Raintree Lake Property Owners Association

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"STATE OF RAINTREE"

The Annual Meeting of the Raintree Lake Property Owners Association cannot be held, as we have in the past, as an open meeting. In order to communicate the accomplishments over the past two years and look to upcoming projects, the 2021 "State of Raintree" can be seen online during the week of March 22, 2021, at



March 2021

www.rlpoa.com/about/board-of-directors/meeting-minutes/

A brief outline regarding this is on pages 6 & 7.

We encourage all residents to vote electronically, but voting will be restricted to members in good standing (dues and fines paid). Ballots will be mailed directly to your home to be received mid-March. You may vote electronically, fill out a ballot and drop it by the RLPOA office, mail directly to Vote-now or give your ballot to someone to vote on your behalf.

Remember, Boat Slip Leases and payment are due in the office by Monday, March 15th!

Boaters: Odd lot numbers will be required to take the open-book safety test. The safety test can be taken by accessing it on the website at www.rlpoa.com. At this time stickers are not yet available, but 2020 stickers are valid until April 30th.



Financial Statement As of February 2021			Delinquency Report Comparison		
			2021	2020	
			One Quarter Past Due:		
Money Market Sweep	Future Projects:		102 Lots totaling	94 Lots totaling	
Account:	Facilities:		\$27,539.22	\$11,202.29	
\$702,586.48	\$15,000		Two Quarters Past Due:		
Income:	Raintree View:		46 Lots totaling	68 Lots totaling	
\$122,651.45	\$21,550		\$14,852.06	\$17,953.90	
			Three Quarters Past Due:		
Expenses: \$50,177.36	Siltation Loan:		11 Lots	13 Lots	
φ30,177.30	(\$45,000)		\$4,700.11	\$5,092.58	
2020 Roll-Over Funds:	Ward Road:		Liens:		
\$97,472.00	\$10,000		17 Lots totaling	17 Lots totaling	
			\$38,405.13	\$32,265.95	



Board Approvals for January 26, 2021

- Approved to replace docks O & Q with 14 slips each adding 8 new slips for the wait list, budgeted up to \$130,000.00
- Approved purchasing a new maintenance truck, budgeted up to \$15,000.00
- Approved purchasing a used boat for water patrol, budgeted up to \$20,000.00

February 9, 2021 meeting cancelled due to weather conditions.

😃 Annual Meeting - Electronic Voting Tip 😃

Soon you will be receiving a ballot in the mail for Raintree Lake. Should you choose to vote electronically, please note this tip to avoid confusion: You will be provided a **web address** to input that will take you directly to an electronic ballot. This web address should be input into the address bar - See the arrow below. DO NOT enter the address into the Search Bar - see the note in the Search Bar below. The example provided is for the Google page, but no matter which search engine you prefer, the area you type the web address will be in



Unsatisfied Judgments/Liens

LIENS					
Lot#	First Name	Last Name	Address		
63	Phillip	Williams	3857 SW Harbor Court		
256	Kimberly	Grigsby	4068 SW Marline Dr.		
295	Brett	Lloyd	4069 SW Pendant Dr.		
419	John	O'Rourke	4073 SW Camelot Dr.		
831	Randy & Lori	Johnson	5107 SW Pelican Pt.		
862	Teresa	Lamaster	5108 SW Mallard Point		
RLV5B	Diana	Wiedenmann	4140 SW Minnesota		
		UNSATISFIED JUD	GMENTS		
Lot#	First Name	Last Name	Address		
43	Angela	Marks	3829 SW Harbor Circle.		
341	Skip & Barbie	McNeil	3949 SW Batten Dr.		
1053	Corey	McDonald	4424 SW Gull Point		
NS04	Tim	Fortier	4468 SW Raintree Shore Dr.		
NS24	Brian	Morgan	4477 SW Aft		
W37A,B,C,D Darron Properties 3824, 3826, 3828 and 3830 SW Harbor Dr.					

Plus 1 additional property that is in bankruptcy.



WATER PATROL HIRING

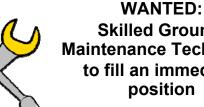
Raintree Lake Property Owners Association is looking for Water Patrol Officers for this summer. The duties of the job include but are not limited to patrolling bodies of water to enforce the rules of the lake, checking fishermen, towing vessels, minor mechanical fixes, dock work, and overall interaction with our residents on the water. CPR and AED experience preferred. Applicants need to fill out an employment application on our website rlpoa.com. So if you are looking for a fast-paced seasonal job the application is located under the resident tab, click forms and employment application. Please send the completed application and resume to jcresswell@rlpoa.com.

Pay negotiable with experience.

NOW HIRING! EASONAL GROUNDSKEEPER

Application available in the office or on the website at www.rlpoa.com. Apply in person or in the office, or send resume and application to: trew@rlpoa.com.





Skilled Grounds Maintenance Technician to fill an immediate position

Raintree is looking for a self-motivated, driven individual, physically capable of performing various responsibilities in a fast-paced environment with minimum supervision. Must possess effective multi-tasking, managerial, organizational and problem-solving skills. Good oral and written communication skills are a necessity.

