

**RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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- **As a courtesy to others, *silence* your cell phones and other electronic devices.** If you need to take a call or text please step outside.
- If you want to address the Advisory Board, you may do so during either the “Agenda Item Public Comment” portion (if related to a specific item on this agenda) or the “General Public Comment” portion for all other comments.
- **When you stand up to speak, state your name and address for the record.** You must provide any documentation to the Staff Assistant. Also, any information you provide will become part of the official public record.
- Please keep comments to no more than two minutes, focus on specific issues, and refrain from making sales pitches or personal remarks directed at staff or board members.

General public items, consent agenda items and other items that the board is expected to discuss will be listed on the agenda available at the front door.

Call to Order

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call

Announcements

1. **AGENDA ITEM PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Reserved for comments related to items specifically listed on this agenda.* Scheduled requests will be heard first and limited to five (5) minutes. Unscheduled requests will be limited to two (2) minutes. For unscheduled requests the public comment request sign in sheet is located at the entrance. Please limit your comments to a specific issue. If the request or matter requires investigation the Chairman will refer to staff to follow-up with the person making the request. Citizens may contact Rainbow Lakes Estates Administration **by 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the meeting** at 352-489-4280 to request to speak.

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2A. September 28, 2023

3. Advisory Committee Member Reports

- Chairman: Dallas Seveland
- Vice Chairman/ Levy County Representative: Dan Wilshusen
- Roads: Gary Levit
- Building & Grounds: Kathy Bryant
- Code Enforcement: George Shaver
- Public Safety: Allan McKay
- Recreation: Paula Gawlik

4. Special (select or ad hoc) Committees/Guests:

- Lieutenant Mike Mongeluzzo, MCSO
- Matthew Leibfried, MSTU Director

5. CONSENT: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda is a motion to approve all recommended actions. All matters on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion unless desired by a Board Member.

6. Old Business:

- 6A. Levy County Ordinance 2022-21
- 6B. RL Blvd Median
- 6C. Crime Watch
- 6D. Station II usage
- 6E. Broadband

7. New business/Board Items:

7A. 2024 Meeting Schedule

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Scheduled requests will be heard first and limited to five (5) minutes. Unscheduled speakers will be limited to two (2) minutes. Citizens may contact Rainbow Lakes Estates Administration **by 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the meeting** at 352-489-4280 to request to speak.

8A. Pins and Needles Stitchers Club Proposal – Marci McKay (5 minutes)

9. Announcement.

Advisory Board meeting January, 6:30pm in the Community Center.

The September 28, 2023, meeting of the Rainbow Lakes Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Dallas Seveland. Other committee members present were Paula Gawlik, Gary Levit, Allen McKay, George Shaver, Katherine Bryant and Dan Wilshusen. Guests present were Matthew Leibfried, MSTU Director, MCSO Lt. Mongeluzzo and Matthew Cretul, Legislative Manager MCBCC. There were 16 people in attendance. The meeting was opened with invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item Public Comment (1):

Approval of Minutes (2A) April 21, 2022:

Motion made by Wilshusen, seconded by McKay to accept minutes July 20, 2023 (2A). Motion carried.

Committee Reports (3):

Building & Grounds: Bryant stated the outlets have been completed in the Rainbow Room. The lights were replaced in the Youth Center and two (2) lights added to the District Office. The air conditioning in the Creative Arts Center has been repaired. The Clubhouse is not in use and the ceiling needs to be repaired. William Watson is the new Maintenance Supervisor as of October 1, 2023. Levit asked how do we know about job positions. Leibfried responded are new project manager Katy Burton went to a Marion County job fair with flyers and information. We received potential candidates that was interested that are in this area. Also, it is advertised on the Marion County website. **Code:** Shaver stated one (1) issue about height of a fence. Reached out to Marion County Code three (3) days ago, haven't heard back yet.

