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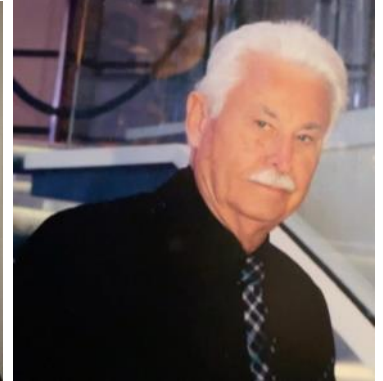
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Homes Candidate



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Homes Candidate



Janet Ahlgren
Villas Candidate

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Resume and
Vote for ME!**
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Lois Wiesler
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Join us for an unforgettable
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Helen Sohne

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RSVP no later than February 25th as space is limited to the first 80 people who respond. Tell us how many in your household are attending and your full names. If you have dietary requirements such as gluten free or vegan, please also let us know.

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BOARD MEETINGS

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

HOMES MEETING

7:00PM AUD & ZOOM

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 @ 2PM

MASTER MEETING

AUD & ZOOM

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

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6. BOCCE COURT
7. PICKLEBALL COURT

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REVISED ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS READY FOR YOUR REVIEW!

I want to thank all those who have participated in a 2-year revision of our documents that are now ready for review by our neighbors.

All HOA associations in Florida have a set of legal documents that are provided at closing when you buy into an HOA. These base documents require updating from time to time to stay current with Florida Law and should also be amended from time to time to meet new requirements that are important to the community. This has been done through a sequence of amendments. However, over the years these have become somewhat unmanageable to read.

The Documents Committee, after reviewing the typed 1970's version with all its amendments, elected to perform a complete revision, known as "revised and restated," to incorporate amendments to ensure you have an easy-to-read set.

OUR NEXT STEPS:

It's now your turn. We hosted a public meeting in December, and we plan to have several more to ensure that these documents are well explained, understandable and ready for voting by the entire Homes community. Please look at the Rainberry Calendar for dates and times.

As President of the Homes Association, I would like it to be clear that all the revisions were discussed and vetted by a group of your neighbors who have our collective best interests at heart. Once that was completed, legal counsel further vetted them to ensure that the language was not in conflict with any Federal, State and Local laws or ordinances.

When the information meeting sequences are completed, a final revision update will occur to ensure it reflects the feedback from the community. We look forward to seeing you at one of these meetings. Please look for the schedule as noted above, and announcements via email, voice message and eblast.

Call for Election Volunteers Donna Gouin

It's definitely time to start thinking about our Rainberry Bay board elections, which will be held on March 6, 2024. As a co-chair of the Election Committee, I am once again putting out a call to ask residents to consider joining our committee. If you are a full-time resident, or a snowbird like me, becoming a member is an effective way to participate in an important annual community event, which does not require a great deal of time, but is very important.

Our committee work begins after Candidates' Night, on January 24, but mostly we need members on election night, March 6, to help with the actual voting process and count. We will be contacting people who have served in previous years to ask if you want to help again, but if you are new to the community, or are a resident who has not volunteered before, and are interested in helping with this important event, please send me an email: DGrbelect@gmail.com. There will be a brief meeting for new volunteers, and any past volunteers who wish to attend, on March 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the theater, to explain the jobs of volunteers on election night. I thank you in advance!

Barry Shore

Master Board Candidate

My name is Barry Shore, and I am running for the Masters Board. I have lived in Rainberry Bay since 2006 with my family and pets. I feel that I can make positive changes in our community and that is why I have declared my candidacy.

I am a licensed plumber, with a construction and business background who has estimated and overseen several large construction contracts. I have also served on many Boards for over 25 years. First, I was President of the Homes Board and Vice President of the Master's Association in New York. After moving to Florida, I served as President of a Board in the development I moved to. I oversaw the project to install the gates throughout that community and all other projects. I was also a member of the Community Development District, which was a Master's Board whose members were elected through the county election process, as it was considered a government entity.

When I moved to Rainberry Bay, I was given the honored title of President Emeritus from the community that I moved from. In Rainberry I was head of security and on the Homes Board documents committee. I am well versed in Florida Statutes 720, which all HOAS need to follow. If elected, I will work for all the residents of Rainberry Bay and keep all residents regularly informed of all Rainberry matters.

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John English

Homes Board Candidate

Introduction:

Over my last 2 years I have served the Homes Association as first the Vice President and then President. My prior career was in information Technology, starting as a telephone installer and finishing as the Managing Director of Information Systems for a 10-billion-dollar organization.

What should you know about me?

- You call me, I will call you back. Maybe not immediately, but I will.
- I will not visit your property, but I will ensure the right person does.
- I represent both you and the HOA and it's important to understand your point of view.
- I utilize standard business modeling as the baseline for issues and projects.
- When I don't know something, I learn it. If I struggle with it, I get the right person to help me help you.
- I am the dreamer board member, thinking about what's best for Rainberry and how to accomplish that.
- I place high priority on value vs low cost solutioning.
- I am hyperactive, and I used to try and control it.

What did I do during my first term?

- Re-designed the approach to managing landscaping. Improved the scheduling, added performance goals to the contract, decreased the time for work orders to be completed. Landscaping complaints have dropped significantly. (Excluding irrigation....)
- Organized a new paint committee resulting in choices for those that love their homes allowing them to pick out new colors. We had an outstanding result.
- Stepped in as the leader of the Documents committee, assisting the group with revising covenants to reflect current day changes with inclusion of all the amendments over the last 44 years. (work in progress)
- Worked with the other presidents to establish improved oversight of the property management firm. (work in progress)
- Analyzed the cost of stucco repairs and set a plan in motion for 2024 to better control that cost.

What do you do in Rainberry?

- I play tennis at night with a small group of players.
- I bowl on Thursdays in the Rainberry Bowling League.
- I attend an enormous number of meetings, life of a board member.
- I enjoy theater shows, bingo and the Mix and Mingle events.

Lois Wiesler Master Board Candidate

Many of the newer residents may only recognize me from my involvement on the board, but in 17 years of living in Rainberry Bay I have found so many additional ways to participate in our community. In recent years I have served as president of the Master Board and before my ten-year break, sat on the Villas Board. I also proofread for the Beacon, prepare the Friday eblasts, write the Beacon re-purpose column, attend Green Committee meetings, and work with the Sales and Rentals Committee; I am also CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) trained. Formerly, I handled the RB Calendar, chaired the Block Captains Committee, drove for the

COPs (Citizens on Patrol) and danced with the Theater Arts group. I attend many committee meetings and have sat through numerous virtual meetings, especially during COVID.

