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March 30
WC Bingo

The **2026 Dog Parade** was held by the **Pickleball** and **Foodberry Clubs**. On January 25th, we celebrated our very special canines of Rainberry Bay with costumes, prizes and pup cups. The event featured Leigh Bennett's sing along with "How Much Is that Doggie in the Window". Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped!



Dogs' lives are too short.
Their only fault, really.
(Agnes Slight Turnbull)



Photos by Char Lane,
Shelly Glass, Minkie Van Story
and Camille Mazza



Dogs are not our
whole life, but they
make our lives whole.

(Roger Caras)



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The Rainberry Women's Club in Action is thriving, with membership more than doubling this season. Led by co-presidents Fern Katronetsky and Gloria Nissinoff, the Board has introduced new activities and expanded fundraising efforts to support local nonprofits, including Eat Better–Live Better. The club's growth is thanks to the continued support of longtime members and the many new women who joined for the 2025–2026 season.

Recently, members enjoyed a delightful high tea lunch at Alice's Teapot Café, complete with delicious fare, lively entertainment, and plenty of stylish hats and pearls. The word on the street is that more themed teas and lectures may be coming soon!

Up coming Events (tickets are going fast!):

Divas, Legends & Laughter with Holly Faris – Saturday, March 21 at 8 PM in the Theater. \$20 per person. Open to residents and guests; bring your favorite snacks and beverages.

Bingo Fun Night – Monday, March 30 at 7 PM in the Theater. Club members receive a free extra card. \$10 per person.

Line Dancing is Calling You - led by our very own Robyn Lobe, professional musician and dancer – Tuesday, April 14 at 1 PM in the Theater. \$15 per person, refreshments included. All mobility levels, walkers and canes welcome, and men are invited!

Join our club's fun with and don't miss out!



Movies are shown in the Rainberry Theater at 7pm

Movies to continue in the new year.

**3D Movies Return by Dave Kulick
(Theater Committee)**

As you know, I love 3D movies and have quite a few of them. Once the season winds down, we plan to show a series of 3D movies at the theater. We're going to show Dune, Doolittle, Drive Angry, and several Marvel movies. In addition, there are some classic movies that experts have converted to 3D, including the Wizard of Oz, and we'll show those as well. Keep your eyes peeled for the dates. We will provide 3D glasses but if you want to get your own, we use Active 3D DLP glasses. They've jumped in price lately for some reason and seem to be around \$30 each.

RESTAURANT CRAWL CLUB

The Restaurant Crawl Club is resuming in 2026 with two new get-togethers:

March 12 - Thursday - 6p at Agliolio, 2258 N Congress, Boynton Beach

April 15 - Wednesday - 5:30p at Monarca Mexican Cuisine, 3035 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach - Happy Hour from 5:30-6.

No fee to join. Separate checks are given. All are welcome but seats are limited so please contact Lee at nanlee270@gmail.com to reserve your seat. Come join us for good food and great conversation.

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Monday-Friday 1-3pm

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NUREMBURG	41
SPRINGSTEEN:	48
MARCH '26 BOOKS	
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BLOOD MOON	BROWN, SANDRA
NAMES, THE	KNAPP, FLORENCE
HEART THE LOVER	KING, LILLY
WOMAN DOWN	HOOVER, COLLEEN
APRIL '26 DVDS	
SONG SUNG BLUE	62
WICKED: FOR GOOD	67
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CANASTA	MONDAY	MCR	1pm	
CARD MAKING	TUES (2nd & 4th)	CRAFT RM	10:15am	Madeline Hincken
CHAIR YOGA	MONDAY	MCR	10am	Deb Mayes
CLAY STUDIO	FRIDAY	CRAFT RM	10am	Joyce Poses
CRAFTS	TUES (1st & 3rd)	CRAFT RM	10am	Babs Heller
CURRENT EVENTS	THUR	AUD	10:30am	Allan Trust
EZ FITNESS	M - W - F	AUD	9am	Madeleine Bochner
FRENCH	TUES	Conf Rm	11:30	Donna Gouin
MAT YOGA	SATURDAY	MCR/ AUD	10am	Deb Mayes
NIA	TUES & FRI	MCR	10am	Helen Sohne

Candidates' Night

Roz Appel, Nominating Committee chair, facilitates as board candidates answer questions from residents, including Hongming Wang. Thanks go out to Roz for a job well done!