Levy County: Wilshusen reported we have a home that was vandalized while the owner was away on vacation. The home was spray painted with initials WDS. We also found a stop sign that had been spray painted. We still have four (4) open code enforcement violation cases. All have been reported to Levy County Code Enforcement. We have closed or cleared four (4) other cases. The street sign issue has been resolved at 124th and 125th. There is still a street sign out on SE 123rd that just seems to be in the wrong place. Some of the larger potholes at the beginning of SE 125th were filled in as well. Stop sign on 126th Terrace and 114th Pl. was ran over. Work order has been put in. Stated not sure if MCSO communicated the change with RLE Crime watch with LCSO as we haven't seen additional coverage as a result of loosing our Crime Watch patrols. Two (2) cruisers were spotted on SE 114th last week.

Public Safety: McKay reported for the month of August nineteen (19) urgent medical calls; two (2) life threatening calls; two (2) urgent fire calls with a total of twenty-three (23) calls. McKay questioned if a tour of all RLE facilities been scheduled yet. Seveland responded no. Discussion followed. McKay reported that the existing bus stops at Trout, Marine Blvd, Ivy Pl, and Anchor Blvd. are in accordance with FDOT standards. These stops will remain as they are. If parents have concerns they can contact their child's school and request a change of stop. Joseph Wain, Levy County Coordinator of Transportation stated "It was determined that we are using these roads to service the students that in this area and we are unable to avoid them." Concerning SE 100th Pl. bus routes.

Recreation: Gawlik reviewed upcoming events and RLE Club meetings. Stated volunteers are needed for the Youth Center activities. If interested call 352-489-4280 a level 1 background check is required, paid for by RLE. Gawlik stated that she noticed that in the Riverland News paper inviting the public to the Halloween event questioned if that was wise to do. Discussion followed. Seveland questioned if part time recreational position had been advertised. Leibfried responded yes. Discussion followed.

Roads: Levit stated he received a complaint about the edge of SW Woods Rd. Part of the damage was due to a large garbage bin, but mostly caused by erosion. Levit stated he called Marion County about Timber Lake Rd and Trout St about the side of the roads not being mowed. Only have (2) two maintenance crew. Levit reported to the post office about mail being dumped on Four Oaks and Peach Blossom. Post office sent someone out to retrieve mail.

Committees/Guests (4):

Lt. Mongeluzzo MCSO, stated we are working with some issues at Sea Cliff Park with spray painting profanity and body parts. Detectives put up cameras to see if we can catch them. We need to work on "If you see something say something." Regarding the mail we can write a report and send it to the post office. We have to be involved. Digital speed limit sign has been put up that has other special features other than radar. October 31st is our annual candy sweep. You will see more patrols out and some under cover vehicle's and checking sex offenders in the area. There was a deputy involved shooting on Highway 41. Deputies are ok and the individual is ok and was released from the hospital. Deputy will back at work soon. Concerning the Crime Watch all but (2) two members have quit in RLE. We have grouped them into the Dunnellon COPS' program. Discussion followed.

Matthew Leibfried, MSTU Director, stated the clean up along the truck route road that the OCE has cleaned up some trees along the side of the road and is partnering up with RLE Supervisor to continuing working together.

Matthew Cretul, Legislative Manager MCBCC introduced himself. Will continue discussion in new business items. See (7C.)

Consent (5): None

Old Business (6):

Levy County Ordinance 2022-21 (6A) – Wilshusen stated he heard back from Stacey Hectus, Levy County Planning and Zoning Director. The ordinance will go before the Levy County Board of Commission on October 17th at their 9am meeting. Then presented on November 7th at 5pm. Discussion followed. Wilshusen reported the current existing homes onsite has to be grandfather in and has to meet Florida building codes.

