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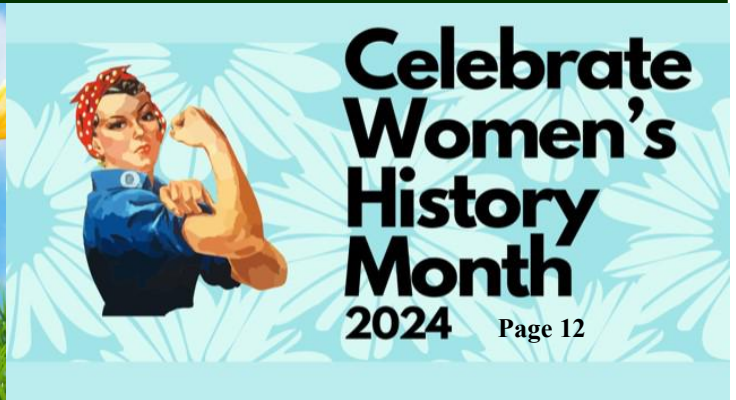
Board of Directors Meeting

**Date: Tuesday
March 12, 2024
Time: 7:30 PM "B" Building**



Rec Board Meeting

**Date: Wednesday
March 20, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM "B" Building**



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DV 4/5 Website:

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HOA MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

You can attend from home if you are unable to come to the Viking Room. You will receive an email from Dianne Stevens with the link for our monthly meeting, you may also access it through our website:

www.delrayvillas45.com

(If during the meeting you need help contact via text)

Alan Shwartz 561-376-4040

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(Community Channel is located on 591 on your television).

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When you lose a Dear One.....

(Feel free to substitute "He" for "She")

*You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile
because she has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back, or
You can open your eyes and see all that she has left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or
you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember her and only that she's gone, or you
can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your
back, or you can do what she'd want: - smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

Delray Villas 4/5

HOA - Announcement

**Starting January 1, 2024, I will no longer
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- ~Mail your check directly to the bank
in the envelopes you received with
your coupons, *OR*
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**As a reminder, the maintenance
fee for 2024 is \$714.00/Qtr.**

**Sheila Lane,
Treasurer
561.381.7725**



Almost everyone is familiar with the concept of a leap year, but the reasoning behind Leap Year is a little more complicated.

We all know that a calendar year is typically 365 days long and is loosely defined by the number of days it takes the Earth to orbit the sun. But what's lesser known is that 365 is actually a rounded number. In reality, it takes 365.242190 days for Earth to orbit the sun – or, 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 56 seconds!

While this may not seem significant, this extra time needs to be accounted for. Otherwise, the seasons would gradually fall out of sync.

In fact, over a period of 700 years or so, our summers – which typically arrive in June in the northern hemisphere – would begin in December instead!

Did you know... That during leap years, January, April, and July all start on the same day? That people who are born on February 29th are called Leapers or Leaplings? That tradition holds that women can propose to men on February 29th?



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Daylight Savings Time



Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 10th at 2 AM.

Plat Chat Needs your Help!

We are looking for *your* ideas to help us make Plat Chat better: We would also *very much* appreciate anyone who's willing to help us out with some light typing!

Please send us any interesting articles, recipes, tasteful humor, stories, or potpourri that you have.

Send to: Hope Greenblatt: hopegreenblatt@gmail.com
or Heidi Elias: info@Heidielias.com



Weight Watcher's Dessert Recipes

Submitted by Hope Greenblatt



Frozen Peanut Butter Cool Whip Treats

3 tbsp Smooth reduced fat peanut butter
Small Tub Reduced Fat Cool Whip
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Mix and blend cool whip and peanut butter
Fill 12 cupcakes liners with mixture and freeze
You can either sprinkle the Hershey's syrup before or after you freeze
1 SP each

