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Bring It On! 2021!!!

Karen Wells, Editor

This has been a really difficult issue to produce. I'm tired of Covid, I miss my children, I miss so much.

I am anxious and hopeful for the New Year to begin. I feel blessed to be here in our Rainberry bubble, feeling safe. Reading this issue, I realized how lucky we are to live in this beautiful community with its great weather. We have been able to bicycle, swim in a couple of our pools, play tennis on our courts, get together with a few friends on the bocce courts, build outdoor, movie areas.

CAROL UNGER kept raising our spirits and inspiring us every day. **JEAN-ELLEN KING** provided masks for everyone, sitting steadily at her sewing machine. **SANDY WASSERMAN'S** orchids on trees provided us with additional natural beauty. **ED WILLEY** created a "Stay Apart" musical tour on his lanai and masked, music lovers enjoyed weekly concerts. **DEB PETERS** encouraged bike riders to continue with their *socially distanced*, masked bike rides. **IRV SCHULMAN** continued his loving care of the

community needs and lifting our spirits with the beautiful, sparkling holiday lights at the entrance. Check the pictures that **BARBARA GOLDBERG** took showing how many people decorated their homes for the holidays.

Many residents are volunteering as monitors to allow us to open and use our facilities that could be opened by our involved board of directors and management team. Not any of our BOD could have predicted what their terms would encompass, spending so much time online with lawyers, learning all about the emergency powers granted them.

Thank you to **LOIS WIESLER, ROBERT COHEN, DAVE KULICK, STEPHANIE BRAUNSTEIN, RAY CLAYTON, CC CRUTCHFIELD, KAREN CLOUSER, RHONA CAMPTON and JOE ZOOB** (our 2020 board of directors), who have served us above and beyond, engaging the technology to get the job done. We have definitely been one of the healthiest around southern Florida.

Because of Zoom meetings, our Canadian and out-of-state residents have been able to participate in community meetings. We have learned to value everything we are able to do. We really can appreciate what a beautiful community (people and places) in which and with whom we live.

Our residents became familiar with our incredible water fowl, taking pictures and sharing them with all of us. Masks were worn so we could keep each other healthy. So many homes got worked on, brightening up the environment for all of us. Many "itty-bitty" bubbles formed and people became creative with their sociability. Thanksgiving dinner out on the lanai was shared with our new families. We felt like a community again.

2021 PROMISES A LOT.

First and foremost, our Florida governor has announced that the long-awaited vaccine is available right now for our seniors 70 and above, whether in or out of nursing homes. With this becoming available to more and more people, we can develop *herd immunity*.

Once we can open our community buildings, we will have our wonderful library open and we can give and take library books at our leisure and with the help of our wonderful Library Staff, led by **JOLIE TRABIN**. Even though many of us purchased our own home health equipment, being able to once again go to the Clubhouse gym will be so welcomed.

And opening the Clubhouse (managed by **IRV SCHULMAN**), will allow us to participate in the many classes we provide, under the tutelage of **JOYCE POSES**.

We have been using Zoom extensively and creatively. We have **ALLAN & CARRIE TRUST** to thank for the ongoing Current Events and Book Review and **HELEN SOHNE** for her revitalizing Nia classes.

Soon, we can look forward to the resumption of Rainberry Theater events (managed by **MORT LEWIS, DAVE KULICK & RON LEMOINE**) hosted by the Women's Club, the Men's Club, the Yiddish Club, our fledgling OnStage program, and whatever new entity may form for our social life. Operas, ballets, movies, lectures will once again be heard in our Theater.

More than anything, our dancing feet can return to the dance floor and safely enjoy the fabulous live entertainment brought to us by the 21st Century Club.

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*Ah, friends, dear friends,
As years go on and heads get gray,
How fast the guests do go!
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With those that stay.*

*Strong hands, weak,
Old hands to young,
Around the Christmas board,
Touch hands.*

*The false forget, the foe forgive,
For every guest will go
And every fire burn low
And cabin empty stand.*

*Forget, forgive,
For who may way
That Christmas day may ever come
To host or guest again.
Touch hands! Touch hands!*

Author unknown



We Remember . . .

Please join the Beacon Staff in condolences for the family of one of our most active volunteers. **RICHIE ELFMAN** was our head **PAPERBOY** when he led the Beacon delivery team for many years. His indefatigable energy was felt in both Clubhouse and Theater kitchens for many events as well as for cooking breakfasts and serving at buffets for the Men's Club. Whenever help was needed, Richie came forth. He will be missed by so many. **RICHIE** and his beloved wife, **ROZ**, have lived here in Rainberry for over 20 years.

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From the RB Board Presidents

Lois Wiesler, Master Board President

Wow! we are starting a new year and thankful that 2020 will be in our rearview mirror. It was a challenging year for all of us, and particularly for your board of directors who conferred and attended webinars to make the best decisions on behalf of Rainberry Bay's residents. Not easy but our aim was to keep our residents (including us!) safe – I think, all in all, we did a pretty good job.

It's the time of year to recognize all the volunteers who give tirelessly throughout the year. Thank you to those that have worked with the board this past year and to those that will step up this coming year. The election for the new board will happen in March and will be followed by asking residents to step up to work on the committees.

By the time of publication, Rainberry Bay should be receiving replies from the road

contractors who are interested in bidding on our roads project. They will be submitting questions and each contractor will receive those answers. After that we expect bids and the board will be making the decision on awarding the contract and arranging for the loan. Then the logistics of which roads to close and work on during each phase.

The board recently sent out a set of Master Documents – these consist of our Declarations, By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. (Villas Declarations and By-Laws were mailed out also.) Please take the time to look them over and please vote. The board spent more than one year working on this project, beginning back in May of 2019! (And some of you thought the roads project took a long time!) We first chose an attorney and began reviewing the original Docs to determine what needed updating. The Articles of Incorporation really needed no change, other than updating the officers. The

By-Laws required updates, requiring us to be more specific on the rules/statutes with regards to voting, among other items. We are certainly hoping they pass but please send along any questions you have and they will be answered as quickly as we can.

We need you to vote and approve these. The original Documents, from 1979, are outdated. There are a few options for voting for both Master and Villas: for those who had it mailed you can use "snail mail" or drop the ballot in the big red box by the clubhouse entrance. If you received a paper copy, keep it. No other set will be sent out.

If you opted for E-Voting you can just vote on your computer, smartphone or iPad. Easy and done!

Thanks! Happy New Year all!

Karen Clouser, Homes Board President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2020 was a crazy year! Whoever thought that the only way you could get into a bank was if you were wearing a mask! This was the year of bizarre events as well as a way of life. Many of you did not like the Rainberry Rules that were instituted, but we are safe. Hopefully we can continue to stay safe. But could you think of a better place to be than in our Rainberry bubble?

PAINTING PLANS FOR 2021: The list is out for our Painting Program. Jose from Palm Beach Broward and I completed the check for the homes on 25th Ave to make sure their landscaping was cut back away from the walls. Why? They need to be able to check for any stucco cracks and repair them before we paint. Some of you may not be able to do the work. If not, call me and I will have Palm Beach Broward write a proposal to do the work for you. You will pay them directly before they begin the work.

