

SHORELINE

Raintree Lake Property Owners Association

September 2021

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The Raintree Office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 6th. Have a Happy Labor Day!

Last Day for the Pool to be open is Monday, September 6th!

PLEASE NOTE: After October 1st the RLPOA Water Patrol will no longer be available for towing as RLPOA watercraft will be winterized. Please plan accordingly!

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Budgeting for 2022

It's Raintree budget time and the Board will again be making the challenging decisions on where to put resident dues to best use.

This is where you come in. For 2022, we are asking you to provide the Board input on what you would like to see at Raintree Lake. Resident and committee input is critical because we are all in this together.



Please provide your input in an email to residentinput@rlpoa.com

Raintree Lake Committee Fair!

Saturday, Sept. 11th

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

All of our committees are looking for volunteers to join them in planning for the future of Raintree Lake. Please plan on attending our Committee Fair **Saturday, Sept. 11th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the clubhouse!** Tables will be set up representing each committee, with members there to speak to you regarding their committee.

Food, drinks and prizes!

Get informed, be empowered, be a part of the Vision for the future of Raintree Lake.

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



Financial Statement

As of July 2021

Money Market Sweep Account:
\$599,394.93

Future Projects: Facilities:
\$15,000

Income:
\$120,196.55

Raintree View:
\$21,550

Expenses:
\$302,513.63

Siltation Loan:
(\$45,000)

2020 Roll-Over Funds:
\$84,472.00

Ward Road:
\$10,000

Capital Assets Reserve
\$57,735

Delinquency Report Comparison

2021	2020
One Quarter Past Due:	
75 Lots totaling \$9,790.54	62 Lots totaling \$8,115.60
Two Quarters Past Due:	
8 Lots totaling \$2,201.78	11 Lots totaling \$2,999.22
Three Quarters Past Due:	
17 Lots totaling \$7,380.79	9 Lots totaling \$2,634.28
Liens:	
10 Lots totaling \$25,768.66	15 Lots totaling \$35,032.75



Board Approvals for August 10, 2021

- ◆ Approved Raintree View request for picnic tables and trash can up to \$4,200
- ◆ Approved 2nd Rental Pontoon for 2022



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL???

Unsatisfied Judgments/Liens

LIENS

Lot#	First Name	Last Name	Address
63	Phillip	Williams	3857 SW Harbor Court
256	Kimberly	Grigsby	4068 SW Marline Dr.
419	John	O'Rourke	4073 SW Camelot Dr.

UNSATISFIED JUDGMENTS

Lot#	First Name	Last Name	Address
43	Angela	Marks	3829 SW Harbor Circle.
295	Brett	Lloyd	4069 SW Pendant Dr.
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

Plus 1 additional property that is in bankruptcy.



Home Improvements May Need Approval!!!!

Please remember that exterior changes may need approval from the Architectural Review Board (ARB). To accommodate residents' needs, the ARB meets on Monday's of each month. Applications to be considered need to be turned into the office the Thursday prior to the meeting.

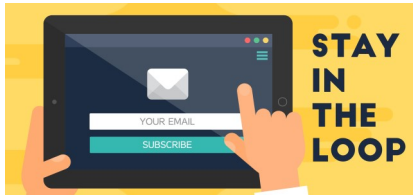
Please plan ahead when planning a project and get your approval early because you then are allowed 6 months to begin the project.

ARB applications can be found on our website at www.rlpoa.com under "For Residents" > Forms > Architectural Review Forms.

Please select the application required for your project. Some applications do require "plot plans," so contact the office if you do not have one available and we can check to see if we have one on file. **ALL APPLICATIONS HAVE TO BE TURNED INTO THE RAIN TREE OFFICE—PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL THEM TO THE ARB DIRECTLY.**

Here are some of the items that have to be approved: Roof Replacement, Exterior Paint (repainting existing color or new color choice), Fences, Pools, Decks/Patios, Retaining Walls, Play Equipment, and Driveways. This is to name a few.

Failure to receive prior approval will result in a \$200 fine. If you have any questions, contact the office at 816-537-7576.



Sign up for e-News and stay current on Raintree events with weekly bulletins and instant news alerts on important items of interest such as water quality reports, police alerts, and changes in Raintree activities.

Sign up at: www.rlpoa.com

1,825 members are already



DID YOU KNOW????

