

SHORELINE

Raintree Lake Property Owners Association

November 2017

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The Raintree Office will be closed November 23rd—25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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CONTEST NAMING TRACT B (The Land Below the Dam)

We're looking for a new name for the land affectionately referred to as "Tract B!" Residents are encouraged to submit ideas to the office at: manager@rlpoa.com, or drop them by the office. Please include your name, address, and phone number with all submissions.

The new name will be chosen at the December 12th Board meeting, so get your submissions in by Friday, December 8th. Put your thinking caps on and get your creative juices flowing—the winner gets a free 1/2 day pontoon rental for next year! Woohoo!

PHOTO CONTEST!



We will be updating our Resident Directories in 2018, and would like for any budding photographer (amateur or professional) to submit their photo of Raintree Lake by December 1st. (Limit three photos per lot.)

Your picture could be on the cover of our next directory! Turn them into the office or submit electronically to manager@rlpoa.com to enter.

Pictures will be judged at the December 12th Board meeting by those in attendance, so please plan on attending!

REMINDER:

Starting November 1st, boats and boat trailers can no longer be on driveways!

Thanks!

Fines begin at \$500



Financial Statement

As of September 2017

Money Market Sweep

Account:

\$276,073.50

Future Projects:

Facilities:

\$7,500

Capital Asset Reserve:

\$205,355

Raintree View:

\$16,550

Walking Trail:

\$5,406

Expenses:

\$96,104.82

Siltation Loan:

(\$45,000)

Raintree Fall & Winter Office Hours

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

Saturday
9:00 am - noon

825 SW Raintree Dr.
LSMO 64082

office@rlpoa.com

General Manager:
Rachelle Vandiver
manager@rlpoa.com
Office: 537-7576

Delinquency Report Comparison

2017

2016

One Quarter Past Due:

34 Lots totaling

\$3,789.08

42 Lots totaling

\$3,847.29

Two Quarters Past Due:

5 Lots totaling

\$3,317.90

10 Lots totaling

\$2,421.33

Three Quarters Past Due:

0 Lots totaling

\$ 0

0 Lots totaling

\$0

Liens:

26 Lots totaling

\$50,892.05

20 Lots totaling

\$47,776.73

Board Approvals for October 10, 2017

- Approved New Daisy Troop meeting request, with conditions.
- Approved Tree Lifting & Removal, budgeted up to \$5,000

Happy
Thanksgiving



From your Raintree Board of Directors and Staff

Unsatisfied Judgments/Liens

| LIENS | | | |
|-------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Lot# | First Name | Last Name | Address |
| 52 | LaTonya | Wren | 3716 SW Harbor Circle |
| 55 | Marion & Dixie | Courtney Jr. | 3708 SW Harbor Circle |
| 95 | Kent & Susan | Van Deusen | 3919 SW Regatta Dr. |
| 105 | Tracie | Wilson | 3918 SW Harbor Dr. |
| 256 | Kimberly | Grigsby | 4068 SW Marline Dr. |
| 436 | Milford & Eola | King | 4180 SW Lafayette Place |
| 444 | G. Robert | Gosnell | 4179 SW Lafayette Place |
| 449 | Mark & Vickie | Keith | 4169 SW Lafayette Place |
| 694 | Tiffany | Reese | 400 SW Seagull |
| 711 | Roslyn | Campbell | 429 SW Seagull |
| 831 | Randy & Lori | Johnson | 5107 SW Pelican Point |
| 862 | Teresa | Lamaster | 5108 SW Mallard Point |
| MH16 | James & Sandra | Boyd | 4220 SW Clipper Ct. |
| NS24 | Brian & Julie | Morgan | 4477 SW Aft |

| UNSATISFIED JUDGMENTS | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Lot# | First Name | Last Name | Address |
| 43 | Angela | Marks | 3829 SW Harbor Circle. |
| 463 | Dennis | Hammontree | 4279 SW Averio Lane |
| 643 | Rick | Sanchez | 314 SW Albatross |
| NS04 | Tim | 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 two properties that are in bankruptcy.



