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JUNE-JULY 2023

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Rainberry FOODBERRY Club



Let me introduce myself. My name is Marlene Elmowitz. My family and I are from Stoughton, Massachusetts. My husband Lee and I have been married for almost 34 years, and have been Rainberry residents now for over 2 years and we love it!

The Rainberry community has great activities and everyone has made us feel welcome here. We are big foodies: cooking, entertaining, dining out, and we have been involved in many fundraising events involving food over the years up north in Stoughton.

Food, family, and friends is our motto. Rainberry Foodberry has been approved and hopefully here for many years.

Our goal is to share recipes, different cooking methods, hold group cooking classes, and share the diverse cultural methods and recipes our community has to offer. This will include Rainberry resident expert led classes and on occasion experts from the food industry. The club also welcomes ideas from our members and I am already gathering some great ideas. We plan

to have many great cook-offs, social activities and even host and co-host events in the Rainberry Theatre.

Membership forms are in the clubhouse, so fill ome out and give it to one of the club officers or leave in clubhouse mailbox #7. Feel free to contact us. Our email is rbfoodberryclub@gmail.com and also we have a Facebook page Rainberry Bay Foodberry page. Once events start happening, we may use the Teamreach App to communicate when needed.

Irrigation David Kulick

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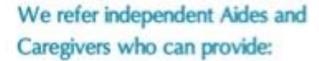
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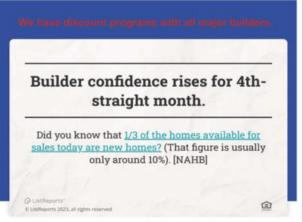


Real Estate news for those on the move

MARKET WATCH

June - July 2023

"Currently, one-third of housing inventory is construction, compared to historical norms of a little more than 10%." said NAHB Chief Economist Robert Dietz. "More buyers looking at new homes, along with the use of sales incentives, have supported new home sales since the start of 2023. And while AD&C loan conditions



are tight, there is not significant evidence thus far that pressure on the regional bank system has made this lending environment for builders and land developers worse." The HMI, Housing Market Index, survey shows that the share of builders reducing home prices continues trending down. The average price reduction in April was 6%.

Source: National Associations of Home Builders



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This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of home sellers don't get what they want for their home and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market.

In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a FREE special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar". This report clearly identifies potential trouble-spots, and lays out an easy-to-follow step-by-step system to help you get the most money for your home.

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THE HURRICANE EDUCATION COMMITTEE Protecting The Dream - Together! — Helen Sohne

When we moved to Florida permanently in 2015, we didn't just bring all our "stuff." We brought our dream of the good life in Delray Beach. And for the most part, we have seen that dream come true. Meeting so many wonderful people, starting new work ventures, the great climate most of the year and having so many conveniences and sources of entertainment nearby makes our life in semi-retirement great!

BUT - and this is a big one - we didn't realize how coping with hurricane season would affect us. We learned to prepare early and often. Hurricane shutters were installed. Then we took the free **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)** course with the Fire Department.

Not only did we learn a great deal about how to prepare and recover from a hurricane, we are now qualified to be part of the Rainberry Bay CERT group of volunteers.

As chairperson of the Hurricane Ed. Committee, I share information on hurricane preparedness and recovery. Material will be available in the club-house throughout the hurricane season June 1- November 30. And we will have a hybrid (in-person and Zoom) meeting in August, with a presentation and time for any questions that you might have.

But there is a very important piece of the puzzle of protecting all of our dreams here. That is something we call "neighbor helping neighbor." This means that whether or not you decide to take the CERT course, which I highly recommend, that you reach out to your neighbors if you need help or can offer help with closing shutters, putting away outdoor furniture, barbeques, or shopping for essentials.

And to be very clear, **our CERT group needs YOU!!! We need additional hands, eyes and ears during recovery from any storm that causes damage. There will be more information coming your way. In the meantime:

PLEASE let us know asap if you are interested in learning more.** Email Helen Sohne at rainberryhpc@gmail.com for info on how to prepare for a hurricane, shelters including special shelters, or for any other questions that you may have. If you would like information on CERT or volunteering to help CERT, email Van Kushner rainberrybaycert@gmail.com

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Name That Tune...

"From the park you can hear the happy sound of the carousel..."

Look for answer inside this issue of The Beacon

BOARD MEETINGS

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HOMES MEETING 7:00PM AUD & ZOOM JUNE 20, 2023

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS
6:30PM
MASTER BOD MEETING
7:00PM AUD & ZOOM
JUNE 14, 2023
JULY 12, 2023

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- 3. Unit is located in the TENNIS CENTER.
- The THEATER unit is located inside the Women's Restroom and also services POOL 5.
- Inside the THEATER, the unit is located at the top of the steps next to the Sound Booth.

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"It was only a sunny smile, and little it cost in the giving, but like morning light it scattered the night and made the day worth living."

~F. Scott Fitzgerald



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THE SENSES REVEAL

THE WORLD,

BUT NOT ITS MEANINGS.

Master Board News

LOIS WIESLER, PRESIDENT

New board + new property manager = changes ahead. This board's majority consists of residents who are fairly new to our community or are new volunteers with new ideas and fresh eyes.

We are currently getting bids to freshen up the theater bathrooms, apply a fresh coat of paint, and to replace the curtains which have been there for a very long time. The theater kitchen has gotten very little use of late, especially since the Men's Club hasn't had regular dinner gatherings. With a new food group planning to use it in the fall, we're looking at what is needed. The refrigerator has been fixed and we'll be seeing what other things may be required. Let's make sure it's safe and cleaned up.

This is only a short column from me as Dave Kulick has written an expansive article explaining some of our irrigation systems and how rain sensors work.

April 1, 2023

Hi Joy (Adamaitis). Great seeing you today and thank you for taking pups Winston & Darcey to the parade! I'm so lucky to have canasta gals and pickleball gals to help walk my pups. Diane Klusner, Nancy Waltram, Barbara Braverman, Charley Harrell, Terry Barberio, Nina Diamond, Mary Kay Macri, Janet Vallee, and Sandy Harrison are my walking warriors.

-Megan Doran

Thank you **DOG WALKING WARRIORS** for all you do for comm*unity*.



VOLUNTEERS

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." - Winston Churchill

Homes News

JOHN ENGLISH, PRESIDENT

YOUR HOME!

As you are aware, the homes association through its Declarations performs Exterior Maintenance for all structures. This is accomplished through the painting program, roof inspection, cleaning, and replacement shortly after the useful life of the roof occurs. Homeowners who notice any issues with their exterior walls can contact the office and any and all reasonable repairs will be completed at no cost to the homeowner.