Grounds Technician is responsible for properly diagnosing and performing repairs and maintenance on all grounds equipment (gas, diesel and small engine.)

Experience in operating a variety of equipment including tractors, mowers, chainsaws, and weed eaters, to assist in various grounds keeping duties. Landscape experience preferred.

Pay range based on experience. High School Diploma or GED required. Valid Drivers License needed.

Application available in the office or on the website: www.rlpoa.com

Board Candidate Profiles



Class B Multi-Family

Name: Mike Conway

Address: 5116 SW Surf Scooter Employment: Retired Years at Raintree: 30 years Current or previous service: 4 years on Board of Directors, 2.5 as President, 1/2 year as V.P.

I was on the Board for 4 years and was President for 2.5 years. We introduced boat lifts, preformed a survey to see what the residents wanted and built the new pool and clubhouse/office extension. We also started the siltation committee and an account to provide for desilting the lake as needed. We also purchased the six lots on the south side known as the View for future amenities and to have green space for the south side residents.

I was a sales engineer, a Vietnam vet and active in my church and community. I want to serve the Raintree community once again to see City of Lees Summit keep ownership of the bridge over the spillway.



Class A Single-Family

Name: Charlie Burke

Address: 5128 SW Surf Scooter Street Employment: Dick's Sporting Goods Years at Raintree: 4 1/2 years Current or previous service: Currently serving as VP on RLPOA Board of Directors

After 40+ years in management positions with leading organizations including General Electric, Compaq Computer, Texas Instruments, M/A-Com Communications, KPMG and BearingPoint, and Usability Sciences, I taught at the college level for the past 7+ years. As a full-time Instructor for the School of Business at Benedictine College, I taught a variety of courses and served as an Advisor to students seeking a degree in business.

Before moving to Raintree Lake, I served on the Board of Directors of the Kensington Estates HOA and took an active role in a committee to rebuild our entrance after road expansion in our area. Previously, I served on Boards for HOAs in Houston and on the Advisory Board for the APQC organization.

During the past 3 years I have served on the Board, there have been some important decisions made– with the help of the community– but more work needs to be done to complete a few projects that have been started and some I would like to see through to completion. For those reasons, I would like to be considered for another term on the Board of Directors at Raintree Lake.



Class A Single-Family

Name: Shawn Sundeen

Address: 5149 SW Raintree Pkwy

Employment: Retired Army 21 years / Keller Williams Real Estate Agent

Years at Raintree: 9 months

Current or previous service: Never a board member, but was the Assistant Grounds Manager and Technician for Raintree when we first moved here.

I am retired after serving 21 years in the Army. During my career in the military, I have spent thousands of hours volunteering with my housing communities, the USO and every church we became members of. I was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal in 2016. I spent the last 5 years of my military career as a senior quality control and strategic planner for Fort I was an instructor *I* trainer as an Equal Opportunity Carson, CO. Representative and a Master Resiliency Trainer where I have trained over 3,000 Soldiers throughout that time. After I retired my wife, our five kids and I found this wonderful community to call home. We have a time share in Branson and have been enjoying Missourilife for over seven years and all the golf, hiking and fishing that there is to offer. I am originally from Wisconsin and Alyse Is from Virginia. I want to become a member of the board of directors so I can better serve my community and be a voice for the people. Having experience working as the Assistant Grounds Manager and Maintenance Technician for Raintree, I was able to see the rules and covenants from the employee standpoint as well as the member living in Raintree. I was also able to see that there needs to be more attention focused on the maintenance / grounds keeping equipment keeping our POA beautiful. Another area I would like to focus on is a better way of enforcing the speed limits. I would also like to start up community events that can improve our quality of life. I want to continue to grow and strengthen our community and build long lasting relationships with you all.

Thank you for considering my request to serve you all.



Class A Single-Family

Name: Connor Caldwell

Address: 4065 SW Camelot Dr. Employment: Freedom Bank Years at Raintree: 3 months Current or previous service: None

My wife and I moved to Raintree just a few months ago. I lived in Raintree for a little over 5 years as a kid before my parents moved out of the area for work. My wife, Kim, and I currently have one son and another child on the way.

I have worked in commercial banking for seven years in various roles. I have managed three financial banking centers and a team of twelve. I currently work as a treasury management sales officer at an institution on the KS side. I have served on several committees through various chamber of commerce organizations on the KS side throughout my banking career. I am currently a Rotarian in Lee's Summit. My wife and I attend church at Lee's Summit Community Church.

I would like to be a board member because I think it is important to be involved in the community you live in. I also believe it is important for Raintree to be appealing to a variety of future residents including young professionals and their families to help the community continue to be the vibrant family centered community we love. I believe as someone with a young growing family, I can provide a perspective to the board to represent that demographic.



Class A Single-Family

Name: Brad Rodebush

Address: 729 SW Raintree Drive Employment: Suja Juice Years at Raintree: 7 months Current or previous service: None

I am a proud native of the Kansas City area growing up in Raytown and graduating from the University of Missouri. My 30+ year sales and sales management career moved me to several states. My wife and I lived in some older but well-developed subdivisions with waterfront properties but was missing the Midwestern charm Lee's Summit provides. Upon moving back to Missouri, and eventually finding our home in Raintree, I realized a new personal interest in community planning and development and decided a Board position would allow me to share my ideas and visions I see for the community.

