

# SHORELINE

Raintree Lake Property Owners Association

DECEMBER 2016

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The Raintree Office will be closed December 24th—26th and December 31st—January 2nd.

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## **GREAT GIFT IDEA!!**

Stop by the Raintree office and pick up some Raintree Lake wine glasses! The 12 oz. stemless glasses are being sold for \$3 each and can be filled with a variety of items such as ornaments or candy for a fun and unusual gift or decoration.



Thank you to Mark Spencer for this lovely photo of the Clubhouse!

## **Shoreline Advertising Rates Changing in 2017**



Beginning in January 2017, advertising rates in the *Shoreline* newsletter will

be increasing as follows:

\$45 Business card size,

\$90 for 1/4 page,

\$180 for 1/2 page,

\$360 for full page,

\$250 for full-color-1/2-page back page

\$35 for a classified business ad

The 20% discount for ads placed by Raintree residents remains the same.

## Financial Statement

As of October 2016

<b>Money Market Sweep Account:</b> \$235,597.66	<b>Annual Loan Payment:</b> \$72,747
<b>Included in the Sweep Account are Reserves for:</b> <b>Operations,</b> <b>Dock Self Insurance,</b> <b>Capital Asset Insurance Reserve,</b> <b>Siltation,</b> <b>and Monument:</b> \$169,788	<b>Siltation Loan:</b> (\$45,000)  <b>2015 Rollover:</b> \$5,406  <b>Notes Payable:</b> \$52,010.10
<b>Future Projects:</b> <b>Facilities:</b> \$7,500	<b>Expenses:</b> \$60,249.51
<b>Raintree View:</b> \$16,550	

## Delinquency Report Comparison

2016	2015
<b>One Quarter Past Due:</b> 178 Lots totaling \$20,574.72	183 Lots totaling \$21,672.61
<b>Two Quarters Past Due:</b> 26 Lots totaling \$ 6,497.39	21 Lots totaling \$ 5,272.45
<b>Three Quarters Past Due:</b> 7 Lots totaling \$ 2,732.77	0 Lots totaling \$ 0.00
<b>Liens:</b> 26 Lots totaling <b>\$48,343.84</b>	32 Lots totaling <b>\$56,010.01</b>

## Board Approvals for November 9, 2016

- Approved 2017 Assessments to be increased by .84% CPI. (See more info on page 4.)
- Approved NO CHANGE for 2017 fees for boat slip leases, boat sticker fees, facility rental fees, pontoon rental fees, and mowing fees for vacant lots,
- Approved an increase in advertising in the **Shoreline** newsletter as follows: \$45 Business card size, \$90 for 1/4 page, \$180 for 1/2 page, \$360 for full page, \$250 for full-color-1/2-page on the back page and \$35 for a classified business ad. The 20% discount for ads placed by Raintree residents remains the same.
- Approved an increase in the Babysitter/Caregiver pool pass: \$50 for the 2017 season.



*Merry Christmas  
from the Raintree  
Board of Directors  
and Staff!*

# HOT TOPICS

## Special Assessment Feedback

Raintree is currently going through the budgeting process where we determine how the funds for next year will be allocated. As always, there are so many things in need of maintenance and repair that there will be few funds left for new improvements. There are a number of projects that the residents have requested, and once again, little progress will be made toward them. For this reason, the board is doing some preliminary investigation into preparing an improvement package to be paid for in a special assessment.

A special assessment is a temporary increase in dues (that must be approved by a majority of the residents) to fund capital improvements. A special assessment would be in the form of a package that would include the projects to be implemented along with a fixed special assessment amount that would be collected (along with the dues) over a 3 year period. For example, there would be projects listed such as; walking trails at a specific location, a splash park on the south side, a gazebo, and parking at the dam. Then the special assessment for this package of projects would be at some fixed amount (example \$15) per month over the next 3 years. The projects and the amount would be submitted to a vote by the residents for approval. According to our bylaws, no special assessment can be made without approval from the residents.

### Background information

The current dues at Raintree Lake are well below other similar developments in the area. Here is a comparison of the dues at Raintree Lake vs. similar developments for single-family homes.