Cost of repairs is increasing.......

It is unfortunate to report that the cost of repairs is ever increasing. This year alone the HOA has paid \$50,000 in repairs AND IS trending towards \$80,000.

Why is this happening?

- 1. The average age of our homes is about 40 years. We are seeing homes painted 7 years ago with no issues at all now have significant repair.
- 2. Many Homeowners routinely wait too long to report a problem.
- 3. Tree growth causes issues for the roof and external walls with either branches falling on the roof and/or roots impacting the exterior walls.
- 4. Homeowners who have plants or hedges too close to the walls of their home may cause exterior walls to deteriorate.

What can homeowners do?

- 1. Inspect your home periodically.
- 2. Call in work orders or place them on the website.
- 3. Look at the trees and roots around your property. If it is a small amount of branches that can be cut by a worker while standing, the HOA will perform this work at no expense. Otherwise, you will need to contact a certified service at your expense. The office can coordinate this for you.
- 4. Inspect the lower part of your walls behind your planted flowers, plants and hedges and ensure they are 18 inches away from the wall. If not, arrange to have them cut or removed. Contact the office or open a work order on-line for assistance.

What can the HOA do?

We are proposing the following:

Inspect each home with a licensed service to look at your exterior walls. We have not finalized this proposal; however we hope to do $\frac{1}{2}$ the homes each year. The concept is that we will find the issues while they are small and the money we save will equal the cost of the inspector and curtail the high cost of repairs. This will be a topic for discussion at our Board meetings going into the summer. Any and all commentary would be helpful. I think we are all interested in increasing the value of our homes and that begins with ensuring our homes remain in good condition.

RAINBERRY BAY RULES REFRESHER JILL FORSHEY

All places we reside in tend to have rules that need to be followed. Here are a few that I think we tend to forget about, and thought we all could use either a reminder or a refresher, or this is first-hand news. In any event, please take a moment to review.

Residents' Entry: All Residents' vehicles must have a Rainberry Bay vehicle barcode sticker permanently displayed on the driver's side rear window. The barcode is obtainable at the Management Office upon presentation of your license and registration. If a Resident is using a

temporary vehicle, obtaining a color-coded, monthly pass from the Management Office will allow him/her to enter through the Resident gate by showing the pass to the guard on duty.

Guest Passes and Permanent Lists: Entry is through the Guest Gate and requires the display of a valid driver's license. No exceptions. Do not share your personal PIN number with anyone!

Trash and Recycling: When not in use, trash cans must be hidden from street view. They are to be kept in one's garage or behind screens or fences. • Garbage and recycling containers should be put out no earlier than 4:00pm the night before pickup. All empty containers must be removed from the street by 11:00pm the day of pickup. Recycling material is picked up Tuesday. Blue bins contain cans, drink boxes, glass bottles and jars, milk and juice cartons, and plastic containers #1-7. Yellow bins contain

cardboard, paper bags, dry food boxes, unwanted mail, newspapers, magazines, catalogs and telephone books. Boxes must be broken down to 3 1/2' x 3 1/2'. Garbage Pickup is on Tuesday and Friday. All trash not placed in metal or plastic containers must be put out the morning of pickup. Styrofoam containers go in garbage. Vegetative/Green Waste Pickup is Friday. Lawn clippings, tree and bush cuttings must be tied. Bulk Pickup is Friday. Large items (e.g. appliances, furniture, etc.) must be put curbside Thursday after 4 pm.

Dumpsters: Dumpsters have a limited capacity and are for Villas use only. Contractors are not allowed to dispose of their waste anywhere in Rainberry Bay, including the dumpsters. Whatever homeowners have contracted them to do needs to leave with them.

<u>Correction</u>: At a recent NF Book Group meeting, Nancy Weinstein made the vanilla ice cream BUT, *Eileen Block made the* chocolate cake, To request the cake recipe, contact the Beacon @ RainberryBayBeacon@gmail.com

From Rainberry Bay to Madrid



ATP tour #99 ranked Zhizhen Zhang, on right, who trained with Axis Tennis here at Rainberry Bay at the end of March has advanced to the 5th round, quarter finals of the Madrid Open, an ATP Masters 1000 event. On his way to the quarterfinals he defeated Shapovalov, Norrie, and ATP #10 ranked Taylor Fritz in the round of 16. In a close quarterfinal match Zhang was defeated by opponent, Asian Karatsev, ATP #121.

Recipe

Thomas Jefferson-James Hemings'

Homemade Ice Cream

Submitted by Nancy Weinstein

Ingredients:1&1/4 Cup of Sugar2 Qts. heavy cream1 vanilla bean* OR6 yolks of eggs1 Tbs. vanilla extract

- 1. Whisk together egg yolks and sugar until creamy and light in color. Set aside.
- 2. Place cream in saucepan. Split vanilla bean with knife's dull side and add the seed and bean to the cream Place saucepan over medium heat until mixture is nearly boiling.
- 3. Remove cream mixture from heat, and very slowly add 1/2 cup of the hot cream to the egg yolk mixture, whisking constantly. Pour the now-warmed egg yolk mixture into the hot cream, whisking to combine.
- Return saucepan to stove, stirring constantly over medium heat until mixture is thick and coats back of spoon. Remove from heat and strain through a fine mesh sieve. Allow mixture to chill in refrigerator for several hours or overnight.
- 5. Churn the ice cream in an ice cream maker according to manufacturer's directions.

*you may substitute Tahitian or Mexican vanilla beans for conventional Madagascar Bourbon vanilla beans to highlight different vanilla flavors, or substitute vanilla bean paste.

LIBRARY HOURS

SEPTEMBER - MAY: JUNE - AUGUST: Monday-Friday, Mon, Wed, Fri,

1-3 pm 1-3 pm

Have You Read? ESTHER MENDELSON

We read *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Bennet & Victoria Christopher Murray for the April Book Discussion.

If you ever visited the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York, a stunning building filled with literary treasures like Gutenberg bibles, Shakespeare first folios, manuscripts of Jane Austen, Tony Morrison and much, much more, you would wonder how one of the richest bankers in American history had the time and expertise to develop this into a world-class collection. He didn't. He had been buying the treasures, but it was a young female librarian who made this one of the most impressive collections in the world. Not such a simple task for a woman who was hiding her identity as a Black woman from a middle class family the whole time that she was negotiating and interacting with scholars, aristocrats, royalty, and the super-rich!

The book tells a fictionalized account of her true story of becoming a confidante of Morgan, keeping the secret of her racial identity, and using personality and skill to accomplish so much and help make these treasures accessible to the public.

Grab a copy of the book from our local libraries, online, or at the RB library.