Current rules and regulations can always be found on the website:

www.rlpoa.com

Then click:

Area Information > Rules and Guidelines > 2021 Searchable Directory

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 pm)	\$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
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
Easter Egg Hunt, Summerfest, Visit with Santa, etc.	FREE

Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Labor Day Legislation

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York – created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Founder of Labor Day

More than a century after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

<https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history>



Raintree Lake Labor Day

Fishing Derby

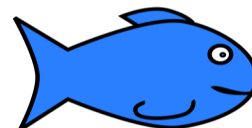
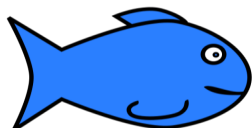
Monday, September 6, 2021



The Fishing Derby is on!! ALL Raintree kids (ages 2—18) and their families are welcome to attend the 2021 Raintree Lake Labor Day Fishing Derby. The Derby will be held at the Duck Pond on Monday, September 6th (Labor Day). Registration begins at 8:00am and the fishing will kick off promptly at 9:00am and end at 10:30am. Prizes in each age category, snacks, and juice for the families will be provided. We hope to see you there! Award ceremony will immediately follow the event. We will be providing buckets for the fish that are caught, before they are judged and released. We will also have a limited supply of rods, reels & bait for any child who might need them.

To help make this event a success for our kids, we need help in the following areas:

- * Registration
- * Set up and break down of event
- * Judges to man the perimeter of the pond



For more information or to volunteer your time, contact
Brenda Zeller (816-617-4466 or bzeller11@gmail.com)

Raintree Fall Garage Sales September 9, 10 & 11!



Attention Raintree Residents! **It's time for our annual spring neighborhood-wide garage sale event.** It is your choice if you wish to participate. But, don't let the secret out that Wednesday, September 8th, is our evening (preview or purchase) sale for our residents. Warn the kids to be careful, as there will be more cars in the neighborhood!

Sign Regulations for Garage and Yard 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.

Wild foxes roaming area neighborhoods



In the middle of the night, Liesl Christman woke up to screaming from her Shawnee backyard. At first she thought the cry came from a woman or child, but she soon realized she had heard it before. The noise wasn't human; rather, it came from a fox. Such sightings are becoming more common as development encroaches on foxes' habitats, experts say. Residents have spotted foxes in parks, storm drains, backyards and on the street. Diane Johnson, the executive director of Operation Wildlife, a publicly funded clinic and wildlife rehabilitation service in Kansas, has heard of foxes stealing pet toys and shoes from yards, playing with deer, elk and raccoons and eating side-by-side with cats. "I think they're cool animals," Johnson said. "The main thing is getting people past the fear of, 'Oh my God, I saw a fox. It's going to kill everything in the neighborhood.'"

WHY ARE THEY HERE?

The Lakeside Nature Center in Swope Park, knows why we're seeing more foxes. "Every time we as humans deconstruct a wild area to build homes, it forces animals out," said Blessington. "That's temporary though. Once everything gets re-established, animals move back into the space because there aren't all these other places where animals can go live." Foxes survive in human areas partly because they can feast on compost piles, garbage and pet food left outside. Urban environments also offer natural prey like birds, eggs, rabbits, mice and other small rodents. "Our yards provide habitat for things that foxes eat," said Juju Wellemeyer, an agent at K-State Research and Extension in Johnson County. "That naturally just attracts the predators that are going to target those prey items." Foxes' small size lets them rear their young and build dens in little pockets of nature — or man-made structures. Laurie Dack of Overland Park has spotted foxes in window wells, under houses and in the middle of the street. Christman regularly sees a fox pop in and out of a storm drain as she drives by. "I was out visiting with my neighbor, and in the middle of the street sunning themselves are six foxes," Dack said. "If you're on the sidewalk there might be one following you."

WILL THEY EAT MY PETS?

Foxes don't seek out cats and dogs as prey. Similar to coyotes, they like to eat rabbit-sized and smaller animals. "They're pretty social animals," said Johnson. "They might take the cat, play with the cat, but they're not looking at the cat as food." Johnson had a fox den under her shed that sheltered a vixen — a female fox — and her six pups. The foxes and her 10 outdoor cats coexisted without any issues. Her toddler daughter sometimes even crawled within 15 feet of the den. The foxes didn't mind. "We never lost a cat. We liked her being there because she actually caught and killed more rats to feed her babies than the barn cats," she said. Foxes are about the same size as cats but look larger because of their long fur. Wellemeyer still recommends that pet owners leave their dogs and cats inside if a fox is roaming the property. "Our pets are curious, so you wouldn't want them to accidentally corner a fox," Wellemeyer said. "So just letting the fox have their space and observing from a safe distance or from your window." Blessington also recommends keeping an eye on small dogs. "If they have small dogs, then don't (let) them out alone," she said. "Take them on a leash or go out with them in the backyard or front yard." Foxes tend to hunt more when they have pups to feed. As the pups grow older, the vixen will take them with her to hunt. Foxes become the greatest threat to pets when they don't have enough food. "When there is a lack of food sources then animals become more opportunistic, but you also have to look at what is a natural prey species," Blessington said.