Bryozoan Colonies

What in the world are those brown jelly-like blobs attached to twigs and dock posts in my lake? The good news is they won't send out little critters to eat you. They are actually Bryozoans, small animals related to corals that live in colonies and secrete the jelly like substance you see. If you look closely at the surface you will see small star like structures that are the little critters themselves.

If you have ever encountered these jelly blobs in your lake, they are actually a good sign that the water quality is in good shape.



Fountains at Raintree

Soup and Chili Potluck



Saturday, November 4th, 5:00 p.m.
RAINTREE CLUBHOUSE

Water, Tea, Lemonade and Coffee as well as tableware, cups, plates and bowls will be provided

Please bring a soup, chili, salad, appetizer, side dish or dessert

There will be a sign-up sheet online to help you see what others are bringing.

Please RSVP by October 30th to:

Donna Paulic, 4647 SW Olympia Pl, 816-623-5045 or
Dee Hachinsky, 4518 SW Olympia Dr. 816-623-3084

Please detach and include with your payment

Name (s) _____

Phone _____ # of Reservations _____

\$_____ (\$5 per person, cash please) please pay before the event [this helps pay for the Clubhouse cleaning fee as well as supplies.]



Be sure to bring
your CAMERAS!

VISIT WITH SANTA!

Saturday, December 2nd • 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.

Fountain's Christmas Friendship Tea



Monday, December 4, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Duck Pond Activity Center

*Join your neighbors as we
celebrate the season!*



Bring a tea party finger food (canape or sweet treat).

Hot spiced tea or Ice Tea will be provided.

Wear your favorite tea party hat!

Bring a Christmas mug for a gift exchange (\$6).



RSVP to Nancy Lansbury, 537-0785

by Monday, November 27.

We will be collecting socks for the Community Services League.



Jingle & Mingle

Raintree Wine Club Holiday Event!

(Replaces Nov. & Dec. regular meetings)

Please join us!

All prospective members are welcome!

When: Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 pm
Where: Duck Pond Activity Center

PLEASE BRING:

Couples: Your favorite bottle of wine and an appetizer to share. (Don't forget your wine glass!)

Singles: Choose wine (or) appetizer.

Wine related inexpensive (or) "White Elephant" gift, if you choose to participate.

RAINTREE LAKE WINE CLUB!!!



Our Wine Club meets at the Duck Pond Activity Center, on the 4th Wednesday of each month. If interested in attending, please join our "Facebook Group" for detailed information on all of our tastings, events and information on wine related activities in the greater Kansas City area! Simply type "Raintree Lake Wine Club" in the search feature on your Facebook page and request to join. Not active on Facebook??? No problem, contact Lynn Tatzko at: LTatzko@gmail.com with any questions.

Due to the holidays, the Wine Club has cancelled our regular meeting dates of November 22 & December 27 and will combine the two months into a holiday get together on Wednesday, December 6th. Keep posted for more information.





Our monthly tastings have covered "Everyday Drinkers" – Value priced wines under \$12 (March). "Basting & Tasting" – Wines to pair with your outdoor grilling. (April) "Aussie Night" – Wines from Down Under (May) "Missouri Night" – Selections from wineries in Missouri only. (June) "Rockin' Wines with Rock" – Presentation of wines from PRP Wine International (July) and "Around the World in 80 Sips!" - A tasting tour of (6) different countries, presented by Sommelier Stephen Molloy of Summit Cellar & Spirits. What FUN!!! Cheers!