#### Subdivision Annual Dues for 2016

Lakewood	\$1,320.00
Winnebago	\$1,130.00
Raintree	\$ 508.80

There have been two special assessments in the history of Raintree Lake. The first one was for rip-rap around the shore of the entire lake back in the 1980's. This was needed to save the lake shore which was having serious erosion problems. That was a one-time \$90 assessment. The community was much smaller then. The second assessment was made to add the pool we currently have. That kind of expense would not be possible under the existing budget without incurring a large amount of debt and sacrificing maintenance of existing facilities.

### Going Forward

The board will only pursue this if there is enough interest in the community to support it. The process of putting a proposed special assessment together and getting it on a ballot is huge and would take almost a year to complete. The board will be asking for input on projects and the size of the assessment. As you see surveys come out and requests for resident input is requested, please participate. Because of the time and effort required to put together a large package like this, the first thing we would like is feedback on the general level of support for this type of project.

Please provide your feedback to us by, email to [residentinput@rlpoa.com](mailto:residentinput@rlpoa.com), mail to 825 SW Raintree Drive or call us at 816-537-7576.



# 2017 Dues Increase Notice

Re: 2017 Dues Increase Notice

Dear Raintree Lake Property Owner,

The following action was taken at the November 9, 2016, Board of Directors meeting:

Using rates from the consumer price index for all urban consumers from July of the preceding year to July of the current year the CPI increase would be 0.84%. The Board of Directors voted to increase the yearly assessment around .00835 in 2017.

Current assessment for single family is \$508.80; the new amount will be \$513.00. This is an increase of \$4.20 per year.

Current assessment for Class B residents in Cobblestone, Windsong and Raintree Lake "attached" Villas is \$339.12; the new amount will be \$341.40. This is an increase of \$2.28 per year.

Current assessment for commercial property is \$452.28; the new amount will be \$456.00. This is an increase of \$3.72 per year.

For additional explanation regarding the rates increase, see page 9 of this publication.

We will continue billing every quarter. The next invoice will be mailed to you the first of January 2017.

Sincerely,

Raintree Lake Board of Directors

## Unsatisfied Judgments/Liens

LIENS			
Lot#	First Name	Last Name	Address
256	Kimberly	Grigsby	4068 SW Marline Dr.
449	Mark & Vickie	Keith	4169 SW Lafayette Place
482	Kevin & Patricia	Latimer	4377 SW Breezy Point Ln.
643	Rick & Michelle	Sanchez	314 SW Albatross
862	Teresa	Lamaster	5108 SW Mallard Point

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
1053	Corey & Erica	McDonald	4424 SW Gull Pt.
NS04	Tim & Jennifer	Fortier	4468 SW Raintree Shore
W37A	Darron Properties		3824 SW Harbor Dr.
W37B	Darron Properties		3826 SW Harbor Dr.
W37C	Darron Properties		3828 SW Harbor Dr.
W37D	Darron Properties		3830 SW Harbor Dr.

Plus an additional three properties that are in bankruptcy.





Be sure to bring  
your CAMERAS!

# *VISIT WITH SANTA!*

**Saturday, December 3rd • Main Raintree Clubhouse**

**8:30—11:00 am  
(Santa arrives at 9:00 am)**

**Beginning at 8:30 am kids are welcome to begin working on a holiday craft project while enjoying some delicious cookies, donuts and drinks.**

**Donations of non-perishable food items and gently used winter coats will be collected and donated to Lee's Summit Social Services.**

**For more information, please contact Brenda Zeller at 816-617-4466.**

# *Fountains Ladies Christmas Fun!*



*Monday, December 5, 2016*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Duck Pond Activity Center*

*Join your neighbors as we celebrate  
this special time of year!*

*Bring a savory or sweet finger food to share.  
Punch and coffee will be provided.*

*RSVP to Nancy Lansbury, 537-0785  
by Monday, November 28.*



*We will be collecting warm hats,  
mittens and socks for the Community  
Services League of Lee's Summit if you  
wish to participate.*



# RAINTREE LAKE GARDEN CLUB



Marilyn Burasco, Karen Duncan and Judy Euwer were our lovely hostesses for the October meeting. The ladies did an outstanding job in decorating the room for the Halloween holiday and providing delicious refreshments. A short business meeting was held followed by social time and a fun activity of making Halloween bags.