Spring is nature's
way of saying,
"Let's Party!"
(Robin Williams)



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WILLIAM RAVEIS

Non-Fiction Book Club by Allan Trust

Here is a list of the upcoming events:

March 10: The meeting will begin at 11:15am and we will meet in the Men's Card Room. Carrie & Allan Trust will facilitate AI (Artificial Intelligence) For Dummies, 3rd edition. There is no book to read. AI is the topic. Working on the TV screen, members will ask questions of Microsoft Co Pilot and discuss the topic.

April 21: In cooperation with the Green Committee, Karen Aprill and Stephanie Braunstein will facilitate the book "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

May 12th: A panel consisting of Cliff Guinyard, Ron Pollock, Stephanie Braunstein and Allan Trust will talk about the book "Guns, Germs and Steel" by Jared Diamond.

Copies of the April and May books are available at the local public libraries.

For further information: ctrust371@comcast.net

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changing season by
focusing on new
beginnings, finding
joy in nature's
awakening, and
cultivating patience
as winter fades.

Current Events by Allan Trust

The club meets every **Thursday at 10:30AM** in the clubhouse. We discuss all the timely issues of the day including global, national, state, and local topics. YES, we do politics but the group is respectful and welcoming of all opinions. Newcomers are always welcome. For additional information contact me at: Ctrust371@comcast.net

BOARD MEETINGS

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HOMES MEETING:

APRIL 7

MASTER MEETING:

MARCH 11

APRIL 8

VILLAS MEETING:

TBA

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website. On the top right corner is a Bulletin Board icon. The new feature will allow residents to connect and get more community updates.

Look for the user guide on how residents can get access.

Recordings of all meetings are available on myrainberrybay.com/videos and are password protected.

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Char Lane photo

Clay Class

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The Table Tennis Club by Helen Sohne



This is a big year for Table Tennis. From the hit movie, *Marty Supreme*, to a great article in the NY Times, we are seeing a surge in interest for this great sport. The title of the article in *The Athletic*, a New York Times column, is "The Scientific Case for Ping-Pong: Why athletes - and you - should play more table tennis". Whether you play other racquet sports, or no sports, Table Tennis has multiple benefits to your health and well-being.

Come and see for yourself! We play every Monday and Wednesday at noon. If playing, bring a drink and wear shoes that are not too "grippy." For more information or for a copy of the article, email RBTabletennis@gmail.com

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Yiddish Heritage Club by Glenn Todd

As the president of this club, I am very happy with the way the club is moving forward. At the January meeting, everyone enjoyed being entertained by Dick Lowenthal and Rainberry resident, Phoebe Kessler. It was a very enjoyable afternoon with delicious refreshments. In February we had a presentation by Marion Fass. She is retired from Beloit College, where she was a professor of Biology and Interdisciplinary Studies. She is also a docent at NSU Museum of Art and loves to talk about how connections between artists shape their work. The meeting in March will feature two Rainberry residents, Deb Sklar and Wolf Bergoltz. They will tell us about their family history research and surprises. The meeting will take place on Friday, March 13, in the men's card room. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. Hope to see you there.

GREEN COMMITTEE

The Green Committee meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 4pm in the clubhouse. All are welcome to participate. We are not a Club: we are a Committee! No dues! Donations are always appreciated.

RETHINK-REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE

Upcoming Green Committee Events:

Hazardous **Waste** Collection and

Shoe Collection

Saturday March 14, 2026

9-11am

Theatre Parking Lot

Earth Day Events

Featuring Local Honeybee Expert

Sunday April 26, 2026

Field Trip and Tour to Pan's Garden

Palm Beach

May 11, 2026

\$15.00 Per Person

Non-Fiction Book Discussion

Tuesday April 21, 2026

Braiding Sawgrass-Robin Wall Kimmer

Clubhouse/Followed by Potluck

Touring of the Solid Waste Authority was a huge success. Everyone learned and saw where our trash goes and how it is turned into useable products.