Fiber One Chocolate PB Haystacks

12 oz Semisweet chocolate chips
4 oz Jif Reduced fat creamy peanut butter spread
3 3/4 cups Fiber One Original Bran cereal with whole grain
Microwave chocolate chips and pb 1 minute stirring after 30 seconds. Microwave 30 second to 1 minute longer stirring every 15 seconds.
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3 SP per each
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Theater Shows by Lynne Cohen



**Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St., Delray Beach
561-272-1281**

3/13- Harvey Granat sings Rodgers & Hart
3/14- Spaghetti & Matzo Ball Show
3/15- Lady Be Good (Great Ladies of Song)
3/16- Willie Nelson Music
3/19- Harvey Granat sings Tony Bennett
3/20- Songs of Leslie Bricusse
3/22-4/7- Merrily We Roll Along
4/2-4/3- 60's Pop Chart from Canada

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3/8- Voz Veis
3/9- The Beach Boys
3/10- Lynyrd Skynyrd and ZZ Top
3/12- Burna Boy
3/15 & 3/16- Andrew Schulz
3/17- Tom Segura
3/23- Impractical Jokers
3/30- Juanes
4/6- Kevin James

**Arts Garage- 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach
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3/1- Art of Laughter
3/8- Jazz with Ulysses Owens Jr & Generation Y
3/9- Early American 50s Rock n Roll
3/10- Drama- Black Angels over Tuskegee
3/15-3/16- CeCe Teneal- Divas of Soul
3/17- Tribute to Allman Bros Band
3/22- Jimmy Vivino Band
3/23- Studio 54 Band
3/24- Stevie Wonder Tribute Band
3/29- Brazilian 11 pc band
3/30- Indigenous (Blues/Rock)
4/6- Tribute to Jimi Hendrix
4/7- Jazz- Philippe Lemm Trio



**Delray Marketplace
Starting Wednesday, Oct 4-April 24 FREE Concerts**

**Boca Black Box- 8221 Glades Rd., Suite # 10,
Boca Raton 561-483-9036**

3/4- Hypnotist- Incredible Boris
3/7- Tribute to Neil Diamond with Rob Garrett
3/8- Comedian Carol Siskind
Jay Stollman & Blue Eyed Souls (60s & 70s Hits)
3/9- Eagles Tribute
Comedian Carol Siskind
Three Hysterical Broads off their Meds
3/10- Beatlemania USA
3/12- Chris Mac Donalds Jukebox Memories
3/13- Pierre Bensusan
3/14- Comedian Jeff Allen
Tribute to ABBA
3/15 & 3/16- Comedian Tommy "Llama" Savitt
Houses of the Holy- True Zeppelin Experience
3/16- British Blues Guitarist
3/17-3/19- Edwards Twins
3/20- Michael Martucci and Fred Rubino (Sinatra Music)
3/21- Studio 54 Disco Night w Khemistry Music
3/22 & 3/23- Vic Di Bitetto- Comedy
Tara Cannistraci- Comedy
3/24- Charles Peachock- Comedy
Mentalist Dale K
Ultimate Tribute to Motown
3/26- Andrez Babbi- Restless Hearts
3/27- Comedian Joe Matarese
Magic by Eric Jones

Theater Shows by Lynne Cohen

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Boca Black Box

- 3/28 & 3/29- Edgar Alan Poe Cocktail Experience
- 3/29- Gemini Ventriloquist (Comedy & Magic)
- 3/30- Carmine Appice Diaries
- 3/30- Tribute to Meatloaf

Kings Point- 7000 W. Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach, 561-499-3335 x 102

- 3/7 & 3/9- Kings Point Players- through the years
- 3/8- Solomon Jaye
- 3/10- Sharon Owens and Barbra
- 3/12- Delray Orchestra
- 3/13- Kol Experanza from Israel
- 3/15- Married with Laughter
- 3/17- The 5th Dimension
- 3/20- Yakov Smirnoff
- 3/22- The Edwards Twins
- 3/24- Sound of Soul
- 3/27- DooWop Project- " A New Doo"
- 4/5- Beth Tinnon Songs

