

# Town of RIVER BEND

## PARKS AND REC. ADVISORY BOARD Minutes October 6, 2021

Attendees - Chairperson - Janet Nawojski, Mary Dwyer, Pat Lineback, Fran Rice, Gloria Kelly, Meg Williams, Ellen Serra, Council Liaison - Barbara Maurer, Mary Iorio

1. Call to Order 7pm.
2. Approval of Sept 1, 2021 Minutes. Motion made by Janet. Seconded by Pat. Approved by all.

3. Council Report provided by Barbara Maurer.

In addition, Town Manager shared comments from River Bend Police Chief Sean Joll with Barbara about RB Parks & Rec members during Police Sponsored National Night Out on Oct. 2nd. Through problems in planning, no food trucks were available to participate on the 2nd. In Chief Joll's opinion, P&R saved the night with their at the last minute food offerings, demeanor and expertise.

Mary Iorio asked Barbara to tell the planners for next year's National Night Out, that the band started during the K-9 Demonstration drowning out the dog handlers. Perhaps a schedule adjustment can be made.

4. Red Caboose Library Report provided by Gloria Kelly
5. RB Organic Garden Report provided by Barbara Maurer

### 6. Old Business

- a. BUNCO - Cancelled. Only 8-9 responses were received and deemed too few to hold the event. Need 12, preferably 16 to be enjoyable. Will add Bunco to the calendar at a later date.
- b. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - Last minute Parks & Rec participation deemed a success. Cooked, wrapped and passed out 200 hot dogs, snacks, ice cream and bottles of water.

### 7. New Business

- a. COMMUNITY DAY YARD SALES - 10/23, 7am to 3pm, No Raindate!
  - Looking for previously used Community Day Sign from Elizabeth Brinson, previous Community Day administrator. Check the ability to have new sign created. Janet will provide "Maps Available Here!" signs for 10/22 and 23.
  - Sun Journal no longer provides the special advertising called "Funds in the Sun". And there is no response from Sun Journal about advertising in the newspaper. Ellen will try to circumvent the roadblock.
  - Parks & Rec members will check for on-line avenues to advertise the event.
  - Fran and Meg continue to receive and collate resident information for the River Bend Community Day Yardsale Maps. Deadline for inclusion on Map is October 16th. Late applicants for inclusion on map will be advised to put a sign out to entice people to stop by.

## PARKS AND REC. ADVISORY BOARD Minutes (Continued)

### a. COMMUNITY DAY YARD SALES - 10/23, 7am to 3pm, No Raindate! (Continued)

- River Bend Community Day Yardsale Maps Master will be provided to the Town Clerk on Oct 20 to create 100 copies for distribution.
- Yardsale Maps will be available at River Brew on Friday, 10/22, from 10am to 3pm. And on the Town Website Friday afternoon.
- River Bend Community Day Yardsale Maps will be available on Oct 23rd at the River Bend Garden Club Bake Sale table.
- Meg will drive the neighborhood on October 23rd, perhaps accompanied by Barbara Maurer, Town Council Member, to assess the residents' yardsale needs and show support.

### b. TRUNK OR TREAT - Saturday 10/30/2021, 4pm to 6pm, 1 prize awarded.

Unfortunately, the star of many River Bend events, the Batmobile car with costumed Batman, is no longer available to participate. We thank Jonathan Segal for the many years of joy provided.

- Flier created by Gloria. Some information needed to complete it. To be distributed soon.
- Trunk or Treat Participants must sign up. Ellen will collect names of participants by email and phone. No limit on cars.
- Participant set up starts at 3:30pm. P&R set up 2pm.
- Activities held on Municipal Building Grounds facing the Town Hall.
- Cake Walk is very popular. Led by Mary Dwyer and Gloria, behind the Town Commons Sign. Each P&R member should contribute 10 wrapped baked items for Cake Walk. Bags & clam shells available for P&R use. Janet bring extra music.
- Crafts by Meg and Pat. See Mary Iorio for ideas and supplies.
- Games led by volunteers. 3 games
- Prizes handed out by Volunteer.
- Food, on Muni Bldg. sidewalk, by Fran. Including donut holes, candy, apple cider, lollipops and fruit from Ellen.
- Ask for assistance from Community Watch to help park cars.
- Ask Mayor to judge the Trunk or Treat Decorations and award the soon- to-be-famous Golden Pumpkin to the winner.
- Leave a spot for decorated police car.
- Needed from the Town - 5 tables, trashcans, Cake Walk area painted on grass.

### c. HALLOWEEN MAILBOX DECORATION CONTEST - 10/28, 1:30pm, 2 prizes awarded.

- Second Annual Event. Back by request.
- Contestants sign up with Ellen by phone or email.
- Decorated Mailbox judging by Meg and Pat occurs on Thursday, Oct 28, starting at 1:30pm.
- Winners announced by Pat
- Prizes awarded at the Trunk or Treat Event.

## November Events

d, THANKSGIVING BINGO - 11/17, 1pm to 4pm., RSVP by 11/12

- Gloria will lead. Check room availability.
- Advertise event after 10/30.
- P&R members bring 6 wrapped pieces of food contributing to the winners' Thanksgiving dinner.
- Food including cider, water, snacks.

e. CRAFT SEMINAR - Led by Mary Iorio, Saturday, 11/13, 10am to 1pm, 12-15 participants

- Fran will lead. Check room availability. Check room restrictions for painting and glueing.
- Three holiday crafts will be demonstrated by Mary I. Crafts chosen on 10/06.
- Check whether fees can be charged to cover supplies for crafts.
- Request \$5. to hold reservation for class.

### 8. Parks and Recreation Officers.

- Janet Nowajski, Chairperson, existing.
- Meg Williams, Secretary, existing.
- Motion made to nominate Fran Rice as Vice Chairperson by Mary Dwyer. Seconded by Gloria. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary, Meg Williams, left the meeting at 8:30pm.

Gloria Kelly reported that

### 9. Visitor Comments:

Visitor Richard Ewan had a question regarding how to assure his name and address are included on the map for the Community Day Yard Sale. A "glitch" with the wording was noticed on the RB Newsletter. Plans to point it out to Town Hall were noted. In the meantime, Fran Rice manually added his information to the contact form she is overseeing.

10. P&R members took inventory of Halloween supplies from previous years.

11. Adjourn 9pm



Minutes provided by Meg Williams

Approved on November 3, 2021 Motion made by Mary Dwyer. Seconded by Gloria Kelly.