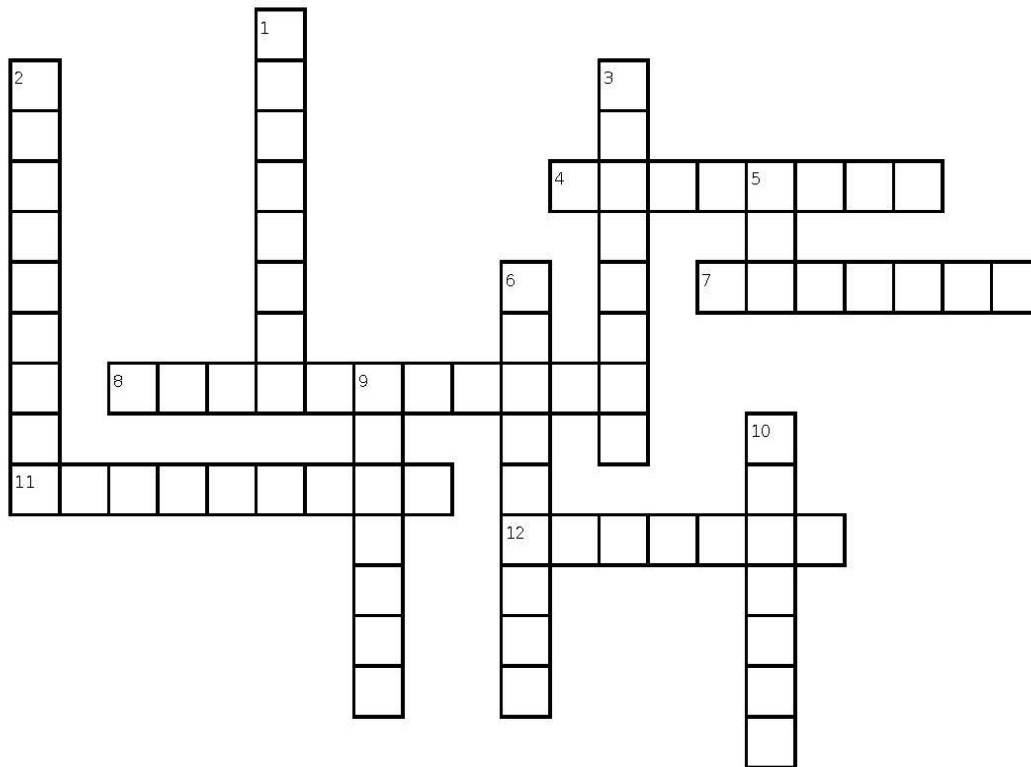
WHAT IF THEY'RE IN MY YARD?

Foxes pose little safety risk to humans aside from rare rabies cases. However, humans pose great risk to foxes. The Lakeside Nature Center regularly treats foxes that have been hit by cars. "They're just trying to live as natural a life as they possibly can, and that usually does not involve interacting with humans," Blessington said. People who want foxes off their property should act like "disgruntled landlords" by clapping their hands, yelling and making noise, according to Johnson. They should also reduce potential den sites by removing lumber and brush piles and refrain from leaving out food, water and materials that may attract rodents, Wellemeyer said. However, not everyone wants foxes off their property. "A lot of people really enjoy watching them, and if that's the case, just don't mess with it. Don't bother it," Johnson said. Foxes tend to move away quickly when they see humans, but Wellemeyer recommends giving them plenty of space if they don't leave on their own. If a fox seems unperturbed by the presence of humans and looks underweight and shabby, it's best to call animal control. Those are signs the fox is sick.

Both Operation Wildlife and Lakeside Nature Center educate the public about wildlife and provide care to sick, injured or displaced animals. For example, the center places orphaned pups in fox dens with other pups that are about the same age. The vixen of the den will foster the pups even if they aren't her own. "Because of human population development and lack of habitat, they are coming more and more in contact and conflict with people," Blessington said. "It's just learning how we can coexist with wildlife."



Raintree Lake



Down:

1. Community where we live in
2. A rule which states what can and cannot be done on the land
3. This name is a species of freshwater fish sometimes referred to as "bream", "brim", "sunny"
5. Abbreviation for property owners association
6. Location where boats usually tie up and hang out
9. Type of boat
10. Medium-sized semiaquatic rodent

Across:

4. Place where activities are held and can be rented for parties
7. Type of duck living on our lake
8. People who help keep our lake safe
11. The name of our monthly newsletter
12. This name refers to the long barbels, or feelers, which are present about the mouth of this fish

Down 1. Raintree 2. Covenants 3. Bluegill 5. POA 6. Party Cove 9. Pontoon 10. Muskrat
Across 4. Duck Pond 7. Mallard 8. Water Patrol 11. Shoreline 12. Catfish

get your flu shot

Best way to protect yourself
against the flu.



Walgreen pharmacists will be on hand to administer flu shots at this location:

Duck Pond Activity Center
111 SW Cole Younger Drive



Wednesday, September 15th from 10:00 am—Noon

*Please bring your insurance card (s) with you at the time of the clinic

*Vaccines subject to availability. State-, age- and health-related restrictions may apply.

Mark Your Calendars!