For May Book Discussion: we read and discussed the book, *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus..

From the Amazon Books description: Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960's and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one, Calvin Evans, the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge- holder who falls in love with - of all things - her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable, which is why a few years later Elizabeth finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show. Keep reading the book to find out what happens.

Some of the themes in the story are sexism, feminism, mystery, and love. Interestingly, her dog plays a leading role in the story.. This laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, fast-paced novel reminds us of the plight of women in the 1960's in the USA.

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Movies are shown in the theater. All shows begin at 7PM.

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July 2 - "80 for Brady"

July 16 - "Everything Everywhere All at Once"

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NANCY EFFRAIN

The Book Discussion Group ended the season on a high note. Our discussions were lively and stimulating. Whether we all enjoyed the selected books or not, was not as important as why we felt that way, and our desire to discuss the book. Reading the books in advance allows us to talk about what we had just read.

Note: There will be a change for next season, meetings will occur on the Third Wednesday of the month at 2:00. We hope by moving the group to Wednesdays the residents who had conflicts will now be able to join us.

The first four selected books are:

Oct: *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jeanette McCurdy Nov: *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Boylan

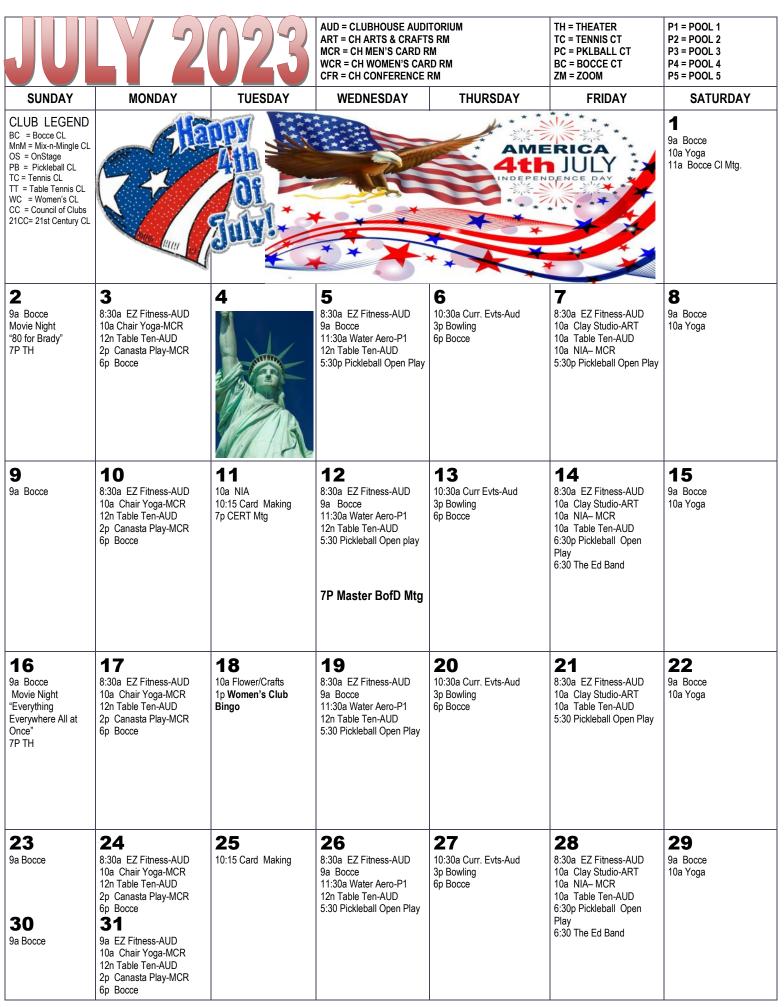
Dec: *Hang the Moon* by Jeanette Walls

Jan: Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

Thanks to all our facilitators for their work in making our discussions so enjoyable, and a special thanks to Irene Wernick for preparing the posters.

Looking forward to our Fall season and hope to see many of you joining us.





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The Mix N Mingle Club Debbie Arrigo, President

Hello Rainberry Bay Friends! The Mix N Mingle Club has been busy organizing the following events for your enjoyment:.

December 5, 6 & 7, 2023 -Bus Trip To Mt. Dora. This trip has a wonderful, busy itinerary of 3 full days! Meals, a show, winery, museum, shopping and more! Please check out the full schedule on the flyer in the clubhouse. Your ticket must be paid in full by October 1. (\$470/PP)

December 15, 2023 A Night of Comedy and Hypnosis! 7:30. Bring your friends and wine and cheese. Mix N Mingle is supplying crackers and grapes! Let's have fun! (\$25)

January 6, 2024 Greased Lightning w/The Rhythm Chicks. 6-8PM. Come check out the antique cars and take some photos! Our evening of oldies music and fun begins at 8PM! Dress in your poodle skirts for the occasion because we have a special surprise during intermission!! Bring your friends for a fabulous evening! (\$25)

January 17, 2024 Fashion Show 12-3 "Melody of Fashions". Champagne & Lite Lunch. Patchington, Chicos, Macy's and Anthony's will provide the fashions. There will be baskets, vendors, 50/50 raffles plus more! (\$35)

January 21, 2024 - 2-5pm "Shake your Booties". Live DJ music plus Karaoke!! BYOB and we're supplying chips & dip. Let's get together and dance & sing the day away! (\$25)

February 3. 2024 - 7:30pm Tropical Vibes. Dress in your favorite casual Caribbean clothes & we'll supply the leis and some Caribbean treats for everyone! Our island musicians will be bringing their steel drums and talent to have you dancing and tapping all nite! (\$25)

February 7, 2024 - 5pm "Nite At The Races". We had a blast this year and we'll do it again!! This time we are serving your hot dog meal earlier so don't worry! Bring your friends and let's have fun riding our ponies!! (\$20)

March 8, 2024 - 7:30pm Neil Diamond Tribute performed by Neil Zirconia. BYOB & enjoy our desserts! (\$25)

March 15, 2024 - 7:30pm Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville Nite. Come join the fun with friends! Club will be serving Margarita Drinks as our season comes to an end. (\$25)

We hope to see you at all these wonderful fun events! Mark the dates! Call **Debbie at 646-235-4086** for your tickets or email **themixnmingleclub@gmail.com**



Irrigation David Kulick

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While there is a lot to tell about each component of the system, I wanted to talk about rain sensors, since people often ask why the irrigation system is running when it's raining. Each clock is connected to a rain sensor, which is a small plastic device that is usually mounted at the top of a pipe near the clock. When rain enters the sensor, little disks made of cellulose fibers expand and push a button, which sends a signal to the clock to tell it that it's raining.