My career included leading large teams and customer C Suite Executives and managed as much as \$350M in annual revenue. Working with these customers my joint business planning required annual budget and P&L management with cost reductions of 3 - 5%. My goal would be to discover and gain approval on new revenue generating and cost saving options for the Raintree community while applying the principles and actions taken in those lake front associations which included million dollar waterfront homes in those other states.

Ultimately, my overall objective would be to create greater property values with an engaged RLPOA community that focuses on the advantages of our current Covenants its Rules and Regulations. My goal would be to engage and work to activate homeowner involvement to become the most desired lake living destination in Lee's Summit.

"STATE OF RAINTREE"

2019

- M Dock was replaced in Bowsprit Cove
- S dock broke loose, boats and all, and collided with T dock that was across the cove. Once secured, staff went back to office only to find....offices were flooded with sewage!
- Sewage backup With a swim meet at the pool and more than 300 participants and families attending, we found that tree roots had grown in to the sewer line causing a backup into the offices. Captain doesn't always go down with the ship, if a meet can be called off. Sheet rock, carpet, doors and more had to be removed and replaced. Office remodel did not get completed until November, 5 months later.
- Cow in lake July 4th had a 20 minute window to shoot off fireworks and then the rain came back in bringing us 5" of rain and a cow for the rodeo and BBQ! Biggest catch on record.
- DPAC duck statue & landscaping The committee purchased and designed the landscaping of the small island beside the Duck Pond Activity Center. Continuing to beautify the neighborhood.
- Seawall Erosion (2nd band-aid) With the level of the lake rising and falling with each rain event, the wave action pulls soils from the seawall causing sink holes to form. Staff dug back from the wall, adding fabric and rock prior to replacing dirt.
- Party Cove desiltation Started in the fall of 2018 and completed spring of 2019, we regained 2.3 acres of navigational waters back. Removing around 16,000 cubic yards or 3' of silt (on average) across the cove.
- Pool shade structure We installed a permanent shade structure, removing the individual umbrellas, which was well received by the pool patrons. This was the first installation with more to come in the future.

2020

COVID created pool sign-ups, no committee meetings, no clubs or groups and no guests. Yikes!

2020 was a record year for pontoon rentals. We budgeted income at \$6,500 and came in at \$13,200.

And our neighborhood was very desirable selling 188 homes in 2020.

- Champagne Point stairs to courtesy dock Courtesy dock was moved to this location in 2016. It was only accessible by walking down
 a steep hillside. Stairs were built to allow easy access to the courtesy dock.
- Dock Structural inspections With a dock failing, the Board requested a structural engineer out to inspect our new docks from the two
 different builders. Inspections passed with the exception of two areas that were repaired.
- Walking Trail repairs Walking trails that had trip and fall issues, due to age, tree roots and water erosion, were repaired. We
 removed and poured or ground down areas that could cause issues. This will be on an ongoing repair list for each year.
- Dam soil slippage 2019 ranks as the wettest start of the year with 31.89 inches of precipitation and ends as the second wettest on record. 1973 remains the wettest to date. Although this doesn't sound all that bad, there is a cause and effect. The hillside of the dam gave way with the additional runoff. The grass roots could not hold on to the soils. This did not cause structural issues with the dam, but soils had to be removed, engineered, replaced and compacted.
- Cheddington Engineering This has been a long time coming. In 2003 repairs were done behind two of the ten properties. Storm water erosion continued downhill causing severe trenching and flooding. We hired engineers to design plans to take the storm water underground, with the City of Lee's Summit to accept ownership and maintenance of the underground pipe after completion.
- T-Dock T Dock was replaced in Kingfisher Cove. This was the dock that was struck by S dock in 2019 causing structural welds to break.
- Bulkhead for loading dock The loading dock has become a popular dock to assist in loading/unloading watercraft. The bulkhead assists in keeping the ramp above water level.
- Capital Asset inspection for future reserves Every 5 years we hire a company to come out and inspect all of Raintree Lake's capital
 assets. They determine life expectancies and amounts to repair/replace providing the Finance Committee with valuable tools to assist
 with operational budget and reserve funds for future projects.
- Lawsuit regarding Raintree Parkway Bridge Attempting to decide through the courts, who owns and is responsible for maintenance of the bridge.

