents must look at this until it is blown away or washed down the storm drain. Thank you to all residents who properly take care of their lawn trimmings.

I would like to see if "No Wake" signs or buoy could be located near loading ramp/courtesy docks. I have started to see a lot of inconsiderate drivers creating huge waves while others are trying to load/unload boats on docks and trailers. This just happened to myself last weekend as well as last year in which we had to repair rear of our boat due to major scratches from dock as someone "floored it" pulling away from 1st dock closest to ramp while we are at 2nd dock. I understand that this should be common boat etiquette but apparently some need to be reminded visually and appears we have many new boats on lake this year.



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

1008 members are already signed up!

CODES BLOTTER

Trash - 10

Boat & Trailer - 12

Preservation of Property - 6

Incompletion of Project - 1

LAKE BLOTTER

Failure to Display Current Sticker - 16

To: All Residents

**Re: RLPOA
Employees**



This time of year, maintenance staff and lake patrolmen are visible as they are out on the property, but they do have direction from their supervisors. If something of concern is observed on the docks or common area, report the concern to the office at 537-7576 or lake patrol at 520-3893. In an emergency call 911.

Instead of offering advice, criticism, or requesting additional work to be performed, contact the appropriate employee's supervisor or office. Compliments are always appreciated!

Below are listed the supervisors of each area.

Maintenance Staff – Marco Cusumano (537-7576)

Lake Patrol – Josh Cresswell (520-3893)

Office Staff/Pool – Rachelle Vandiver (537-7576)

Thank you for your assistance.

Welcome New Residents!!

Melissa McBride
3956 SW Ensign

David & Cathy Langham
3958 SW Batten

Sarah Acosta
4177 SW Lafayette Place

Shawn Porter
301 SW Marsh Wren

Kendall Murphy
3935 SW Linden Lane

Dennis & Janet Adams
4784 SW Leafwing Dr.

Mary James
4624 SW Soldier Dr.

Blanche McWilliams
114 SW Cole Younger Circle

Greg & Tina Peter
4129 SW James Younger Dr.

Juel & Jacquelyn Clevenger
4124 SW Homestead

Judith Rechterman
4103 SW Homestead

Katonya & Richard Jackson
820 SW Windjammer Dr.

Joshua & Rebecca Sumner
3853 SW Windsong Dr.

Justin Kirn & Tianai West
741 SW Windsong

Matthew Pierce
4072 SW Royale Court

Chad Barbeck
3882-A SW Harbor Drive

***Welcome to
Raintree!***

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Quilting B's 9am - 4 pm @ DPAC ARB 7 p.m. @ Clubhouse	2 Ladies Bridge 9:15am and Men's Club Cards 1:30 both @DPAC Appeals Mtg-7pm DPAC	3 Cards 1:00 pm @DPAC	4 MahJongg 1 pm @ DPAC Siltation Comm 7pm at Clubhouse	5	6
7	8 Daisies 4:30 - 7:00 pm @ DPAC Pool Committee 7pm @ Clubhouse Lake Committee 7pm @ Clubhouse	9 Ladies Bridge 9:15am & Men's Club 1:30 pm both at DPAC North Shore POA Board Mtg. 6:30pm Clubhouse Board Mtg. 7pm Clubhouse	10 Ladies Bunco 10:am @ DPAC RTV Meeting 7pm @ Clubhouse	11 Professional Women's Group 9 -10am DPAC MahJongg 1 pm DPAC Anglers Tournament Teen Swim 7-10 pm ARB DEADLINE	12 Adult PIZZ PARTY at Clubhouse 5:30 - 10:00p.m.	13
14	15 Bee Keepers 9 - 4 pm ARB 7 p.m. @ Clubhouse Shoreline Deadline	16 Ladies Bridge 9:15am & Men's Club 1:30 pm both at DPAC Common Ground Mtg. 7pm @ DPAC	17 Garden Club Meeting at Overland Park Arboretum. See Garden Club article for details.	18 MahJongg 1 pm @ DPAC	19	20
21 	22 Fountain's Bunco 1pm Daisies 4:30 - 7:00 pm @ DPAC	23 Ladies Bridge 9:15am & Men's Club 1:30 pm both at DPAC Board Work Session 7pm @ Clubhouse	24 Swim Meet - Pool closes at 4:00 p.m.	25 MahJongg 1 pm @ DPAC Villas Meeting@ DPAC	26	27
28	29 Raintree Angler's Club 7pm @ DPAC	30 Ladies Bridge 9:15am & Men's Club 1:30 pm both at DPAC 2nd Quarter Dues due!	1 Cards 1:00 pm @DPAC Swim Meet - Pool closes at 4:00 p.m.	2 MahJongg 1 pm @ DPAC Siltation Comm 7pm at Clubhouse ARB DEADLINE	3	4

Become Involved!!