Friday, Sept 17th – Sunday, Sept 26th

**Raintree Lake Garden Club's
Annual Mum Sale**

What: Purchase exceptionally beautiful
Chrysanthemums - available in many colors-
to decorate your Home for Fall!

Where: Shop at the Creekside Market &
Greenhouse, 800 E. Walnut (58 Hwy) in Raymore

When: Friday, Sept 17th – Sunday Sept 26th
(Ten days to shop! Mon-Sat 9a-5p; Sun 9a-3p)

How: Please mention you are supporting the
Raintree Lake Garden Club PRIOR TO checkout

Why: A generous portion of the Mum sales will
benefit the Raintree Lake Garden Club in their
continuing efforts to beautify our neighborhood

Questions?: Please contact Margaret Legel at
plantsale@mlegel.com

News from the Garden Club

September is the start of the changing of the seasons from Summer to Fall. The Garden Club will be having their annual Fall MUM Fundraiser this year after having to cancel it in 2020. The dates of the fundraiser will be from Friday, September 17th through Sunday September 26th at Creekside Market and Greenhouse in Raymore. The address is 800 E Walnut (58 Hwy). Hours are MON-SAT 9am-5pm and SUN 9am-3pm. A generous portion of the MUM sales will benefit the Garden Club, but **you will need to mention you are supporting the Raintree Lake Garden Club PRIOR to checkout.** Raintree residents will have a big variety of colors to choose from as well as being able to use their credit and debit cards for their purchases. Please contact Margaret Legel at plantsale@mlegel.com if you have any questions regarding the fundraiser.

The club will have meetings in September and October on the third Wednesday of the month at the Duck Pond Activities Building at 7:00pm. There will be no meeting in November and the December meeting is for existing members only.

The Beautiful Chrysanthemum

The beautiful chrysanthemum comes with a variety of meanings across the globe. In Asia the MUM signifies life and rebirth; in Europe the MUM signifies an expression of sympathy; and in America the MUM signifies respect and honor. In general, chrysanthemums are believed to represent happiness, love, longevity and joy.

Written by Rita Madison

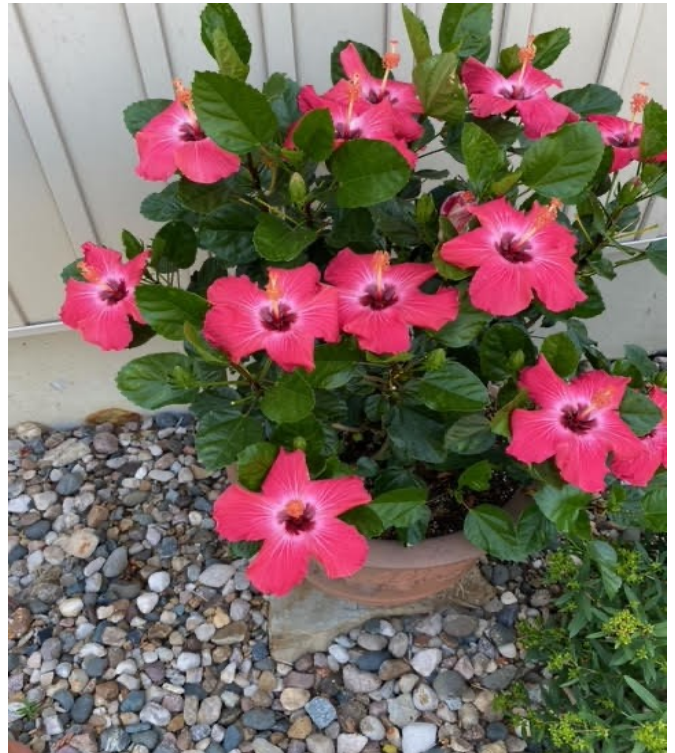
"Hydrangeas" Mary Marks



"Giant Zinnia with Monarch Butterfly" Pat Shepard



"Blooming Hibiscus" Toni Travalent



"Summer Favorites - Black-eye Susans & Elephant Ears" Tracy Robertson





All Walkers
Welcome!!!

Suicide Awareness Walk

RAINTREE LAKE CLUBHOUSE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2021 - 9:00 AM

(CHECK-IN AND PACKET PICK-UP BEGINS AT 8:00 am)

Register online at Choose2live.org/store

Open Registration from August 1, 2021 to September 6, 2021

Registration \$25*

All Pre-registered Walkers will receive a Walk T-Shirt *

"Raising Awareness One Step at a Time"



LAKE CLEAN-UP

Our annual Lake Clean-Up is planned as a family activity to clean up our shoreline and neighborhood.

Saturday, October 9, 2021

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Make this a family event! Trash bags and cold bottled water will be available. Exciting gift certificates available for all ages! Mom and Dad will want to join in the activity!

I would love to have someone assist this year and take over this event as Coordinator for 2022. If you are interested email me at cynlyon@yahoo.com Thanks!