PLEASE.... keep your shrubs, vines, etc. off the walls of your home or your neighbor's home.

1. You cannot see cracked or damaged stucco. This results in leaks.
2. Animals climb up vines and get into your attic. Some of them burrow into the insulation and start eating into your home and the list goes on! All of this costs you money to repair!

Please refer to the December Beacon for the homes that will be painted this year. As we get to a section to be painted, Jose and I will do the inspection of your home for overgrown landscaping. If your name was

Stephanie Braunstein, Villas Board Pres.

PLEASE AND THANK YOU!

With the new year, I've resolved to be even more polite than usual; so I'm starting right now!

I'd like to thank all of you who have signed up for e-voting. That method of voting will save all three of our associations money—money that can be spent on upkeep and improvements to our older community.

Now for the "pleases." If you haven't already signed on to vote electronically, please do so. It's never too late because we'll be using e-voting in all future elections. Be cool and e-vote in the 21st century!

One other "please": it has become a more frequent problem that people are putting out garbage and bulk pick-up way too early. That means that your neighbors have to look at those unsightly and unhealthy things for days. The current rule is that bulk pick-up goes out to the curb on Thursday after 5 PM for pick-up Friday AM. Garbage cans/bins go out the night before scheduled pick-up and must be returned after pick-up. If you know you will not be around to take care of these things in the proper time frame, ask a friend or neighbor to help out. If we all observe these considerations, I will be able to THANK YOU ALL for keeping our community looking good; and then I'll be able to keep my New Year's Resolution!

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TERRY BARBERIO & CAMILLE PISCIOTTA



This is a love story. Terry and Camille are one of the most endearing couples I have ever met. When they first met, Camille had just groomed Terry's dog, Reggie, in her pet shop. A friend of Terry had been taking care of Reggie for months at a time and would regularly bring the dog in to be groomed. So, one fateful day, when Terry returned from out of town she went to pick Reggie up at the pet shop. Camille wasn't sure that Terry was Reggie's owner and she wouldn't release him. Well, it could have been a Shakespearean play the way Camille finally figured out that Reggie, the dog, actually belonged to Terry, an honest woman.

Anyhow, Terry fell for Camille's beautiful blue eyes, "which could take you into her soul," and for her caring personality. Camille immediately realized that Terry was, in her words, "dog people." The two of them hit it off because of their love of pets. After thirty-seven years together, they continue to be compatible and are still right for each other. Maybe it's because they each lived interesting lives and shared their experiences.

Terry worked for a mid-level accounting firm as an office manager/bookkeeper. Her favorite part of the job was acting as a kind of personal assistant to entertainers and late-night television hosts whose names she cannot mention. She said, "They are so rich

that they just wanted someone to pay their bills and send them checks for pocket money." She was on call twenty-four hours a day. If something like a client's TV set broke down, Terry would arrange for a repair man to take care of it. A usual request was for Terry to transfer money from a TV star's business account to a personal account. She loved her relationships with these well-known personalities and backstage people like producers and directors. They appreciated Terry's understanding of their need for privacy.

She also kept track of her clients' income and expenditures. She would give their figures to the accountants who filed their income tax returns. Terry would never sign official documents or checks to the IRS because, she said, "If there's a tax problem the bookkeeper always goes down! Sometime down the road they will getcha."

As part of her job, Terry routinely checked her clients' credit card bills. She notified a TV director that she had a \$5,000.00 amount charged by Apple on her credit card account. Apparently her eleven-year-old son was not aware that there was a charge for playing video games. Terry investigated and learned that Apple had an allowance for such occasions. The director was able to make a settlement.

On another occasion, the daughter of another client found that her name was misspelled on her social security card. She had applied to a college which checked names against social security numbers. Her application would have been rejected if the family couldn't correct it. Terry had to collect records for the child's mother to go to the Social Security office to straighten it out.

Camille's work experience was very different from Terry's. She originally studied computers but she preferred working with dogs and cats. She taught herself grooming on the job and soon understood that she was happier working with animals than with people because, "They wag their tails instead of their tongues."

Eventually Camille became the owner of

the Pampered Poodle Palace in Astoria, Queens. She has done everything from selling puppies to breeding, grooming and teaching others how to groom. She didn't think of herself as a groomer. She considered herself to be a pet stylist.

Camille learned some animal first-aid after working for a veterinarian for two years. On one occasion at Pampered Poodle Paradise during a grooming, a Maltese pup passed out in the bathtub. Camille was able to massage his heart and apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. He survived and lived on. Another time, Camille advised an owner that her cat was very pale. The owner said she didn't notice anything but was persuaded to take her cat to a vet. The vet saved the cat's life by applying dialysis in time. The owner was very grateful.

Camille's customers were very appreciative of the way she cared for their pets. She didn't place the pets in cages



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NOTE FROM PHYLLIS BERKE:

Please tell me of other neighbors with different past experiences about whom I may write.
Email me at: leglac@msn.com

JANUARY 2021

At time of publication (December 2020), the following facilities remain closed: CH including Library, Gym, Classrooms and TH. Please refer to MyRainberryBay.com website calendar for latest changes.

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PROPERTIES FOR RENT & SALE

VILLA FOR RENT: Large screened-in patio. Separate laundry room. Fresh paint / new carpet. S/S appliances.

Included: All Rainberry Bay amenities, cable with HBO, wi-fi, water. \$2000 per month/year lease. No smoking, no pets. Call Vickie (631) 566-4945

Posted 12/12/2020

FOR RENT—HOUSE ON THE LAKE: 2 bedroom, 2 bath, next to pool, 1-car garage, furnished house. 1220 NW 26th Ave. \$3,000/mo. Seasonal rental available from Dec. 1—May 30, 2021. Call Robert Gould (561) 788-2877 or email oceansurfinguyusa@aol.com.

Posted 9/18/2020

FOR RENT: Beautiful and private 2br/2ba patio home on quiet cul de sac. Short walk to Club House and Pool #1. Renovated kitchen with white Shaker cabinets, gorgeous granite countertops and open pass through to dining room. Updated baths, fresh paint, enclosed Florida room and patio. Oversized two car garage with new Hurricane rated door and washer/dryer. \$11,000 for four months; flexible start date. Additional months @ \$2,000. Leslie Shubin 510-864-2266, 480-432-2142.

Posted 10/12/20

OTHER CLASSIFIEDS

STEW'S CAR SERVICE: RIDES TO ALL 3 AIRPORTS. Local Rainberry Resident. Call for rates. (401) 855-2750. Stu & Harriet Resnick.

Posted 12/14/2020

HELP NEEDED: BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE BEGINNING MARCH 2021

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- ABLE TO RUN A MILLION DOLLAR CORPORATION
- GOOD TEAM PLAYER
- CURRENT WITH MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS

ADVANTAGES:

- GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS,
- MAKE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS,
- CREATE GOOD GOVERNANCE, ETC.