Each of these activities has allowed me to meet new people, learn new skills, and appreciate the endless opportunities to get involved in our community. The board experience has given me an understanding of how Florida Statutes govern HOA procedures and the importance of understanding our governing documents. I have a great deal of experience in budgeting the dollars that are spent, prioritizing and executing projects and working cooperatively with fellow board members to make important decisions that impact all our residents. Each pro-

ject, club, and committee I get involved with teaches me something new and valuable.

On a personal level, I have a Master's degree in Organizational Behavior, took Dale Carnegie's course and am a former Jazzercise instructor - all lessons that are part of my history. My professional work history includes many years in the fashion industry and ended with a phone company management position covering the stock exchanges (NY and Chicago), bankers and brokers.

Every year there are new challenges to face, problems to solve and opportunities to make positive changes. I would like to be a part of that process and am asking for your vote. Thank you.

Please attend Candidates Night, Wednesday, January 24th, @ 7pm in the Theater

Janet Ahlgren, Villas Board Candidate

Once I had decided to live in Rainberry Bay (shortly before the pandemic closures) I recounted to a friend why I chose this community. It started with the mature trees, some bearing delicious tropical fruits, many hung with orchids, and shade, lots of shade. Also I appreciate that it's safe to walk around at any hour (catch me on the circle in the early morning or late evening), and offers activities that help engage the community. 'Berry people are friendly, engaging, interesting, and unpretentious. I feel like I can totally relax here. I want to make sure most everyone else feels the same.

As a businesswoman and entrepreneur who has managed complex,

multimillion dollar media and IT projects, with their diverse pressures and powerful constituencies, I am known as a compassionate and fair negotiator, who is friendly, but persistent, focused and patient. I listen intently.

I have volunteered throughout my life at multiple social service organizations dealing with children, teens, healthcare, education and suicide. Perhaps, as my sister recently opined, I haven't spent my entire "caring reserves" on offspring, so may have more caring to expend than parents. So be it. We belong by participating.

Early on I absorbed my birth family values of self-sufficiency, learning, sharing, caring and reliability. I am a problem solver and follow through on getting things done.

And I like to have fun doing it.

Throughout my lifetime I have renovated several residential properties, and understand the joys and frustrations of construction projects, and the importance of planning and scheduling. Along the way I learned the universal military truth that no plan survives first encounter with the enemy, but that thorough planning is essential preparation. I can be tenacious when pursuing a plan, and also flexible when needed. This will serve us well on the Villas Board.

I respectfully request your support to represent you on the Villas Board, and I intend to listen to all the ideas from our diverse population that make Rainberry Bay a vibrant, welcoming, interesting community.

Michael Coleman Homes Board Candidate

My Name is Michael Wayne Coleman, I would like to announce my candidacy for Rainberry Bay HOA Board of Directors on the Homes Board.

I was in the Air Force from January 4th, 1967 till my retirement on February 2, 1988.

I applied to the Broward Sheriff's Office and worked in the Inmate Canteen, where I was responsible in the ordering of merchandise and dealing with the vendors and help negotiate with the vendors for new contracts. I retired from the Sheriff's Department in 2001.

I worked for the Target Corp. full time and held different positions, night shift restocking supervisor,

Receiving Clerk, as the Receiving Clerk it was my responsibility to receive merchandise from the vendors, and receiving the Trucks from the warehouse. I was then promoted to where I was in charge of three different departments.

I became a professional volunteer for the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Non-Profit Charity in several different position. In 2010 I became part of the first Veterans Court System in Palm Beach County and the State of Florida.

I am a member of the Disabled American Veterans, and I'm also a member of the American Legion. I have a Law Enforcement and Security background and along time resident I have seen so many things that have gone on for too long. We have given the responsi-

bility of management over to one person and that is the management company and the board has allowed this to go on and the Rainberry Bay residents have no voice or control. Over the years be it in the military, or civilian life I learn that there is no "I" in team. Yes, that is right you have to work as a team to achieve the best outcome. The Rainberry Bay HOA Board is a team of nine individuals that have sworn to up hold the constitution and the documents and by-laws. There is no special groups in my book we are all part of that makes up Rainberry Bay. I believe in honesty, and being truthful and transparent to all residents. I feel that I have what it takes to be a member of the Rainberry Bay HOA Board of Directors.

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Rhona Campton Master Board Candidate

As a fulltime resident for over 11 years, I have learned a lot about our community, its resident's needs & desires. I share the frustrations of many residents regarding the inertia in creating improvements for our community. Our community is changing. We need to continue to evolve to serve our residents effectively.

As a local realtor, I have made it my personal mission to restore my community's home values. The market values of our homes have gone up significantly over the past three to four years. Without improvement to our community amenities, these competitive gains could be lost.

Rainberry Bay has an overall annual budget of almost \$6 million

dollars. The management of our funds requires diligence, time and attention from every board member AND our management company. Rainberry Bay has paid for reserve studies done by experts, that have not been used in the management of our finances. The community deserves clear-cut communication and transparency regarding how our money is being utilized and our plans for the future.

I served as the Homes Treasurer for 3 years. Every month, I provided a detailed report of our expenses & their relationship to budget. My service on multiple committees, including CERT, Finance and Budget, & Management Oversight, provide me insight into how to make community operations more efficient & effective.

I understand how our board works and historically what obstacles

offer the greatest challenges to the issues we face. It would benefit us to re-examine and re-tool our processes to create the results we truly want.

Prior to being a realtor, I was a health care executive with over 35 years of experience. I worked in local, regional & national capacities. In each of these settings, my role involved strategic planning & operational management which included budget forecasting and enforcement, process improvement, team building, contract negotiation & workflow design.

My management style is always pro-active, collaborative, & communicative. I believe that this approach, along with my skill set, are essential for success in any setting. I feel confident that they would serve me well, as a member of the Masters Board.

Carol Fredericks

Master Board Candidate

Devoted to community service, my journey encompasses a range of roles and responsibilities. From volunteering at Habitat for Humanity and being elected to the Galloway Twp., NJ public school board, my commitment to community welfare has been unwavering. Recently, I've been actively involved with the Delray Beach Advisory Board, served as a liaison to the Delray Children's Garden, and contributed as a church vestry member and board member for St. Paul's Episcopal nursery.