2021 Tentative Activities Schedule

Fishing Derby	9/6
Fall Garage Sale	9/9-9/11
Committee Fair	9/11
Suicide Awareness Walk	9/18
Lake Cleanup	10/9
Trunk or Treat/	10/23
Visit with Santa	12/4

TRUNK OR TREAT AND HAUNTED HOUSE!

When: Saturday, October 23, 2021

Time: 4-6 p.m. (setup starts at 1 p.m.)

Where: Raintree Lake Clubhouse Parking Lot

Raintree Lake resident children are invited to wear costumes and trick or treat while viewing decorated cars in the Clubhouse parking lot. For more information, to reserve a spot for your decorated vehicle, or to help in general with the event, please contact Cindy Lyon at cynlyon@yahoo.com

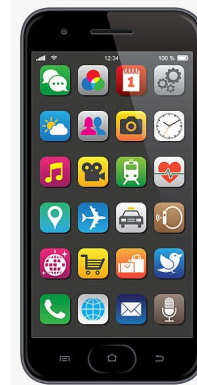
Decorated vehicle spots are limited, so be sure to contact Cindy to reserve a spot as soon as possible. If you would like to decorate a space rather than a vehicle, that option is available also.

Anyone wishing to contribute candy/treats to the cause please drop unopened bags at the office prior to the Friday of the event.

All donations are greatly appreciated!



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
- 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

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Cards 1:00 pm at DPAC	2 Mahjong 1pm DPAC Daises 5:30-7 DPAC ARB DEADLINE	3	4
Pool Open (10:30 am— 9:00 pm)	LAST DAY OF POOL SEASON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6					
	Pool Open—School Hours (4:00 pm—8:00 pm)					
5	6 LAST DAY OF POOL OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY 	7 Ladies Bridge 9:00 am & Men's Club 1:30pm both at DPAC FOOD TRUCKS at Clubhouse 4-8 pm Appeals 7pm	8 Ladies Bunco 10 am at DPAC Canasta 1-4 pm at DPAC	9 ARB DEADLINE Book Club 10am DPAC Mahjong 1pm DPAC Activities Comm 7pm	10  Community Yard Sale	11 Raintree Lake Committee Fair 2-4 pm @ Clubhouse
Pool Open (10:30 am— 9:00 pm)				Raintree Fall Garage Sales		
12  Angler's Tournament 7am-12pm	13 ARB MEETING Girl Scouts #1 4:30-6pm DPAC Siltation Committee 7:10 pm DPAC	14 RLPOA Board Mtg. Ladies Bridge 9:00 am & Men's Club 1:30pm both at DPAC FOOD TRUCKS at Clubhouse 4-8 pm	15  FLU SHOTS @ DPAC 10am-noon Fountain's Activities 1:00 pm at DPAC Garden Club Meeting 7pm at DPAC	16 Pond Committee 10am DPAC Mahjong 1pm DPAC Daises 5:30-7 DPAC ARB DEADLINE	17	18 Suicide Awareness Walk
					Garden Club Fundraiser	
19	20 Girl Scouts #3 5-6:30 pm DPAC ARB MEETING	21 Ladies Bridge 9:00 am & Men's Club 1:30pm both at DPAC Common Ground Mtg. 6:30 pm FOOD TRUCKS at Clubhouse 4-8 pm	22 Canasta 1-4 pm at DPAC Wine Club 7pm at DPAC First day of Fall	23 Mahjong 1pm DPAC Villas Board Mtg. 6:30 pm ARB DEADLINE	24 	25 
Garden Club Fundraiser Sept 17th—26th						
26	27 Fountain's Bunco 1-3 pm at DPAC- Girl Scouts #1 4:30-6pm DPAC Community Development Mtg. 7 pm DPAC ARB MEETING	28 Ladies Bridge 9:00 am & Men's Club 1:30pm both at DPAC FOOD TRUCKS at Clubhouse 4-8 pm RLPOA Board Work Session	29	30 Mahjong 1pm DPAC ARB DEADLINE		

New Residents

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

David & Shelly Watson
4900 SW Raintree Court



Robert & Elizabeth Graham
4062 SW Lido Drive

Jason & Valerie DeJong
211 SW Seagull Ct.

Bart & Ann Dubinsky
4548 SW Gull Point Dr.

Alexander Williams & Rachel Johnson
330 SW Albatross Court

Charlene Walker
4133 SW James Younger Dr.

Russell & Jennifer Allen
5207 SW Raintree Pkwy.

William & Erica Folk
232 SW Seagull Ct.

Kevin Schmucker & Melody Suthers
4728 SW Gull Point Dr.

Bryant & Niki Baumgart and
Lonnice & Sheila Dyck
3925 SW Windsong Dr.