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Delray Villas 2024 Service Schedule For Landscaping



February: Insect, Weed, and Fungus Treatment - Turf and Shrubs

March: Fertilize Turf and Shrubs

April: Ficus Whitefly Hedge

May: Insect, Weed, and Fungus

June: Fertilize Turf and Shrubs

July: Ficus Whitefly

August: Insect, Weed, and Fungus

September: Liquid Weeds and Feed

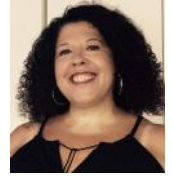
October: Whitefly Treatment

November: Insect, Weed, and Fungus

December: Fertilizer Shrubs/Turf

Wellness Toolbox

by Heidi Elias, LCSW, SEP



“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.”

-George Bernard Shaw

Improving spoken communication enhances your ability to connect more effectively with others. Straightforward communication fosters better relationships with family, friends, and colleagues by facilitating understanding, empathy, and connection. Enhanced communication enables individuals to articulate thoughts and feelings more clearly, reducing misunderstandings and conflicts.

In essence, improving communication skills not only enriches personal relationships, but also contributes to overall personal development and fulfillment. Clear and confident communication increases self-confidence, enabling you to express yourself assertively, and to articulate your ideas, opinions, and needs clearly.

Many of us shy away from making direct statements, without realizing it. So when someone does something that we don't like, instead of saying, “When you did that, it hurt me,” many people will instead ask “Why did you do that?”

Asking “why” is not the same as expressing directly how the other person's actions made you feel. Many of us were conditioned to communicate indirectly in order to not come-off as pushy or demanding, or “too aggressive.” Some also have a need to be liked by everyone, while others wish to avoid conflict at all costs, so will not speak-up.

The truth is, you discovering **why** someone said or did something not to your liking will not bring them closer to understanding that they hurt you. It also will not inform them to not repeat the unacceptable action again, in the future.

When you ask questions, rather than making statements, most times, you put the other person on the defensive. Don't take my word for it, try it out for yourself. Further, asking a question, rather than making a direct statement leaves it up to the receiver to interpret what it is that you are really meaning to say.

Knowledge is power. I propose that as a first step to better communication, observe yourself and your communication style for over the next few weeks. Then each time you notice that you have asked a question rather than having made a statement, simply correct it in your head afterwards. Ask yourself, “What is it that I really meant to say here?” Then say the corrected version to yourself. Repeat this over and over, again.

Once you are ready, begin pausing before speaking to the other person who hurts or annoys you. Formulate the direct statement in your head. Then say it. Notice their reaction, and how you feel. Others are bound to appreciate your clarity and honesty.

Direct communication takes practice, and commitment. Still, you will be better for it in the long-run because you expressed what you really meant to say, and that is truly self-affirming and empowering.



Community Garage Sale

We are having a drive-through Garage Sale at Delray Villas 4/5 on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 9AM - 3PM. It will be held in your own driveway. Please do not block anyone's driveways.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Dianne Stevens 413-222-7866 or Betty Hillier 561-400-2392



Bees Make Honey...and Just About Everything Else We Eat



By Andra Johnson

Dr. Andra Johnson is the dean of UF/IFAS Extension and the director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service.



Honey bees are busy *all* the time, gathering nectar for the good of queen and colony. And as they do, they carry pollen from flower to flower, playing a crucial role in plant reproduction.

As a matter of fact, as you enjoy your breakfast this Saturday, take a moment to thank a honey bee for every third bite you take. That's because over 30 percent of plants grown for food get assistance from bees and other pollinators. Honey bees aren't the only pollinators, but they are the most ecologically and economically important.

Unfortunately for all life on our planet, honey bee colonies are in decline. The reasons for this are complex, but loss of habitat, pesticide use and parasites like varroa mite are among the chief concerns.