## Happy Holidays to the Raintree Community

The garden club wishes all Raintree residents a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year & a safe holiday season. We would like to share the following quotes about the holiday season:

*"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presences of a lovely family all wrapped up in each other."*  
-Burton Hills

*"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly Merry Christmas."* -Peg Bracken

*"May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; and the heart of Christmas which is love."* -Ada V. Hendricks

Written by: Rita Madison  
Produced and Edited by: Jenny Besgrove

## 2017 Top Three New Year Resolutions

- \* Join the Garden Club \*
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## December Gardening Tips

- Holiday poinsettia plants do best with sun for at least half the day and with night temperatures in the 50's or 60's. Keep plants away from drafts, registers and radiators. Let the soil dry only slightly between thorough waterings.
- Hairspray works well to keep seed heads and dried flowers intact on wreaths and floral arrangements.
- Water houseplants with tepid water. Cold tap water may shock plants.
- On cold nights, move houseplants back from icy windows to prevent chilling injury.
- Be sure newly purchased indoor plants are well protected for the trip home. Exposure to cold and icy temperatures for even a few moments may cause injury.

## Gardening Quotes

*"A bare tree stands with roots on bold ends in December days."* -Kiran Bantawa

*"From December to March, there are for many of us three gardens - the garden outdoors, the garden of pots and bowls in the house and the garden of the mind's eye."* - Katherine S. White



## You're Invited!

### Raintree Lake Garden Club

cordially invites you to our next scheduled club meeting for an evening of Food & Fun with gardening topics!

When: January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7:00pm  
(No official business meeting in December.)

Where: Duck Pond Activity Center  
Want more info?

Contact Elizabeth Williams ph: 816-537-6505  
email: elizabethwilliams816@comcast.net

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Homeschool Brain Games 10—12:30 am @ DPAC  MahJong 1pm @ DPAC  Villas Annual Mtg. 6:30 @ DPAC	<b>2</b>  Villas Christmas Party @ DPAC 	<b>3</b> Visit with Santa 8:30—11 am @ Clubhouse 
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Quilting B's 9am—4pm @ DPAC  <b>ARB 7 p.m. @ Clubhouse</b>  Fountains Ladies Christmas Gathering 7pm @ DPAC 	<b>6</b> Ladies Bridge 9:15 am & Men's Club 1:30 pm @ DPAC  <b>Fountains Board Mtg. 7pm @ Clubhouse</b>  Appeals Mtg 7pm @ DPAC	<b>7</b> Cards 1:00 pm @DPAC	<b>8</b> Professional Women's Group 9-10am @ DPAC  Homeschool Brain Games 10—12:30 pm @ DPAC  MahJong 1pm @ DPAC	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Daisies 4:30—7pm @ DPAC  <b>Pool Committee 7pm @ Clubhouse</b>  <b>Fountains ARB 7pm @ Clubhouse</b>	<b>13</b> Ladies Bridge 9:15am & Men's Club 1:30pm both at DPAC  <b>RLPOA Board Mtg. 7pm @ Clubhouse</b>	<b>14</b> Ladies Bunco 10 am @ DPAC  Friendly Yarners 2-4 pm @ DPAC	<b>15</b> <b>Pond Committee 9:30 am @ Clubhouse</b>  Homeschool Brain Games 10—12:30 am @ DPAC  MahJongg 1 pm DPAC  <b>ARB DEADLINE</b> <b>SHORELINE DEADLINE</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bee Keepers 9am—4pm  <b>ARB 7 p.m. @ Clubhouse</b>	<b>20</b> Ladies Bridge 9:15am & Men's Club 1:30 pm both at DPAC  Common Ground Mtg. 7pm @ DPAC	<b>21</b>  <b>NO GARDEN CLUB MEETING</b>	<b>22</b>  MahJongg 1 pm DPAC	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>RAINTREE OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>25</b>  <b>OH HOLY NIGHT!</b>	<b>26</b> Fountains Bunco 1 pm @ DPAC  <b>Community Develop. NO MEETING</b>  <b>Fountains ARB 7pm @ Clubhouse</b>  Anglers Club—NO meeting  <b>RAINTREE OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>27</b> Ladies Bridge 9:15am & Men's Club 1:30 pm both at DPAC  <b>RLPOA Board Work Session 7pm @ Clubhouse</b>	<b>28</b> Friendly Yarners 2-4 pm @ DPAC	<b>29</b> MahJongg 1pm @ DPAC  <b>ARB DEADLINE</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>RAINTREE OFFICE CLOSED</b>