Robert & Desirae Green
4524 SW Admiral Byrd

John & Elizabeth Bell
4100 SW Duck Pond Drive

Irene Andrist
4114 SW Minnesota Drive

Kenneth Harris & Meegan Griggs
5101 SW Mallard Pt.

Brenda Merrick
223 SW Seagull

Kristen Pugh
3821 SW Lacrosse Crt.

Summer Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9 am - 5 pm

Saturday
9 am - 1 pm

Winter Office Hours begin Oct. 4, 2021

825 SW Raintree Dr.
LSMO 64082

office@rlpoa.com

General Manager:
Rachelle Vandiver
manager@rlpoa.com

Office: 537-7576 Fax: 537-5621



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.

Good bye August
Hello September

Please be a
good month
and bring
smiles and
happiness



to my
family & friends.

Pass It On.



Raintree Lake

TIPS FOR LAKEFRONT HOMEOWNERS :

Scenic lakes have lured families to their shores for generations to fish, boat and swim. Once at the lake, people discover more – like the fun of seeing a line of ducklings paddling toward the shore or the sight of a beautiful blue heron wading through shallow waters. When you buy lakefront property, you assume part of the responsibility of caring for the lake. Your actions on the land as well as in the water affect the health of the lake and everyone's enjoyment of it. If you are thinking about buying lakefront property, this guide is meant for you. A little time invested in learning about lakefront living will pay back sizable dividends in matching your expectations to reality. The quality of a lake is ultimately a reflection of how we take care of its watershed. Healthy watersheds make healthy lakes and higher property values. Natural shorelines full of trees and native plants form the foundation of a healthy lake. As a lakefront property owner, you can help protect the water quality and natural beauty of your lake for yourself, your neighbors, and future generations.

THE SHORELINE What's the shoreline like? A natural shoreline generally includes native vegetation that provides shelter, shade, and food for fish and wildlife. Dead tree limbs and branches in the shallow water serve as resting and feeding platforms for ducks and turtles. Aquatic plants provide fish habitat and keep lakes healthy. A natural shoreline also filters out pollutants washing from the land and protects the water's edge against erosion.

AQUATIC PLANTS Aquatic plants are at the root of healthy lakes. Fish and other aquatic life depend on aquatic plants for habitat, food and spawning areas. Native aquatic plant communities also keep undesirable invasive plants in check. Some types of lakes will naturally have a lot of aquatic plants and algae. As lakes become enriched with nutrients, aquatic plant and algae growth tends to increase. What does the lake look like in late summer, a prime time for aquatic plant growth and algae blooms? Are there so many aquatic plants that it might be hard to boat or swim? Easy boat access to the main body of the lake in the spring may become difficult by July. Have blue-green algae blooms, mats, or scum been detected? These algae sometimes release toxins that cause eye and skin irritation or gastrointestinal problems. Is the condition of the lake acceptable to you for your intended uses?

INVASIVE SPECIES

Are invasive species present in the lake? If so, do they impede swimming and boating? Is there a control program in place? Invasive plants and animals such as Eurasian water-milfoil and zebra mussels are almost impossible to get rid of once they are established. They can also have a negative effect on lakefront property values. Visit www.epa.gov/greatlakes/invasive/ for more information.

WILDLIFE The water's edge attracts a variety of birds and wildlife. What types of wildlife are commonly seen at your lake? Open expanses of lawn may attract nuisance populations of geese; shorelines with native trees, shrubs, and plants are less likely to attract them. Can you live with turtles, snakes, ducks, beavers or bears nearby, or with frogs serenading you in the night? If not, perhaps lakefront property is not for you!

RECREATION SWIMMING Do you plan to swim in your lake? If so, keep in mind that some shoreline areas may be too shallow, mucky, or weedy for swimming. Your lake may also be closed to swimming for part or all of the year due to high levels of bacteria, algal toxins, or other health concerns. Be sure you know if your lake is swimmable before you buy.

BOATING AND WATERSKIING What is the boat traffic like on a summer weekend? Could boat traffic make it unsafe to swim in the lake? Are there any state or local ordinances regulating watercraft speed or time-of-day use? Does the lake have public access? Will you be able to launch your boat? Consider these types of questions if you intend to boat on your lake.

FISHING If you plan to fish at your lake, it is important to know if fishing or fish consumption is restricted in any way. Many states issue fishing restrictions due to mercury or other pollutants in fish tissue. Be aware of any fishing advisories or prohibitions that relate to your lake. If fishing is permitted, certain seasonal factors such as winter kill or summer algae blooms can have serious impacts on the fish. What species of fish live in the lake? Is this what you want to catch? Learn more at www.epa.gov/fish advisories.