2017

November

2017



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|--|---|------------------------|--|
| | | | 1 Cards 1:00 pm @DPAC | 2 MahJongg 1 pm DPAC ARB DEADLINE | 3 | 4  Fountain's Soup & Chili Potluck 5:00 pm @ Clubhouse |
| 5 Daylight Savings Time ends 2:00 am Fall Back 1 hour | 6 Quilting B's 9am—4pm @ DPAC ARB 7 p.m. @ Clubhouse Lake Committee 7pm @ Clubhouse | 7 Ladies Bridge 9:00am & Men's Club 1:30pm both at DPAC Appeals 7pm @ DPAC | 8 Ladies Bunco 10 am @ DPAC  | 9 Professional Women's Group 9 -10am @ DPAC MahJongg 1 pm DPAC | 10 Veteran's Day | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Daisies 4:30-7pm@DPAC Pool Committee 7pm @ Clubhouse Fountains ARB 7pm @ Clubhouse Adult Game Night 7-10 pm @ DPAC | 14 Ladies Bridge 9:00am & Men's Club 1:30pm both at DPAC RLPOA Board Mtg. 7pm @ Clubhouse | 15 Canasta 1-4 pm @ DPAC SHORELINE DEADLINE | 16 Pond Comm 10:00 am @ Clubhouse MahJong 1pm @ DPAC ARB DEADLINE | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Bee Keepers 9am—4pm @ DPAC ARB 7 p.m. @ Clubhouse | 21 Ladies Bridge 9:00am & Men's Club 1:30 pm both at DPAC Common Ground Mtg. 6:30 pm @ DPAC | 22 No Raintree Wine Club (for more info see page 7) | 23  Raintree Office Closed for Thanksgiving | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Fountains Bunco 1 pm @ DPAC Daisies 4:30 @DPAC Fountains ARB and Community Develop Meeting BOTH @7pm @ Clubhouse DPAC Comm 7pm & Anglers Club 7pm @ both at DPAC | 28 Ladies Bridge 9:00am & Men's Club 1:30 pm both at DPAC RLPOA Work Session 7pm @ Clubhouse | 29 Canasta 1-4 pm @ DPAC | 30 MahJongg 1 pm DPAC ARB DEADLINE | 1 | 2  Visit with Santa 8:30—11 am @ Clubhouse |

Raintree Shore/Street Adoption (RSA)

"Taking Pride in our Lake --- Adopt Today"

Yes, I am interested in "adopting" street/shoreline on Raintree Lake!

(Return this to the office)

Please contact:

Name: _____

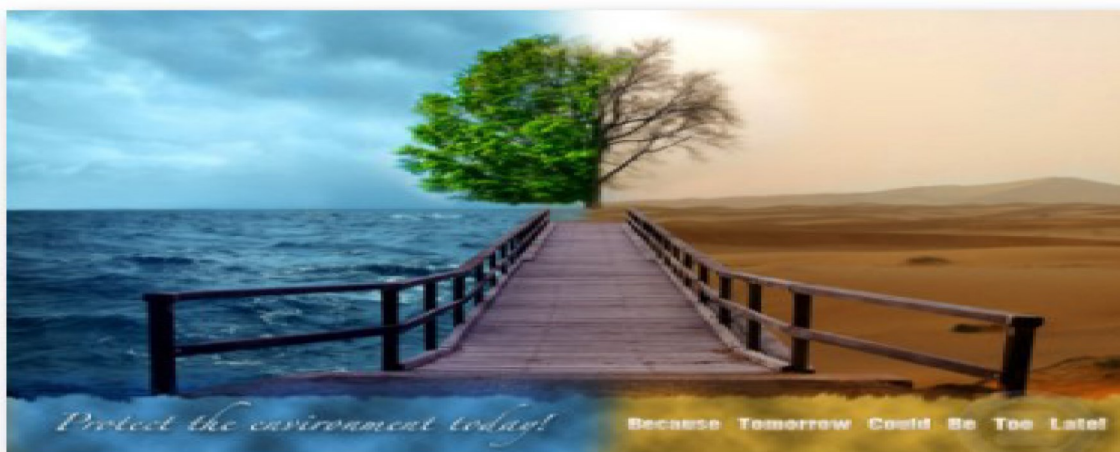
Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I am interested in "adopting" the area by:

(please describe the area – give cross-streets near-by):



RAINTREE LAKE GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all the Raintree residents that supported our 2017 "MUMS the WORD" fundraiser. It was another great success and will help the club continue their efforts in beautifying our community.