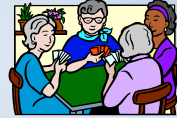


Card Players Wanted

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! From **SEPTEMBER THRU MAY** every 2nd and 4th 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. This group takes a break June - August. Please join us in September!

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 or Marsha at 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



Raintree Lake Garden Club



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The Garden Club was founded in 2003. Our first community project was the large Duck Pond Flower Bed. It was completed in 2007. Since that time this area has won numerous awards in the annual Lee's Summit Landscaping Contest. This year the Garden Club has decided to further enhance the flower bed by adding a water feature. The Garden Club has received approval from the Common Ground Committee and the Board of Directors for this project. **The funding for this project will come from the Garden Club. The club is only able to do this project because of the support the community gives to our Fall Fundraiser, "Mums the Word."** Toni Travalent is the project chair and the committee members are Roberta Prudden, Gina Baltz and Barbara Powers.

The club is a women's social club with an emphasis on keeping our community beautiful. Besides the funding for the large flower bed at the Duck Pond, the club has also purchased the Regatta Islands flower pots.

For years the club has wanted to put a Serenity Garden on the south side of the lake, but the only way this will come about is by getting financial help from the board and private donations. The Garden Club did pay for the Serenity Garden landscape drawings, but this project is very costly and it is just not possible for the club to finance such a major project.

We are asking the community for their continued support of our Fall Fundraiser so the Garden Club can continue to do future projects for Raintree Lake.

June Garden Club Meeting:

The Garden Club will be going to the Overland Park Arboretum for their June meeting. The date is June 17th. Members and prospective members will be carpooling from the Duck Pond Activities Building at 4:00PM. Activities include a guided tour on golf carts and a picnic sack lunch. You must bring your own sack lunch, but the monthly hostesses (Marsha Hosick and Barbara Powers) will provide beverages and desserts. Each attendee is responsible for the \$3.00 admission fee. The club will not be paying this fee, but instead will be making a small donation to the arboretum. For more information please contact **Marsha Hosick @ 804-8959, marshahosick@yahoo.com or Barbara Powers, 537-7595, barbdpowers@live.com.**

Please RSVP Marsha or Barbara by JUNE 5th. They need to provide the arboretum with the number of attendees for this event.

Thank You:

Last year the diseased knockout roses were pulled from the long flower bed by the Duck Pond. Garden Club member **Roberta Prudden** worked with the office staff on replacing the plantings for this flower bed. This project is now completed and turned out very nice. **A Big Thanks to Roberta and the office staff** for their time and hard work on this project.

Gardening Quote:

"Roses are red, violets are blue, but they don't get around like the dandelions do."
Slim Acres

Raintree Lake Garden Club

YOU'RE INVITED

to the Next Scheduled Garden Club Meeting on June 17th at the Overland Park Arboretum for an evening of Food, Fun, & Fellowship. See the above JUNE GARDEN CLUB MEETING paragraph for more information.



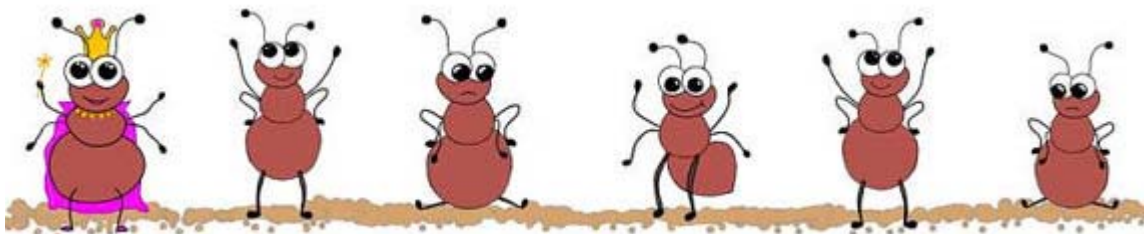
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NO DUMPING!!