# SOUND OFF!

To Diane & Charlie AND Randy K – THANK YOU for coming to the aid of our boat as both the boat and lift failed and was primed to sink -- (Charlie was ready to jump in and Diane had a couple buckets along with Charlie's life jacket ;o) – (and to Randy who was our “lookout man” and called when he noticed trouble). We are so blessed with such great neighbors!  
—Joan



**MISSING: Yellow utility wagon.** If you find an abandoned yellow utility wagon in the Raintree Lake area, please notify me at 816-718-8804. Some kids took mine off our dock 11/12/16 between 2:35—3:00 pm. I found some people off Raintree and Camelot that saw two boys, aged 10, pulling the wagon up the trail, then turn west on Raintree drive around 3pm. I found another witness that saw some boys pulling a wagon across Raintree Dr. around that same time, only she thought they were a bit older, maybe 13-14 years old. A police report has been filed. I want my wagon back or replaced. The rub on this is we were in our boat on the lake at the time. I followed the trail of belongings they'd strewn out along the trail to trace it to Raintree Drive.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FUN FACTS!!

### Powering a Holiday Tradition—The 87th Annual KCP&L Plaza Lights are ready to shine once again.

In 1925, a Nichols Company employee named Charles Pitrat hung up a string of 16 colored lights to celebrate the season. Today, the KCP&L Plaza Lights has grown into a spectacular three-month-long event that captivates visitors from the world over. Every evening from Thanksgiving through Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017, the lights will shine from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m.—lighting the way for each and every visitor to the Plaza.

### Thomas Edison and Edward Johnson

During the 1880 Christmas season, Thomas Edison introduced the first outdoor electric Christmas light display to the world. He displayed the lights outside of his laboratory compound, which sat near a railway where many people could see it each night. This was the first official outdoor Christmas display that was separate from decorating just the Christmas tree. Edward Johnson, who was an inventor under the supervision of Thomas Edison, created the first string of Christmas lights a couple of years later. The string of lights was made out of 80 small electric light bulbs. In 1890, the strings of lights were mass-produced and department stores began displaying them in Christmas displays in their stores. Public displays of Christmas lights in retail stores and government buildings became more popular in the U.S. at the turn of the 20th century and gave way to outdoor displays on homes a few decades later when the electric lights became more affordable.

### Dangerous and Expensive

As the trend took off, it became apparent that lighting up the Christmas tree and house definitely took effort and money. For many people, the only Christmas light display option was to light up the tree with candles, because they could not afford to buy lights. The trees would be displayed for only a couple of days before Christmas, and the candles were only lit for a few minutes at night, a far cry from the elaborate tree and home displays we are familiar with today. People were aware of the fire dangers and kept buckets of water and sand nearby in case the tree caught fire. The lit tree was often placed in front of a window for people outside the house to see.

In 1895, the first White House electrically lit Christmas tree was sponsored by President Grover Cleveland, which brought national attention to the trend. At the time, only wealthy people could afford the cost, which was upward of \$300 per season (which would amount to more than \$2,000 in 2010).

Excerpted from *the Wire*, Fall 2016 & <http://www.highcountrylights.com/fun-activities/christmas-light-history.html>

## Oak Leaf Gall Mites

Oak leaf gall mites are microscopic insect-like creatures that feed on insects found on oak tree leaves. While oak itch mite bites do not pose a major health threat to humans, they can cause redness, bumps and serious itching.