When the clock gets that signal, it stops irrigation and won't allow programs to run until the disks dry out and contract, releas-

ing the button. There are two settings on

each rain sensor to control this. One moves

the disks further away from the button, so more rain has to enter before the disks expand enough to push the button. Generally we set the sensors for 1/4" of rain, but this is not an exact science because the actual amount of swelling of the disks can vary as they get older.

The second setting controls how fast the disks dry out, it's a plastic ring that exposes a hole in the sensor body. The more the hole is exposed, the faster the disks dry out and signal the end of the rain. It takes a minimum of four hours to dry out, but given Florida humidity, it often takes a full day or even longer before the disks dry out sufficiently to end the "rain" signal.

Florida presents some extra problems for Rain Sensors. The soil is very sandy and drains quickly, so we shouldn't go too long without irrigation – the recommendation is to have the quickest dry out time. The rain comes in periodic bursts, but a brief heavy rain might not be enough for disks to expand. I just got a picture from someone

showing the irrigation on while it's raining. But while it rained hard, it didn't rain ¼" at that time so irrigation is supposed to be running. Later perhaps it rains another 1/10" of an inch, and maybe that's enough to trigger the sensor given the earlier rain.

Most rain sensors are wired directly to the clock, but if the clock is under a tree or obstruction that prevents rain from hitting the sensor, we need to use a wireless system where a receiver is connected to the clock but the transmitting sensor is attached to some object where the rain can hit it. That requires batteries that can go bad, or something can block the water from exiting the sensor and the circuit board gets corroded.

So sometimes the irrigation is on when it's raining, because it hasn't rained enough or some spider web is blocking the button, sometimes the irrigation is off because it rained yesterday. Sometimes a brief rain will prevent the disks from drying and you'll go another day without irrigation. It's simple but can get complicated.



shelleykeelor.com
On Stage

Shelley Keelor

Welcomes

Sunday, August 6, 2023
At the Rainberry Theatre

SHELLEY KEELOR, an award-winning actress, has been a force in Musical theatre as well as in Dramatic and Comedic theatre, including more than 21 performances in South Florida for more than a decade.

After completing rehearsals for her role in the South Florida Premier of **DISENCHANTED!**, the outstanding Off-Broadway musical that had its performances at the Rinker Playhouse at the Kravis Center, Shelley is off to other solo performances before touring with her newest One Woman Show.

Shelley also performs with orchestras and big bands internationally, including with the Istanbul State Symphony, Jordan Thomas, and The NY Connection, with LCO: Orlando's Chamber Pops Orchestra in her debut at the Dr. Phillips Center.

Shelley has performed her one-woman shows to sold-out audiences around Florida including at the Delray Beach Playhouse.

Shelley lives in Jupiter, Florida with her teenage son and two rescue pets, Rex and Phoebe.

Shelley, and her band, will preview her newest one woman show.

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ON STAGE — Neill Klein

is beginning its new year with new officers, great members and what is planned to be an exciting season of shows. Judi Lemoine is our new president, Carol Flannigan is secretary and Preston Glazer is now our treasurer. There will be chairmanships and coordinators to be chosen to bring our shows to life. These positions include Events and Entertainment, Community Relations, Facilities Management, Advertising and Ticket Sales, and a coordinator of shows by entertainers who are not residents of Rainberry. We are even talking about an Open Mic Night.

The first show is ACCLAIMED MUSICAL ENTER-TAINER SHELLEY KEELOR. She will be performing a preview of her new ONE-WOMAN SHOW "Great Songs of Our Time". This will be FREE on **Sunday**, **August 6 at 7:30pm**. We will be the first to see her new show. You can see Shelley's previous work at shelleykeelor.com. It's exciting.

Our BIGGEST announcement is that SARGE, the great comedian, will bring his show to Rainberry. The show is **October 27th**. Advance ticket orders are be-

ing taken now. You don't want to miss this show so make sure to get your order in early. Regular ticket sales begin on Monday, September 4th. Don't miss out on his show which sells out everywhere he performs.

Email: sarge.onstage@yahoo.com to reserve your seats.

The ON STAGE residents' performance will be **Saturday**, **February 24 at 7:30pm**.

We are welcoming new members to participate in our club activities. There is a job for everyone...not just singing, dancing and acting.

Email: onstage.rainberry@yahoo.com for registration materials.

Dues are \$10. We hope to see all of you all season!

ON STAGE ANNOUNCES

SARGE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ONSTAGE, PLEASE CONTACT NEILL KLEIN FOR AN APPLICATION. Onstage.rainberry@yahoo.com



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Women's Club

CAROL SHORE & FERN KATRONETSKY 2023-2024 CO-PRESIDENTS

The Rainberry Bay Women's Club has begun the 2023-2024 season with its election of officers. Some have changed and some remain the same. Fern Katronetsky and Carol Shore are Co-Presidents, and Claire Saltz remains as Treasurer. We happily welcome Christine (Chrissy) Walsh as our new Secretary. Sue Ragovin has taken over membership. Harriett Lewis retains Hospitality and she will receive assistance from Board members as needed. Beverly Librescu continues with Ways & Means. At this point, we would be remiss if we did not thank our outgoing Board members for their service of so many years.

Referring to Beverly Librescu, she is once again holding her annual drive for the students of Pine Grove Elementary School in an effort to raise money for school supplies. Monetary donations can be dropped into the Women's Club mailbox next to the Library, or given directly to Beverly (561-330-0711), or either of our Co-Presidents, Carol (561-862-7228) or Fern (732-236-8526). If your preference is to purchase actual school supplies vs. a cash donation, you may contact any of the individuals listed above to see who is available to accept the supplies. The collection deadline for these school supplies is Friday, July 14th. Checks should be made payable to the Rainberry Bay Women's Club.

We have also set our Women's Club Event dates, and they have been placed on the Rainberry Bay Calendar. To accommodate many who

have requested a different day for Women's Club Events so they could attend, our Events will now be held on the third Tuesday of the month. PLUS, the Women's Club will be hosting four (4) BINGO games; one in the afternoon, and three on Saturday nights. Mark your calendars accordingly for all our events listed below:

July 18 - BINGO on a Summer Afternoon

September 19 – Season "Kick-Off" Card/Game Party October 17 – Wine Tasting with Sommelier Wendy Rosano

Nov 11 – BINGO Night

Dec 19 - Winter Holiday Celebration

Jan 13 - BINGO Night

Feb TBD - "A Day in Delray" (further details to follow)

Mar 23 – BINGO Night

Apr 16 - Season Ending Card/Game Party

Membership for the Women's Club remains only \$10 for the Season, and men are invited to all our Events as well. We look forward to seeing everyone at our first Summer BINGO Event on Tuesday, July 18th. We will be selling tickets in the Clubhouse for Summer BINGO and memberships to anyone who would like to join our Women's Club. Sales will start on Monday, June 26. Look for additional sale dates and information in the weekly e-Blasts, starting at that time.