The Green Committee hosted a "Plant a Native Plant Party" in our Painted Pots. We learned how to mix three types of soil and transplant starter plants into larger pots. Native plants are an excellent choice for homes and villa owners. They attract pollinators and require minimal maintenance. Special thanks to Vinnie and Karen for their time and supplies of a variety of plants. We look forward to this event again next year!





Bocce Club News

Katy Mitrani



The Bocce Club gathers every Monday and Thursday evening at 6pm for friendly competition.

Bocce Club Member's News

March 24: Hard Rock Casino Trip

March 27: Pizza Pool Party

April 18: Subs and More Dinner

Bocce Bingo

Join us for a fun night of bingo called by our very own Gene!

Date: Friday, March 6th

Location: The Theater

Time: Doors open at 6:30 PM; games start at 7:00 PM

Cost: \$10 for three cards (we will also have 50/50 and door prizes)

Ticket Information

Tickets are available at the clubhouse every Monday and Thursday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

The Bocce Club meets on 29th Ave in front of Pool 2. Everyone is welcome, and we are happy to teach new players!

Mondays & Thursdays: 6:00 PM

Wednesdays, Saturdays, & Sundays: 9:00 AM

Thanks to Suzy Maltezo and Pat Gannon for we now have a Women's Bocce League and we play every Tuesday evening at 5:30. Come on down and cheer your favorite team on!

Pickleball News

Camille Mazza photos

Successful Pickleball Clinic



**Mixed
League Play
is in
Full Swing**

March 2026

CLUB LEGEND

BC = Bocce
MnM = Mix-n-Mingle
OS = On Stage
PB = Pickleball

TC = Tennis
TT = Table Tennis
WC = Women's
CC = Council of Clubs

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MCR = CH MEN'S CARD RM
WCR = CH WOMEN'S CARD RM
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BC = BOCCE CT
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P5 = POOL 5

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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MAHJONG in Rainberry by Marlene Elmowitz

In January, a FREE 3-week MahJong class was offered. The turnout was great as 25 students came to learn. The game is becoming very trendy although it has been around for a long time. My grandmother, mom, aunts, sister, cousins, and even my young nieces play. Talk shows and famous actresses are all talking about MahJong. Some seasoned MahJong players assisted each week to offer their skills and will continue to guide the rookie players as they learn to master the game. We also supported the Women's Club and have ordered the 2026 card through them. The new card comes out in March.

Please stop by the clubhouse on any Wednesday @ 1pm to play or to observe the wonderful world of MahJong. A teamreach group has been created. Load the TEAMREACH app and then add code RBmahjong-33445. Check the Monday calendar event for 1pm and rsvp yes so we can plan a foursome or to chat about MahJong.

When the 2026 card is out, more 3 week sessions will be organized. Stay tuned.

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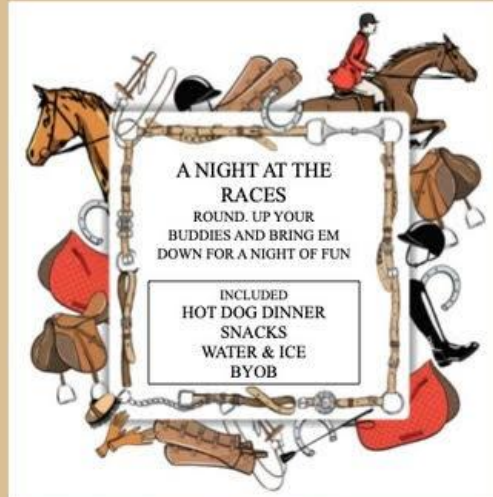
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Tennis Club by Anne Barron

About 30 members and residents attended Mark Logue's presentation "The Inner Game of Tennis." Attendees learned to "have fun and be curious" on and off the courts.

The International Cup was held Jan 24. More than 30 players were in attendance. We had teams from Australia, Canada, France, Poland & USA. Poland won this year's event. Thanks to our organizers: Joyce Stobo, Maria Koyanagi, Katie Girardeau and Eileen Jardini.

The Tennis Club and Axis introduced the first Fast Adult Starter Tennis (FAST) program for residents in Feb. The FAST program consisted of 4 clinics progressing participants through several stages of tennis.