RL Blvd Median (6B)- Leibfried stated that he spoke with OCE about the medians. They do not absorb or divert water. They're solely for

aesthetics. It's up to the board where to go further. Seveland questioned if there's going to be landscaping done. Spicuzza responded it's in the new budget. Discussion followed. Seveland suggested to remove and strip them replace with painted lines and reflectors. Leibfried responded would need drawing plans, designs plans, and set money aside for budget. Leibfried opinion is RLE has a lot of driveway up and down this road way from all the way down from highway 41 down to Community Center Complex. For long term future down the road consider two-way road with six-foot road bike path or walking path that would run from entrance to the Community Center Complex. Leibfried to provide info at next meeting. Seveland stated do you need a vote for that? Leibfried responded yes. Seveland asked does someone want to vote for an estimate for repaving the medians. Motion made by Shaver, seconded by Wilshusen to get pricing for repaving the medians. Motion carried.

George Pugliese Field at Sea Cliff Community Park (6C) - Seveland questioned what progress has been made with renaming the baseball field at Sea Cliff Park in honor of George Pugliese a resident and dedicated community volunteer. Spicuzza responded the sign has not been received yet. Discussion followed. Seveland stated we looking around Spring time. Discussion followed.

New signage parks & Community Center Complex (6D) – Seveland the board voted to rename two (2) parks and the Community Center area. Questioned if new signs had been ordered. Spicuzza responded signs will not be ordered until new budget starts Monday.

New Business/Board Items (7):

Crime Watch (7A) – McKay stated RLE Crime Watch per Sheriff's Department orders cannot patrol Levy County roads any longer. Crime Watch held a meeting September 6th where Robert Ethridge, MCSO volunteer Coordinator told the group officially of the Sheriff's directive. The group was pooled and of the nine (9), five (5) stated their intention to no longer associate themselves with Crime Watch. Since that meeting all but two (2) people have expressed their intention to resign. McKay stated he has been asked to address the board about this issue and the boards help and approval for the possibility of taking over this function to enable us to provided Levy County RLE residents the same level of service afforded Marion County RLE residents. McKay asked the board if we could purchase a car from the county for RLE Crime Watch use and maintain and insure it ourselves. Spoke with Lt. Bloom on this issue and while the Sheriff's addict is firm we can form our own group. We would need to purchase a vehicle and not identify ourselves as representing MCSO. Seveland stated it appears that MCSO has decided to renege on a decades old agreement whereas Crime Watch has patrolled the small portion of Levy County that falls into RLE MSD. This action has caused the majority of members to suspend themselves from service, leaving only two (2) active members. Based on this MCSO has now decided to dissolve Crime Watch in RLE together and remove the vehicle from our district. Crime Watch is vital part of our community and due to these actions by MCSO we are now left with no patrols or vehicle's. I believe as a board we have two (2) options. First, request that MCSO reinstate full coverage to RLE including honoring the agreement to patrol the small Levy portion. Secondly, if MCSO refuses to do so then I believe we as a board need to create our own independent crime watch which would include the donation or purchase of a vehicle for patrols. Oversight of an independent crime watch would fall under the supervision of this board. Personally, I feel this action by MCSO is reprehensible and puts our entire district at risk. Discussion followed. Wilshusen reported he would like to propose that we as a board recommend and establish our own RLE Enforcement Department. I see this as a department that would oversee our own volunteer Crime Watch staffed by RLE volunteers, as well as our code enforcement staff. I think that we can do this with one full time person to oversee these two areas. We would also need one (1) or two (2) code enforcement members to do field work and site visits. We would need (2) two vehicles one for crime watch and one for code enforcement. It could increase taxes approximately fifteen dollars (\$15) per parcel. This amount is an estimate and could vary depending on the size of the program. Discussion followed.

Station II usage (7B) – Seveland stated that MCFR would be relinquishing use of RLEVFD Station II returning back to community. Would like to hear from the board on suggestions and ideas for use of the building. Want to hear from RLE Recreation Leader Robert Howard. This item will be on November 16th agenda. Robert Howard be in attendance.