Aiming to support strong fiscal management and robust oversight to Rainberry Bay, I emphasize the

importance of transparency and service to the community. My professional background, spanning over three decades, has equipped me with the skills necessary for this volunteer board position. Beginning in the construction industry, where my husband Ken and I built new homes, I later transitioned to real estate, gaining valuable experience as a Realtor in NJ from 1985 to 1989.

Shifting gears to education, my journey led me from a teaching role to becoming a School Business Administrator after obtaining my MA in Business in 2000. In this capacity, I oversaw financial and operational aspects of school districts in New Jersey, eventually being approved for bonding to

manage up to a \$750M annual budget in Paterson NJ. My focus remained on fiscal management, contract compliance, and staff development.

With a doctorate in Leadership, Administration, and Policy from Fordham University, I became the Superintendent of Schools, retiring in 2017. Relocating to Delray Beach with my husband Ken, we now happily reside at Rainberry Bay with our canine companion Louie. Currently working as a real estate broker and licensed Community Association Manager, my background underscores my proficiency in fiscal affairs and property management, aligning with my commitment to making a positive impact in the community.

Please attend Candidates Night, Wednesday, January 24th, @ 7pm in the Theater

Norma Koff

Homes Board Candidate

I'm Norma Koff and I'm running for re-election to the Homes Board. I have lived in Rainberry Bay since 2002. Since then I have been:

Past president of the Homes Board

Treasurer of the Master Board

Chair of Oversight Committee

Chair of Finance Committee

Chair of the Roofing Committee for Homes Board

President and Treasurer of We Care

Founder and Editor of Raindrops

Council of Clubs representative

President of the Bridge Club

Member of Rules Committee, Documents Committee and Nominating Committee

Current Treasurer Homes Association

Due to Beacon space constraints,

my bio from the office contains more detail. This is just a brief overview. My priorities are solid business practices and communication. I take these responsibilities very seriously. As treasurer I am responsible for seeing that our money is spent in the same responsible manner in which I spend my own money and you spend yours. While I am responsible for the Home's association money and contribute to its policies, I also participate in business and policy decisions for Master's.

Regarding communication, it is important to keep the residents informed of community business. When the Beacon stopped publishing residents' letters, I started Raindrops to give residents a forum for communication.

The past 2 years while on the Home's board I have

Held FSR accountable for erroneous bills

Moved Reserve money to actively managed account earning Homes

\$29,000 in interest

Pushed back on expenses that belong to Master

Lowered maintenance 1 time by using operating money to offset unusually large Master increase

Added board members' email addresses to the Beacon

Resolved 15th St fence issues

Worked to create tracking forms for roofing, painting, fences, driveways, roof cleaning.

We are exploring cloud storage for Home's papers – policies, lawyer decisions, roof and painting tracking sheets, etc. Currently there is no central repository for these papers to which future boards should have access.

I am asking for your vote. I live here too. Board decisions affect me as they do you. I hope you'll agree that my experience and community involvement make me the best candidate to continue to move Rainberry forward.

Rainberry Bay Elections

Brief Summary of the Rainberry Bay Election Process

Bob Williams, Election Committee Co-Chair

In this edition of the Beacon, you are introduced to the 2024 candidates for the board of each Rainberry Bay Association.

Candidate's Night is on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre. All residents are encouraged to attend, either in person or by Zoom, to hear the candidates in person and to participate in the question/answer period.

Shortly following Candidate's Night, residents that have opted in to electronic voting will receive an email that lists the agenda for the Annual Meeting, present the candidates bios in their own words and their ballots. Residents that have not opted in to electronic voting will receive the same materials in the mail a few days later, including paper absentee ballots.

Residents that have not opted in to electronic voting and would like to may fill out a Consent Form. Blank Consent Forms are available on the Rainberry website, www.myrainberrybay.com, or from the office.

Online electronic voting continues until Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Mailed paper absentee ballots must be received by the Management Office by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Absentee ballots submitted in the ballot box at the entrance to the Clubhouse must be in the box by noon on March 6, 2024 as well.


In person voting commences on March 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Voting will close at 7 p.m.

The Election Committee then tallies the vote, including all votes cast on line, absentee ballots and votes cast on Election Night. The Election Co-Chair announces the outcome after the vote tally is completed.







Questions specifically regarding electronic voting can be directed to GetQuorum Customer Service after hours at voters@getquorum.com or during regular hours at support@getquorum.com. Other Election related questions can be sent to me at RFWinRB@yahoo.com.

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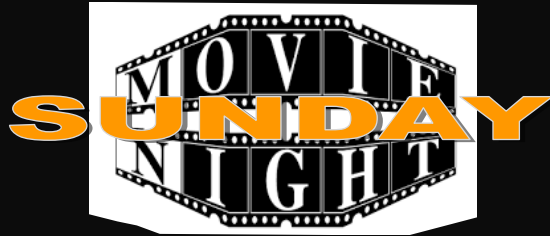
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LIBRARY NEWS

JOAN POWELL & JOLIE TRABIN

LIBRARY HOURS

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 SEPTEMBER - MAY: Monday-Friday 1-3 pm



February 18: **OPPENHEIMER**

March 10: **MISSION IMPOSSIBLE:
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March 31: **BARBIE**

FEBRUARY '24 DVDs	
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EDGE, THE	BALDUCCI, DAVID
DIRTY THIRTY	EVANOVICH, JANET
EXCHANGE, THE	GRISHAM, JOHN
TRUST	DIAZ, HERMAN
DARK ANGEL	SANFORD, JOHN
PREQUEL	MADDOW, RACHEL
ENCHANTERS, THE	ELLROY, JAMES
LITTLE LIAR, THE	ALBOM, MITCH
MY NAME IS BARBRA	STREISAND, BARBRA

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

NANCY EFFRAIN

February brings us a book by noted author Geraldine Brooks. She wrote *People of the Book*, *Year of Wonders*, and *March* and has now brought us *Horse*, which we'll be discussing Wednesday, February 21, 2pm in the Clubhouse MCR. *Horse* isn't just an animal story. It's a moving narrative about race and art.

TIME Goodreads has this description: "*Horse* is about a discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in a museum attic, and the greatest race horse in American history. From these strands, Geraldine Brooks, Pulitzer prize winning author, braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American society."

The book starts before the Civil War and connects to present day through a painting and the skeleton of the most famous race horse in American History.

There's a lot to keep you glued to the pages.

Join us for a stimulating discussion on "*Horse*, February 21, 2pm, in the MCR.