2021

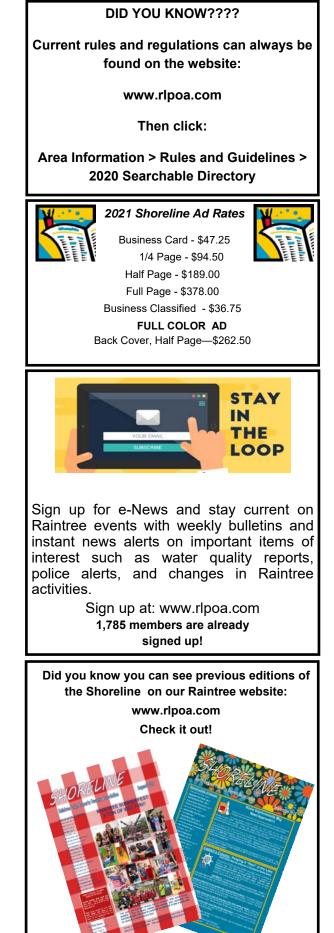
- Cheddington Repair Contractor will be awarded at the March 9th meeting. Timeline of repair will start up around April 1st with a completion date around the end of May 2021.
- Pool pump room remodel This is a behind the scenes repair. The pool pump room had water-damaged sheetrock and rusting, non-working fixtures. Staff worked over winter to repair and replace sheetrock, light fixtures, attic fan and much more...
- Pool bathroom upgrades Chlorine is a very corrosive chemical. Even when just carried in from the pool from swimsuits. It causes all
 metal brackets and framing to rust. Bathroom stalls, doors and fresh paint will make the bathrooms inviting again.
- O & Q dock replacements for this year. Increasing docks to 14 slips each will knock 8 more off the waitlist!
- Duck Pond Activity Center paint & carpet The committee started reserving funds in 2019 for replacing the carpet at the Duck Pond Activity Center. With this building being on the list to repaint, you will have to see what changes are made this year! Look out 2022 for a new improved building. ^(C)
- Duck Pond Dry Basin concrete swale repair The Duck Pond Dry Basin located to the north of the Duck Pond, has an open concrete swale, which allows for storm water to move through to the Duck Pond. With Cheddington project moving forward the basin that is designed to hold storm water has been directly impacted by the amount of water coming through this area, deteriorating the concrete swale. The repair will allow for water to flow properly and does not continue to create a mosquito haven.
- New equipment (truck, boat, gators) New and used equipment to assist staff in properly maintaining the capital assets of the community.

2021 FEES	
Assessments:	Fee
Class A Single Family Annual	\$550.44
Class A Single Family Quarterly	\$137.61
Class B Multi-Family Annual	\$366.72
Class B Multi-Family Quarterly	\$91.68
Commercial Annual	\$489.84
Commercial Quarterly	\$122.46
Boat Slips:	Fee
Boat Slip Lease (Annual)	\$375.00
Boat Stickers:	Fee
Motorboat	\$75.00
Non-motorized	\$20.00
Clubhouse:	Fee
Full Day Use Friday-Saturday-Sunday (9am - 12am)	\$500.00
Half-Day Use Monday - Thursday (excluding holidays) (Noon-10 pr	n)\$200.00
Deposit	\$300.00
Mandatory Cleaning Fee	\$150.00
Duck Pond Activity Center:	Fee
Full Day Use Friday-Saturday-Sunday (9am - 10pm)	\$200.00
Half-Day Use Monday - Thursday (excluding holidays) (4-10pm)	\$75.00
Deposit	\$250.00
Mandatory Cleaning Fee	\$75.00
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Pontoon (includes one tank of fuel!!):	Fee
Weekday, Full Day Use (8 am - 9 pm)	\$160.00
Weekday Early Bird Special (Mon-Thu, 8 am-2 pm, non-Holiday)	\$60.00
Weekday Afternoon (3:00 pm - 9:00 pm)	\$125.00
Weekends Full Day Use (8 am – 9 pm)	\$185.00
Weekend Morning (8 am - 2 pm)	\$125.00
Weekend Afternoon (3 pm - 9 pm)	\$125.00
Holiday Full Day Use (8 am – 9 pm)	\$200.00
Holiday Morning (8 am – 2 pm)	\$125.00
Holiday Afternoon (3 pm – 9 pm)	\$125.00
Deposit	\$250.00
Pool:	Fee
Residents	FREE
Guests - First 10 guests per lot	FREE
Guests - Visits after the 10th	\$2.00
Babysitter/Caregiver Pass	\$50.00
Resident ID:	Fee
First card per resident	FREE
Replacement card per resident	\$5.00
Activities:	Fee
Activities.	



Q. How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?

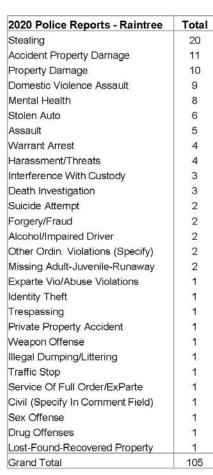
A. He's DUBLIN over with laughter!

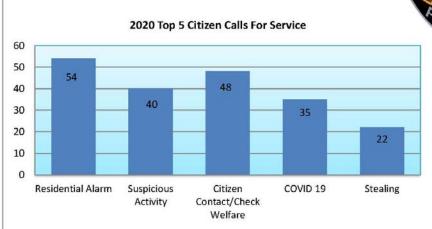


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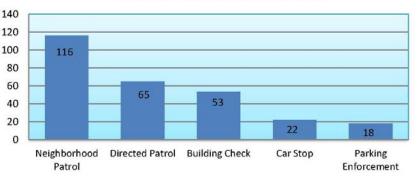
2020 Report Summary January 1, 2020 – September 20, 2020 ONLY Officer Beth Glover, Crime Analyst February 3, 2021







2020 Top 5 Police Self-Initiated Activities



HOME WATCH

The Lee's Summit Police Department offers a House Watch to be used when you are out of town. If you wish to be added to their House Watch list, please contact LSPD at 816-969-1700.