Groom Committee

KAREN APRILL & STEPHANIE BRAUNSTEIN **CO-CHAIRS**

Lake Delrain Quiz and Answers:

1. What is the official names of our lake?

Lake Delrain

2. Is our lake natural or manmade?

Manmade

- 3. Name the three main purposes that our lake serves for the community. Collect storm water, mitigate lawns, serenity and beauty
- 4. Name at least 3 living creatures that inhabit our lake and/or the area. Birds (including Snow birds), turtles, fish, iguanas, toads sometimes Potter the Otter
- 5. What non-living creatures float on our lake and why are they there? Duck decoys to indicate where the pipes are located
- 6. Do we have a special vendor who works on lake issues? Yes, Aquagenics
- 7. What is an algae bloom and how do we avoid it in our lake?

Proliferation of tiny green plants floating on top of the lake often caused by too much phosphorus from fertilizers and imbalance of chemicals in the water.

8. Does our fountain serve any purpose other than to look pretty? What is it?

The fountain aerates the lake and helps the lake stay cleaner, helps increase oxygen in the water, helps increase dissolved carbon dioxide which promotes good algae for animals to eat.

9. What are those small building structure located around our lake? Pump houses

10. What types of plants grow around the perimeter of our lake and why are they important to the health of the lake?

Pickeral, Papyrus and Lake Cana- they help oxygenate the lake and provide food and shelter for lake wildlife.



Congratulations to Jessica Kurtzman. winner of the Lake Delrain guiz. Thanks to everyone who submitted answers to the quiz and for the various clever responses. Jessica's award was a hand painted brick of the lake by Carol Unger. --Char Lane photo

(Florida Natives in photo: Fire Bush, miniature Thatch Palm, and Dune Sunflowers}



Frangipani, also called Plumeria, are showing their blooms and mango trees their fruit, which are deliciously ripe and sweet in late

May and early June.

--Lois Wiesler photo

Green Committee is committed to helping our residents repurpose, and keep things out of the landfill. This year we repurposed or recycled:

- ⇒ 50 pairs of athletic shoes
- ⇒ 75 pairs of glasses
- \Rightarrow 100s and 100s of pill boxes
- ⇒ over 200 books throughout Palm Beach County in conjunction with the Rainberry library
- ⇒ 4 carloads of donations to animal shelters

Cane Toad (Rhinellamarina) INVASIVE, above. Southern Toad (AnaxyrusTerrestris) **NATIVE**, below.

INVASIVE CANE TOADS

The cane toad, also known as the bofu toad, is a large (6-9") non-native frog. Cane toads are invasive and poisonous to most animals. They are only protected by the anti-cruelty law and can be removed from private property and humanely killed. Captured toads may not be re-located and/or released. To remove a cane toad, wear eye and skin protection. A wildlife trapper will also remove the toads and properly dispose of them.

Cane toads will eat table scraps and pet food. Do not leave any pet food outside.

The cane toads secrete a poison that can sicken or kill other animals. The secretion will also irritate skin and eyes of anyone who handles them. Cane toads eggs are also toxic. The Southern toad is native to Florida and grows to be 3-4". Rainberry has

both types of toads. The Southern toads is endangered because the cane toad eats them. Be aware and protect your pets from the poisonous cane toads.





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Stepping out of Rainberry...

THE TALLEST CLIFF IN EUROPE
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3,750 MILES FROM RAINBERRY BAY
BEST TO EXPERIENCE IN DAYLIGHT

FROM ANNE AND PAUL BARRON: May, 17, 2023

Final stop at tallest cliff in Europe. Glass platform allows you to see all the way down. Note cute shoe peering down. Cute guy for that matter! And cute couple!!

—Anne Barron photos

*editors' note: Do you have current "Where in the World" photos you would like to share with the Beacon? Take a photo or create a photo collage that also has some variety of polka dots and send to

RainberryBayBeacon.com with the subject heading Polka Dots. Let us know your in the world and add a sentence or two.



WALT DISNEY WORLD
ORLANDO, FL
163 MILES FROM RAINBERRY BAY
OPEN 9AM-11PM, BUT VARIES WITH
THEME PARKS AND SEASONS



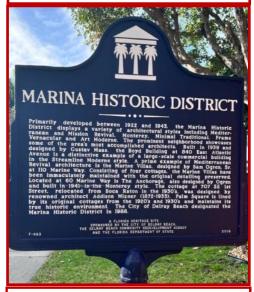
Check out the Swiss Family Robinson treehouse on your next trip to Disney World. Simplicity, Adventure, Magic.
— deb peters photo

Wakodahatchee Wetlands 13270 Jog Rd Delray Beach, FL 4.8 miles from Rainberry Bay Open 6am-7pm



Least Bitterns, at about one foot tall, easily hide their nest in the reeds. The male and female take turns sitting on the eggs. —Andrea Baron photo

MARINA HISTORIC DISTRICT
60 & 110 MARINE WAY, 840 E. ATLANTIC
AVE, 707 SE 1ST AVE, DELRAY BEACH, FL
2.8 MILES FROM RAINBERRY BAY
BEST TO EXPERIENCE IN DAYLIGHT



The Marina Historic District, developed primarily between 1922 and 1943 displays a variety of architectural styles. The cottage at 707 SE 1st St. was designed by renowned architect Addison Mizner. —dlp





Within the Rainberry Bay Family



Dear Friends and Tennis Club Members,

There are no words to describe the feelings of gratitude I feel in my heart from having had you all with me at George's memorial service.

Your love and support gives me strength to go on. Thank you!

With love, Nusha

Say Hello to...



Rainberry Bay residents Elaine and Calvin Weller, enjoyed family time, visiting educational stations, and a walk around the lake path at Celebrate Lake Delrain. They posed for a photo with their visiting daughter, son, and grandson.

—deb peters photo

We wish good health to Megan Doran & Jill Forshey.

Rainberry Bay's Legacy

- Our long-time friend and neighbor Rhoda Blank passed on May 18th. She and her husband, Sid, moved into Rainberry Bay in 1999. After he passed, she remained here until her move to New Jersey in 2022 to be near her family. We, along with her children (Alan, Lisa and Robert), and her grandchildren, will always miss her.
- Bob Sykes, a dear friend to many in Rainberry Bay, a really intelligent and "sharp" guy, passed away recently. He and his wife Marion moved here in 2005. He was part of the Social Club, Theater Arts, the Beacon staff, among other volunteer positions in RB. Thank you, Bob for all you did for Rainberry Bay. Our sincere condolences to Marion and their family.