Broadband (7C) – Matthew Cretul, Legislative Manager MCBCC, stated multiple service providers have been awarded grants for expanding their services within RLE through both state & federal programs. You can find more about the award area (and check specific addresses) experience.arcgis.com. Regarding the state awards, internet service providers are still working with Florida's Office of Broadband through the challenge and contract processes. Once both are complete, the service providers can generate a timeline of when the buildout might begin. The service providers working on Federal grants have begun buildouts in award area near RLE but are still struggling with the after effects of supply chain issues. Once the providers have a realistic timeline for their buildout in RLE, they will pass it along to the residents. I'm always available if residents have any questions. matthew.cretul@marion.org

General Public Comment (8):

8A. Marci McKay – SW Bluegill – Suggest a clean-up event for January or February. Maybe have Boy Scouts, high school students or college students that need community service hours. Leibfried responded he could work with Marion County Solid Waste to see if we can get some help and reach out to the surrounding areas.

Announcement (9):

Seveland announced the next meeting will be on November 16, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

**Rainbow Lakes Estates
Advisory Board Meeting Report
G. Dallas Seveland - Board Chairman
September 28, 2023**

FIVE MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT

if you did not contact the District Office to sign up to speak on an agenda item or during the public comment portion of tonight's meeting, please sign up at the door now and you will be allotted 2 minutes to speak. Those who did contact the District Office prior to 5 pm last Friday will be allotted 5 minutes. Please silence all electronic devices and find seats now.

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Rainbow Lakes Estates Advisory Board welcome to the September 28, 2023, Advisory Board Meeting.

As a courtesy to others please, silence your cell phones and other electronic devices. If you need to take a call, please step outside. Talking or outbursts from the audience during the meeting will not be permitted.

Please take seats if they are available.

Agenda and Public Comment

Scheduled requests will be allotted 5 minutes. If you signed up at the door to speak you will be granted 2 minutes. If you have a non-agenda item to discuss you may do so during the general public comment portion towards the end of the meeting. No additional time will be allotted.

Board Members & Guests

If you wish to specifically call upon and speak with an individual in the audience during the meeting, please address the chair first. You do not need to address the

chair to speak to other board members or to anyone from the public who is addressing the board during the Agenda or General Public Comment portions of the meeting.

Invocation

Holy One, known by many names and beyond all names, Thank You for every seat that has been filled here, today. For each mind and heart that fills the presence of this room, we Thank You. Only You truly know what we are setting out to accomplish today. We have an idea, a vision, hints, and daily instructions. We have talents, abilities, and time to work. However, only You can see in perfect detail the end of every beginning. Every project, every season, every life. Nothing is ever in vain, for even mistakes and missteps are used for good. Your righteousness transcends all our efforts and understanding. Forgive us for our pride. The pride that puffs us up and the pride that threatens to unqualify us. Strengthen our confidence in who You have made us to be. Set us free from comparison in order to work together efficiently.

Bless this meeting today, all those present, all the residents, volunteers and employees of Rainbow Lakes Estates as well as the lives of those we will encounter afterward. Ready us to make every moment count.

Amen

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Roll Call

Chairman: G. Dallas Seveland

Vice Chairman/Levy County Representative: Dan Wilshusen

Roads Representative: Gary Levit

Building & Grounds Representative: Kathy Bryant

Code Enforcement Representative: George (Chris) Shaver

Public Safety Representative: Allan (George) McKay

Recreation Representative : Paula Gawlik

SPECIAL COMMITTEE GUESTS

Matt Leibfried – Marion County MSTU Director
Lieutenant Mike Mongeluzzo - Marion County Sheriff's Office
Matthew Cretul – Legislative Manager MCBOCC

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Please state and spell your name for the record.
You are also required to give your full address.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Approval of Minutes for July 20, 2023** – Any questions concerning these minutes if not motion and second needed to vote and approve.