Leprechauns Are Likely Based on Celtic Fairies

The red haired, green-clothed Leprechaun is commonly associated with St. Patrick's Day. The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is "lobaircin," meaning "small-bodied fellow". Belief in leprechauns likely stems from Celtic belief in fairies- tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies.

SOUND OFF!

DRIVERS: Please slow down as you drive through the neighborhood! Many cars have been seen speeding—especially on Raintree Drive, Regatta, and Raintree Parkway.

Please be careful, slow down, and put away your cell phones!!



Safety Tips for Sledders

- •Wear a helmet. The most common body part to be hurt while sledding is the head. If you wear a helmet while biking, skiing, riding a motorcycle, or skateboarding, why not wear one while sledding?
- •Avoid thin plastic sledding sheets. You can cut yourself riding over rocks or other sharp objects. Choose sturdier sleds that offer more protection.
- •One person per sled. Unless you're in a toboggan or other sled specifically designed for more than one person, don't increase your risk of injury. The more riders, the more chance for someone to get thrown off, and hurt.
- •Take turns. The more people who sled down a hill at once, the more chance for collisions.
- •Ensure a clear path. Make sure the hill is clear of fences, trees, utility poles or other objects. Injuries are far more likely if you bang into something than if you fall off a sled.
- •Resist the temptation to supercharge the experience. Never sled while being pulled by a car or other vehicle.



Raintree Spring Garage Sale: April 29th, April 30th and May 1st!

Attention Raintree Residents! It's time for our annual spring neighborhood-wide garage sale event. It is your choice if you wish to participate. This event will begin Thursday, April 29th, and is our evening sale for our residents. Warn the kids to be careful, as there will be more cars in the neighborhood!

Sign Regulations for Garage Sales per the City of Lee's Summit:

•May be placed one day prior to the event.

•Shall be removed the day after the event concludes.

- •May be placed on others' private property with their permission.
- •Are not allowed to be posted on telephone poles, street signs, traffic signal poles, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a collection truck available to receive garage sale leftovers this time.

Do's & Don'ts of Winter

Any activity on the ice is strictly prohibited Please keep off the ice!

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



Stay Warm & Be Safe!



The state of Missouri's COVID-19 vaccine available to everyone who wants one is dependent on a few factors.

- 1. The supply of vaccine provided by the state of Missouri to administrators in our area.
- 2. Where residents fall within the phased distribution plan.
- •The first phase focuses on (1A) long-term care facility residents and staff, patient-facing healthcare workers, and (1B) high-risk individuals, first responders, and essential workers.

•The state will not move to the next phase until the vaccine is made available to all individuals in the previous phase who want one.

The survey asks for contact information, occupation, and pre-existing medical conditions. Responses from the survey will help to determine which phase of the state's vaccination plan residents fall under.

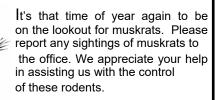
All individuals who live or work in Jackson County and are interested in receiving the vaccine are encouraged to fill out the survey at https://jacohd.org/covid-19-vaccine-survey-too

All individuals who live or work in Cass County and are interested in receiving the vaccine are encouraged to fill out the survey at https://casscounty-cchd.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/19861

As the vaccine becomes available to each tier, the health department will contact individuals who completed the survey with further instructions on scheduling an appointment. Per the guidance provided by the CDC, COVID-19 vaccinations will not be provided to 16 years and younger.







May the sun shine all day long. everything go right and nothing wrong. May those you love bring love back to you and may all the wishes you wish come true! Got Potholes?? Help out your Raintree Neighborhood by reporting.



LS Connect Helps you: Get Connected. Report Concerns. Stay Engaged.

LS Connect keeps you connected to important City of Lee's Summit news and information, and also allows you to easily report some common non-emergency concerns such as potholes, codes violations, streetlight outages, and more. LS Connect is available as a free mobile app, and the reporting feature is also available online at LS Connect.

Raintree Residents: This is a great tool to let the city know about the potholes that are on your street! Please help the neighborhood by contacting the city!





Q. What do you call a fake rock in Ireland?

A. A Sham-rock

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?



Frustrated! Don't know who to call? Here are some helpful phone numbers, for some of our every day problems.

Police Non-Emergency: 969-7390

Graffiti Loud music/noise Public drinking Suspicious solicitor Abandoned car Illegal dumping Illegal fireworks Underage drinkers Car or home alarm Belligerent person

Lee's Summit Neighborhood Services 969-1200

Overflowing trash bins Tall grass in excess of 10" Abandoned appliance Foul odor Trash in yard Abandoned & deteriorating houses

Lee's Summit Public Works Dept. 969-1800 Repair of City streets and sidewalks

Broken traffic signal Flooded street Broken street sign Clogged storm drains Hazardous sidewalk Potholes

Lee's Summit Snow Desk: 969-1870

Lee's Summit Animal Control 969-1640 Wild animals Dead animals Barking dog Rats

Lee's Summit Water Dept. 969-1900 Polluting/pouring oil in drain Leaking fire hydrant Water main break



Procedures For Boat Stickers This Year

Due to the ongoing pandemic, residents with existing 2020 boat stickers, motorized or non-motorized, will follow these guidelines for 2021:

NO DROP-INS WILL BE ALLOWED. You **MUST** call the office to verify with us that you have:

- 1) Taken the safety test and turned it into the office. Please note if you are an **odd lot number** it is your year to take the safety test.
- 2) Provided a copy of your current insurance declaration page—and for motorized watercraft you will also need to have Raintree Lake listed as an additional insured.