### MITE TRAVEL

Oak leaf gall mites are small enough to be carried by the wind and pass through window screens.

### GALL



**INFESTATION**  
Look for oak leaves that have a brown, crusty edge (known as a gall). These galls are created by insects that the mites feed off of.



The mite is barely visible to the naked eye (1/125 inch).

### IRRITATING BITE

Oak leaf gall mite bites releases toxin into the body and forms a pimple-like lesion. Areas of the body that are commonly affected are neck, face, arms and upper body. The lesions are very itchy and can be present for up to two weeks. Rubbing or scratching them can lead to infection.



Typical bite is raised, 1/2 to 3/4 inch (diameter) welt.

Source: [www.idph.state.il.us](http://www.idph.state.il.us)

This year may have been a banner year for oak mite-related bites in the Kansas City area. Typically the first freeze in Kansas City is in late October. With mild fall temperatures this year, the mites were able to stick around a bit longer than usual, since it usually takes one or two good freezes to get rid of them.

The itch mites are associated with galls found on the leaves of oak trees — mainly pin oaks and red oaks. The mites feed on larvae inside the gall. In the fall, the mites leave the gall and fall from the leaves. The mites land on anyone passing by. Because they are so small and can be blown by the wind, they can get inside homes through window screens.

The microscopic mites are an annoyance because their bite leaves behind an itchy red, rashy welt that sometimes has fluid-filled centers. Most people don't know they have been bitten by the mites until hours later.

Because the mites are windblown, there's little you can do to prevent them from landing on you. You could try insect repellants that contain DEET, but a better option is to cover up as much of your skin as possible by wearing hats, long-sleeved shirts, long pants and gloves.

Once you're back inside, if you think you've been exposed to the mite, remove your clothes and take a shower.

Excerpted from an article by Robert A. Cronkleton [bcronkleton@kcstar.com](mailto:bcronkleton@kcstar.com)

## Welcome New Residents!!

David & Christine Bonds  
740 SW Raintree Drive

Michael & Diana Dehlic  
731 SW Raintree Drive

Jeffrey & Diana Newman  
4187 SW Lafayette Place

Gus Ornes  
4108 SW Laharve Drive

Dwayne & Christine Doorenbos  
3913 SW Windjammer Ct.

Joseph & Patricia Dellario  
3939 SW Linden Lane

Melissa Seaver  
752 SW Lemans Lane

Logan Stark  
4075 SW Royale Ct.

Steven & Christy Ronsick  
741 SW Admiral Byrd Drive

James & Susan Hoffman  
4522 SW Olympia Drive

Michael & Angela Burner  
4337 SW Sapelo Drive

Jerry & Cynthia West  
5104 SW Piping Plover

Sally Hootman  
3832 SW Harbor Drive

Bradley & Alicia Weger  
3904 SW Hidden Cove Dr.



# THE VILLA VOICE



**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** We met at Fun House Pizza for a fun evening. Nancy Brandell and Peggy Bartlett went early and saved places for everyone. We had around 20 attend and it was lots of fun.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Friday evening is our Christmas party. We will be having dinner and entertainment. Get your reservations in early to Sue Rusco. The information was left on your door.

Activities for the new year will resume after January so stay tuned.

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and look forward to a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Do you have any suggestions or ideas? If so, please contact:  
Pat Waters 816-366-0095 or Mary Lynn Tolle at 816-537-6507



## CHIPPING FOR CHARITIES

Don't know what to do with your  
leftover Christmas tree?



On Saturday, January 7th, "All About Trees" will be in the parking lot at the Clubhouse from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will chip your Christmas trees for a donation of non-perishables to benefit Lee's Summit Social Services.



## Reminder: Keep Dues Up-to-Date!

Fourth quarter billing was sent out in October and will be  
due by December 31st!