Contact Deb Peters for more information:
dlp0003@gmail.com

APPLICATIONS FOR SALES AND RENTALS

Include the following forms with any application as well as a non-refundable payment for \$100 per person for background and credit check. These forms must be signed and notarized.

- ◆ Essential Information form: Age Verification Affidavit and the Form signifying that one person 55 or over will reside at each address,
- ◆ The Certificate of Interview/Approval

RENTALS:

We require a minimum of two (2) years of ownership BEFORE a unit may be rented.

- ◆ Rentals are allowed once per fiscal year (October 1- September 30) and must be for a minimum of three (3) consecutive months.
- ◆ Furnish Terms of lease.
- ◆ Landlords MUST furnish a copy of the Landlord Permit issued by the City of Delray Beach with the completed application and lease.
- ◆ Copy of signed Rental Agreement

PET RESTRICTIONS:

Community allows a maximum of two common pets, dogs and/or cats, with a mature weight limit of 25 pounds or aggregate weight of 30 pounds for both pets. Landlords may determine whether or not pets are allowed in the unit.

All forms can be found on the RB Sales Application. Check details and rules there.

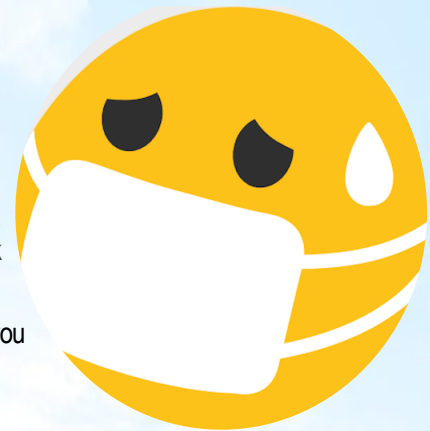
Online, click here for
[Sales Application](#)
Available on
www.myrainberrybay.com

Brainberry U

Joyce Poses

As of publication of the Beacon, the Clubhouse is still closed until future notice. For changes, check our website. Certain classes are being held virtually over Zoom. See the Calendar and check the information in this Beacon.

Can we all agree that in 2015, not a single person got the CORRECT answer to "Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?"



ON A PERSONAL AND VERY SAD NOTE:

On December 9, 2020, **RICHIE ELMAN** received his true angel wings. While he is gone, he will not be forgotten. Richie was my friend, he was everyone's friend. He was a large part of Rainberry Bay. He was active in the Bocce Club, on the board of the Men's Club for many years, cooking the delicious breakfasts and brunches we all enjoyed. Richie was a cook and caterer, always sharing recipes and offering instruction. One of our ongoing jokes was, "Who had the best knishes, Boston's meat knishes or New York's kasha knishes." I had never even heard of meat knishes, so one day Richie called and said, "Come on over, we are making meat knishes from scratch." Yes, they were delicious.

Richie was Chairperson of the Clubhouse for several years. During that time we had a flood that involved a complete renovation and redecorating. Richie, myself, Helen Wasserstein and Irving Kamiel completed the task under Richie's leadership. We made a budget, received approval from the board, refurbished the Men's and Women's card rooms and the Lobby with new furniture as needed and gave Rainberry Bay a State of the Art Clubhouse. Richie was wonderful to work with, he was fair, he was honorable. He loved life and his family and always spoke of Roz and his grandchildren. He never stopped moving or staying busy. How lucky you were, Richie to be someone who makes saying good bye so hard.

NIA ON ZOOM

Helen Sohne

Nia is on Zoom 3 times a week. Have fun and get fit from the comfort and safety of your home.

Many people have joined us over the past few months, some newcomers as well as those who had been taking our live classes for the past few years.

What makes Nia different? You are encouraged to move in your way, no matter your fitness level. Nia incorporates the dance arts, the martial arts and the healing arts. You will move every muscle and joint, varying the intensity. Students find that they feel both relaxed and energized at the end of our class.

Classes are offered on Tuesday and Friday from 10-10:50 AM with a pre-class lesson and post-class optional chat. Wednesday is a shorter class of 30 minutes which is great for those who are busy or want an addition to their fitness routine.

For more information call or email Helen Sohne: 561-376-9789 niadelray@gmail.com

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

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unless someone wanted to drop their dog or cat off for grooming. Satisfied customers came from every borough for grooming. Camille also carried a few lines of handmade clothing for the pampered pets.

For forty-five out of the forty-seven years that she had her store, Camille bred Afghan pups. She would breed them to be exhibited at dog shows. She is proud of breeding nine champions. When arranging an Afghan "wedding" match, Camille would research the dogs' pedigrees ten generations back. Before the puppies were born, Camille knew exactly what the progeny would look like.

Unexpectedly, her landlord sold the building where Camille had her business. She had to leave. She interviewed many different groomers and finally sold her business to the one who felt the same way she did about pampered pets. When she closed the store her customers cried and she was just as sad as they were.

Camille and Terry are not sad now. They are happy with their lives here and we're happy that they're here.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Anne-Marie Blondin

ANNUAL COLLECTIONS

This year's process for collection is different! No door- to- door contact by our Block Captains will be made. Instead, please follow this process:

1. Make your check payable to **RAINBERRY BAY BLOCK CAPTAINS**
2. Insert check into an envelope and note on the envelope "Donation for Annual Collection"
3. Deposit your check into the RED locked box at the kiosk in front of the Clubhouse.

This process will be in place until the end of March.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

We continue with our ZOOM meetings on the first Monday of the month at 2 pm. The remaining meetings for this year are:

- ★ Jan 4
- ★ Feb 1
- ★ Mar 1
- ★ April 5

Thank you to all who attend. Best wishes for a safe and happy New Year to everyone.

Homes' President's Message

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on the list, you may want to start clearing away some of your shrubs, shelves, hanging decorations, etc. that are against the sides of your home.

OUR ROOFING PROJECT will start earlier than usual this year, so we can get it done in the dry season. Roof cleaning will also start this month.

ELECTRONIC VOTING. Please sign-up! I know that some of you do not have a computer. Those who have not signed up for electronic voting must have the NEW Master and Villas documents mailed to you to be reviewed. It was time consuming and costly. I am hoping that more of you sign up for e-voting. If you do, you can still vote in person for elections. When you do sign up, you will receive an email, which will come from either Rainberry Bay, or the e-vote program writer, HOAst. Be sure and watch for it.

For these Documents, you can mail your vote, drop your vote in the drop-box by the clubhouse or e-vote, which is easier and more secure!

Wishing you Happy New Year from the entire Homes board.

RB 2021 DIRECTORY

Char Lane

Please make sure that you've sent in your Directory inclusion forms for the new directory. They're needed to ensure we have your correct information so there are no mistakes in the directory. You need to **OPT OUT** if you do not want your telephone number published in the print and/or electronic version and to **OPT IN** if you want your email address included in the print and/or electronic version. The opt-in and opt-out requirements are in accordance with the Florida Statute.