There will be no Garden Club meetings in November and December. The next scheduled meeting is **January 17th, 2018.**

The Garden Club would like to wish all Raintree residents a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.



Summer Trivia:

How many individual guests accompanied Raintree residents to the Raintree Pool this summer (not including grandchildren or senior citizens?)

1,064

What percentage of the households used the pool in 2017?

44%



SOUND OFF!

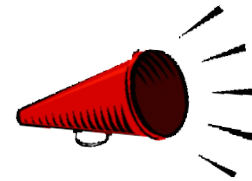
I just wanted to respond to the cats gone missing. These hawks raised 5 babies in the woods here on the south side of the lake. They flew at my glass doors more than once trying to get to my small dog laying in the sun. They were not afraid of me and I would not allow my fur kids outside without me there. They sat on my deck, in the trees by the porch and on my neighbor's roofs just waiting for an easy meal. They have moved on now but this was in the last three/four months. My daughter had her 25 lb. terrier grabbed by an eagle or an owl. He lived by struggling loose. He was badly injured. Just wanted to let people know they may not be stolen just seen as a meal easy to catch.

A Raintree Resident

About a month ago some teenagers, who said they lived in the neighborhood, came by selling cookie dough as a fundraiser for their soccer team. We made a purchase, and were promised that the cookie dough would be delivered. We have not seen those teens again. Beware, this sort of thing could be a scam! When purchasing something from a door-to-door salesperson who you do not know, be sure to get a receipt with a contact number, if the product is to be delivered at a later date. We've learned our lesson!

A Raintree Resident

THE VILLA VOICE



Game night on Thursday evening, October 5th at the Duck Pond Activity Center was lots of fun, but very few people attended. Please come join us when you can, it's a lot of fun, and the more the merrier!!

Please put December 8th on your calendar. That is a Friday night and we are having our annual Christmas gathering at the Duck Pond Activity Center. More information will be coming later.

If you have any suggestions for this committee or want to be a member of it, please contact Mary Lynn Tolle at 816-537-6507.

Welcome New Residents!!

Michael & Tracy Mims
3916 SW Harbor Dr.

Craig & Carole Ann Dustin
5189 SW Raintree Pkwy.

Derek & Roxanna White
4213 SW Homestead Ct.

Jacob & Kristen Lutz
5122 SW Snowy Egret

Brian & Kathryn Jerden
748 SW Windsong Cr.

Logan Carlyle
4065 SW Lido

Mark & Wanda Hartter
717 SW Admiral Byrd Dr.

Julie Poland
4225 SW Clipper Ln

Elizabeth Morrow
4201 SW Clipper Ln.

Tamsen Robinson
4508 SW Admiral Byrd Dr.

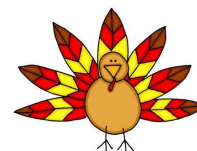
George & Leanna Jackson
265 SW Point Shore Dr.

David Sleichter
3908 SW Windsong Dr



**WELCOME
TO THE
NEIGHBORHOOD**

Thanksgiving Day Trivia!



- 1. What character has appeared most as a giant balloon in the Macy's parade?**
Snoopy, Big Bird, Mickey Mouse, Garfield
- 2. What football team has played a game every Thanksgiving, since the first national Thanksgiving football broadcast in 1934?** Green Bay Packers, Dallas Cowboys, Detroit Lions, Chicago Bears
- 3. In what year did the traditional presidential turkey pardons begin?** 1924, 1947, 1962, 1973
- 4. What is the amino acid in turkey that makes people sleepy?** Tryptophan, Asparagine, Glycine, Valine
- 5. What tribe taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate the land?** Cherokee, Wampanoag, Sioux, Iroquois
- 6. Which U.S. President declared Thanksgiving a national holiday?**
Theodore Roosevelt, James Madison, Abraham Lincoln, Herbert Hoover
- 7. What state produces the most turkeys?** Minnesota, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, California
- 8. In what year did the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade occur?** 1919, 1924, 1936, 1945

Thanksgiving Day Trivia, Courtesy of *The Kansas City Star*

Answers located elsewhere in this publication!