# RAINTREE ANGLERS CLUB

December 2016

## ANGLER AWARDS

The end of the RAC season closes out with our annual awards banquet. RAC members and their families gather with food & drink to recognize those who have out-fished the rest of us. Some were fortunate enough to walk away with a little extra cash in their pocket after a tourney, but not always. We've had a variety of teams take first place in the tournaments throughout the season. I have yet to have that experience under my belt, but that don't stop me from trying. Starting to think I must be the comic relief in my boat as I reel in catfish & blue gill galore... But we'll try again next year and remember that it's all for love of the sport.

## 2016 TOP ANGLERS



1<sup>st</sup> Place went to **Bill Roy** (left) and 2<sup>nd</sup> place to **Bill Lindsay** (below). Both plaques are being presented by the RAC Tournament Director, Touny Nhotharack.





3<sup>rd</sup> Place went to our Tournament Director, **Touny Nhotharack** and was presented his plaque by RAC President, Jenny Besgrove.

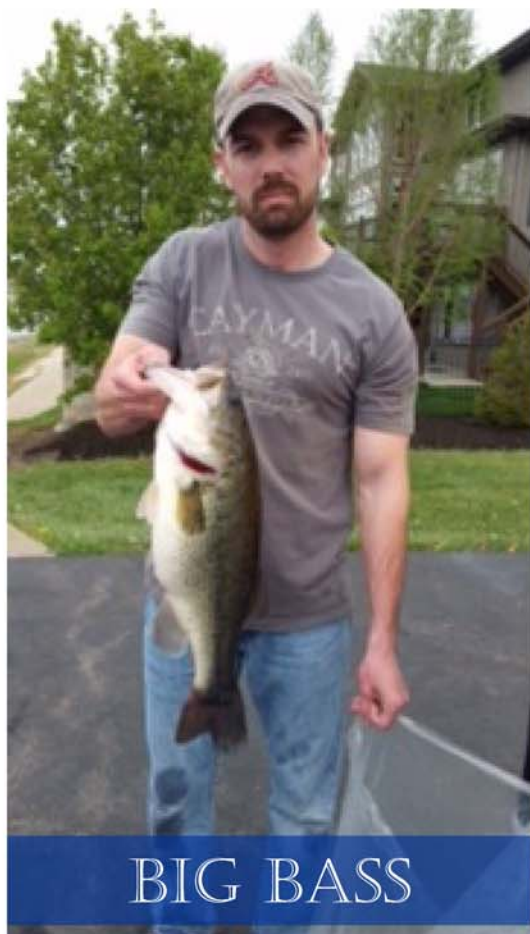
## QUICK SEASON RE-CAP...

For this 2016 season, the largest bags weighed in:

3 bass limit: 11.4lbs, Bill & Tyler Roy on July 21<sup>st</sup>

5 bass limit: 18.19lbs, Jim & Tyler Eagan on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

Our Big Bass for the year weighed in at 6lbs 14oz caught by Corey Besgrove at the beginning of the season during the March tourney.



via email, [frank.zeller@bnsf.com](mailto:frank.zeller@bnsf.com).



The 2016 Top 3 Anglers were present at all tournaments this past year. Each man humbly accepted their award and shared being ready for the following year. Bill Roy & Touny Nhotharack competed as Boaters, while Bill Lindsay has participated in tournaments as a Non-Boater. Touny & Bill R. were new award recipients in 2016. Bill Lindsay shared that he came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the 2015 fishing season, and next year, he's set his sights on 1<sup>st</sup>!

We review our tournament schedule at the beginning of each calendar year to give everyone to greatest opportunity to make each tourney. Only one of the schedule seven tournaments was cancelled due to inclement weather conditions. If you plan to participate in the 2017 RAC tourneys, please make an effort to attend our next meeting scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm @ the Duck Pond Activity Center.