Thank you to the many Rainberry residents who have returned their directory inclusion forms. **If you haven't yet done so, please complete and return your form per the instructions on the form. We had wanted to have your form in hand by December 31, 2020** for optimal processing, but still have time to include your accurate information in the directory if you respond soon. Please do not submit duplicate forms.

Blank forms are available on the kiosk at the clubhouse entrance, on the Rainberry website or in the Beacon. FSR recently sent another form via eblast. Again, you need to **OPT OUT** if you don't want your telephone number in the print and/or electronic directory and **OPT IN** to have your email address in the print and/or electronic directory.

Please drop completed forms in the lockbox on the Beacon kiosk at the front entrance to the clubhouse or scan and email to RainberryBay@FSResidential.com or mail to the FSR Management office at the address on the form. I'd be happy to drop off a form and/or pick up a completed form.

You'll probably receive a call from one of us to verify your information or confirm your **OPT OUT** and **OPT IN** choices if materially different from prior directories. **Thanks & Have a Happy New Year!**



In the Know

RB BOOK CLUB

Allan Trust

Below is the schedule through April 2021.

- ♦ JAN 7, 2021: "*The Submission*," by Amy Waldman. Presented by **LINDA MACNEAL**
- ♦ FEB 4, 2021: "*The Bees*," by Laline Paull. Presented by **LINDA TABIL**
- ♦ MARCH 4, 2021: "*State Of Wonder*," by Ann Patchett. Presented by **JUDY SPIVAK**
- ♦ APRIL 1, 2021: "*Born A Crime*," by Trevor Noah. Presented by **ROZ APPELL**

Until notified otherwise, all meetings begin at 1PM and are via Zoom. Sign in instructions are the same for all meetings.

First-timers, please contact us for sign-in instructions. Any questions, please contact **ALLAN & CARRIE** at 561-573-7053, or at ctrust371@comcast.net.

IMPORTANT: I have eight (8) copies of *State of Wonder* from the Hagen Ranch Library. Contact me for an easy pickup/dropoff and save yourself a trip to the library.

CURRENT EVENTS

Allan & Carrie Trust

We meet every Friday at 1 PM, via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join in or listen to lively discussions of the important issues of the day.

TO SIGN-IN:

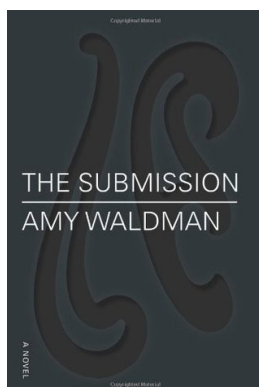
1. CLICK ON LINK (or copy & paste)
2. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5771123789>
3. Click Join
4. Meeting ID: 577 112 3789

Please join in at about 12:45 PM so meeting can start on time. Any issues signing in, please contact us at: 561-573-7053, or ctrust371@comcast.net.

BOOK REVIEW

The Submission, by Amy Waldman

Presented by Linda MacNeal, January 7, 2021.

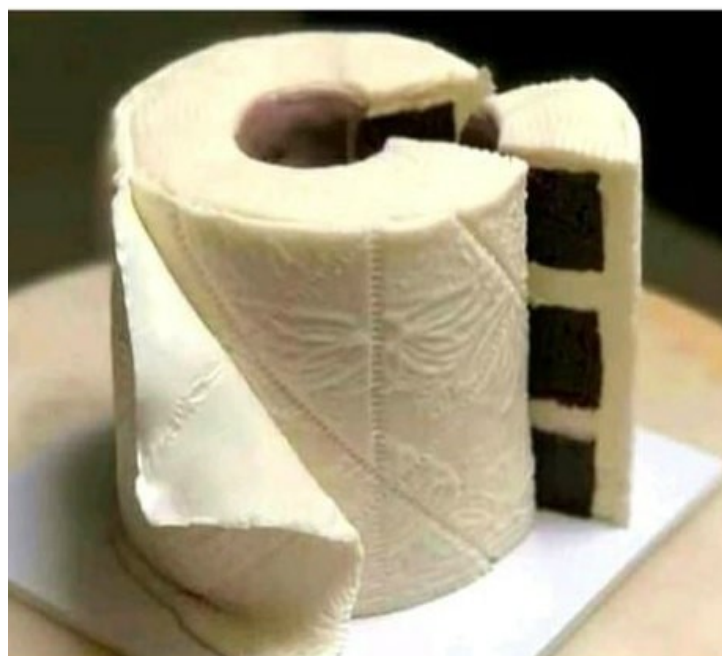


Linda MacNeal's book is "*The Submission*", by Amy Waldman.

In 2003, a carefully selected group gathers in Manhattan to decide on a memorial to commemorate the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. The designs or "Submissions" have been anonymous. When the winner is announced it turns out to be a Muslim architect, Mohammed Khan. Controversy immediately erupts and is exacerbated when he refuses to answer questions about his intentions, his

religious beliefs, his support of Muslims. The author explores the conflicting agendas & beliefs of survivors, families who lost loved ones, those with political & financial interests & the millions of Americans traumatized by this horrific attack on NYC. A compelling read about a topic many Americans will never forget.

OFFICIAL CAKE OF 2020





Rainberry Bay All Aglow for 2020
 Photos: Barbara Goldberg

Staying Healthy and Having Fun



Steve Lampel & Clif Guinyard on recent Bike Club ride to Wakodahatchee.
Photo: Deb Peters



On a recent beach walk at sunrise.
Photo: Char Lane



Camille Pisciotto waiting patiently for a Pickleball court.
Photo: Deb Peters



Steve Bodner & Allen Glass on the Pickleball court.
Photo: Deb Peters



Mike Pines & Ann LaFortune playing Pickleball.
Photo: Deb Peters

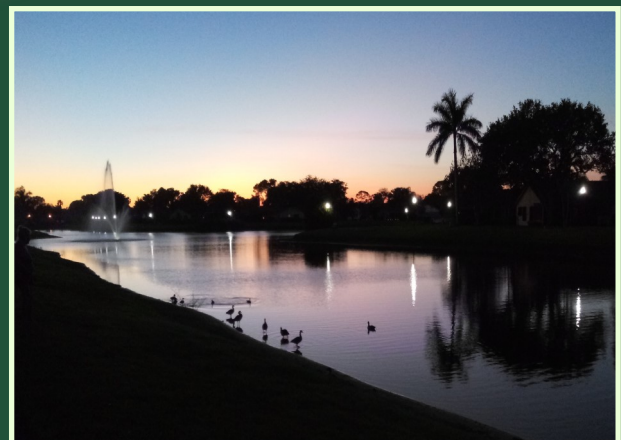


Susan Jones, the blue-nosed reindeer.
Photo: Karen Wells



Test run of 3D socially-distanced, outdoor movies.

Photo: Deb Peters



Sunset view from my lanai.