You can send your test and/or the copy of your insurance by mailing to the office, or emailing to office@rlpoa.com or faxed to 816-537-5621.

- Stickers are \$75.00 for motorized boats and \$20.00 for non-motorized
- Check or cash ONLY
- New boats (or new to Raintree Lake) please call the office for instructions

Please remember masks are required and only 2 people are allowed in the office at a time.



Pool Employees Needed

Aquaticare Pool Management Company will be accepting applications for lifeguards, gate attendants and concession employees for the 2021 season.

Lifeguard applicants must be 15 years of age by June 1, 2021, concessions and gate at least 14 years of age.

Aquaticare will be teaching lifeguard training this spring. We use the American Red Cross Safety and Lifeguarding method. There will be two training sessions, in early spring, (dates, place and time to be announced at your interview) so if you need certification please send your application soon. Please visit our website at aquaticarekc.com and scroll down to "Jobs" and fill out an application. The office will respond to you once it is received.

We will be scheduling video interviews once we receive and review your application.

Looking forward to a great 2021 swim season!



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	%	RLPOA Board Work Session 7pm	ARB DEADLINE		ARB Meets	
	Election ba	llots should	be out this w	veek		
14 Angler's Tournament 8:00am—1:00pm	15 Boat Slip Leases Due Shoreline Deadline	16	17 St. Patrick's Day ARB DEADLINE	18	19 ARB Meets	20 ISDAY # Spiving
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		RLPOA Board Work Session 7pm	ARB DEADLINE		ARB Meets	
	State of Raintree Video available online					
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31 ARB DEADLINE	1	2 ARB Meets	3



In 2021, the spring equinox occurs on Saturday, March 20. This event marks the astronomical first day of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

THE MARCH EQUINOX:

In the Northern Hemisphere, the March equinox (aka spring equinox or vernal equinox) occurs when the Sun crosses the equator line, heading north in the sky. This event marks the start of spring in the northern half of the globe. After this date, the Northern Hemisphere begins to be tilted more toward the Sun, resulting in increasing daylight hours and warming temperatures. (In the Southern Hemisphere, it's the opposite: the March equinox marks the start of <u>autumn</u>, as the Southern Hemisphere begins to be tilted away from the Sun.)

WHEN IS THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING?

In 2021, the March equinox happens on Saturday, March 20, at 5:37 A.M. EDT. In the Northern Hemisphere, this date marks the start of the spring season. In the Southern Hemisphere, the March equinox marks the start of autumn, while the <u>September equinox</u> marks the start of spring.

WHAT DOES "EQUINOX" MEAN, EXACTLY?

The word equinox comes from the Latin words for "equal night"—aequus (equal) and nox (night).

On the equinox, the length of day and night is nearly equal in all parts of the world. With the equinox, enjoy the increasing sunlight hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets.

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE MARCH EQUINOX?

On the March equinox, the Sun crosses the celestial equator going south to north. It's called the "celestial equator" because it's an imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator.

If you were standing on the equator, the Sun would pass directly overhead on its way north.

Equinoxes are the only two times a year that the Sun rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth!

While the Sun passes overhead, the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. (Note, however, that the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.)

After the spring equinox, the Northern Hemisphere tilts *toward* the Sun. Although in most locations (the North Pole and Equator being exceptions) the amount of daylight had been increasing each day after the winter solstice, after the spring equinox, many places will experience more daylight than darkness in each 24-hour day. The amount of daylight each day will continue to increase until the summer solstice in June, in which the longest period of daylight occurs.

https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-spring-vernal-equinox

Keep Dues Up-to-Date!



First quarter billing for 2020 was mailed out in January and will be due by March 31st.

For your convenience, there are FOUR WAYS TO PAY your Raintree dues:

• Direct ACH Debit— Stop by with a voided check and we'll help you get set up!

• Drop it off! Pay in the office with check or cash (same address as above.) Also, there is a drop box available by the office door, in case you want to drop something off when office is closed.

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•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.



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- Certainty of on time delivery
- Establishment of excellent payment and credit records
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- Being part of "Going Green" by reducing paper

How do I get started? Complete and sign the ACH Enrollment Form on the next page. Once the form is completed bring the form and a copy of a Voided Check into the office to set up.

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New Residents Welcome to the Neighborhood!



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Welcome Baskets: An Opportunity for Advertisers

Are you a resident who would like to advertise the products or services offered by your company? Consider adding an item to our Welcome Basket that would contain your logo or information regarding your business or product. There is no cost to you to add something to the basket.

New residents to Raintree typically receive a Welcome Basket when they come visit the office for the first time. The Welcome Baskets contain things like koozies, cups, key chains, toothbrushes, pens, coupons, lotion, hats or visors, magnets, ads for local businesses and at one point we even had bar-b-que sauce! You never know what might be included!