Books are available in the Rainberry library.

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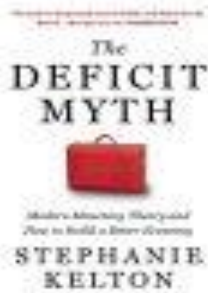
Frank Sinatra

1966

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NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

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Our future schedule is:
February 13th, 2024
Deficit Myth by Stephanie Kelton will be presented by Debbie Peters.

March 12, 2024
Topic-AI (Artificial

Intelligence) will be presented by Allan Trust.

April 19, 2024

To Dye For by Aiden Wicker will be a cooperative effort by the Green Committee and the Non-Fiction Book Club. Debbie Peters & Karen Aprill will be the Presenters.

All meetings will begin at 11am, in the Clubhouse.



Rainberry mourns the passing of Esther Weiser.



Former Rainberry resident Rhoda Stiefel, passed away on December 5, 2023. Rhoda and her husband Irv moved to Rainberry Bay in 2000. For many years Rhoda was a regular at the Women's Club meetings and events. She enjoyed the friendship of many during the 18+ years they shared here. Rhoda is survived by their daughter and son, their spouses, and two grandchildren. She was 95.



Stanley Hallman passed peacefully on November 26, 2023 at the age of 95. He lived a FULL life, much of which included daily tennis until he was 89. RIP Dad.—From Stan's son, Stacy (Stan was pre-deceased by his long-time partner, Carol Meiselman.)

WOMEN'S CLUB FERN KATRONETSKY & CAROL SHORE, CO-PRESIDENTS

On February 11, the Women's Club will enjoy "A Day of Shopping in Delray Beach" at FASHION FAZE on Atlantic Avenue in the 3G's Shopping Plaza. YES!! IT IS A SUNDAY, AND IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED JUST FOR US! The shop is opening its doors JUST FOR at 10:00am to allow us to privately shop.

Plan a fun-filled 90 minutes of shopping. Bring your family and friends with you to enjoy this shopping spree. If you need transportation, let us know. Please contact Fern Katronetsky by e-mail at f.katronetsky@verizon.net no later than Friday, February 9th.

There will be another Saturday Night BINGO on March 23rd. Details will be provided in the March issue of the BEACON and in weekly e-blasts.

And STAY TUNED!! The Women's Club is considering holding additional BINGO events during May and July. One will be an Afternoon of Bingo.

On April 16, we will again have a Cards/Mah Jongg/Games Party along with a lunch to close the season out. Join us for a fun afternoon. Details will be provided at a later date.

Note: look for our color photo on page 21.

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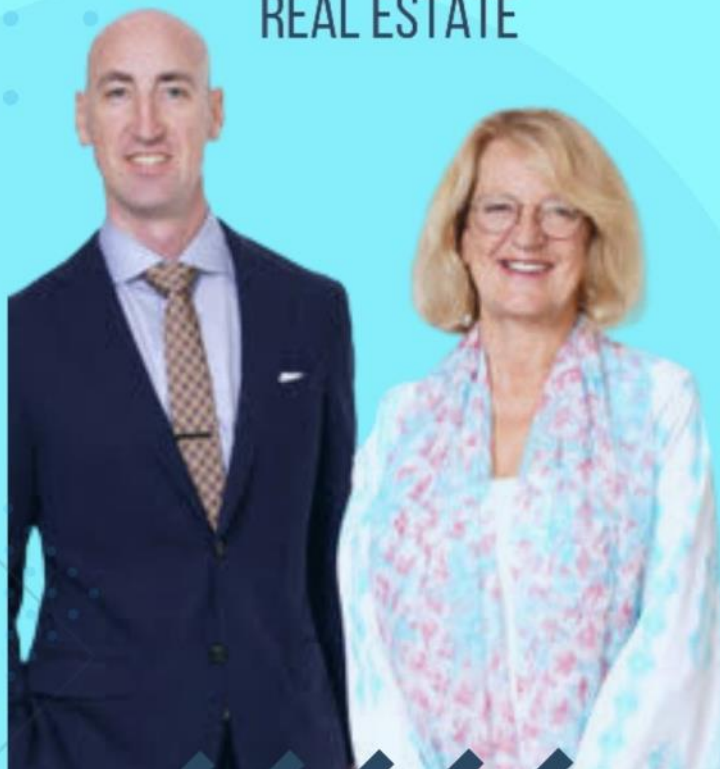
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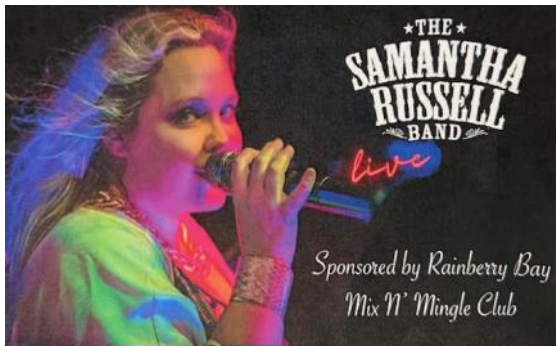
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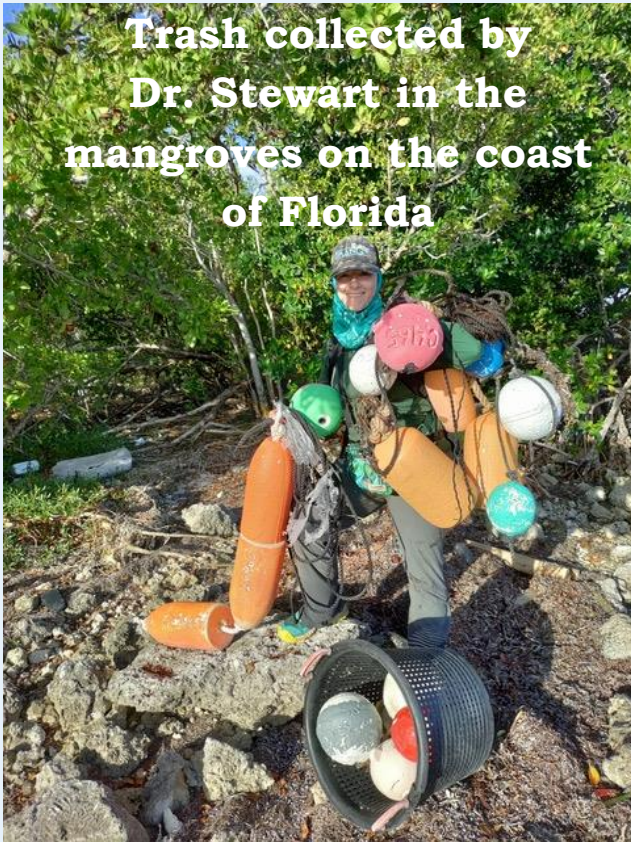
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GREEN COMMITTEE

by Karen Aprill

Please join us for a World Wetlands Day celebration Friday, February 2nd at 2 PM, in the Rainberry Bay Clubhouse auditorium. Heather A. Stewart, Ph.D. of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Ecosystem Assessment and Restoration Section will be presenting on Florida Mangrove Conservation and Restoration Practices. Dr. Stewart has been working on coastal wetland restoration projects across the state of Florida with multiple projects in Palm Beach County. The presentation will be 50 minutes followed by an open question period from the audience and light refreshments.