We've started a Green Ball Tennis League. Play is on Fridays at 9:30. Sign up in the Tennis Center. League is FREE for club members and first time non-members. The cost will be \$10/session thereafter. Green Ball Tennis is great for people experiencing joint/mobility issues or recovering from

illness/injury. It's a kinder and gentler form of tennis. Not sure you want to try? Come out and see what all the FUN is about!

Sunday, Mar 8, Axis will host a Sunday tennis round robin & brunch. Event is FREE and open to all residents and club members. Sign up in the Tennis Center Mar 1-5.

The season will wind down with our annual Championship in March organized by Keith Rudolph. Mixed doubles will be held Mar 20-21 and Mens & Womens doubles Mar 28-29. Finals and luncheon will be March 29. \$15 for one event or \$25 for both. FREE for Club members. Players are guaranteed 2 matches/event.

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As we continue to "grow up" in Rainberry, we may find that our needs and abilities change. The simple truth is that change happens to everyone! And some changes might lead to challenges doing things such as driving to the store, lifting a case of water, closing shutters or moving outdoor furniture. No, your SNL won't do these things for you. But they might know of someone in a position to help you, though there are no guarantees.

And, people who use medical equipment or mobility devices or have a home health aide, might struggle to get by in the aftermath of a damaging storm, especially if the power goes out.

Now's the time to have an honest talk with someone close to you (family or friend, in addition to your primary care doctor) about how you can safely manage in the event of a hurricane or other emergency.

If any of this applies to you, the STORM Committee has information that could be helpful. Just ask. And if you're concerned about someone else- get their permission - then let us know.

STORMrainberrybay@gmail.com

Even "Snow-Birds" need to stay informed, connected and prepared:

Sign up on the TeamReach App - STORM Group code: rbSTORM1

FYI... FL License Plates ...(submitted by Robert Cohen)

On October 1, 2025, Florida Statute 320.262 "License plate obscuring device prohibited" became law. Penalties went into effect. This statute prohibits license plate obscuring devices.

This memo is intended to provide additional guidance on the use of a license plate frame.

Sections (1)(c) and (1)(d) of s. 320 262 F.S. reads as follows, (1)(c) "covering, obscuring, or otherwise interfering with the legibility, angular visibility, or detectability of the primary features of details, including the license plate number or validation sticker, on the license plate"; are prohibited or (1)(d) "interfering with the ability to record the primary features or details, including the license plate number or validation sticker, on the license plate" are prohibited

This act does not prohibit the use of a license plate frame as long as the frame does not obscure visibility of the following:

- 1.The alpha numeric plate identifier,
- 2.The decal located in the top right hand corner of the license plate.

The Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles does not consider the information on the bottom of the plate to be a primary feature of the plate. A plate frame that impinges on the information at the top of the plate is permissible, as long as law enforcement is able to identify the state that issued the plate.

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OnStage by Neill Klein

Our final event of the season will be Trivia Night on Saturday night, March 14th at 6:30 PM in the theatre. It is SOLD OUT. It is always possible that there will be a cancellation, so check the Friday Eblast for updated information. We can add you to an existing team.

We are currently casting for our Night At The Copa event. This will be presented together with FOOD-BERRY'S Valentine's dinner in February of 2027. We are seeking singers, dancers and musicians, comedians and much more. OnStage is also in need of set designers and technical support .

Contact Neill Klein:

onstage.rainberry@yahoo.com for information about either event.

DID YOU KNOW ?

**Iran's
Water Crisis Is Even Worse Than the
Headlines Suggest
by Allan Trust**

The scarcity of water in Iran is as severe as recent headlines report, and in many ways even worse. What was once a chronic environmental challenge has become a full-scale national crisis. Major cities are now experiencing water rationing, reservoirs are drying up, aquifers are no longer usable, and government officials have openly discussed the possibility of relocating the capital city, Tehran, because sustainable water supplies can no longer be guaranteed.

Although Iran is a semi-arid country that has endured droughts throughout its history, the current situation has been dramatically intensified by more than forty years of poor water-management policies. These long-standing decisions have pushed the nation toward what hydrologists describe as "water bankruptcy," a condition in which natural water reserves can no longer meet demand.