Photo: Karen Wells

Birds of Rainberry Bay

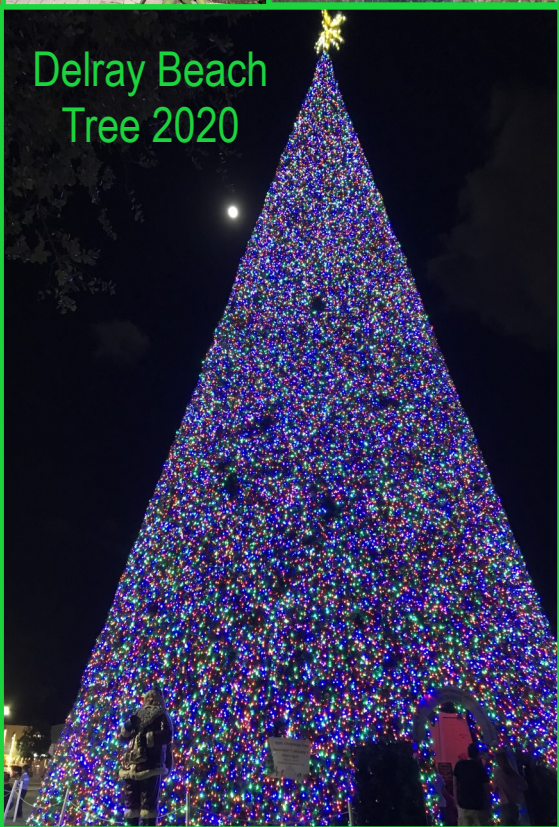


Perspectives & Photos by Hal Gordon, 2020



Deer Park neighbors outdid themselves.
Even the Century plants at Pool 5
cooperated and produced candy canes for
the season.

Photos: Barbara Goldberg



Delray Beach
Tree 2020



Photo: Deb Peters

Thank you, Irv Schulman, for making our
entry so beautiful this year.



GREEN COMMITTEE

Vinnie Ardillo & Marianne Monteleone

Thank you to all who attended our first Yard to Table event. Comments and questions from our attendees inspire us.

"Our plants are doing great!"

"Plants doing fine. I just moved them to front of house (southern exposure/all day sun) and appreciative of all of the effort you all put into the class. Thanks a lot!!"

"All three of my plants: basil, cherry tomato and better boy tomato are just taking off with many little blooms. Must get a stake for support, I forgot about that."

"My plants are doing great. Tomatoes have yellow flowers. I would love another class. Perhaps ground covers."

☐ **UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS, IF ANY, SHOULD WE COVER PLANTS OVERNIGHT, I.E. HOW CLOSE TO A FREEZE?**

A. If the temperature is going to be at freezing, or very cold, you can bring the plant inside or you can cover it. Make sure the day before the cold temperature, water the plant deeply. Once the plant has plenty of water, it has the best chance to stay warmer as water holds the heat. Always water deep before a freeze. Of course, if you can move it inside, that is good. Plants in the ground must stay outside.

☐ **HOW SOON TO START TAKING BASIL?**

A. You may start to take basil any time there is basil. Don't pick off every leaf, as leaves are needed to carry sunlight into the plant.

☐ **HOW SOON CAN I EXPECT TO SEE TOMATO FLOWERS GROWING?**

A. Any day now. You will probably not see any bugs any time soon. Just look at your plants at least once a day to see if something is eating them for dinner.

☐ **AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, DOES IT MATTER WHAT TIME WE WATER? I AM NOT AN EARLY BIRD, AND THINK THAT 3-4 MIGHT BE LATE FOR COOLER NIGHTS. ADVICE WELCOME.**

A. You can water the plants anytime. Best to water at the same time everyday or water once daily, best is first thing in the morning or mid-to-late afternoon. Don't get water onto the leaves. Only water the base of the plant as far out as the branches extend. When it is very hot outside, one must be careful when watering during the heat of the day. Three or four PM is not too late to water plants. Just don't put water on the leaves.

☐ **WHAT CAN BE PLANTED DURING WINTER MONTHS AND SURVIVE?**

A. All plants can be planted during the winter months and survive. Now is the best season for planting.

RETHINK how you can reduce your environmental footprint.
REDUCE the amount you waste by using less.
REUSE items in good condition by donating, sharing or repurposing.
RECYCLE all acceptable items in the blue or yellow bins.

COMPOSTING EDUCATION

Composting breaks down organic matter thereby recycling nutrients to return them to the earth, so you can use the end product to improve the quality of your soil by simply using as a mulch around any plants. More composting benefits: diverts organic matter from landfills and water ways, helps reduce methane and carbon emissions; increases carbon in the soil, keeping carbon out of the atmosphere; saves water to promote healthy soil; saves you money - less need to purchase fertilizer.

GUIDELINES FOR BACKYARD COMPOSTING

The most important decision is where will you put this earth friendly tool? It should be on a convenient, level, well drained soil or a concrete area. **But, more importantly, CONSIDER YOUR NEIGHBORS! Your bin cannot be seen from the street or from your neighbor's property.** You must keep the area tidy and deal with odors right away (most often caused by too many Greens). In order to prevent too many Greens, you need to have enough carbon (Browns) on hand. Neighbors can help you with this by supplying you with their recycled papers and cardboard!

Another consideration when making the compost decision, is what to do with your outdoor bin during a hurricane warning.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING BASICS

All composting requires three basic ingredients:

1. **Browns** (carbon): includes dead leaves, straw or hay, shredded paper and cardboard, pine needles, dead palm branches and leaves, dryer lint
2. **Greens** (nitrogen): includes veggie and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells, tea bags

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RETHINK CORNER

In the United States, we use more than 50 billion plastic water bottles each year – and 38 billion of those end up in our landfills, oceans, parks and streets. It takes up to seven bottles of water and 15 gallons of oil to produce the plastic needed for one. Water bottles usually are made with BPA which are harmful to humans brains and, for those that have one, prostates. These bottles take hundreds of years to biodegrade, harming our planet and wildlife.

Try buying a reusable bpa free bottle and start substituting it for a plastic bottle. Think about buying a large container for storing water during hurricanes. It's cheaper and safer.

I Can Lend A HAND



When you really wish your children were around to help you run errands, take you to the doctor, help with the shopping, and other appointments...

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Keeping Us Informed

WORK ORDERS

Are you familiar with the Rainberry Bay work order process?

It's fairly simple. If you have an issue you can either call the office during regular business hours (easiest option) or go to the FSR private website to put in your work order (more below).

This information is given to residents by both the Block Captain's Welcome Committee and the Sales & Rentals Committee during interviews. However, some may not have used this process since the paper workorders were discontinued.

The office will take your information and advise you if the item you are reporting is your responsibility or that of the HOA's. If it is the responsibility of the HOA, someone will input your work order and make sure it is directed to the appropriate group: maintenance, roofing, landscaping, pest control, etc. Contrary to what some of us have been told, the HOA does not do everything. Also, some things, like tree trimming, are done only seasonally.