Interested in **joining the RAC**? Of course you are! For membership and RAC meeting info, contact Frank Zeller



Written & Edited By: Jenny Besgrove

# Teens for Hire

Call Office to update: 537-7576

Name	Age	Services	Telephone
Marissa	17	Child care, pet care and house sitting	210-7396
Lindsey	16	Babysitting, dog walking, LS Parks & Rec. CPR trained	816-728-5158
Madeleine	17	Dog sitting	816-392-4754
Kali	18	Child care, Summer nanny	913-306-0605
Jayme	14	Babysitting	309-9364
Jacob	14	Dog/pet sitting and babysitting.	853-2226
Olivia	15	Child care and dog walking	838-5540
Jacob & Paul	18 & 16	Lawn mowing & trimming., snow removal. Dependable.	816-223-7656
Noah	17	Lawn mowing, trimming, clearing off driveways, dog walking, pet sitting. Very dependable.	816-289-8019
Alyssa	13	Babysitting	816-366-0119
Ashlyn	14	Child care	913-299-7466
Lauren	15	Babysitting	816-447-6296
Paige	14	Pet Sitting and Babysitting	816-260-8634
Kylie	13	CPR Trained, Certified Babysitter, pet sitting, dog walking	816-674-9404
Jaylin	13	Babysitting	785-577-2190
Elijah	12	Babysitting	816-225-7920 or 816-918-9947
Caleb	12	Pet sitting	210-1569
Peyton	15	CPR Trained, Certified Babysitter	816-889-8133





## **VALDALS IN RAINTREE**

*Vandals spray painted on the sides of some homes, driveways, cars, and sidewalks on the south side in Raintree, the weekend of October 22-23rd.*

*In November, statues have been stolen from one residence and a yellow utility cart was taken from a dock.*

*Parents! Please be aware of the activities of your children, as several residents have indicated that young people from the neighborhood may be involved.*

*Note: The Police have been made aware of these situations.*

*Residents: Please call the police to report any suspicious activity:*

**Police non-emergency number: 816-969-7390**



## **Lee's Summit Post Office contact info** (in case you were wondering):

Address: 1404 SW Market St,  
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Phone: (816) 525-4173

## **CODES BLOTTER**

Boat and/or Trailer — 25

Trash — 30

ARB — 5

City Violations — 3

Preservation of Property — 1

Basketball goal down — 1

Incomplete project — 2

Owners Siltation—1

Builders Siltation—1

Tree limbs on Common Ground—2

Garage doors left open excessively—1

Inoperable vehicle—1

Temporary handicapped ramp status—1

## **Are you a “Snow Bird”?**



*Many of our Raintree Lake residents fly south for the winter, or other locations, looking for a warmer climate. It is important to let the office staff know if you are one of our “birds”. This helps us reach you if questions come up regarding billing, boat slip leases or other issues. 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*



# Take Time for Fun!!



## 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  
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 at  
(816) 623-3352.

## 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  
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## A Christmas Story: The Gold and Ivory Tablecloth

By Damon Beres for *Reader's Digest Treasury of Joy and Inspiration*—powerful true stories and miracles in real life.

At Christmastime, men and women everywhere gather in their churches to wonder anew at the greatest miracle the world has ever known. But another story I like to recall was not a miracle—not exactly.

It happened to a pastor who was very young. His church was very old. Once, long ago, it had flourished. Famous men had preached from its pulpit, prayed before its altar. Rich and poor alike had worshiped there and built it beautifully. Now the good days had passed from the section of town where it stood. But the pastor and his young wife believed in their run-down church. They felt that with paint, hammer, and faith, they could get it in shape. Together they went to work. But late in December, a severe storm whipped through the river valley, and the worst blow fell on the little church—a huge chunk of rain-soaked plaster fell out of the inside wall just behind the altar. Sorrowfully the pastor and his wife swept away the mess, but they couldn't hide the ragged hole. The pastor looked at it and had to remind himself quickly, "Thy will be done!" But his wife wept, "Christmas is only two days away!"

That afternoon the dispirited couple attended an auction held for the benefit of a youth group. The auctioneer opened a box and shook out of its folds a handsome gold-and-ivory lace tablecloth. It was a magnificent item, nearly 15 feet long. But it, too, dated from a long-vanished era. Who, today, had any use for such a thing? There were a few halfhearted bids. Then the pastor was seized with what he thought was a great idea. He bid it in for six dollars and fifty cents. He carried the cloth back to the church and tacked it up on the wall behind the altar. It completely hid the hole! And the extraordinary beauty of its shimmering handwork cast a fine, holiday glow over the chancel. It was a great triumph. Happily he went back to preparing his Christmas sermon.