One of the most damaging policies has been decades of excessive groundwater pumping. Aquifers across the country have been depleted beyond recovery and no longer provide meaningful amounts of water. At the same time, politically motivated dam

construction projects have cost billions of dollars while benefiting only limited populations and failing to provide sustainable solutions. Reservoirs and rivers are drying up, wells have collapsed, and in many cases little to no remedial action has been taken to address the damage. Agriculture consumes approximately ninety percent of Iran's water supply, a result of long-standing government policies that favor inefficient and costly farming practices. This imbalance diverts desperately needed water away from cities, businesses, and communities, further deepening urban water shortages and economic strain.

There are technological and policy measures that could help ease the crisis. These include reducing agricultural subsidies that encourage wasteful water use, addressing corruption, investing in desalination plants, and expanding wastewater treatment and reuse facilities. However, even these approaches offer only short-term relief and fail to resolve the underlying structural issues. Iran is fundamentally a semi-arid desert country, and many of its cities were poorly located and have grown far beyond the region's natural water capacity.

When this escalating water crisis is added to existing social unrest, high unemployment, extreme inflation, and international sanctions that continue to cripple the economy, Iran finds itself in one of the most vulnerable positions it has faced since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The primary source for this column is Microsoft Copilot. Comments and suggestions may be sent to ctrust371@comcast.net.

Rainberry Classics in March and April 2026

Michael K. Cantwell

There can be little argument that William Shakespeare was the greatest writer in English and arguably any language or that Giuseppe Verdi is one of the greatest of all opera composers. Put them together and you get Verdi's final masterpieces, *Otello* and *Falstaff*.

Nor can there be any argument that the greatest dancers of the twentieth century were born and bred in Soviet Russia. We celebrate some of them in April.

Otello: Verdi was 75, and sixteen years had lapsed since the premier of his previous opera. The opera world thought he was finished. "And then one evening at the Scala in Milan the tremendous, dissonant opening chord of *Otello* came crashing out, that blow of a giant's fist, smashing the stone of the tomb. 'I am here still! Italian opera cried . . .'"

Falstaff: The master's final opera, written when he was 80, bursts with vitality, humor, and humanity. It is his most modern opera and the one that Toscanini called his greatest.

Rudolf Nureyev: I Am a Dancer. A beautiful and enduring portrait of one of the twentieth century's greatest male dancers, second only to Nijinsky.

Sleeping Beauty. Tchaikovsky's music is played with Marius Petipa's original choreography, and an all-star cast from the Kirov ballet. One reviewer wrote of this 1965 Russian film, "This *Sleeping Beauty* has some of the most brilliant dancing I've ever seen."

Sunday, March 1: *Otello* 2PM

Sunday, March 15: *Falstaff* 1PM

Saturday, April 4: *I Am A Dancer* 2PM

Sunday, April 12: *Sleeping Beauty* 1PM

All shows at the Rainberry Theatre

What's Happening with Foodberry

By Marlene Elmowitz

Many great things are happening with Foodberry as the club enters its third year with more than 100 members. Foodberry continues to bring together the Rainberry community for those who enjoy cooking, eating, setting up, cleaning up, and—most importantly—making new friends. Since the last issue of *The Beacon*, we've enjoyed a Food and House Crawl, a Chicken Wing Contest, and a Valentine's Comedy Dinner, all of which were well attended and lots of fun.

This year's Chicken Wing Contest ended in a tie for first place. JoAnn Thomson won for her Red Raspberry Underdog Wings, and Wendy Schulze shared the top honor with her Garlic Parm-It-Up Wings. Last year's King of Wings, Lee Elmowitz, has officially passed the crown to our new Queens of Wings.

Our next event is the Not-So-Newlywed Game on March 28, and it's one you won't want to miss. The evening will feature a lasagna and salad dinner followed by a hilarious game show, with three long-married Rainberry couples competing for bragging rights.

We're also excited to announce our first Breakfast Club event for 2026, open to the entire community, on March 8. For \$10, you'll enjoy a bagel with fixings, coffee, and pastries. No reservations are required—just stop by between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

If you have questions, suggestions, or new ideas, please reach out to the club at rbfoodberryclub@gmail.com

Celebrating Valentine's Day



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Boy - did we eat and laugh to Peter Fogel at the co-sponsored **OnStage/Foodberry Valentines** event. An unforgettable brisket dinner was served that consisted of 55 pounds of seasoned brisket which was smoked for 10 hours by our food connoisseur, Lee Elmowitz. Thirty five pounds of Chilean Salmon was also served with trays of vegetables and mashed potatoes. Everyone is thankful for our volunteers from the Foodberry Club who setup and prepare the food. Couldn't do it without them!