Beatriz and her son, Rodrigo Andre, attended the dog parade. Their love for each other is so apparent, and a joy to witness. Beatriz works for First Service and attended Rainberry Bay's Celebrate Lake Delrain with her son on her day off.

Beatriz and Rodrigo, conveying his sentiments in sign language, both said they had a lot of fun. — deb peters



- Please notify the Beacon at RainberryBayBeacon@gmail.com if you would like to inform our community of the passing of a member of our Rainberry family.
- Also send us the get well wishes you want to share with our many caring and thoughtful residents.

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GURE READY TO SNEED, TRIME BY TR

Below, Non-Fiction Book Group discussed Douglas W. Tallamy.'s book, *Natures Best Hope, t*he second joint venture for the book group and Green Committee.























THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB HELEN SOHNE

Our club was really dwindling down to a couple of players due to people moving or others no longer able to play. And sadly a few of our long time members passed away.

By opening up time for newbies and returnees as well as the word of mouth from lovers of the game, we added 10 new people to the club. This may not seem like a lot as compared to Bocce or Pickleball. But having between 8-12 people in the room with 3 tables is quite good. It gives everyone a chance to play and allows for one table to be dedicated to those who need or want a singles game.

Due to changing summer schedules there will be NO lessons on Mondays 11:30AM in both June or July. But you can still stop by to play, watch or even learn as there is always someone willing to show you the ropes. Play is on Mondays and Wednesdays in the auditorium from 12-2PM and on Friday from 10AM - 12PM but only a few people come on Friday at the moment.

Stop by to play or watch. Bring a drink and wear shoes you can move in that are not too "grippy." Email Helen Sohne: RBtabletennis@gmail.com





The Tennis Club finished its 22-23 season with an afternoon round robin followed by some Happy Hour snacks and drinks. It should be a quiet summer.

Some activities are on the 23-24 calendar. We will have a Halloween Party open to all of Rainberry again. We are also open to suggestions for some new or additional activities. Let us know what you suggest. The number of options we had was reduced over the last three years.

Thanks for all the people who volunteered at our events. Have a great summer everyone. See page 16 for Tennis Club Tournament photo spread.



Doc and Louise, Sandy and Estelle, Alan, Doris and Jim, Juan Carlos and Carmen, Susan, Lourdes at Bocce's It's Not a Pizza



It's not a Pizza Party. Rose, Jude, Danny, Jerry, Rita, Jeff,



Below: Diane Maxey playing on our Bocce League Team. Barry and Jerry in the background

Rose Ann's 85th. Birthday Celebration

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU. WE WISH YOU A MAGICAL

STICKBALL MICHAEL CANTWELL We vote Vie Win

back row: Tim Bennett, Mike Morgano, Mark Kurtzman,

James Reilly

front row: Michael Cantwell, Peter Camacho, Joe Christensen, Marc Beilinson Char Lane photo



NOT A BIKE CLUB



"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; The realist adjusts the sails." ~ WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD (Or perhaps, pushes the pedal assist button on their bike.)

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Suduko submitted by Carol Unger



BOCCE

KATY MITRANI

THE BOCCE COURTS ARE LOCATED ON 29TH. AVE. IN FRONT OF POOL #2

Summer Bocce has begun and we will continue meeting Monday and Thursday evenings starting at 6pm, along with Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday mornings at 9am. It is the perfect time to join us and learn the game from our seasoned players. We have suspended Beginners Bocce until the Fall. At that time, we also plan to hold practices for our Bocce League team and will invite anyone who may want to play on this team which competes with other communities in the league to come down.

Our Bocce League Team did us proud this year and we had a great time supporting their games. After a tough season, they made the playoffs and we placed 4th overall. Our trophy is proudly displayed in the clubhouse.

While we have enjoyed being together to play Bocce, we have also enjoyed participating in fun activities. We would like to thank our Refreshment Committee: Millie, Camille, Sandy, Diane, Lourdes, Gloria, Barbara F, Barbara V, Louise, Carmen, Rita, Barry, Susan, Jimmy, Joe and Jerry for all their help in planning and implementing all the refreshments for our Bocce League games, our Goodbye Luncheon for Irv and Fran Schulman, our Bocce Breakfast, and our It's Not a Pizza Party. The beautiful decorations were created by Barbara Vella. Next season we already have fun events planned.

I personally want to extend my thanks to Diane Maxey, who assisted me in figuring out how to run the club (still a work in progress) and putting together our flyers. To my fellow board members Barry Nissinoff, Susan Maltezo and Rose Ann Niosi, thank you for all your help. We also want to thank our Board Liaison, Terry Barberio, who works closely with our club chairman. Thanks to Jack Mitrani, Joe Avarello and Jimmy Carlin who help to enhance our courts and surrounding areas.

If you have seen any of us around the community with our blue and yellow bocce hats, they were designed and donated to every club member by Doc and Louise Vichinsky. If you were a club member and you came to bocce you received one. We love them and we thank you both!

If you like to laugh, want to learn a fun game, and be with fun people come on down! Bocce is for everyone.



We welcome all new players, both men and women.

Membership dues are only \$10 a year.

you return.

WATER CONSERVATION

RAINBERRY RESIDENT DIRECTORY CHAR LANE

LOIS WIESLER

Thanks to LWDD (Lake Worth Drainage District), here are some interesting water facts.

It takes about 20 gallons of water to produce a pint of beer.

Average household leaks account for nearly 10,000-gallons of water wasted every year.

75% of the human brain is water and 75% of a living tree is water.

Turn off the water when brushing your teeth to save up to 4-gallons a minute

Place a bucket in the shower to catch the excess water to be used for watering your plants.

Children in the first 6 months of life consume seven times the amount of water per pound as the average American adult.

Watering your plants and lawn in multiple short sessions supplies better absorption and avoids runoff.

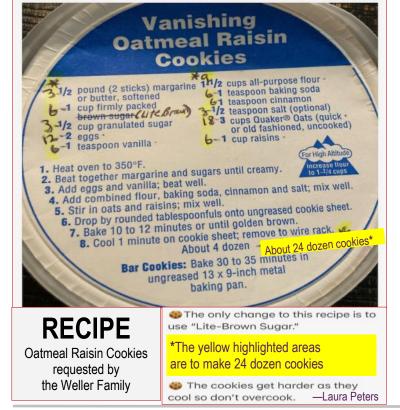
Soak orange peels in vinegar for two weeks in a sealed mason jar. Then pour the vinegar into a spray bottle. Use for cleaning or bug spray. This is great for ants!