Missouri waterways are troubled by illegal aquarium dumping

Imagine casting your fishing line into one of Missouri's streams or reservoirs and coming up with something ... unexpected. In 2007, anglers hooked piranhas at two different locations at the Lake of the Ozarks. A woman fishing at Troost Lake, Kansas City, in 2011, reeled in a large, brightly colored goldfish. And in 2013, anglers caught one alligator and saw two others while fishing at Pomme de Terre Lake in Hickory County.

Though separated by dates and geography, these events have one thing in common: aquarium dumping. Pouring the contents of aquariums into close-to-home waterways may seem like an inconsequential and humane option for those overwhelmed by caring for aquarium-bound pets, but it can threaten aquatic habitats and make life difficult for native aquatic species.

"Missouri's native fish and wildlife have developed through a long history of diversity and natural selection," said Andrew Branson, a fisheries program specialist for the Missouri Department of Conservation. "Invasive species can quickly disrupt the entire ecosystem by creating changes that native wildlife are not designed to combat."

There Goes the Neighborhood

In Missouri, the preferred habitat of piranhas, goldfish, alligators, and other nonnative exotic pet fish, reptiles, and amphibians is aquariums. Some species are bred to be hardy and highly adaptive to ensure longevity inside an aquarium. These survival traits, which are beneficial in captivity, can create problems if the animals are released from a residence into local waters.

"Some aquarium species are among the hardiest fish and plants in the world," said Kenda Flores, an aquatic habitat specialist for the Department of Conservation. "Aquarium owners and importers who dump them are introducing tough, nonnative species into our state waters.

"These species compete with native fish populations and local aquatic plant communities and threaten their diversity and abundance. They can change whole ecosystem processes by upsetting the natural balance. This lowers the ecosystem's ability to cope with different pressures and impacts. All of this can result in lower biodiversity and an unhealthy ecosystem."

What's in Your Water

Judging from what's been netted in biologists' surveys and anglers' fishing trips, the species entering the state's waters from aquarium dumping are diverse.

"I've managed the St. Louis Urban Fishing Program for 28 years, and I can recall a variety of nonnative species that were likely introduced from aquariums," said Kevin Meneau, a Department of Conservation fisheries management biologist. "These include pacu (a relative of the piranha), piranha, plecostomus (a South American catfish), koi, Chinese mystery snails, a red-tailed shark, and caiman."

Dumping: Not Just for Fish

When the contents of an aquarium are transferred to the nearest pond or stream, exotic aquatic animals aren't the only problem. Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*), a once-popular aquarium plant now hated for its aggressive growth, has been found in several ponds in Greene County and elsewhere around Missouri. In other states where hydrilla has become established, this herbaceous perennial has severely impacted sport fishing and other water-based recreation. Because the plant's reproductive parts can be transported by wildlife, it's unclear how it arrived in Missouri. However, there's no doubt that the hydrilla plants discovered in Missouri — like those in other states where it's more prevalent — have a lineage that can be traced to plants that once adorned aquariums. Elodea, giant elodea, and Eurasian watermilfoil are other aquarium plants that often end up as freshwater problems.

Spreading Disease

Aquariums can be a cocktail of parasites and exotic diseases that can pose serious problems for native species. For example, African clawed frogs are popular aquarium pets that can carry the Chytrid fungus. This can be fatal to hellbenders, a Missouri amphibian that's already in trouble. Chinese mystery snails, goldfish, arrowanas, and pengasius catfish are among a long list of other exotic aquarium species that potentially harbor diseases and parasites that can be harmful to other fish and, in some cases, humans.

A Nationwide Issue

Aquarium dumping isn't limited to Missouri. Pam Fuller, a research biologist for the U.S. Geological Survey, says studies show that 30 percent of all the nonnative fish in the nation's waterways get there from aquarium dumps. The state of Florida has given up trying to eradicate hydrilla and has spent millions on merely trying to keep this fast-spreading plant under control.

Misplaced good intentions are at the heart of this problem. Public attitude surveys have repeatedly shown that Missourians care about conserving forests, fish, and wildlife, which indicates that no one is dumping an aquarium into a lake or stream with the intention of ruining bass and crappie fishing in the area. Nor are they hoping the exotic plants leaving their fish bowl will grow to the extent that they interfere with the operation of recreational boat motors and clog municipal water intake devices for nearby communities. They simply view their action as a kindhearted solution to unforeseen fish-care problems.