To input a work order on your computer, go to myrainberrybay.com and then log into the correct association in the FSR, private, website. (This is located in the upper right corner – look for your association: Homes or Villas.) You need to be in Homes or Villas, not Master to input the work order. In the middle of the page, you will see "Service Requests." Click here and input your request. That is also funneled to the correct group to handle the issue.

Sometimes it takes more than one work order, unfortunately, but again, not every item is covered by the HOA. If you have questions, call the office during regular office hours (Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, 561-272-6560).

January Green Committee Hazardous Waste CANCELLED

Due to COVID, we are cancelling our next Hazardous Waste collection in January. We will add a date as soon as COVID spread is under control. Until then, the SWA Home Chemical and Recycling Centers are open to all households at no cost. The hours for this Delray facility are M-F - 7-5, Sat. - 7-3. You can drop off any items yourself during these hours.

The center is very organized, making it an easy way for proper disposal of hazardous waste. DIRECTIONS: East on Linton Blvd., right on SW 4th Ave, go about 1 block and turn left into site. Stay to right (you do not need to weigh in) and follow road. Please help by recycling correctly at home and disposing of hazardous items properly. Pollution prevention starts at home.

Following is a partial list of acceptable Hazardous Waste

TRULY INSPIRATIONAL

Steve Goldberg

After being uplifted by Carol Unger's chalk-written sayings during these past few months, I created a short, video-slide presentation and original piano piece to acknowledge and honor Carol's contribution. I sent it off to our Socrates group and Carol this morning and wanted to share the YouTube connection with all the readers of the Beacon. Karen will also publish it on our website, myrainberrybay.com/videos.

Here is the youtube link so you can see for yourself.

<https://youtu.be/JHV2DtcGZy0>

"Carol is making a huge difference in helping people remain positive, calm and motivated during these unprecedented times of Covid and economic hardship," says Steve.

Her daily motivational messages and clever drawings along the lakefront walk in our Delray community are truly inspiring. Her motto is, *"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."* - MLK.

Carol and her husband, Ed Wiley, have been keeping live music alive here at Rainberry. Since they started, the crowds have grown but people love dancing in the parking lot. Everyone is masked and they try to maintain as much distancing as possible. We have remarkably talented neighbors here in our bubble. Thanks for keeping yourself and the rest of us safe.



Material: used oil, filters and antifreeze; pesticides; gas cylinders; fuel and gas containers (do not need to be emptied); flares; mercury and fluorescent lights; electronics; aerosols cans; household rechargeable batteries (alkaline batteries can be thrown away with household garbage); auto batteries; paint; used cooking oil. SHARPS ARE NOT ACCEPTED! Call 561-681-5900 for info on sharp disposal.

Upcoming Green Committee Events:

Solar Presentation:	February 8 at 7 PM via Zoom
Shredding event:	March 13, 2021, 10 am - 12 noon at Theater parking lot



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*Additional cost from larger units and added
vents will apply

*Emergency restoration service for water leaks

CLEVER & USEFUL TOOTHPASTE HACKS

Lois Wiesler



CLEAN YOUR HEADLIGHTS

Hazy film on your car's headlights? Just squeeze a bit of toothpaste onto a rag, then rub the paste all over your headlights. The toothpaste will cut through the grime and leave them looking much clearer! Follow up by buffing them clean with a dry cloth.

REMOVE PERMANENT MARKER

Apply a bit of toothpaste to the accidental mark, then use a damp cloth to rub the paste into the stain. Then rinse the cloth clean and wipe up the toothpaste. This trick works on walls and wood floors.

KEEP A MIRROR FOG-FREE

Just squeeze a bit of toothpaste onto the mirror and rub it thoroughly over the glass. Then rinse the glass well to remove the excess toothpaste, and you're done!

LIGHTEN DISCOLORED FINGERNAILS

If nail polish has left your fingernails looking a bit discolored apply a small dab of whitening toothpaste to your nail, then use a nail brush or a toothbrush to give it a good scrub. Wash your hands to remove the toothpaste, and repeat daily until your fingernails return to their original color.

ERASE COFFEE STAINS

Just rub toothpaste onto the stubborn coffee and tea stains with a damp sponge. After the stains disappear, just wash the mug with soapy water and it'll be good as new!

HANG A FRAME

Use toothpaste to help mark where you want to hang a frame. Start by applying a dab of toothpaste to the hanger on the back of your frame. Then press the frame against the wall

where you want to hang it, and the toothpaste will leave a mark on the wall where the nail should go!

SHINE A SINK

Squeeze a bit of toothpaste onto a damp sponge and rub it over the surface of your stainless-steel sinks and fixtures. Rinse clean with water, and stand back to admire the shine!

FILL NAIL HOLES

Have small nail and pushpin holes in your walls? No problem, just grab your toothpaste! Squeeze a small amount of toothpaste into the hole, then wipe up any excess paste with a damp rag. It's a quick and easy fix!

SOLAR POWER DISCUSSION

Deb Peters

Speak with residents about going solar in Rainberry Bay from the comfort of your home.

Mark your calendars for

7:00pm, Monday, February 8, 2021

Rainberry's Green Committee will host a Zoomed panel discussion featuring residents who have installed solar panels.

If you have a "going solar" experience you are willing to share with the Rainberry community, please contact **DEB PETERS** at (5-ONE-6) 516-987-8618 or **DAVID KULICK** to be a part of the panel discussion.

Composting

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3. **Water:** most of the time you do not need to add water because greens provide enough

A healthy compost pile should have 1/3 Greens and 2/3 Brown material and should not have a bad smell. Do not add dairy, diseased or insect ridden plants, meat or fish. If you are a beginner, add a bit more Browns at first.

HOW TO CHOOSE AN OUTDOOR COMPOST BIN SUITABLE FOR SMALL AREAS

Enclosed tumblers are the best option - they take up very little outdoor space, cannot be accessed by rodents or other critters, keeps compost neatly enclosed and odor free and are easy to turn. A few daily spins should mix and aerate. A dual chamber tumbler is recommended because you can

let one side mature as you add waste to the other side. They are readily available and start around \$100.

There are many resources online for home composting. The University of Florida, IFAS extension, is a good place to start. Green Committee members who already compost are pleased to answer any questions. Call Karen (217-714-2342) or Vinnie (330-256-5822). We do know of many more residents recycling and regenerating their Green and Brown materials for healthy flowers, shrubs, and vegetables.

In the December Beacon, we gave information on indoor food recyclers and Let It Rot. Next month is more on vermacomposting!

Ah, 2019 us. We were so young(ish), so innocent, so unfamiliar with the pandemic to come and all the weird, newfangled slang and terminology that would accompany it. In the time since COVID-19 swept the globe and inalterably changed our lives, we've collectively been introduced to phrases and words that would have confused the hell out of us in 2019. *Covidiot?* This is a put-down that could only come from 2020. From a recent article in HuffPost come these definitions of at least 12 words and phrases we have added to our vocabulary over the last year. In most cases, we'd be glad to never hear about them again.