CONSENT

OLD BUSINESS

2. **6A. Levy County Proposed Land Use Code Amendment Ordinance 2022-2** - I Defer to the MSTU Director and our Levy County Representative for more updated information and progress.
3. **6B RL Blvd Median Islands** - For over a year and a half as Chairman I have requested information as to if the uncurbed median islands on Rainbow Lakes Blvd serve any purpose such as for watershed and if not, can they be removed and be replaced with painted lines and reflectors so as to enhance the appearance of the main road into our community. To date we have received no answers to this question. Once again, I am requesting that MSTU Director Matt Leibfried investigate this matter.
4. **George Pugliese Field at Seacliff Park** – At our May 2023 meeting this board voted to rename the baseball field at Seacliff Park in honor of George Pugliese a resident and dedicated community volunteer. It is my

understanding that the signage has been ordered. Has there been any progress with arranging an event for the dedication.

5. **New Signage for Re-Named Parks & Community Center Complex Area** – The board voted to rename two parks and the community center area have new signs been ordered so that residents and guests will be easily able to identify these areas.

NEW BUSINESS

6. **7A. Crime Watch** – It appears that MCSO has decided to renege on a decades old agreement whereas crime watch has patrolled the small portion of Levy County that fall into RLEMSD. This action has caused the majority of members to suspend themselves from service, leaving only two active members. Based on this MCSO has now decided to dissolve crime watch in RLE together and remove the vehicle from our district. Crime watch is a vital part of our community and due to these actions by MCSO we are now left with no patrols or vehicles. I believe that as a board we have two options.

- 1) Is to request that MCSO reinstates full coverage to RLE including honoring the agreement to patrol the small Levy portion.
- 2) If MCSO refuses to do so then I believe we as a board need to create our own independent crime watch which would include the donation or purchase of a vehicle for patrols. Oversight of an independent crime watch would fall under the supervision of this board.

Needless to say, I personally feel this action by MCSO is reprehensible and puts our entire district at risk. To date I am unaware if Sherriff Billy Woods or the Marion County Board of County Commissioners has been made aware of this action.

7. **7B. Former RLEVFD Fire Station #2 Usage** – During our July 20,2023 Advisory Board Meeting we were informed that MCFR would be relinquishing use of RLEVFD Station #2 a returning it to the community. The

board needs to discuss possible uses for the building to help benefit the community. Board members need to come up with ideas and suggestions, this includes reaching out to residents for their thoughts and ideas. I would also like to hear input from our RLE Recreation Leader Robert Howard. This issue will be set on the agenda for our November 16th meeting, I am requesting that Mr Howard be in attendance.

8. **7C- Broadband** – Defer to MTSU Director Matt Leibfried and Legislative Manager MCBOCC Mathew Cretul as to what this project will encompass.

PRIOR MEETING UPDATES

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Do any board members or board guests have anything they would like to announce?
- Due to unforeseen issues the annual tour of the buildings and grounds within our district by our board members was not possible. I am requesting that this tour be scheduled for October. All board members are required to attend this tour. MSTU Director Matt Leibfried is also more than welcome to attend.
- Our next Advisory Board meeting was to be held on Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 PM here in the community center.
- I Thank everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
- Meeting Adjourned.

3A

Rainbow Lakes Estates MSD Advisory Board Report-

Levy County Representative: Dan Wilshusen

Items to report on:

1.) Vandalism-

We have a home that was vandalized while the owners were away on vacation. The home was spray painted with initials (WDS). This was on the home and the driveway.

We have also found these same initials painted on roads.

We also found a stop sign that had been spray painted.

Code Enforcement-

- 2.) We still have 4 open code enforcement violation cases. All have been reported to Levy County code enforcement and they have been working on these. I have noticed that we have closed or cleared 4 others.

Maintenance-

- 3.) The street sign issue has been resolved at SE 124th and SE 125th. However, there is still a street sign out on SE 123rd that just seems to be in the wrong place. It is in the middle of the block and there is no cross street where the sign is located. Some of the larger potholes at the beginning of SE 125th were filled in as well. *SE 126th just drove down. 9/28/23*

- 4.) Crime Watch issue and the effects and responses from LCSO.