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.

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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

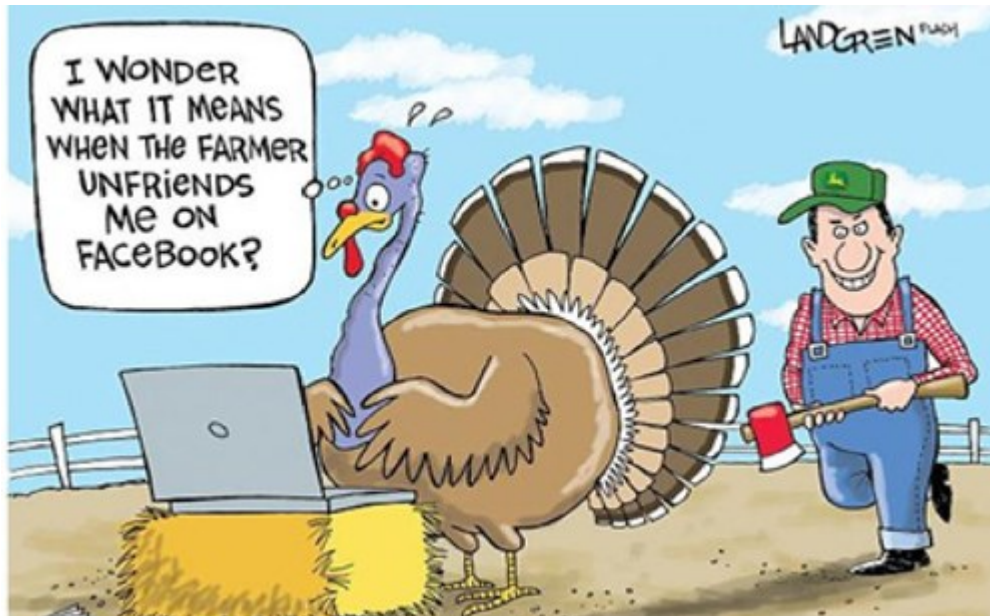
Muskrats are widely distributed throughout North America. Forty-eight states have muskrat trapping season.

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.



Answers to
Thanksgiving Day
Trivia:
1. Snoopy
2. Detroit Lions
3. 1947
4. Tryptophan
5. Wampanoag
6. Abraham Lincoln
7. 1924

2017 Activities Schedule

Visit with Santa

12/2

CODES BLOTTER

Builder's Siltation—3
Builder's Dumpster—3
ARB Violation—3
City Violations—2
Preservation of Property-3
Trash—23
Boat and/or Trailer—3
Inoperable Vehicle—1
Drainpipe on Common Ground—2

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



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

1,352 members are already signed up!

Reminder: Keep Dues Up-to-Date!



Third quarter billing was due September 30th. Fourth quarter billing came out in October and is due by December 31st

For your convenience, there are

FOUR WAYS TO PAY

your Raintree dues:

Mail it in! (825 SW Raintree Drive)

Drop it off! Pay in the office with check or cash (same address as above)

Direct Debit—just stop by the office with a voided check and we'll help you get set up!

Online at RLPOA.com—pay from the comfort of your home (fees apply). Show your receipt in the office if you need immediate proof of your transaction.



Meet Neighbors, Have Fun!!!!



Card Players Wanted

Ladies 'Bridge Club

Come to the DPAC on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 to join the fun. Everyone plays! From beginners to advanced, whatever your level, you will fit right in.

Men's Club

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



Adults Only Game Night



Bring some of your favorite games and come join us for an evening of fun on the 2nd Monday of every month, from 7-10 pm at the DPAC.

Contact Rose Marie Walter at 537-8486 or Sharon Baldwin at 537-5848 for more info.



The Raintree Wine Club will meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Duck Pond Activity Center at 7:00 p.m. Come join the fun! Contact Lynn Tatzko at: LTatzko@gmail.com with any questions.