Bees are a buzzing business in Florida. In 2020, Florida beekeepers produced over 7,500 tons of honey and 300,000 pounds of beeswax. (Do the math, and that's 7.4 *millions* pounds of honey).

In addition, Florida beekeepers are in demand throughout the country, shipping their colonies to apple orchards, almond groves and cranberry bogs for pollinator services.



Bee colonies waiting to be shipped across country. An estimated 217,000 Florida colonies were used for crop pollination in other states.

In all, apiculture (bee farming) is a \$93 million industry in Florida that supports 2,300 fulltime and part-time jobs. Yet more than half of our state's 5,000 beekeepers manage fewer than 10 colonies on their land. For these folks, beekeeping is a hobby, a science, or a small startup business. Beekeeping is not for the faint of heart, and colonies require care and know-how to remain healthy and productive.

What is this stuff growing on my tree trunks? Answer: Lichens

What are Lichens?

Lichens are unique organisms resulting from a mutually beneficial relationship between a fungus and a photosynthetic partner, usually algae or cyanobacteria. They are found on various surfaces, including rocks, soil, and the bark of trees. Lichens come in a variety of forms, from powdery crusts to leafy structures, and they vary in color, including shades of green, gray, and brown. Lichens thrive in areas with clean air and low pollution, suggesting a healthy ecosystem. Lichens are *not* parasites and do not directly harm the trees.

by Amir Rezazadeh; UFL, Posted: February 5, 2024





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Women's History Month



Women's History Month is celebrated to recognize and honor the often overlooked and undervalued contributions that women have made throughout history. It provides an opportunity to highlight the achievements, struggles, and progress of women in various fields, including politics, science, literature, activism, etc.

By dedicating a month to women's history, we not only pay homage to the trailblazers who paved the way for gender equality but also inspire future generations of women to pursue their passions and break down barriers. It serves as a reminder of the importance of inclusivity and diversity in shaping a more equitable society, where the achievements of all individuals, regardless of gender, are celebrated and acknowledged.

Through education, reflection, and celebration, Women's History Month fosters greater awareness, appreciation, and empowerment for women's past, present, and future contributions to society.



Why Aluminum Foil Is Shiny on One Side

The two different shades of the foil are due to the manufacturing process, according to Lara Tiro, food scientist and owner of Vancouver-based consulting company [Rebel Botanica](#). Tiro explains that large slabs of [aluminum](#) go through a continuous process consisting of heat and heavy-duty rollers, applying pressure to compress the aluminum to thin and lengthen.

"The final stage of the process is called [cold-rolling](#), which includes passing two layers of foil through sets of rollers simultaneously. This further reduces the desired thickness and improves the material's final resistance and flexibility," Tiro adds. During this process, the foil comes out shiny on the side that is in contact with the polished steel rollers, and dull on the side that is not in contact with the rollers.

Does It Matter Which Side of the Aluminum Foil You Use?

The short answer is no. Since the matte and gloss are a result of the foil's contact with the roller, Tiro asserts that there is no difference in the material make-up of both sides of the foil.

The Exception to That Rule

While conventional aluminum foil doesn't require using a specific side for cooking, an exception applies to non-stick aluminum foil. Tiro explains that regular foil isn't inherently non-stick, but many companies produce a non-stick aluminum foil containing an FDA-approved coating on the **dull** side, That means foods should be placed on that side to get the benefits on the non-stick coating, ensuring easier, cleaner removal of cooked food. Also, do **not** use foil to line your baking sheet when baking cookies, as the underside of the cookies will bake faster than the rest.

If it takes a hen and a half a day and a half to lay an egg and a half,how many grasshoppers does it take to kick the seeds out of a dill pickle? 🤔



History of St. Patrick's Day



While St. Patrick's Day is now associated with wearing green, parades (when they're not canceled) and beer, the holiday is grounded in history that dates back more than 1,500 years. The earliest known celebrations were held in the 17th century on March 17, marking the anniversary of the death of St. Patrick in the 5th century. Learn more about the holiday's history and how it evolved into the event it is today.