I'm not sure if MCSO communicated the change with RLE Crime Watch with LCSO as we haven't seen any additional coverage as a result of losing our Crime Watch Patrols. **(UPDATE: Two cruisers were spotted on SE 114th last week.)**

Proposal/Recommendation –

Presented by: Dan Wilshusen (Levy County Representative) RLEAB

Rainbow Lakes Estates MSD Enforcement Department

Summary:

To better serve our community and maintain continuity through out the Rainbow Lakes Estates MSD I would like to propose that we as a board recommend and establish our own RLE Enforcement Department.

I see this as a department that would oversee our own volunteer Crime Watch staffed by RLE volunteers, as well as our own code enforcement staff. I think that we can do this with one full time person to oversee these two areas and provide the clerical support to file and process the required paperwork and reports to maintain regulatory compliance. We would also need 1 or 2 code enforcement members to do field work and site visits.

I think we need to open a discussion with our Marion support members to assist us with guidance for requirements and direction in making this happen. With the growth of our district, the changes that are occurring with MCSO for Crime Watch and the changes with Levy County Zoning, I feel this is the time to look at making this a municipal service that we as Rainbow Lakes Estates District provide to our residents.

Resources:

FTE = Full Time Equivalency (Full Time Employee) Total:2

1 FTE – Coordinator or Manager of the Enforcement Department

1 FTE – Code Enforcement Officers

Capital Expense-

2 total vehicles.

1 for code enforcement

1 for Crime Watch

Funding Impacts:

This proposal/recommendation could have an increased tax implication of approximately \$15.00 per parcel. This amount is an estimate and could vary depending on the size of the program.

RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES
ROADS LIASION Gary Levit
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
REPORT

POSITION ITEMS:

I RECEIVED A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE EDGE OF SW ~~ROADS~~^{WOODS} RD. I WENT AND INSPECTED THE SITUATION. PART OF THE DAMAGE WAS DUE TO A LARGE GARBAGE BIN, BUT MOSTLY CAUSED BY EROSION. HALF THE ROADS IN RLE HAVE A SIMILAR PROBLEM. I CALLED MARION COUNTY ABOUT TIMBER LAKE + TROUT ST. I HAVE NOT HEARD BACK YET. WE HAVE A TERRIBLE PROBLEM WITH THE SIDES OF THE ROADS NOT BEING MOWED. BUT, WITH ONLY TWO MAINTENANCE CREW, THEY CANT KEEP UP!

NON-POSITION/MISC. ITEM:

I'VE REPORTED TO THE POST OFFICE ABOUT MAIL BEING DUMPED ON FOUR OAKS + PEACH BLOSSOM. PLUS @ SOME HOODLUMS OPENING @ UP MAIL BOXES ON RAIN TREE

RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS LIASION
Advisory Board Meeting
REPORT

The outlets have been placed in the Rainbow Room. The Lights were replaced in the Youth Center and two lights added to the district office. The air conditioning in the Creative Arts Center has been repaired. Several air conditioning units need to be repaired in the Community Center; however, the roof needs repair, so the building currently is not to be used.

While we contract the mowing around the buildings and parks, our staff mows along the roads. I have had several inquiries about folks wanting to mow a street or two. While we can't pay, volunteers are also appreciated.

Bill Watson is the new maintenance supervisor,
as of Oct 1 - Roads also

Nonrelated suggestions:

It would be nice to have a summary of the Advisory Board meeting notes in the Communicator to remind folks we are here and what the concerns are covered elsewhere.

Katherine Bryant

**Rainbow Lakes Estates Public Safety Liaison
Advisory Board Meeting Report September 28, 2023**

A. McKay

Mr Chairman, First, I want to express my appreciation to the Sheriffs Dept for the increased police presence in and around RLE of late. It is heartening and I thank you. Lieutenant Mongeluzzo, please pass this on to the Sheriff and his command.