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



Ladies' Bunco

Meets at 10 am on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Duck Pond Activity Center.
Contact Rose Marie Walter
537-8486

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



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

Calling all Golfers!!!
Join the Raintree Golf League for Raintree residents on Thursday nights.

Contact Derrick Beasley for more information: 816-863-8894 or derrick.m.beasley@gmail.com



Questions? Contact Judy Anderson at 913-940-8669

Like to play Canasta? Whether you've played all your life, or never played, all are invited to come enjoy this fun game, hosted by the Fountains. Where? Duck Pond Activity Center from 1-4 pm
Wednesdays, November 15 & 29
Wednesdays, December 13 & 27
Keep watching here for more dates in 2018!



Teens for Hire

Call Office to update: 537-7576

| Name | Age | Services | Telephone |
|--------------|---------|---|------------------------------|
| Lindsey | 16 | Babysitting, dog walking, LS Parks & Rec. CPR trained | 816-728-5158 |
| 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. | 816-377-1177 |
| Alyssa | 13 | Babysitting | 816-366-0119 |
| Ashlyn | 15 | Child care | 913-299-7466 |
| Lauren | 15 | Babysitting | 816-447-6296 |
| Paige | 15 | Pet Sitting and Babysitting, CPR Trained | 816-260-8634 |
| Kylie | 15 | CPR Trained, Certified Babysitter, pet sitting, dog walking | 816-674-9404 |
| Jaylin | 15 | Babysitting | 816-582-5092 |
| Elijah | 12 | Babysitting | 816-225-7920 or 816-918-9947 |
| Caleb | 12 | Pet sitting | 210-1569 |
| Peyton | 16 | CPR Trained, Certified Babysitter | 816-889-8133 |
| Ben | 16 | Mowing | 816-350-9945 |
| Foster | 16 | Mowing | 816-916-6170 |
| Tiarnyn | 12 1/2 | Dog sitting or walking, babysitting, mowing | 816-977-6052 or 913-271-2918 |
| Seth | 15 | Lawn mowing (3 years experience), leaf removal, trimming, snow removal | 816-604-8625 |
| Martina | 16 | Babysitter, dog walker, pet sitter | 816-207-9636 |
| Ella | 12 1/2 | Responsible Mother's Helper - Fun & Energetic Babysitter! Raymore Parks & Rec CPR Certified | (816) 882-3193 |
| Gabby | 14 | Certified Babysitter. CPR Trained. Dog Walking | (816) 743-1955 |
| Ethan | 15 | Mowing | (816) 223-8522 |



Happy
Thanksgiving



From your Security Committee

Contact us: security@rlpoa.com

The Security Committee has started the process for a traffic study for Regatta Drive. Residents along Regatta Drive that the City of Lee's Summit has determined are in the impact area will be receiving a letter explaining how the traffic study works and what the impact of "traffic calming" might be. Pros and cons will be explained and a visit by a security committee member in late November or early December is possible.

A traffic study was done in 2007 and the City of Lee's Summit determined that Regatta Drive and Raintree Parkway from Green Teal to Raintree Drive fell into the category for "traffic calming". Residents voted against speed humps and an enforcement zone on both streets and the issue was dropped. Residents have continued to complain about speeding since then. Radar trailers have been set up along with saturation patrols over the years.

The success or failure of this traffic study will only be determined by the residents in the impact area designated by the city.

What happens now? We have received a four page list of residents who are in the impact area and the petition must be returned with at least fifty percent (50%) support of those residents. We have until December 31 to collect the signatures. If successful, the city will review the petition for validity by verifying signatures to property ownership.

Upon receipt of a supporting petition, there will be a neighborhood meeting scheduled to discuss the traffic study. This meeting will be scheduled in conjunction with a board meeting or work session. All residents will be highly encouraged to attend this meeting because this will affect a great majority of Raintree residents.