FLATTENING THE CURVE:

Like the incessant "just say no" anti-drug messaging in the Reagan era, we were all inundated with pleas from public officials to "flatten the curve" at the beginning of the pandemic. The curve, we soon learned, was simply the number of people who contract COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, over a period of time. Luckily, many a graphic designer sprang into action and created visuals to explain how flattening the curve works.

COMMUNITY SPREAD:

When public health experts talk about a rise in "community spread," they're saying that so many people have been infected by the virus in an area, it's hard to pinpoint where someone caught it.

Zoom:

Prior to March 2020, if you thought of the word "zoom" at all, you might have recalled the '70's-era kids, PBS TV show, "Zoom." Zoom is widely recognized as the video conferencing platform so many of us use to communicate with friends and coworkers for happy hours and meetings. It was kind of fun at first — who doesn't like to quietly judge their coworkers' apartments and homes? — but now it's the only way we can "see" familiar faces. (Most of us also wish we had invested in Zoom prior to the pandemic; we'd probably be making Oprah-size money right now if we had.)

DOOMSCROLLING:

This year gave us a lot with which to mentally grapple: a global pandemic; civil unrest over racial inequality and police violence; a high-stakes presidential election that felt like it

lasted a decade. We should have taken a mental break from our phones and often unplugged. Instead, we spent most of our nights "doomscrolling"— in other words, endlessly checking social media and reading lots and lots of bad news.

MEGEXIT:

Way back in the salad days of January 2020 (feels like decades ago), Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex announced they were leaving their positions as senior members of the royal family. (Now they're living in the states and cashing in on those royal titles with Spotify and Netflix deals.) Somewhat pithily, the British press deemed their departure "Megxit," a play on Brexit.

QUARANTINE FATIGUE:

In 2019, quarantine itself was a fairly foreign concept. After 10 months of social distancing, we're all too familiar with it. Most of us have felt quarantine fatigue at least a dozen times by now, but we muddle through. That said, some people continue to act as though we're not living through a global pandemic and go about their daily lives. Which brings us to ...

COVIDIOTS:

Macmillan Dictionary defines covidiot as "*an insulting term for someone who ignores health advice about Covid-19, hoards food unnecessarily, etc.*" Think anti-maskers who protest in large groups. (COVID loves to see it!) Or people who insist on carrying on with their big, blowout wedding plans because, "Guys, it's my wedding day!"

QUARANTINI:

A cocktail that you drink while in

quarantine (when a person stays in a particular place for a period of time so that they don't spread or catch a disease), made from whatever ingredients are available to you

HERD IMMUNITY:

Not to be confused with "herd mentality"— what our outgoing president called it back in September —herd immunity is when enough of a population becomes immune to a disease, either because they've been vaccinated or because they've had the disease, recovered and developed immunity. When we reach herd immunity, it's unlikely COVID-19 could spread significantly, even if a small proportion of the population is still vulnerable to catching the virus. (We've seen this happen in the past with illnesses like polio and chicken pox.) Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease specialist, recently said that he predicts herd immunity for U.S. by late spring or early summer.

SUPER-SPREADER EVENT:

Super-spreader events occur when a person with COVID-19 passes the virus onto 10 or more people because of close contact and/or poor ventilation in an enclosed space. So far, super-spreader events have included weddings, nightclubs and bars, meatpacking plants, prisons — and White House celebration parties with nary a mask in sight.

PANDEMIC POD (OR SOCIAL BUBBLES):

To socialize safely, many of us formed pandemic bubbles — small groups of family and/or friends who agree to avoid close, indoor contact with anyone else but the defined itty-bitty group.

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2020-2021 Season Plans

ON HOLD DUE TO COVID-19 QUARANTINE



21ST CENTURY CLUB Steve Bodner

For the past 12 years or so, we have been putting on theater shows, barbecues, flea markets, etc. Whether through the 21st Century Club, or the New Wave Committee of the Social Club, we have done about 100 events without the help of any agents (who charge more money), there have been about 50 people here who have helped to keep us going. We have never had to cancel any show.

The 2020-21 season is cancelled but hold on . . . the 21st Century Club is busily working on booking the same line up for 2022. So hopefully, starting in January of 2022, we can start dancing again. See you then. In the meanwhile, do your best to help us get rid of Covid-19, be well and be safe.

- ♪ The Beatles Anthology,
- ♪ Gypsy Lane Band (a great dance band),
- ♪ The Wildfire Band (the dancing violin),
- ♪ Peace of Woodstock (a fabulous tribute to Janis Joplin and many others),
- ♪ The Caribbean Chillers (with free Margaritas),
- ♪ The Renditions (Doo Wop Spectacular),
- ♪ Petty Heart (Tom Petty Tribute),
- ♪ The Flyers (enough said),
- ♪ Electric Light Orchestra Ticket to the Moon. The light show is worth the price of admission.



WOMEN'S CLUB Carol Shore, President



RB MEN'S CLUB



TABLE TENNIS CLUB



BRIDGE CLUB Joel Speiser

There once was a bridge club in Rainberry
Which, in keeping with the times so contemporary
Felt the need to shut down
Like clubs all over town
With the hope it would be only temporary

Most years, we go on hiatus
So shutdowns don't usually deflate us
We shut down each summer
It's not such a bummer
The Fall months will just reinstate us

But this Fall's of course not the same
The Covid-19 is to blame
As Summer wound down
And the cold months came 'round
We stayed closed. What a miserable shame!

October, November, December
No winter that I can remember
Did our Club's doors stay closed
So no members exposed
Our activities now just an ember

But on the horizon there's light!
An end to this unending night!
To contain the disease
A vaccine, if you please!
Will hopefully make everything right!

So finally the year's about done
A horrible year—not much fun
Our bridge game is rusty
Our cards are so dusty
Welcome! A great '21!

*(my apologies to anyone
who actually reads this...)*



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SPORTS PAGE

BICYCLE CLUB

Monique Goudreau

Back by popular request! Join the COVID safe activity!

Wakodahatchee Tuesday Morning Rides. Meet weekly on Tuesdays, 7am at clubhouse. Return by 8:30am. Bring a face mask, a water bottle, and an eye for bird (and other wildlife) watching. Questions: **DEBBIE PETERS** 506-987-8618

P.S. The Bike Club will not collect dues for the 2020-21 season, and not organize any meetings. If you would like to become a member or simply join any biking outing, please request a waiver, (lakesideVdB@gmail.com) fill it out and give to the bike outing organizer. Please forward any new member contact info to **ANNE BARRON**, annebarronabc@gmail.com (and she will keep the membership list up to date

BIKE HELMET TECHNOLOGY

(FROM CONSUMER'S REPORTS: JULY 10, 2018)

Bike helmets are designed and tested for their ability to protect against severe head injury, such as a skull fracture. One newer offering in helmet technology is the Multi-directional Impact Protection System (MIPS). This thin, low-friction liner inside the helmet allows the outer shell to slide a few millimeters across the skull on impact, reducing rotational force and the amount of energy transferred to the head. Rotational force is thought to be a factor in concussions.