1. I also want to applaud Robert Howard and Pamela Spicuzza for their efforts on behalf of the RLE Craft Fair. It is very encouraging to hear of the large number of tables and positions filled. Well done!
2. Fire report is as follows: urgent medical - 19 life threat - 2 urgent fire - 2 for a total of 23 incidents for the month of August.
3. The board was supposed to tour ALL RLE facilities. Has this been scheduled? It is vital and incumbent of ALL board members to be familiar with our buildings and facilities and their safety, condition and functionality. I would like to ask that it be done as soon as possible prior to the next meeting.
4. Recording Meetings - I personally record all of our meetings so if I need to I can refer to it. Our residents may or may not do this. Additionally, a great deal of discussion and background information is NOT recorded in the minutes sent to and posted by the county. This discussion is vital to not only the function of the board but to our residents as well. I do note that the most recent minutes are more complete but not all points are covered. Residents should be able to access either a recording of the entire meeting or a verbatim transcription of it. (I will later make a motion that this be done). I would allow my recording to be used if this is legal and the board agrees. As to the mechanics of it, I believe that is a county function which we already pay for.
5. Bus Stops - I have received an answer from Marion County Transportation. The existing stops at Trout and Marine and Ivy and Anchor are in accordance with FDOT standards and have been in place for many years. They have students on both sides of Marine going to that stop and likewise on Ivy. These stops will remain as they are. If parents have concerns they can call their child's school and request a change of stop. There is a stop on Four Oaks and Honeysuckle that may or may not change that they could go to. In any event parents need to call their school and they can initiate the change for them.
6. Per communication from Levy County Coordinator of Transportation, Joseph Wain regarding SE 100 Place bus routes "it was determined that we are using these roads to service the students that live in this area and we are unable to avoid them".

This item will be addressed when the Crime Watch agenda Item is brought up.

Crime Watch - Mr Chairman, It is my sad duty to report that RLE Crime Watch per Sheriff's Dept orders cannot patrol Levy County roads any longer. There had been a permission dating to 1999 from then Sheriff Ed Dean to then Crime Watch Group President Floyd Potter (attached) allowing this and successive Sheriff's had no issue with it. Apparently, Sheriff Woods is not in agreement and even though this letter was run up the chain of command at MCSO they will not permit the county car to cross the county border.

Crime Watch held a meeting on 9-6 where Robert Ethridge, MCSO Volunteer Coordinator told the group officially of the Sheriff's directive. The group was polled and of the 9 there 5 stated their intention to no longer associate themselves with Crime Watch. Further since that meeting all but 2 people have expressed their intention to resign. The remaining 2 people, while dedicated and willing to help our community cannot adequately patrol the many miles of our roads.

I have been asked to address the board about this issue. I ask for the board's help and approval for the possibility of taking over this function to enable us to provide Levy County RLE residents the same level of service afforded Marion County RLE residents.

In light of this situation I would ask the board if we could and/or should purchase a car from the county for RLE Crime Watch use and maintain and insure it ourselves. This appears to be the only way we can continue to give Levy County residents the service they deserve.

I have spoken with Lt Bloom on this issue and while the Sheriff's edict is firm we can form our own group. We would need to purchase a vehicle (Weeks Auction Ocala) and not identify ourselves as representing MCSO. I told him the situation of only 2 people remaining and he said they will disband the RLE Crime Watch and roll the remaining 2 people into Dunnellon COPS.



March 26, 1999

Mr. Floyd Potter, Pres.
R. L. E. Crime Watch Group
4384 SW Driftwood Ct.
Dunnellon, Florida 34431

RE: CRIME WATCH PATROL
RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES

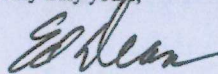
Dear Mr. Potter:

In light of concerns recently expressed by the residents of Rainbow Lakes Estates, the Crime Watch Group is hereby authorized to patrol throughout all areas of Rainbow Lakes Estates, including those portions located within Levy County. This is not only practical, but in the best interest of all of the citizens residing throughout that community.