"People want to get rid of fish because they outgrow their tank, they want to go back to smaller fish, or a fish becomes troublesome for its tank mates and they want to get rid of it so it doesn't hurt or kill other fish," said Karl W. Keller, II, vice president of Petsway, Inc. in Springfield. "Before purchasing a fish, buyers need to consider how big the fish will eventually become, the cost of properly housing and maintaining the fish, and also the temperament and compatibility of new fish with their potential tank mates."

NO DUMPING!! CONTINUED:

Do Your Homework

"You should always research what you plan to purchase prior to buying," said David Whitcraft, the president of the Heart of America Aquarium Society, an aquarium club based in Kansas City. "What type of water does it prefer? Where in the world did it come from? What does it eat? How large does it get? How aggressive is it? These are all questions that need answers." Whitcraft said some people have false perceptions about the growth potential of captive pets and this can lead to post-purchase problems.

"The main thing people need to look at is the maximum adult size of the aquatic creature in question," he said. "There is a myth in this hobby that the size of the tank will limit growth or that the animal won't outgrow the tank. This is like saying if you put a puppy in a pen and never let it leave, it will never grow to be a full-sized dog. Of course it will grow, but it won't be happy."

Another misconception is that exotic fish accustomed to tropical climates — or, in the case of aquariums, artificially produced tropical climates — won't survive Missouri's winters if dumped. Flores said that's not always the case. Sometimes they find "refugia," a biological term for pockets of habitat that provide ideal living conditions for certain species.

"For exotic fish, it might be a spring that keeps them warm in winter and cool in summer," she said. "Sometimes they are dumped in a body of water that they can easily adapt to and survive from one season to the next." And sometimes the species show adaptive abilities they weren't known to have.

"The northern snakehead fish (*Channa argus*) is a good example of that," Branson said. "These fish have been found to reproduce in waters of the northern United States that were thought to have been too cold for it."

Alternatives to Dumping

Though the nearest pond or lake is not a viable alternative for a domestic fish situation that's gone awry, there are alternatives. Keller said, in most cases, his store will take back a problem fish. But even if a fish can't be returned to a store, there are other options.

"The first place to look is the local aquarium club," Whitcraft said, adding there are several quality clubs in the Midwest. "People are looking to buy, sell, trade, and give away fish and aquarium products all the time. They have regular events, monthly meetings, auctions, and swap meets. Outside of that, there are many people looking to purchase or give fish away on Craigslist."

Against the Law, Against Nature

There are state wildlife regulations prohibiting the release of nonnative species into the wild, but the reasons not to dump an aquarium go far beyond violating laws in a codebook.

"Most people probably think they're doing their fish a favor by releasing it," Branson said. "However, people don't realize their fish could create problems for native fish."

Sometimes, these problems have long-term consequences.

"The damage done by invasive species can take many years for native wildlife and the environment to recover from, if they can recover at all," he said

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PREVENT ZEBRA MUSSELS!



Please do not take your boat and trailer to ANY OTHER body of water and then bring it back to Raintree Lake without following the Zebra Mussel prevention regulations. Cleaning requires a power wash, including the trailer with heated water and a quarantine/drying period. Washing alone is not sufficient due to the residual water left in live wells, the bilge, ballast tanks, and other compartments. The only safe procedure is to have your watercraft sit out for the appropriate time to dry. The quarantine time for the months of June through September is 7 days.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) advises that 104° F water, typical of a normal car wash, is adequate to kill Zebra Mussels with a 20 minute exposure of the hot water, and 140° F is adequate to kill Zebra Mussels with a 10 second exposure. It is reported that the Greenwood Car Wash at 1103 W. Main St. (next to Casey's) has a bay that has been retrofitted to produce 140° F water at the wash nozzle - the east bay (the bay closest to Casey's.) This bay is currently identified as a "Truck Wash" bay, but it will include designation as a "Boat Wash" bay also in the future. This Boat Wash bay is currently the only known 140° F power wash station available in our area for residents to use for watercraft washing. Please take the potential threat of zebra mussels seriously. If you have any questions, please contact the Raintree Office at 537-7576.

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SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

Summer is fun, but it can also present some health risks, especially for children. Here are some safety tips to help make your child's summer a safe one.