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Passover Recipe

Matzah Lasagna (from Good Housekeeping)

1 large egg

Kosher salt and pepper

1 16-oz container whole-milk ricotta

1/4 cup plus 2 Tbsp grated Pecorino Romano

10 oz. frozen broccoli florets, thawed and chopped

1/2 tsp. grated lemon zest

1/2 cup basil leaves, chopped, plus more for sprinkling

6 oz. whole-milk mozzarella, coarsely grated and divided

1 3/4 cups marinara sauce, divided

4 pieces square matzah

1. Heat oven to 425°F. In large bowl, beat egg with 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper, then mix in ricotta and 1/4 cup Pecorino Romano. Fold in broccoli, lemon zest, basil, and all but 1/2 cup mozzarella.

2. Spread 1/2 cup marinara sauce on bottom of 8-inch square baking dish. Top with 1 matzah and spread 1/4 cup sauce on top. Dollop with one-third (about 1 1/4 cups) of ricotta mixture, repeat 2 more times.

3. Top w remaining piece of matzah, spread with remaining half cup sauce, and sprinkle with remaining 1/2 c mozzarella and 2 teaspoons Pecorino Romano.

Bake until sauce is bubbling and cheese is melted - about 15-20 minutes.

FROM OUR READERS

THANK YOU!

Thank you! I thoroughly enjoyed the Jan/Feb Beacon cover to cover. I was supposed to be making raisin oatmeal cookies, but I felt the Beacon calling me. So I left the kitchen, put my feet up, and relaxed for an hour to read every article, digest each tidbit of information, look over all the ads, enter all the pertinent dates into my calendar, and smile at each photograph.

Thank you to each volunteer who contributes time, effort, resources, and energy to make the Beacon a treasure for the Rainberry Bay community. It's a herculean job and I am sincerely grateful to each of you.

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Sincerely,

Debra Peters

Mexico Develops 3D-Printed Coral to Restore Dying Reefs

Mexican marine scientists have developed biodegradable 3D-printed coral structures to help restore rapidly dying reefs along the Yucatán coast. These coral "scaffolds" mimic the shape and texture of real coral and are infused with nutrients to attract marine life.

Once deployed underwater, fish and invertebrates begin to colonize them, and real coral begins growing on top. The structures are made of calcium carbonate and chitosan — safe for the ocean and fully biodegradable.

Early trials show a 300% increase in biodiversity after just six months.



Mexico is saving its coral reefs with 3D printers — and fish are already moving in.

The most Florida thing ever. A snowman made from leftover hurricane season sandbags.



Dog Parade 2026



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A fun time was had by all at the Pickleball Club sponsored New Year's Eve Party



Easter Recipe

Easter Deviled Eggs (from Simply Recipes)

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

1/3 cup mayonnaise

1 tablespoon minced shallot or onion

1/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Paprika, to taste

1. Steam the Eggs: Fill a saucepan with an inch of water and insert a steamer basket. Bring the water to a boil and place the eggs in the steamer basket. (If you don't have a steamer basket, you can just place the eggs directly in about 3/4 inch of water.)

Cover the pan and let the eggs steam from the boiling water for 17 minutes for 12 large eggs, or 15 minutes for 6 large eggs. Reduce cooking time by a couple minutes if using regular size (not large) eggs. Then shock with cold water and peel.

2. Peel the eggs: Using a sharp knife, slice each egg in half, lengthwise. Gently remove the yolk halves and place in a small mixing bowl. Arrange the egg white halves on a serving platter.

3. Make the filling: Using a fork, mash up the yolks and add mustard, mayonnaise, onion, tabasco, and a sprinkling of salt and pepper. Add more mayonnaise as necessary to get to the creamy consistency you want.

4. Pipe or spoon mixture into egg white halves: Pipe through a piping bag (star tip) or simply use a spoon to put the egg yolk mixture into the egg white halves. Sprinkle with paprika.




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