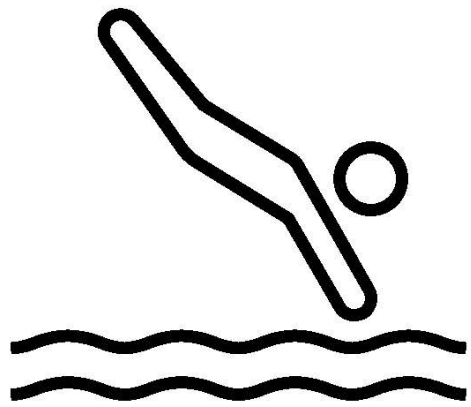
Learning about the lake is one of the most important aspects of buying lakefront property. Before you decide where to buy, it is a good idea to spend some time in the area and gather some information. Talk with current landowners, people at the bait shop or marina, county conservationists and lake specialists with your state natural resources agency. If there is a local lake association, talk to some of their members, or better yet attend one of their meetings. In choosing a location, it is important to look not only at characteristics and health of the lake, but also of the surrounding community.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS July and August are the "dog days" of summer when nutrients and sunlight stimulate plant growth to their fullest. These months are a good time to view the lake when its quality issues could be most apparent. But remember that every year is different. Ask other residents, lake specialists or the county conservationist about the condition of the lake.

www.epa.gov/owow/lakes

<http://water.epa.gov/type/lakes/shoreland.cfm>

<http://www.uwsp.edu/uwexlakes/EPA840-F-10-003> November 2010



Join the Pool Committee and help take care of one of our neighborhood's best assets

Dive right in!

Hi, I'm Dianne. When my family moved to Raintree, the pool was a big selling point. It's safe. It's family-friendly. It's a little bit of vacation in our own backyard.

But the pool is aging and busy. It needs our help. So get off Facebook and into the Pool Committee.

Who do you need? Parents of swim team kids • Parents of teens who work at the pool
Adults without kids • Anyone who wants to help!

When do you meet? 7 p.m. every second Monday via Zoom—next meeting is Sept. 13

How do I join? Email dianne.hanlin@gmail.com or call the office



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Ella	16	Responsible Mother's Helper - Fun & Energetic Babysitter! Raymore Parks & Rec CPR Certified	(816) 882-3193
Kolby	14	Dog walking, Animal sitting of any kind and House sitting. Lots of experience!	562-676-3816
Jada	15	Babysitting (Certified Babysitter & CPR Training), Dog Walking and Dog Sitting	816-898-2249
Wil	17	Mowing and Shoveling	816-207-7077
Kennedy	16	Babysitting	816-489-8776
Riley	15	Nanny, Dog Walker, Housesitting	816-560-2278
Christian	13 1/2	Pet sitting, Snow removal, Leaf/limb removal	816-927-5290
Ainsleigh	14	Pet sitting, Dog walking, Exotic pets, Babysitting for older kids (no infants or very young toddlers.) Has taken CPR and babysitting boot camp with LSPR.	312-953-5821
Sam	15	Mowing, snow shoveling	816-207-9019
Isabella	13	Experienced house and pet sitting	816-377-1177
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Brooke	15	Babysitting	816-352-6500
Mark	16	Car and Boat detailing. 3 years experience.	913-515-6949
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Molly	16	Babysitting	816-207-8886
Angelina	16	Certified babysitter / dog sitter—References Available	816-503-1241
Katelynn	14	Baby sitting, house sitting, dog sitting	816-778-9533





WHEN IS THE FIRST DAY OF FALL IN 2021?

The first day of fall in 2021 arrives on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 3:21 p.m. EDT.**

WHAT IS THE FALL EQUINOX?

In mid-September each year, we greet the fall season with the arrival of the fall equinox (otherwise known as the autumnal equinox). This is the moment when the Sun crosses the Equator, and those of us living in the Northern Hemisphere will begin to see more darkness than daylight. Regardless of whether it has been chilly for weeks or there are still balmy summer-like temperatures, this is the start of astronomical fall. This is different from "meteorological fall," which began on September 1st.

At this point, the Earth's tilt is moving away from its maximum lean toward the Sun; its rays are aiming directly at the equator.

The **autumnal (fall) equinox** marks the turning point when darkness begins to win out over daylight. Essentially, our hours of daylight—the period of time each day between sunrise and sunset — have been growing slightly shorter each day since the summer solstice in June, which is the longest day of the year (at least in terms of daylight). Then, for the next three months, our hours of daylight will continue to grow shorter. At the autumnal equinox, day and night are approximately equal in length. The name 'equinox' comes from the Latin word *aequus*, meaning equal, and *nox*, meaning night. An equinox occurs twice a year (Autumnal and Vernal).

Everywhere you look, you can see the visible changes as nature prepares for winter: birds are flying south, temperatures are getting cooler, leaves are changing colors, and animals' coats are thickening, to name a few.

In mid-December, we will experience the winter solstice, which will mark the shortest day of the year in terms of hours of daylight.

After the Winter Solstice, the days will begin to grow longer again. It will take another three months, until the Vernal Equinox (also called the spring equinox) for the periods of daylight and darkness to reach equilibrium once again.