In our earlier tests of two pairs of the same brand and model helmets—one MIPS, one not—the MIPS helmets reduced rotational force up to 43 percent compared with the non-MIPs helmets. The MIPS helmets cost around \$20 more than non-MIPS versions of the same model.

It's difficult to prove that any helmet will protect against concussion because concussions are diagnosed based on symptoms and the results of a neurological exam; there's no single objective test, such as a CT scan or an MRI, that can determine whether someone has a concussion. That's part of why it's not possible to say for certain that MIPS helmets can reduce the chances of a concussion. But our tests suggest that there may be some added benefit, so even if it's not definitive, a MIPS helmet may be worth the extra cost.



BOCCE CLUB

Diane Maxey

Bocce Club Court Times:

Monday, Thursday	6-8:00 pm
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday	9-12:00 noon

Everyone has faced a lot this past year. The pandemic changed our lives: the way we interact with one another, our schedules, some with loss of family or friends. As the year ends, we remember those in our bocce family who lost their battles this year with cancer – **ANITA ROSENBLOOM**, **LESTER FISHBEIN**, **GEORGE WEISMAN**, and most recently, **Saul (RICHIE) ELFMAN** on December 9.

VITO TARRICONE recalled how Richie came to bocce. "He asked me to help him with the game as he had never played. So over the course of several months, we'd play for three hours each Sunday, not only playing, but getting to know each other."

That friendship grew as the two couples began a weekly dinner date that lasted 12 years. On and off the court, Rich was a friend to many, always with a smile and a willing spirit to help in any way he could. Our condolences to his lovely wife, Roz, and the entire family.

Although there will be no league play next year, bocce will continue in 2021 with the same schedule. Dues are \$10 a year.



PICKLEBALL

Steve Bodner

All kinds of activity at the Pickleball Courts. Remember to sign up for your time. All questions should be directed to Steve Bodner, 609-922-6807.



The tennis club has the same COVID problems as the other clubs. We're having elections shortly and are coming up with a way to do it. We have a number of events coming up, with participants being spaced apart as per CDC guidelines. Clearly, we weren't able to do the December hotdog event this year but hope to do so in the future.

The Palm Beach Senior league didn't have playoffs last year, and we're coming up to the start of what would be the new season (as champions, I think) but we have no league this year so we're all sort of down about that. We're planning a Rainberry league for the women, but the men will probably just go about their normal tennis games since there doesn't seem to be a big desire for a men's league.

Last year's Casino Night was a huge success and was held on March 7th without any thought given to cancelling it due to COVID, and yet within two weeks everything was shut down. That was the last big event held at Rainberry. We're hoping to have another Casino night whenever we achieve herd immunity here at Rainberry, or at least when we all agree we can have it.

Hopefully things will be back to near normal soon, and we're all looking forward to that.

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What a Difference . . .

BLURSDAY:

Working from home, like being retired, has seriously warped our sense of time. Is it August or December? Is it Tuesday or Thursday? A weekday or a nominally different weekend? "Blursday" refers to our collective inability to determine what day of the week it is.

May we never experience a Blursday ever again once this thing is over, though it was much easier for retirees to adapt. Looking forward to a new, hopeful vocabulary coming for 2021!

A COVID CHRISTMAS

Submitted by Bob Sherburne

T'was a month before
Christmas,
And all through the town,
People wore masks,
That covered their frown.

The frown had begun
Way back in the Spring,
When a global pandemic
Changed everything.

They called it corona,
But unlike the beer,
It didn't bring good times,
It didn't bring cheer.

Contagious and deadly,
This virus spread fast,
Like a wildfire that starts
When fueled by gas.

Airplanes were grounded,
Travel was banned.
Borders were closed
Across air, sea and land.

As the world entered
lockdown
To flatten the curve,
The economy halted,
And folks lost their verve.

From March to July
We rode the first wave,
People stayed home,
They tried to behave.

When summer emerged
The lockdown was lifted.
But away from caution,
Many folks drifted.

Now it's December
And cases are spiking,
Wave two has arrived,
Much to our disliking.

Frontline workers,
Doctors and nurses,
Try to save people,
From riding in hearses.

This virus is awful,
This COVID-19.
There isn't a cure.
There is no vaccine.

It's true that this year
Has had sadness a plenty,
We'll never forget
The year 2020.

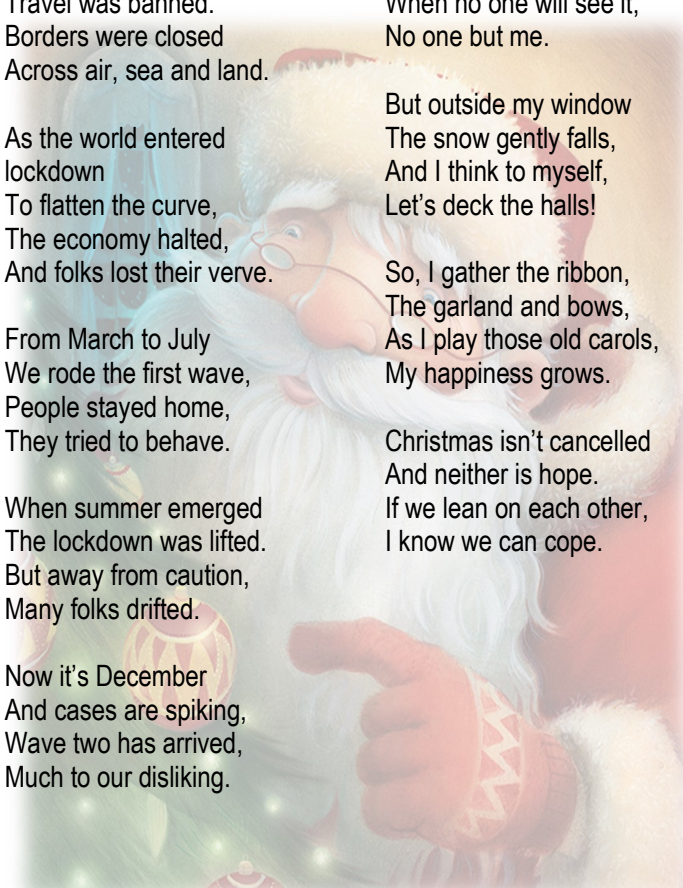
And just 'round the corner -
The holiday season,
But why be merry?
Is there even one reason?

To decorate the house
And put up the tree,
When no one will see it,
No one but me.

But outside my window
The snow gently falls,
And I think to myself,
Let's deck the halls!

So, I gather the ribbon,
The garland and bows,
As I play those old carols,
My happiness grows.

Christmas isn't cancelled
And neither is hope.
If we lean on each other,
I know we can cope.



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Gone away is the blizzard,
Here to stay is the lizard,
A warm sunny day, we like it that way,
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On the beach we will have a picnic,
Turtles, sand and seagulls and sun.
Christmas dinner is an old tradition,
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As temperatures rise, even higher,
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