Would you like to add something to our Welcome Baskets to advertise your business? Bring your item(s) by the office during office hours.





WAYS TO CONNECT WITH NATURE AND GET OUTSIDE

Not All Leaves Fall

Though most trees are without leaves this time of year, some species, such as young sugar maples, retain their dead, dried leaves throughout the winter. It's easy to see them as you hike through the winter woods. This phenomenon is called marcescence (mar-SESS-ence), and it could help young trees in several ways.

- The retained leaves might break the force of winds and protect the tree from the bitterest cold.
- They might collect rain and snow and deposit it at the roots, increasing the moisture available to the tree.
- Dropping leaves in spring instead of fall might cause the nutrient-laden mulch to fall at the base of the trees when it benefits the tree the most. The dry, bitter old leaves might deter deer from browsing on the otherwise tender branches and buds.

Coffee in the Woods

Did you know coffee pods grow in Missouri woods? These aren't the kind you brew, though at one time, Native Americans did. With the trees bare, Kentucky coffee trees (Gymnocladus dioicus) are easy to spot with their large, leathery-looking, unopened seed pods dangling from their branches or littering the forest floor just below.

Bundle Up

Don't let the cold — and possible snow — keep you indoors. There is lots to discover in nature this time of year, but take a lesson from the adult opossum and stay bundled up! Adult opossums, particularly males, often end up with damaged ears and tail tips due to freezing. Always check the weather before you venture out and be prepared with plenty of layers.

Oysters in the Woods

As you are keeping that New Year's resolution to get out and exercise more, why not do a little gathering while you're at it. Oyster mushrooms appear year-round, including in wintertime, and are considered a choice edible. Look for these whitish-gray or tan-capped mushrooms in clusters on trunks, logs, and stumps of deciduous trees. Remember, only eat mushrooms you know are safe. To be sure, consult A Guide to Missouri's Edible and Poisonous Mushrooms at short.mdc.mo.gov/ZYM.

https://mdc.mo.gov/conmag/2021-01/get-outside

TURKEY TAIL WILD GUIDE

Status: Edible Size: Cap Width 1-4 inches Distribution: Statewide

Turkey season may be over in Missouri, but there are still turkey tails to chase — the mushroom variety. These edible mushrooms grow on deciduous trees in groups, rows, or clusters, often layered. The clusters are leathery and thin and the cap is semicircular to spoon-shaped. The bands of colors on the cap make the turkey tail easy to recognize.

Did You Know?

Turkey tails have two lookalikes — the false turkey tail (Stereum ostrea) and the multicolor gill polypore (Lenzites betulina). Though people have eaten mushrooms for thousands of years for various purposes, be certain of your identification before consuming any mushroom. For help, consult A Guide to Missouri's Edible and Poisonous Mushrooms at short.mdc.mo.gov/ZYM.

Life Cycle

This species lives within rotting logs as a whitish network of cells (mycelium) that digests and decomposes dead wood. When ready to reproduce, the mycelium develops the mushroom that emerges from the log — this is the reproductive structure. In polypores, spores are produced in the pores on the underside and are released to begin new mycelia elsewhere.

Ecosystem Connections

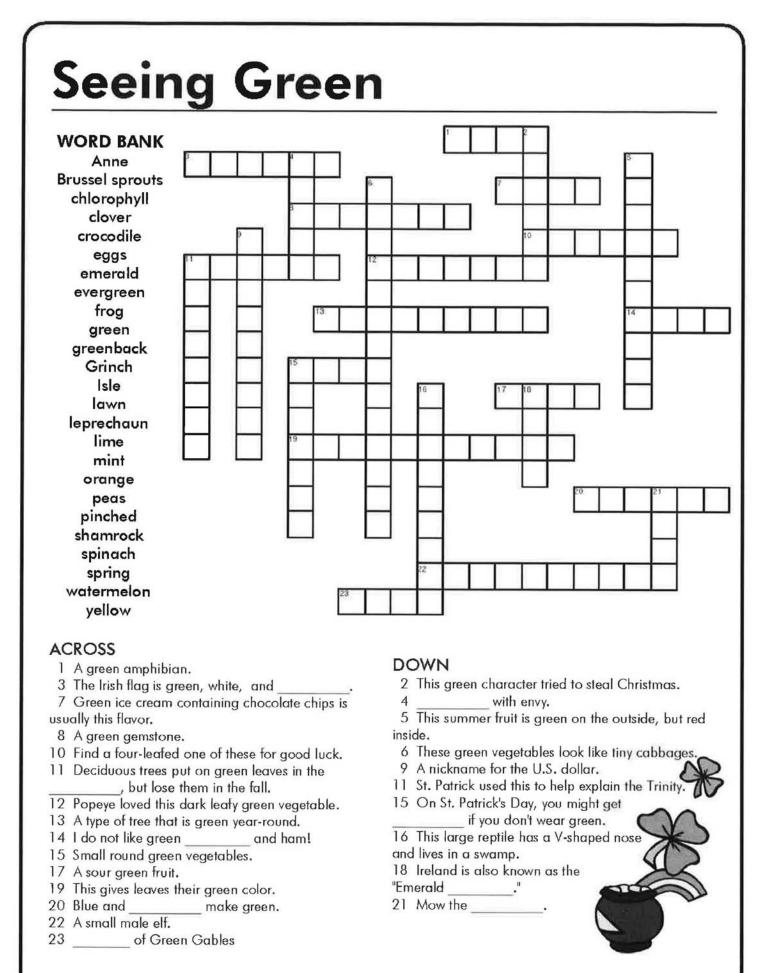
This is one of the many fungus species that live on decaying wood. It plays an important role in breaking down the tough materials wood is made of and returning those nutrients to the soil.