Foodberry News

by Marlene Elmowitz

What's new with Rainberry Foodberry Club, you ask?

Hanukkah Party: 20 of us made hundreds of latkes in the theater. It was the grand re-opening of the kitchen. We then served a 3 course roasted chicken dinner to 60 in attendance. It was quite a party, including a gift swap and a monthly birthday celebration.

New Years Eve: The dessert buffet was a hit. It included brownies, carrot cake, sheet cake, and a variety of cookies (even some gluten free) Thanks to all my Foodberry volunteers. We had fun in the kitchen baking and enjoying a bagel breakfast too! Other Foodberry coming events:

February 16th Valentines Dinner

March 29th Easter Cook-off

April 21st Passover Cook-off

May 5th Cinco de Mayo Celebration.



Pickleball News

Camille Mazza & Nina Diamond



Pickleball Welcome Back and Officer Nomination Party

RAINBERRY BAY HAS A NEW ELECTRONIC VOTING VENDOR — SIGN UP!
(Get form in Clubhouse lobby or on website.)

Pickleball Exhibition By Camille Mazza
 A pickleball exhibition was held in December. It was hosted by Shariq, our sports director, and his assistant, Calvin. The exhibition included Pickleball Pros and our bravest Rainberry players.



Tennis Club's annual holiday party at Puttin' Around, followed by dinner at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza.



Get ready for the 2024

LAKE DAY

Events include discussions on the mechanics of Lake Delrain, fishing information, a history of how our lake came to be, and a presentation by a representative of the local Audubon Society, Conservation Chapter Committee, and a member of the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. The presentation will be followed by a raffle of native plants.

Snacks , drinks, and other give-aways will be available at information tables .

There will also be lake-themed games and contests going on during the event!

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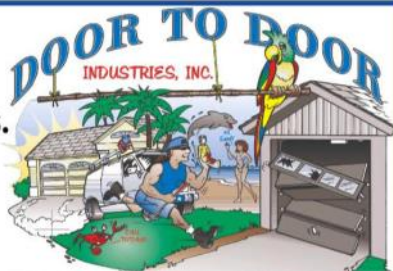
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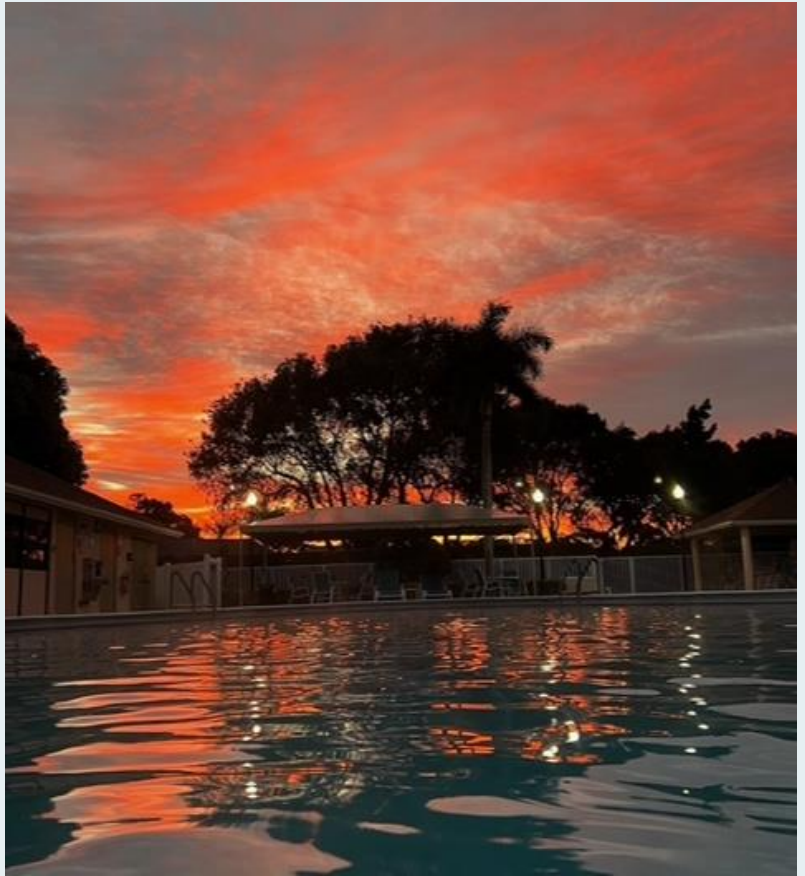
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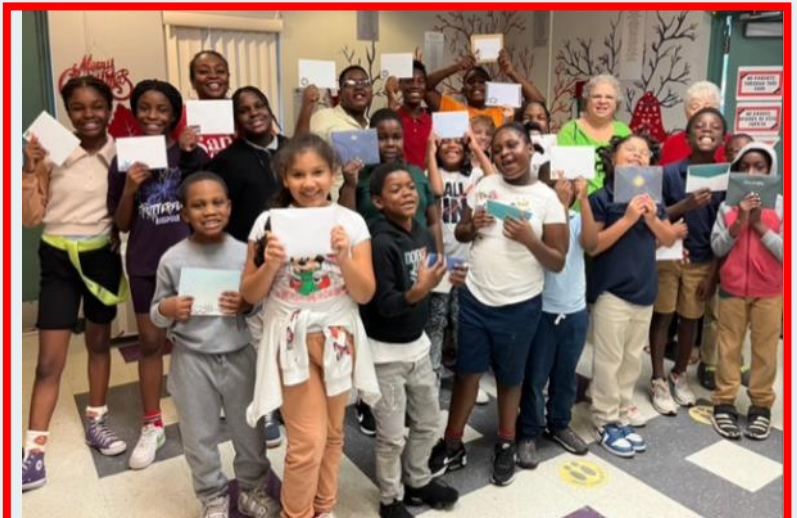
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Sunrise swimming at pool one—nature’s beauty and new lounge chairs. Feeling thankful for all that we have in Rainberry Bay.