Just before noon on the day of Christmas Eve, as the pastor was opening the church, he noticed a woman standing in the cold at the bus stop. "The bus won't be here for 40 minutes!" he called, and he invited her into the church to get warm. She told him that she had come from the city that morning to be interviewed for a job as governess to the children of one of the wealthy families in town but she had been turned down. A war refugee, she had imperfect English. The woman sat down in a pew and chafed her hands and rested. After a while, she dropped her head and prayed. She looked up as the pastor began to adjust the great gold-and-ivory lace cloth across the hole. She rose suddenly and walked up the steps of the chancel. She looked at the tablecloth. The pastor smiled and started to tell her about the storm damage, but she didn't seem to listen. She took up a fold of the cloth and rubbed it between her fingers.

"It is mine!" she said. "It is my banquet cloth!" She lifted up a corner and showed the surprised pastor that there were initials monogrammed on it. "My husband had the cloth made especially for me in Brussels! There could not be another like it!" For the next few minutes, the woman and the pastor talked excitedly together. She explained that she was Viennese, that she and her husband had opposed the Nazis and decided to leave the country. They were advised to go separately. Her husband put her on a train for Switzerland. They planned that he would join her as soon as he could arrange to ship their household goods across the border.

She never saw him again. Later she heard that he had died in a concentration camp. "I have always felt that it was my fault—to leave without him," she said. "Perhaps these years of wandering have been my punishment!" The pastor tried to comfort her, urged her to take the cloth with her. She refused. Then she went away.

As the church began to fill on Christmas Eve, it was clear that the cloth was going to be a great success. It had been skillfully designed to look its best by candlelight. After the service, the pastor stood at the doorway; many people told him that the church looked beautiful. One gentle-faced, middle-aged man—he was the local clock-and-watch repairman—looked rather puzzled. "It is strange," he said in his soft accent. "Many years ago, my wife—God rest her—and I owned such a cloth. In our home in Vienna, my wife put it on the table"—and here he smiled—"only when the bishop came to dinner!"

The pastor suddenly became very excited. He told the jeweler about the woman who had been in church earlier in the day. The startled jeweler clutched the pastor's arm. "Can it be? Does she live?" Together the two got in touch with the family who had interviewed her. Then, in the pastor's car, they started for the city. And as Christmas Day was born, this man and his wife—who had been separated through so many saddened Yuletides—were reunited.

To all who heard this story, the joyful purpose of the storm that had knocked a hole in the wall of the church was now quite clear. Of course, people said it was a miracle, but I think you will agree it was the season for it!

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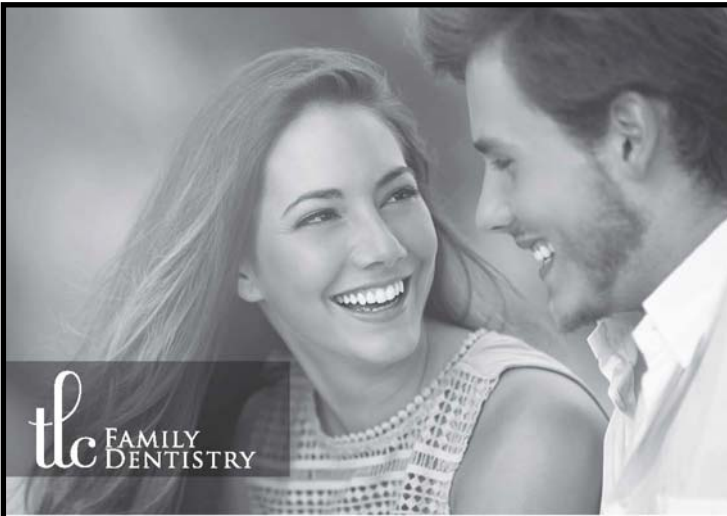
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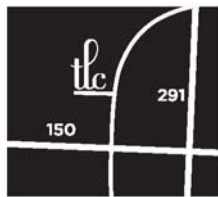
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