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Spring Garden Preparation Checklist.

As important as the right plants are, they can't do ALL the work for you. A great garden still requires a lot of preparation and maintenance to develop. Before you begin planting in the spring, here is a checklist of the 8 steps you should take to prepare your garden for a successful season:



Sign up

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1. Get your shed in order. Go over your tools. Sharpen blades, oil hinges, and think about expanding or upgrading your collection. Use a mill file to sharpen blades, then add penetrating oil to remove and prevent corrosion. You should also take this opportunity to replenish your supplies.

2. Clear out weeds, mulch, and debris. Do a spring cleaning of the area, removing anything in the way until you are back to the bare soil. You don't want to leave any living weeds around, or they might come back and try to compete with your garden plants!

3. Prune. Many trees or shrubs can use a good pruning this time of year, especially those that bloom on new wood. Late winter/early spring is the perfect time to prune back old wood because you can see the branch structure well and you can shape the plant before the buds break dormancy and the plant starts investing energy in its branches.

4. Prepare the soil. Once the frost has lifted and the soil is workable, start preparing your garden beds. In winter, soil tends to become compacted, so the first thing you want to do is loosen it back up by tilling or turning it. Next add compost and amendments.

5. Set up new planters and garden beds. Now is the time of year to build garden beds, install shepherd's hooks or window boxes, and order new pots to ensure that you have enough of a venue to showcase all your gorgeous new plants.

6. Divide perennials. Some perennials tend to crowd each other out, causing their performance to deteriorate year over year. Before the growing season takes off, give these plants room to spread out by following these simple steps: 1. Dig out around the perimeter of the clump, giving a wide berth so as not to damage the roots. 2. Dig under the plant root ball and lift it out of the ground. 3. Try to disentangle the roots by hand and pull apart the distinct root stocks/tubers. In some places it will be necessary to cut the clump apart with a knife. 4. Evenly space the new divisions over a larger area and re-plant them immediately. This will improve the bloom show of these perennials, and it is a cheap and easy way to propagate a larger collection!

7. Early Planting. Get the first wave of planting done. Many plants can be started indoors this time of year for planting out in spring, and particularly hardy vegetables (onions, potatoes, artichokes, and some lettuces) are ready to be planted now. Look at the plant information for whatever you intend to plant.

8. Apply mulch. Last but not least, apply a thick layer of mulch wherever you can. Mulch is much more effective at keeping weeds from becoming established if you can get it in place before the weeds start sprouting. Just don't wait too long to mulch an area, or the weeds will beat you there!

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Wanted: Lakefront Raintree home with two or more bedrooms on main level. Already living in Raintree and wanting to move in the next few years. Call or text Mark at 816-304-0576.

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Wanted: Looking to sublease a boat slip for 2021 and years to come! Raintree residents for 6 years with 3 teenagers who would be **OH SO** thankful! Any location is fine. Please call or text Melissa at 714-955-9113. Thank you kindly!!!

Wanted: Boat Slip to sublease for 2021. I have 4 children and usually the only adult on board. A slip anywhere on the lake would be such a blessing. Please call or text Nicole at (913) 638-6657.

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Wanted: We would love to be foster parents to your boat slip! We have 3 active boys and they love the water. Any location is fine! We will care for your boat slip like it was our own. Please call Jason or Molly 816-215-8721.

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Wanted: Slip to sublease, anywhere on the lake for a 21' Pontoon, for one year or long term. Due to an unfortunate circumstance, we are losing the slip we've subleased in the past. Call or text 816-604-8824. Thank You!



Raintree Committees

The various committees at Raintree are made up of residents just like you, who want to be active in the neighborhood, keeping Raintree a great place to live!

All of our committees are looking for volunteers to join them in planning for the future of Raintree Lake.

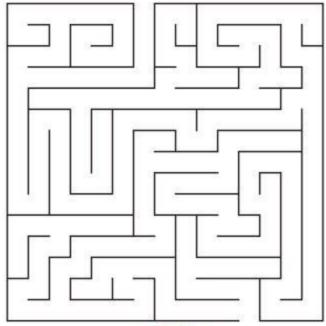
Contact the office at 816-537-7576 or <u>office@rlpoa.com</u> if you would like to volunteer or have questions about any of the Raintree committees!

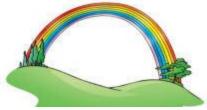




St Patrick's Day Maze

Can you help the leprechaun find his way to the rainbow?





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* Hopefully 2021 allows, but stay posted!



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