First Service-Board of Directors Holiday Lunch



The Rainberry Bay **Women’s Club** Ways & Means Committee, Chaired by Beverly Librescu, would like to thank everyone for participating in our annual holiday collection of donations for Pine Grove Elementary School. We put smiles on these children's faces and love in all their hearts. We do plan to continue doing this good deed going forward. Therefore, “We Will Be Back!” again in 2024 asking for your donations for the same purpose. Just look for us.

Roots and Recipes

My Affair with Food

by Yvonne Romeu Iglesias-Shapiro (Foodberry Member)

My affair with food started as early as I can remember. I grew up in Washington Heights, New York and in Puerto Rico. I was surrounded by a plethora of cooks in my family, who all took part in filling my life with a love for our culture, music, traditions & food. Food was, and is, the fuel to the heart. The aromas stemming from the kitchens, especially during the holidays, were enough to make my mouth water with the anticipated dishes to be served.



Spending time in the kitchen with my mother, Elsie, and grandmother, Trinidad, allowed me to observe how dishes like Spanish paella, flan (a custard dessert), arroz con gandules (yellow rice with pigeon peas) and so many more came together. It wasn't until I had a home of my own that I put many of those cultural dishes to practice, filling them with pride to the taste.

Over the years, I've put my own little twist here and there because in a Criollo kitchen, you really don't go by a recipe (well, sometimes) but most times you cook with the flow from your soul with a pinch of this, a pinch of that, and love is always the special ingredient.



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Where in the World are you now, Anne & Paul?

Join us for weekly Friday INSIDE Rainberry Bike Rides.

You don't ride? Don't have a bicycle? Stand along the route, wave to us and cheer us on. (Email us and we will send you the route diagram for the week.)

Meet at 8:00am at the Clubhouse entrance with your bike, HELMET, closed-toe shoes, and water.

The group ride ends by 9am.

Feel free to leave the group at anytime if you have another commitment or prefer a shorter ride. If you are running late-meet up with us along the route. The goal is to discover, by bicycle, different sections of Rainberry Bay each week, and to get to know our neighbors.

On Rainberry Circle we will be riding single file as a group, following the biking rules of the road. On the quiet, less traveled roads we can be more relaxed and enjoy each other's company.

Maybe one day we will become BOPS. What's a BOP? Find out Friday.

See you at 8am at the Clubhouse entrance. We meet each Friday unless there is inclement weather. We leave the Clubhouse at 8:10am.

Looking forward to riding together.

Meet at the Clubhouse 8am each Wednesday morning for a 10-mile bike ride. Wear your helmet and bright colors. Bring water and cash. We stop halfway through the ride for breakfast and conversation at various breakfast venues. Confirm at

nabdelray@gmail.com

STICKBALL

MICHAEL CANTWELL



Stickball is played Wednesday afternoons at 3:45 PM at the 3-sided concrete enclosure at the back of the tennis center. Join our RB stickball players for a fun time pitching and hitting but with no running and lots of laughing.
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YHC The “New” Yiddish Heritage Club Nancy and Jack Efrain

Our next meeting will be February 9, at 1 pm, in the MCR of the Club-house. We will continue our lectures/discussions on how we came to America. Bob Amlin, one of our knowledgeable members on this topic, will discuss the large waves of European migration that started in the 1880’s and continued into the early 20th century. And “yes” many of these immigrants

spoke Yiddish.

On March 8, Rabbi Mendy Heber, the co-director of the Delray Beach Chabad, will speak about Chabad and why it is here in Delray. A discussion about Purim will follow. (Did Queen Esther speak Yiddish?)

As always, our meetings are in English. They are open to all and are both informative and entertaining.

For questions please contact Nancy or Jack Efrain, jnefrain@aol.com

Attend Candidates Night



Wednesday, Jan 24th
In the Rainberry Bay Theater
@ 7pm

Thank you!

I want to express my gratitude to the dedicated nominating committee and board liaisons for their valuable time & commitment to the candidate search!

Your efforts play a crucial role in shaping the future of our community. Thank you for your service and dedication.

-Nan Robb

Nominating Committee Chair

DID YOU KNOW?

Allan Trust

As this edition of the Beacon is devoted to our HOA elections, this column is dedicated to little known and fun facts about US Presidential elections.

*The first US Presidential election was in 1789. Only White men who owned property could vote. This condition prohibited 94% of the population from casting a ballot.

*William Harrison gave the longest inauguration speech. He spoke for over two hours in a heavy snowstorm. Unfortunately, he caught a cold and died from pneumonia one month later.

*Before 1804, the presidential candidate receiving the second highest electoral votes became vice-president.

*It wasn't until 1856 that Congress removed property ownership as a requirement to vote in elections.

*The first woman to run for US Presi-

dent was Victoria Woodhull in 1872, nearly 50 years before the 19th Amendment allowed women to vote in presidential elections.

*The worst campaign slogan in history belongs to Al Smith. He was against prohibition. To show his support for the creation, distribution, and sale of alcohol, he advertised "Vote for Al Smith and he'll make your wet dreams come true."

*American astronauts on the International Space Satellite can vote in elections from orbit by secure mail.

*The US is ranked 139th out of 172 countries, in voter participation.

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Send your comments to me at Ctrust371@comcast.net- Allan Trust

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Should this be my last president's article I want to thank the teams I have worked with – board members, property managers and residents. On the board you learn that you will never please everyone. Each board tries its best but it's an ongoing challenge as you'd see in the original Beacons now stored in the archive room. I wish we could get everything done now! That is rarely possible. We have different skills and ways of communicating but we need to have the common goal of wanting the best for our community.

There is always more to be done, all while watching our budgets. Just as you need to budget for a rainy day with your personal budget (since you'll never know when you'll need tires) we need to do the same. We have a reserve study that gives us the "useful (or expected) life" of any particular item but that is their best guess. Therefore, just because they say something may last until 2026 doesn't mean it will! The flat roof on the theater was marked for replacement in 2030 but was in need of fixing in 2023. The asphalt shingles were marked for 2028 but needed a patch to get us to 2024. So, the best laid plans

The three presidents meet to coordinate ongoing projects and rate them high, medium, or low priority. It's an ongoing process and the list changes weekly. This will be a way to move us into the transition with a new board getting ready to take their seats.