1. The Real St. Patrick Was Born in Britain

Much of what is known about St. Patrick's life has been interwoven with folklore and legend. Historians generally believe that St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Britain (not Ireland) near the end of the 4th century. At age 16 he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and sold as a slave to a Celtic priest in the area now known as Northern Ireland. After toiling for six years as a shepherd, he escaped back to Britain. He eventually returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary.

2. There Were No Snakes Around for St. Patrick to Banish from Ireland

Among the legends associated with St. Patrick is that he stood atop an Irish hillside and banished snakes from Ireland—prompting all serpents to slither away into the sea. In fact, research suggests snakes never occupied the Emerald Isle in the first place. There are no signs of snakes in the country's fossil record. And water has surrounded Ireland since the last glacial period. Before that, the region was covered in ice and would have been too cold for the reptiles.

3. Leprechauns Are Likely Based on Celtic Fairies

The red-haired, green-clothed Leprechaun is commonly associated with St. Patrick's Day. The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is "lobaircin," meaning "small-bodied fellow." Belief in leprechauns likely stems from Celtic belief in fairies—tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies.

4. The Shamrock Was Considered a Sacred Plant

The shamrock, a three-leaf clover, has been associated with Ireland for centuries. It was called the "seamroy" by the Celts and was considered a sacred plant that symbolized the arrival of spring. According to legend, St. Patrick used the plant as a visual guide when explaining the Holy Trinity. By the 17th century, the shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism.

5. The First St. Patrick's Day Parade Was Held in America

While people in Ireland had celebrated St. Patrick since the 1600s, the tradition of a St. Patrick's Day parade began in America and actually predates the founding of the United States.

Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601, in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur. More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in Boston in 1737 and in New York City on March 17. Enthusiasm for the St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City, Boston and other early American cities only grew from there. In 2020 and 2021, parades throughout the country, including in New York City and Boston, were canceled or postponed for the first time in decades due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. They returned in 2022.

6. The Irish Were Once Scorned in America

While Irish Americans are now proud to showcase their heritage, the Irish were not always celebrated by fellow Americans. Beginning in 1845, a devastating potato blight caused widespread hunger throughout Ireland. While approximately 1 million perished, another 2 million abandoned their land in the largest-single population movement of the 19th century. Most of the exiles—nearly a quarter of the Irish nation—came to the shores of the United States. Once they arrived, the Irish refugees were looked down upon as disease-ridden, unskilled and a drain on welfare budgets.

7. Corned Beef and Cabbage Was an American Innovation

The meal that became a St. Patrick's Day staple across the country—corned beef and cabbage—was an American innovation. While ham and cabbage were eaten in Ireland, corned beef offered a cheaper substitute for impoverished immigrants. Irish Americans living in the slums of lower Manhattan in the late 19th century and early 20th purchased leftover corned beef from ships returning from the tea trade in China. The Irish would boil the beef three times—the last time with cabbage—to remove some of the brine.

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How I feel when I have to scroll down to the year I was born:



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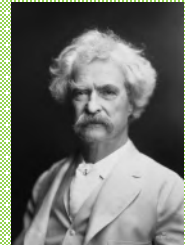
You don't need a time machine!

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The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody *else* up.

- Mark Twain



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Sandy Beach Pudding Recipe

by Nancy Grasso

This is a fun dessert complete with blue Jello for the "ocean".

In a food processor, pulse 1 package of Vanilla Wafers with 4 Oreo cookies until it resembles sand. Set aside.

In a mixer bowl, beat 8 ounces of softened cream cheese with 1/4 cup butter and 2/3 cup powdered sugar.

In another bowl combine 2 small boxes of French vanilla instant pudding with 2 & 3/4 cups of milk, beat and let sit 2 minutes till slightly thick.

Now you're ready to combine both bowls .

After that with a rubber spatula fold in 12 ounces of Cool Whip.