From the vernal equinox, the days will continue to grow longer, until we reach the summer solstice again, and the whole cycle begins anew!

<https://www.farmersalmanac.com/fall-equinox-first-day-of-fall>

KEEP GATE CLOSED AT THE BOAT RAMP!

The gate at the boat ramp is frequently found standing open! YIKES!!

The gate at the boat ramp is intended to serve as a reminder that every boater at Raintree is responsible for the health of our lake. The closed gate serves to protect the lake from trespassers and invasive species, such as zebra mussels.



PROTECT OUR LAKE AND YOUR NUMBER ONE INVESTMENT!



Zebra mussels are a very real threat, since they have been identified at a number of locations in Missouri and Kansas. **Zebra mussels can cause significant damage to boats and structures in the lake as well as injury to swimmers—all of which has the potential to reduce property values in our community.** Zebra mussels have few known predators, so once they are in a lake, they are impossible to get rid of. Any boat coming from infested waters can spread Zebra mussels to Raintree Lake. The picture at left is of a prop that is infested with Zebra mussels.

All Raintree boat owners have been provided the code to the gate. It is in red numbers on the "Sunrise and Sunset" chart that you received when you purchased your boat stickers for the season. If you have misplaced this, please call the office at 537-7576 for the code.

PLEASE CLOSE THE GATE AFTER YOURSELF!! ALL RAINTREE BOATERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED THE CODE. IF A BOATER DOES NOT HAVE THE CODE, CHANCES ARE, THEY ARE NOT RAINTREE BOATERS.



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Fall is upon us but Buyer demand is still strong for homes at Raintree Lake! Interest rates and lake home inventory are still very low so opportunity knocks for sellers. There could not be a better time to put your home on the market if you are considering moving. Eager Lake Enthusiast Buyers want to enjoy the lifestyle at Raintree Lake! We want to speak with you regarding your next move and/or assistance in selling your home. We look forward to putting more SOLD signs at our #1 selling Lake Community-Raintree Lake!

Visit: LeesSummitLakeHomes.com, the best source for buyers looking for newly listed Lake Homes.
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For Sale: 2007 Yacht Utility Trailer 10x9 side load for ATV's. Asking \$1000.00 or OBO. Call John 816-537-4346.

Wanted: Looking to trade in or sell your old car? Why not donate it to the National Kidney Foundation and gain a tax deduction. The NKF will accept your vehicle, pick it up and turn it into funds for programs and services. For more information, call (913) 262-1551 or (800) 488-2277.

Wanted: Boat slip to sub lease! We will pay up front for anywhere between 1-8 years. We are a family of 6 but my husband travels extensively for weeks at a time. It's difficult for me to maneuver the boat in and out with my 4 children solo. Any slip, anywhere on the lake, for any length of time...we will gladly utilize it! Thank you for considering us. Call Nicole at 913-638-6657.

Wanted: SUBLEASE YOUR BOAT SLIP for 1-5 years. Prepay you all \$\$\$ today. You pay HOA when due! Call for details! EJ (913-220-7317) Angela (816-456-8477).

Boat Lift for Sale: 4500# Boat Floater - \$1700 – on the Lake now – Call 816-916-7176.

For Sale: 2012 New (never out of the box) MinnKota Edge Trolling Motor 55 thrust 45 shaft with Foot Power Steering. Asking \$400.00 OBO. Original purchased from BassPro for \$600.00. Call John @ 816-537-4346

For Sale: Brown leather couch (5 years old), never used, Entertainment center; Please call Gene 537-7201

Raintree Residents!!

Did you know classified ads for personal items are **free** to Raintree residents? 25 word limit. Got an item for sale?

Business Classifieds are \$36.75 to advertise. Residents get 20% off.

Let us know & you could see your ad here next month!



PURPOSE

By Resident Alan VanDeusen

A hedge tree is not what most trees hope to be,

but we're strong and enduring, twas the purpose for me.

The farmer put me here, with my row of friends,

to mark his boundaries and stand up to the winds.

My job was important, and I did it well,

but now is this lake, and no more cattle will dwell.

This sidewalk goes by me, no more boundaries to mark,

I no longer had purpose, and things looked bleak and dark.

But then I saw people, stopping to rest,

in the shade of my branches, and runners catching their breath.

And a swing on my row where the children would play,

In the summer they would be here, most of the day.

This lake looks so pretty, and I now feel like part,

this life is full of changes, when will you start.

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ARB: 1st & 3rd Mondays 7pm @ Clubhouse
Appeals: 1st Tuesday 7pm @ DPAC
Common Ground: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm @ DPAC
Lake: 1st Monday 7pm @ Clubhouse
Pool: 2nd Monday 7pm via Zoom
Activities: 2nd Thursday 7:00 pm @ DPAC
Raintree View: WATCH CALENDAR
Duck Pond Activity Center: WATCH CALENDAR
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Pond: WATCH CALENDAR
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