On behalf of both Sheriff Glass and myself, I would like to express our gratitude for the fine job the Crime Watch Patrol Group performs. Your dedication and hard work helps to ensure the safety and well being of all of those persons residing throughout Rainbow Lakes Estates.

Please do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of any further assistance to you in the future.

Very truly yours,



Ed Dean, Sheriff

cc: Sheriff Ted Glass

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RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES
RECREATION LIASION Paula Sawlik
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
REPORT

POSITION ITEMS

1. Plant Swaps: RLE Community Center Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, 6 to 7pm
2. Halloween Festival RLE Youth Center, Oct. 27, 5-9pm
3. Fall Craft Festival Nov. 4 9am to 3pm Community Center Full table \$30
Half table \$15
4. Angel Tree Mid-Nov. to Early Dec. Pick up an angel at the RLE District office, purchase on or more of the listed gifts and return unwrapped gift(s) to the District Office. The gifts will be given to children at Romeo Elem.
5. Christmas Party RLE Community Center Dec. 9, 10am to noon
6. Youth Center Wed. and Fri. 4-8pm Children from 7 to 15 years old have been coming. They are well behaved, no problems. When the half-time position is filled, there will be a Computer Corner in the Recreation office on Wed. from 4 to 5 pm.
7. FI Friendly Landscaping – Free Rainbow Springs Community Center 19330 SW 83rd Place Rd., Dunnellon, Tuesdays and Wednesdays Oct. 10,11,17,18 10am to noon. Register required by Oct. 6. Email mandab@ufl.edu or call 352-671-8400
8. Volunteers needed for Youth Center. Call 352-489-4280 if interested. Level 1 background check is required, paid for by RLE
9. Pickleball Sea Cliff Community Park Mon. and Thurs. 8am.
10. Women's Club meets 3rd Wed. of each month at 11am at the RLE Community Center parking lot to meet, then go to lunch at a restaurant. Call Nancy Krauss 352-489-1490
11. Garden Club meets 3rd Thurs. of each month at 1:30 at the RLE Clubhouse Call Shaaron Zeltakalns 352-489-7586
12. Poker Club meets weekly on Mon. and Thurs. from 11am to 3pm in the RLE Creative Arts Center Call Larry Hoffman 352-208-8766
13. Dominoes Club meets every Fri. at 7pm at the RLE Clubhouse. Call Angel Colon 352-229-0753
14. Fiber Craft Society meets the 2nd and 4th Sat. of each month from 1 to 3pm in the Creative Arts Center Call Jennifer Cocca 352-322-9682

NON-POSITION/MISC. ITEM:

1. Advertising Festivals in the newspaper, amounts of money spent on Festivals



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November 16, 2023

Rainbow Lakes Estates Advisory Board Meeting Schedule 2024.

January 20, 2024

March 10, 2024 (10:00am budget workshop)

April 21, 2024

June 16, 2024 (10:00am BCC budget hearing.) **Date subject to change.**

July 21, 2024

September 15, 2024

November 17, 2024

All meetings/workshops are held in the Rainbow Lakes Estates Community Center 4030 SW Deepwater Ct. Dunnellon, FL 34431

BCC Budget hearing is held at the Rainbow Lakes Estates Community Center 4030 SW Deepwater Ct. Dunnellon, FL 34431.

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Marci Mckay President
Ellen Bollas Vice President

Proposal:

A new club for quilters and others that like to sew.

We would like to meet weekly on Monday from 10 - 2

Starting date January 2024

Purpose:

A meeting place for quilters and all that love to sew. The large meeting room would be a great resource, as many do not have a big space to sew in their home.

Our club could benefit the community. Possible making quilts for veterans, hospitals, and children's charities.

All are welcome to join. Club members will need to bring their own sewing machine.

Members will bring a project to work on.

Several people (7) have already expressed interest.

Thank you for your consideration

Marci Mckay
Ellen Bollas