A traffic study will then be done by the city. A project score of 50 or more points is required for a traffic calming recommendation. After the traffic study is completed, a second meeting is scheduled with Raintree residents. If traffic calming is recommended, another petition is circulated requiring at least 75% support before the city will proceed with any construction. Construction projects are prioritized based on funding and project score.

Common concerns that arise:

- According to a study by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) "it cannot be demonstrated that installing speed humps will affect property values in any predictable way."
- There can be a 2.3 to 5 second delay for emergency vehicles responding to emergencies because they will have to slow down to drive over the speed humps. There may also be an impact on buses and utility vehicles such as trash trucks.
- The noise resulting from vehicles braking and going over speed humps may have an impact on the acceptability of these devices by residents living closest to them.
- It is often necessary to prohibit on-street parking in the immediate vicinity of the traffic control measure.
- Speed humps may also affect how you drive over them with a boat hooked to your vehicle.
- Speed humps cost approximately \$4000 to install. There is no cost to Raintree residents except maintenance of landscaping if it is in the design. City maintenance costs will increase in two areas. Snow removal around the devices and service times. Speed humps will have to be reinstalled each time a residential street is overlaid.

I encourage everyone to go online and see what a speed hump looks like and even go out and drive over one. There are several neighborhoods with speed humps.

There could also be an enforcement zone on Regatta Drive. Simply put, if you are ticketed in an enforcement zone, your fine is doubled. Your \$100-\$110 ticket goes to \$200-\$220.

Again, I encourage all residents to attend the meeting if the traffic study makes it past the first petition stage. There will be more information and updates to come.

Questions, comments, concerns should go to security@rlpoa.com.

Thankful

This is the *Day*
that the Lord has made,
let us *Rejoice*
and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

Count Your
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A Thanksgiving Tale



Two old friends met each other on the street one day. One looked forlorn, almost on the verge of tears. His friend asked, "What has the world done to you, my old friend?"

The sad fellow said, "Let me tell you: three weeks ago, my uncle died and left me forty thousand dollars."

"That's a lot of money."

"But you see, two weeks ago, a cousin I never even knew died, and left me eighty-five thousand dollars, free and clear."

"Sounds to me that you've been very blessed."

"You don't understand!" he interrupted. "Last week my great-aunt passed away. I inherited almost a quarter of a million from her."

Now the man's friend was really confused. "Then, why do you look so glum?"

"This week . . . *nothing!*"

That's a problem with receiving something on a regular basis. Even if it is a gift, we eventually come to expect it. The natural tendency is that if we receive a gift long enough, we come to view it almost as an entitlement. We feel hurt, even angry, if we don't receive it any longer.

It is the same way with the blessings God gives us every day. I don't *deserve* my comfortable home that I live in, the beautiful scenery around me, the clean water I drink. But after receiving these gifts (and a multitude of others) for years, I sometimes fail to be grateful. I've come to expect these good things. And when one of them is removed for a short time (like water or electricity or internet going down), I get upset.

Let's make an effort today to recognize the blessing we've come to take for granted. Focus on what we have rather than on what we don't have, and see if it doesn't improve our attitudes.

From the Blog, "Encouraging Words," from Cary Schmidt, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Newington, CT



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What is the bottom line? Feeding geese and ducks makes them depend on human nature instead of wild nature, and wild nature is their true home-and much more dependable.

Please! Don't encourage these beautiful birds to become beggars. Feeding geese and ducks may be fun for us, but it is unfair to them.

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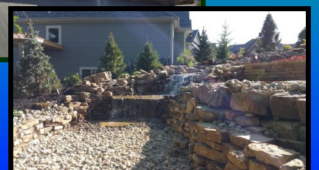
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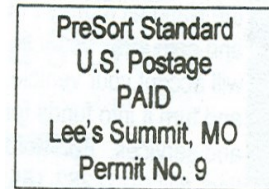
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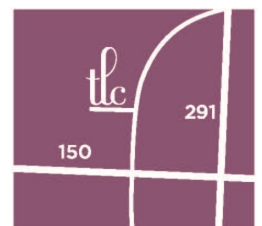
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