A garden hose left unattended can pour out 600 gallons or more in a few hours.

During the growing and production of a tomato, 3 gallons of water are needed.

It takes more than twice the amount of water to produce coffee than tea.

Soak orange peels in vinegar for two weeks in a sealed mason jar. Then pour the vinegar into a spray bottle. Use for cleaning or bug spray. This is great for ants!



The 2023 Directory is done and in distribution. In addition to the distributions I've also been delivering directories to ensure that everyone receives one. Please contact me if you need to have your directory delivered. If you're seasonal at RB, directories will be available when

If you notice an error or have a change, please complete a form and contact me. The next directory will be printed in the spring of 2025, but the electronic copy on the website may be periodically updated.

Going forward, please complete a Directory Inclusion form if you have any changes to your telephone number or email address or other relevant data or circumstances. Telephone numbers are automatically included in the Directory unless you opt out of having your number(s) included. Unlike phone numbers, email addresses are not included unless you opt in to have your email address(es) included. Please follow the instructions on the form.

New residents who have not completed a form should do so. Residents who have completed a form do not need to complete another form unless their information needs to be updated.

Directory Inclusion forms are available in the clubhouse lobby wall display and on the Rainberry website. Please take your completed form to the FSR Management office or scan and email it to Rainberrybay@FSResidential.com or mail it to FSR at the address on the form.

An electronic version of the directory is on the password-protected FSR-Rainberry website on the main page under Forms and Documents. If you don't see it there, please contact the office.

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Potter, the Lake Delrain Otter by Jay R. Worsham

Did you miss author, Jay Worsham's reading of his story at **Celebrate Lake Delrain**? Here it is in its entirety. Thank you, Jay, for allowing the Beacon to publish your story.



Original pencil drawing by Peter Reiss

When Potter the otter was just a pup, his mother would constantly tell him, "Don't go near the iguanas. They are monsters who will gobble you up." The first time Potter saw an iguana, he thought it was the ugliest, scariest creature on earth. Potter's family lived along a canal in a den dug into the wall of the canal. Not far up the

canal, there were plenty of scary iguanas. He stayed as far away from them as possible. When Potter reached a certain age, he began to go adventuring away from the canal. On these adventures, he often came to little square lakes filled with pale blue water, and usually crowded with humans, who splashed in the water or lay in the sun around the square lake. He quickly learned not to get too close to humans. "They're always trying to either catch me or chase me away," he said to his mother. "And there are too many of them splashing in the water."

One day, he came to a large body of water he had never seen before. It wasn't square or filled with pale blue water. It reminded him somewhat of the canal, with grass and plants all around.

"What a lovely lake I've found," said Potter. He lay on his back in the water, as otters like to do, and looked around. "It's not too crowded with humans here," he said, as he watched a woman walking on the path around the lake. "That's a good sign."

Sensing some motion in the water beneath him, he rolled over and dove down to snag a small fish that wasn't fast enough to get away. I guess this fish didn't realize how fast we otters can be in the water, he thought as he munched on the tasty morsel.

After Potter visited the lake a few times, he overheard some humans talking, and he thought they called the lake "Lake Drain." "That would never do," he said to himself. "We otters don't like polluted drain water, and more and more lakes and streams are becoming polluted." But Potter breathed a sigh of relief after listening more closely. "Its name is Lake Delrain, not Lake Drain," he said.

Potter the otter liked Lake Delrain so much, he quickly settled nearby, digging a burrow in the woods not far away. He had plenty to eat, between the fish in the lake and the small creatures in the woods. But not too long after, he discovered that another creature was competing with him for space, the iguanas. At first, he was frightened because of his mother's warning. But as he observed the creatures from behind



Author Jay Worsham, Stephanie Braunstein, and Steve Farber at Celebrate Lake Delrain, with Jay's original story written especially for Rainberry Bay residents about Lake Delrain.

—deb peters photos

some bushes, he noted that the only food they ate was plants and flowers. Still, he avoided them as much as possible. They, too, loved the lake; and when iguanas like a place, they tell all their friends. So Potter fretted that Lake Delrain was crowded, but not with too many humans. No, it was too many iguanas.

One day, as Potter was contemplating leaving the lake to get away from the crowding, he heard a raspy sound nearby. When he investigated, he saw that a very young iguana was caught in the jaws of a raccoon, and was slashing its tail back and forth, trying to free itself. Potter was so shocked at this that he let out a sharp squeal. The raccoon, hearing this, and seeing Potter, dropped the iguana and ran away. Potter crept closer to see if the iguana was alive. When it didn't show signs of life, he approached it and sniffed at it. In response, the young iguana, whose name was lggy, lifted its head and rubbed against the otter. A friendship was born. After that, Potter lost all fear of the iguanas. He and Iggy would swim and play together, a very unusual sight.

But good times are often fleeting in the animal kingdom. And one day, Potter was shocked to hear gunfire. Any creature, large or small, is familiar with gunfire, as humans tend to shoot at anything that will move. He still remembered the time he saw human hunters gathered around a dead cow. One of them kept repeating, "I thought it was a deer." A deer? Potter thought. How could anyone, even a human, mistake a cow for a deer? Potter dove deep into the water while gunfire echoed around him and bullets splashed into the water nearby.

Swimming to a safe spot hidden in the spray of the fountain, he discovered that Iggy was already there. Looking around, he was shocked to see that the humans were shooting the iguanas. I'll admit I thought the iguanas were taking over the lake but killing them? he thought. There must be a better way to discourage them. He watched as the humans dispatched one iguana after another while other iguanas scurried away. "Those poor creatures seem to be their only target," he muttered. "Still, I intend to lay low until all the humans with guns are gone." He and Iggy huddled under the concealing spray of the fountain and waited.

Finally, peace returned to Lake Delrain, and Potter and Iggy came out from hiding. All the iguanas were gone except for Potter's little friend. He looked at Iggy and thought, *you'd better find yourself another lake*. As if reading his mind, Iggy raced away, and Potter never saw him again. Soon, Potter felt comfortable splashing about, although from that day on, he was much more cautious when humans were nearby.

Remembering the hunters and the dead cow, he thought, I hope nobody ever mistakes me for an iguana.

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cancelled. niadelray@gmail.com Thank you to all of our regular dancers and the people who took a chance and experienced a new way to move and feel good. It was a wonderful season with you all here in Rainberry!

Many thanks to the EZ FITNESS group for all the help I received this past year. Kathleen Harvey, Jessica Kurtzman, and Janet Eisenman always had everything set up for a smooth running class. This friendly EZ fitness group meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 to 10:00 AM.