Gently fold in some "sand" but reserve some for the topping.

Prepare some blue Jello for "ocean", make "waves" from spoons of cool whip .

Stick some little drink umbrellas in the "sand", OR,
purchase kiddie sand pails & shovels to serve it.



"Why English is so hard to learn"

by Marlene Davis

YOU think English is easy? Check out the following.

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was cultivated to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that the workers had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture shown at the store.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his tasty dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present to his girlfriend.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10 I did not object to the object which he showed. me.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid in his hospital bed.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about who would row
13. They were too close to the door to close it
14. The buck does funny things when the does (females) are present
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail around the mast
18. Upon seeing the tear in her painting she shed a tear
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests
20. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend

These are brilliant. Homonyms or homographs are words of like spelling, but with more than one meaning and sound. When pronounced differently, they are known as heteronyms.

Submitted by Mitzi Garvey

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The ACC will meet every other Monday at 10 am to review all ACC applications for exterior work to be conducted by you the homeowner on your property. Have your applications in by Sunday night before the meeting.

If it is exterior work you are *required* to get permission through the ACC committee.

March meetings will be March 4th and March 18th.

Please pick-up and drop-off applications on the porch at Alan Rossman's home: 13834 Packard Terrace. Questions? Call any ACC member below:

Architectural Committee Members:

Alan Rossman	561-901-3002	Rich Cohen	201-873-0458
Rick Mancini	917-865-6563	Betty Hillier	561-400-2392
		Nancy Grasso	203-770-4481

The LEGAL CHIT-CHAT

By: Alan Jay Lewis, Esq.



Selling your home? - Taking the Emotion out of an Emotional Experience

When the time comes that you make the decision to sell your home, it is generally filled with emotions based on memories and experiences. Whether you are selling to move closer to family or because health issues dictate the move, the decision and ultimate move is fraught with the past.....both positive and negative.

Your first order of business (after you have made the decision) is to walk through your home with fresh eyes. No one wants to see all your family memorabilia and photos. The new potential purchasers want to be able to see themselves and their treasures in their new potential home. You need to take stock and begin packing and removing all the earmarks of your past. As you go through each item, this may be easier said than done. You might want to call a friend, family member or other lifeline to help you sort through your treasures and decide what you keepwhat you store....and what you give away. Someone once said they wanted to give their children/friends/family a gift with a warm hand.....I thought that was good advice.

This includes cleaning out that kitchen "junk drawer" that everyone has!

After that difficult job is done, look around....what can be done to give your house a fresh look! A good cleaning (including the kitchen appliances), a light coat of paint, fresh flowers in the front, a few generic pictures on the wall....Make sure that your lights are working and bulbs are not burned out.....your smoke alarms are functional (with fresh batteries) and your fans are working. Some sellers even go so far as to have a house inspection done prior to selling so that there are no surprises (i.e., plumbing, electrical, unforeseen issues, etc.).

Be realistic...you might be assessing a value to your home that might reflect your heart but not the current real estate market. You might have to be flexible regarding price, vacancy and time necessary to close. Think about a good Realtor to help handle the transaction. Speak to your neighbors.....has some one had a great experience or a terrible one. It might help you make a choice. Sign nothing until you have legal counsel review it. You do not want to be stuck in a situation that you cannot make changes while you are contractually bound which might be for a number of months. Even after you list the property, you still want to retain control over some of the decision making (i.e., whether you are willing to make repairs, whether it is "as-is", whether you want to reduce the price to cover deficiencies in the property, etc.).

Change is never easy. Whether it is by choice or by necessity. The most important thing is to keep an open mind and look at the change as a great adventure. Winnie the Pooh said... "You can't stay in your corner of the forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes." Maybe now is your time!

Alan Jay Lewis, Esq.

Admitted to the Bar of the State of Florida and the State of New York

I am also a Resident of Delray Villas, Plat 4/5

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Plant Four Rows of Squash

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Submitted by Chelle Lukens



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