Good luck to the new board.

WISDOM

by ESTHER MENDELSON

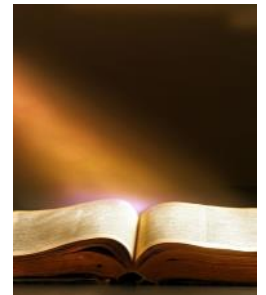
My mother was an immigrant with a limited education; she couldn't help her children with their homework. However, she had wisdom. Wisdom comes from internal sources. It is one's own thinking and judgment to perceive what the "right" actions are to avoid the "wrong" actions. She did not lecture but used her own experiences to educate the five of us. A good education along with knowledge helps to develop wisdom. This includes thinking about what deter-

mines our behavior.

Making mistakes is part of our lives and is helpful if we learn from those mistakes. We regrettably fail to ask ourselves "WHY? Why did this happen? Why did I respond as I did? Why didn't I handle this differently?" Journalists include questions of who, what, when, how and why. A well-written article provides answers to these questions. Thinking before taking action will provide options so you can find the wisdom to take the "right/better" action.

We need to be free to read about our history, other cultures, and religions. We need to witness the causes

and results of a poor education and the denial of civil rights. We cannot deny anyone the opportunity to read books, newspapers, or magazines that contain subjects about which we have firm opinions. The less knowledge we have and the failure to be open-minded prevents us from realizing how others think and why, the more we know and the more we think, the easier it becomes to make sound judgments and gain greater wisdom, a trait that is valuable in life.





BOCCE

KATY MITRANI

The Bocce Courts are located on 29th Ave. in front of pool #2.

We invite anyone to join us to learn how to play this fun, competitive game.

We play Mon. & Thurs. evenings at 6pm, Sat., Sun., and Wed. mornings at 9am

League play has begun. Our bocce league team plays other communities. Come down and join us to

cheer for our team when they play at home.

Home League Games 2024 @ 9am

Tuesday 1/30

Monday 2/5

Monday 2/12

Tuesday 2/13

Monday 2/20

Tuesday 3/5

Tuesday 3/12

The Table Tennis Club

Helen Sohne



Great news!! We now have Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM for singles and doubles play!

If you have been thinking about playing table tennis after a LONNGGG break, consider joining us on Mondays at 11:30 AM in the Clubhouse Auditorium for free "beginner" or "brush-up" lessons. Please contact Helen Sohne to sign up before showing up.

The club plays on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12-2 PM, Thursdays 7-9 PM.

Come early to play, wear comfy shoes that are not too "grippy." Bring a drink. We do have some loaner paddles and balls. See you soon!

Contact Helen Sohne for more information: RBTableTennis@gmail.com



Tennis Club

Pennie Cerino

We hope 2024 will be good to you and brings happiness and good health.

Since the last Beacon some notable tennis things have occurred. A Rainberry team in the Fall Palm Tennis League won their division. Congratulations to Deb, Diane, Katie, Joyce, Maria, Marian, Pat, Pennie, Seena, and Sissy.

Puttin' Around was fun. There was a snag when Anthony's expected us at the wrong time. Consequently, it took longer to get our food. It worked out and everyone had plenty to eat and drink.

Many thanks to Nusha Moskowitz for organizing Davis Cup. This annual event has teams of 6 players. Each team represents a country with professional players. After teams compete, we have a feast with food typical of the countries represented. We are grateful to Shariq Kahn who supplied balls and water.

Palm Beach County Senior League began January 8. Women's teams play on Mondays and Men's teams play Thursdays. Each team in our division is played twice, once home and once away. League competition is a good way to interact with new players.

Many Tennis Club members volunteer at the Delray Open. Jeanette and Ken Rubin have been hosting a mixed doubles competition there, the Mega Mixer, for about 20 years. Thanks to them for a wonderful event. The Tennis Club will hold Casino Night every other year instead of annually. The next one will be in 2025. The gaming company is reserved so the event is not going away.

We will instead, hold a different tennis event in March.



Audubon Visiting Rainberry for Our Lake Celebration

On January 30, Audubon representatives will be visiting our community for assessment, followed by a presentation on how to create a sanctuary in your own back yard. They will be presenting a different program at our Lake Day event on Sunday, February 25, with recommendations specific to Lake Delrain. Audubon will be supplying plants for a free raffle. Please join us to enjoy the speakers and activities around

our valuable storm water pond as we learn better ways to encourage our beautiful wild life and enjoy their company and each other!

The Audubon presenters are Mary Young and Helen Lawrence. Mary is Conservation Co-chair for Audubon Everglades, the local Audubon Chapter in Palm Beach County. She is also on the Plants for Birds Committee that creates Demonstration Gardens for the public to see plants they could grow in their own yards to restore native habitat to help birds survive. Helen is a Palm Beach County Master Garden-

er and author of the "Plants for Birds" column in the Audubon Everglades "Kite" newsletter.

SHREDDING EVENT—
MARCH 9, 2024.

The Green Committee is hosting a Shredding Event on March 9, 2024, 9am-11am, at the Theater. Bring your old dusty papers, tax filings, forms, etc., that are no longer needed to our shredding event!

No charge for the shredding but donations to the Green Committee are welcomed!

See you on March 9th!

Rainberry Bay Directory Char Lane

The next directory will be updated and printed in the spring of 2025. Telephone numbers are automatically included unless you opt out of having your number(s) included in the Directory. 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 Directory Inclusion form.

If you notice an error, complete a Directory Inclusion form and contact me. New residents who have not completed a form should do so. A new form is necessary if information needs to be updated.

Directory Inclusion forms are available in the clubhouse lobby wall display and on the Rainberry website. Completed forms should be turned in to the FSR Management office, either in person, by email or by mail to the address on the form. An electronic version of the 2023 Directory is on the password-protected FSR-Rainberry website.

Please contact me if you'd like to help proof and/or distribute the 2025 Directory.

Mix N' Mingle Debbie Arrigo

A Happy and Healthy New Year to All! On Saturday night, February 3, the Samantha Russell band will be performing in our Rainberry Bay theater from 7 to 9 PM. Bring some friends and get a table together to enjoy an unforgettable evening.