My heart is full when I think of Barbara Goldberg, Kathleen Harvey, John Brown and Monique Goudreau. You were godsends. You were constantly available to care for my ailing husband and me when I could not be there for him. Through this difficult past year you have been the family I needed and could count on.

—Madeline Bochner

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Flowers & Crafts	T (1st & 3rd)	ART	10a		
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Water Aerobics	W	Р1	11:30a		
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Clay Studio	F	ART	10a-12p		
Mat Yoga	S	MCR	10a		
iPhone	S	CFR	11:15a		



Beading (& BAKING!) with Karen Jackson Miller

This recipe was sent to me by my cousin Michelle. Our Grandmothers were sisters. They were two of the Butler Sisters. Paggey Butler Jackson was my grandmother, and her grandmother was Dorothy Butler Howard. There were two other sisters, and they also made this cake. They were Clarice Butler Cheltenham and Lillian Butler Hart. This was a favorite recipe for family gatherings.

Recipe

The Butler Sisters' Pound Cake

3 c flour

3 c sugar

3 sticks butter

6 eggs

1 c milk (or buttermilk or sour cream)

1 tbs baking powder

1tsp vanilla

1 tsp mace



Lillian, Pansey, Clarice, and Dorothy Butler.

Note: I don't add salt because I use salted butter. (I add 1/2 tsp salt, using unsalted butter)

Cream butter & sugar. Add eggs one at a time. Alternate flour and milk, starting and ending with the flour (add the vanilla during the milk addition). Bake approximately 1hour @ 325° in a Bundt pan. The cake is done when a knife inserted into the center comes up clean. This might take longer than 1 hour.

THOUGHTS FROM RAINBERRIANS...

All good things must come to an end.

It is with mixed feelings that we are announcing that the **21st Century Club** has decided to end. We feel very proud of the music we brought to our community, striving to bring you the very best entertainment at extremely affordable prices. Rock and Roll definitely lived here with the vision and experience of my fellow board members Steve Bodner, Susan Dresner and Barry Nissinoff. It was a pleasure and an honor to have worked with you.

A special thank you goes out to our committee, Mike Pines, Jimmy and Millie Carlin, Gloria Nissinoff, and Sandi Bodner and to our volunteers, Joe Avarello, Gregory McGann and Jack Mitrani.

Thank you also to the sound crew, and theater volunteers. You were always there for us, especially you Mort.

Our love and thanks are sent to all who work on the Beacon, especially to our darling friend, Karen Wells, who understood what we were trying to do and lent us her advice, loyalty, and talent in helping us advertise, which at times seemed impossible.

We will always be grateful for the support we received from so many of our residents and dear friends who came to our shows, even in the toughest times. We will never forget it.

We wish the very best to any clubs at Rainberry Bay taking on the challenge of bringing you new and exciting entertainment. You all have our best wishes and we look forward to supporting you.

—Katy Mitrani, 21st Century Club

Dear Members of the 21st Century Board,

We're so sorry to see the end of the 21st Century Club, and appreciate all of the work you have done over the years for the benefit of the Rainberry Bay community. We also truly appreciate the generosity you have shown to other Rainberry organizations, especially the Beacon and the Green Committee. Because of your substantial donations, that generosity of spirit will live-on through the future Florida native gardens at the Bocce and Pickleball courts. We can also remember the 21st Century Club when we see additional color pages in the Beacon. Thank you to your entire board and to your volunteers. Your shows were fabulous and your work for the Rainberry residents, tireless and unending —deb peters

RECIPE Ody's Dog Biscuits —Bob Stewart

3 1/2 C wheat flour
2 C whole wheat flour
1 PKG dry yeast
2 C chicken broth
1/2 C dry milk
2 C cracked (bulger) wheat
4 tsp salt

1 C corn meal 1 egg & 1tsp milk to brush

Warm chicken broth. Dissolve yeast in 1/2 C warm water, combine with broth. Pour over dry ingredients and mix. Knead working into a stiff dough. Roll dough into 1/4 inch thick sheet, cut with cookie cutter. Place on parchment paper covered cookie sheet. Brush with egg/milk mixture. Place in 300 degree oven for 45 minutes. Turn off oven and leave in oven overnight.

Thank you to **Steve Bodner**!!! Thank you to **Susan Dresner**!! Thank you to **Susan Dresner**!! Thank you to **Barry Nissinoff**!! Also, thank you to Mort Lewis and David Kulick.

Your tireless efforts brought great music and lots of fun to our community. We are grateful for the volunteer work you did to help make our lives more joyful. We appreciate you!



Past 21st Century Club Board:, Katy Mitrani, Barry Nissinoff, Steve Bodner, and Susan Dresner. ——Karen Jensen photo

—Jim McMorrow and Linda MacNeal

Dear Community:

As "Top Dog" of this year's Rainberry Bay Dog Parade, I want to thank the Green Committee, co-chairs Susan Jones and Deb Peters of the Lake Delrain event, the Lake Delrain Committee, the Dog Parade volunteers, dog owners and their pets as well as the residents who attended for making the event such a huge success.



Special thanks go to Char Lane who donated prizes, Bob Stewart who baked dog biscuits and Roz Appel who gave 500 biodegradable poop bags. It took a "village" to pull the day off, but we did it!

A primary reason for creating the event was to celebrate

Earth Day and to remind us of what an important asset Lake Delrain is to our community. As our only water feature, it's a central attraction for all who live here. Whether you are a walker, a cyclist, bird watcher, dog owner—or a resident that drives by—the Lake is a treasured resource of Rainberry Bay.

The Lake Delrain event and Rainberry Bay Dog Parade were created to draw attention to the importance of the environment and the health of our Lake. We have a lively dog community as witnessed by the 27 entrants to the Dog Parade and countless other dog lovers who attended the event to cheer on the pooches and their owners. Kudos to all Rainberry dog owners who decorated their pet chariots and their fur babies in clever costumes.

Since all our lawns are watered with Lake Delrain water, it's imperative that we keep the Lake clean. The last time the Lake was drained, there were many poop bags at the bottom. To bring attention to the need to use biodegradable poop bags, the waste receptacles that surround the Lake—and not the storm drains or the Lake to dispose of pet waste—the Dog Parade was born.

We hope that all Rainberry dog owners understand the importance of Lake Delrain to the community and will dispose of their pets' "business" properly. I hope the Lake Delrain Event Committee and the next "Top Dog" of the Rainberry Dog Parade continue the tradition of educating the community to love our Lake as much as they love their pets.

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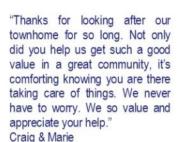
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