Bike Safety

- Protect your child's head. Make sure your child always wears a helmet that fits properly.
- Check the bike to make sure the brakes are working. Also, the tires should be fully inflated.
- Adjust the seat to your child's height.
- Teach your child to check for traffic before entering a street or intersection.
- Show your child how to get off the bike at an intersection and walk it in a cross walk.
- Explain the rules of the road to your child. Bicycles are considered vehicles and must obey the same rules as motorists.
- Teach your child the proper hand signals for left turn, right turn, and stopping.
- Never allow your child to wear headphones while riding. Headphones will block traffic sounds.

Scooter/Skateboard/Skating Safety

- Make sure your child has the proper protective gear—a helmet, wrist guards, and elbow and knee pads. The gear should be used every time.
- Teach your child to stay away from cars and other vehicles and to ride only on the sidewalk or paved off-road paths.
- Make sure your child rides only during the day.
- Never allow your child to wear headphones while riding. Headphones will block traffic sounds.

Water Safety

- Never leave children alone with any body of water such as a pool, bath tub, or spa.
- As the supervising adult, be within arm's length of young children who are swimming. You should know how to swim, be able to rescue someone, and do CPR.
- Have your child wear a Coast Guard-approved floatation device. The vest should properly fit your child and be comfortable.
 - Have your child take swimming lessons. Remember that even a child who knows how to swim is still at risk for drowning and will need constant supervision.
 - Explain pool and water safety. Make sure your children do not run or play rough near the pool.
 - When swimming in open water, choose an area where there is a lifeguard.
 - When the depth of the water is unknown, teach your children to go into the water feet first. Jumping or diving can result in injury.
 - Body parts and hair can be trapped in the pool drains. Be sure that the pool has drain covers or a filter system to release the suction.
 - Fence in all pooled areas with a locking enclosure. In addition, you may want to get a pool alarm or rigid pool cover. If you use a lightweight, floating pool cover, be extra alert to the potential for drowning accidents. These covers do not keep people from falling in, and no one should ever crawl or walk on them.
 - Be aware of the weather. Never let your children swim during a lightening storm.

Sun Safety

- Use sunscreen with at least an SPF of 30 and apply to your child 20 minutes prior to sun exposure. Even if it is cloudy outside, your child still needs sunscreen.
- When possible, dress your child in light-colored fabrics that cover exposed areas.
- Make sure that your child drinks plenty of water to reduce the risk of dehydration.
- Try to avoid midday sun. This is when the sun's rays are the most intense.
- Encourage your child to wear a wide-brim hat and sunglasses.

Backyard/Playground Safety

- Always supervise children when they are using play equipment.
- Be sure that children are wearing the appropriate clothing and shoes.
- When installing playground equipment, make sure it is free from obstructions, such as walls and fences.
- Teach your child safe play habits, including sitting in the center of a swing and not twisting the swing chains, which can reduce the chain's strength. In addition, tell your child to never walk in front of or behind moving swings.
- Because of the risk of serious injury, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that trampolines should never be bought for home use. Trampolines should not be considered a type of play equipment.
- Keep children away from areas where lawn mowers are being used. Never allow children to ride on mowers.
- Make sure your child understands that the grill is not a toy. Keep your child from playing near it.

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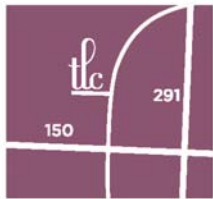
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**Raintree Committee
Chairpersons:**

ARB: Penny Wilkinson
Appeals: Erma Mallett
Common Ground: Chairperson TBD
Facilities: Toni Travalent
Lake: Tim Hamilton & Bob Burasco
Pool: Chairperson TBD
Adult Activities: Rose Marie Walter
Family Activities: Greer Cannady
Raintree View: Alan Dancy & Stan Spruill
Duck Pond Activ. Cntr: Marilyn Burasco
Nominating: David Elliott
Finance: Sharon McCann
Siltation: Carole Owsley
Neighborhood Watch: David Mitchell
Security: Brad Oestreich
Welcoming: Rose Marie Walter

**Committee Meetings
& Locations:**

ARB: 1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm @ Clubhouse
Appeals: 1st Tuesday 7pm @ DPAC
Common Ground: 3rd Tuesday 7pm @ DPAC
Facilities: WATCH CALENDAR
Lake: 2nd Monday 7pm @ Clubhouse
Pool: 2nd Monday 7pm @ Clubhouse
Adult Activities: WATCH CALENDAR
Family Activities: WATCH CALENDAR
Raintree View: 2nd Wednesday 7pm @ Clubhouse
Duck Pond Activity Cntr: Every other month-TBD
Siltation: WATCH CALENDAR

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