Mix n Mingle is sponsoring our 2nd annual NIGHT AT THE RACES on Wednesday evening, February 7. Tickets are \$20 and we are planning to have this event begin at 4:30 in the clubhouse. Dinner will be much earlier this year with delicious kosher hot dogs. Feel free to bring snacks and goodies for the table and your friends. We will have a giddyup night riding our horse sticks and having lots of laughs and

making money, money and more money! Tickets are also being sold for Big City Band who will rock the house down! We expect everyone's feet be moving and enjoying this music from 7 to 10 in the Theater on February 10.

You can buy tickets on Mondays and Thursdays from 4-5 in the Clubhouse. Feel free to call Linda (786-445-6594) or Debbie (646-235-4086). We will be happy to bring the tickets to you. You can also drop a check into mailbox#17 in the clubhouse. All checks should be made payable to:
The Mix n Mingle Club.

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A POWER LOSS?

by Irene Wernick for STORM

You've probably experienced the frustration of losing power at some point. Were you in the dark, groping for a flashlight or lantern? Had your batteries expired? Did you have a packed freezer but were unable to prepare a meal? In Florida, this can happen any time of year.

Be Ready- Preparation tips:

Install a surge protector to protect appliances - either by FPL Home or a private electrician.

If you do not have a surge protector, disconnect appliances and electronics during a storm to prevent damage from a power surge.

Have flashlights, lanterns, and batteries; place them in accessible locations. Make sure your batteries haven't expired. Remove batteries when not in use to extend life and avoid corrosion.

Have extra ice and storage containers to preserve food. Stock up on non-perishable food that doesn't need refrigeration or cooking.

Keep your car's gas tank or charge level at least half full at all times.

Frequently back up important work and files on your computer.

Be Smart- During a power outage:

Keep freezers and refrigerators closed.

Use a generator outdoors only, and away from the house (see Rainberry Bay specific rules).

Know how to manually operate your automatic garage door.

Familiarize yourself with your home's utility boxes (electricity, water, and gas) and how to turn them off.

Be Safe - Home safety:

In the dark, accidents can happen more frequently!

Secure rugs to avoid trips and falls.

Place flashlights in handy locations where they can be easily accessed.

Practice getting out of an electric reclining chair from different positions without using power to sit upright.



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ON STAGE

On Stage members have been hard at work planning our upcoming show. Last year it was Rainberry Sings, but this year, on February 24th at 7:30pm, it's Rainberry Screams - a satirical look at a mock board meeting with humorous dialog, songs and parodies about issues that affect us all. We'll have wine and cheese available for a small donation and

Judy Lemoine

the audience will be seated cabaret style. We'll also provide ice and water. You're welcome to bring your own refreshments. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the clubhouse on Mondays and Thursdays from 4PM - 5PM. So gather your friends and neighbors and reserve a table for this fun, fabulous evening.



Current Events

Nancy and Jack Effrain

Are you an individual who keeps abreast of international, national and local events? Do you have an opinion about these events? Come every Thursday to "Current Events" at 10:30 am in the Clubhouse auditorium and share your opinions and thoughts with a similar group of neighbors. All opinions are appreciated and there is a thought provoking discussion each week. We want your input!

For more info contact Nancy or Jack Effrain at jneffain@aol.com

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- ◆ **Card Making Workshop:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10:15am. All supplies provided. New projects every class including cards, journals & collages. \$4.00pp.
- ◆ **Clay Studio:** Friday 10am-12pm. Information: Joyce Poses

CURRENT EVENTS: Thursdays, 10:30am, Clubhouse Aud.

CANASTA CLASSES: Mondays 2-4pm, Men's Card Rm. All skill levels welcome. No need to register, just show up. Information: Phyllis Berke.

EXERCISE:

- ◆ **EZ Fitness Classes:** keep your muscles in motion. M W F 9-10am. Clubhouse Aud. Information: Madeleine Bochner mboch0612@gmail.com
- ◆ **Water Fitness:** Thursdays 12:30pm, Pool 1, no charge. Information: Nan Robb
- ◆ **Yoga Classes:** Men's Card Room, \$20 month or /\$10 class. Information: Deb Mayes
 - ◆ **Chair Yoga**, Monday 10-11am, No mat needed.
 - ◆ **Gentle Yoga**, Saturday 10-11am, Bring your mat.
- ◆ **NIA Dance:** Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00-11:00am, Men's Card Room. \$5.00 per class. Information: Helen Sohne: niadelray@gmail.com

CLASS	DAY	RM	TIME
Beading	M	ART	7pm
EZ Fitness	M-W-F	AUD	9-10am
Chair Yoga	M	MCR	10am
Canasta	M	MCR	2-4pm
French Classes	T F	CH	11:30am 1pm
Nia	T, F	MCR	10am
Mah Jongg	W	CH	10am-12pm
Crafts	T (1st & 3rd)	ART	10am
Art of Painting	Th	ART	10am
Art Studio	M	ART	11am
Card Making	T (2nd & 4th)	ART	10:15am
Water Aerobics	Th	P 1	12:30pm
Current Events	Th	AUD	10:30am
Book Discussion	W(3rd)	MCR	1:30pm
Clay Studio	F	ART	10a-12pm
Mat Yoga	S	MCR	10am

Dear Blabby,

My girlfriend of several years has a few habits that are driving me increasingly crazy. It's not alcohol or gambling, or anything serious. In fact, it is petty. But not to me. She leaves most of the kitchen cabinets and drawers open all the time. She leaves her dresser drawers open. She leaves the bathroom vanity drawers and

doors open. I'm at the point where I can't take it anymore. Can you help me please?

— Open Drawers

Dear Drawers,
I've pondered your dilemma far too long and can offer 3 possibilities. 1. Install self closing doors, cabinets etc. 2. Get a new girlfriend. 3. Get a life. This should be your biggest issue.

Have a question for Blabby? Send it to the Beacon at RainberrybayBeacon@gmail.com or drop it in the BEACON mailbox at the Clubhouse.

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Nan Robb

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Nan

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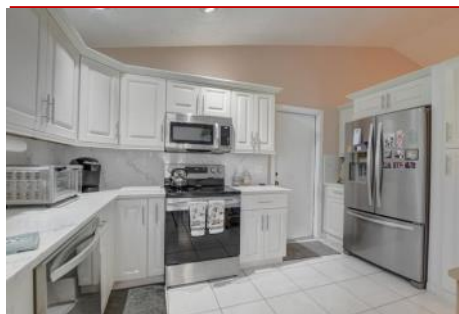




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