

# PLAT CHAT

MAY 2024

**Delray Villas Plat 4/5  
Community Newsletter**  
[www.delrayvillas45.com](http://www.delrayvillas45.com)

NUMBER 018

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date: Tuesday  
May 14th, 2024  
Time: 7:30 PM "B" Building**



## **Rec Board Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday  
May 22nd, 2024  
Time: 7:00 PM "B" Building**



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13834 Packard Terrace for application

**DV 4/5 Website:**

[www.delrayvillas45.com](http://www.delrayvillas45.com)

**Interview Committee**

If you are selling or renting your home any new occupants must contact:  
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**Plat Chat:**

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**PLAT CHAT**

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*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:*

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

**Alan Shwartz 561-376-4040**

**WEBSITE/COMMUNITY CHANNEL**

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*Our community details are updated on an as-needed basis for all your informational needs.*

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**Mike Montemurno 954-658-7295**  
**Alan Shwartz 561-376-4040**



## THE PUZZLEMENT OF ADULT FRIENDSHIPS

Sometimes they are really freaking hard,  
like really freaking hard!

But so often the friends we have in our adult years are the only thing saving us  
from hitting rock bottom..

The truth is that even the strongest friendship bonds are not forged in stone.  
No, just as life is ever changing, friendships will always ebb and flow..

Sometimes your closest friends fade away  
into the background of your life.

Sometimes background friends somehow  
become part of your inner circle..

Sometimes brand new people enter your life  
and become the friends you never knew you needed..

Sometimes your heart aches because it misses the friendships  
that used to be but are no more..

No matter where you are in your adult friendship journey don't overthink it  
and don't dwell in the past..

Instead, **HOLD ON TIGHT AND RIDE THE FRIENDSHIP WAVE!**

Welcome the ones that find their way to you. Send peace to the ones who fade away.  
Love the friends that are there right now. *Submitted by: Chelle Lukens*



## A MOTHER BY MY SIDE



Mothers are special, almost magical in truth.  
They simultaneously give you wings and firm yet flexible roots...

She's the very first person to know you outside and in,  
Holding your heart as a souvenir of the time you shared a skin...

Her nature pours into you and her nurture spurs you on,  
So it's never hard to see where your character comes from...

And inside her eyes a sparkle of the life she has lived,  
All the lessons she's learned and the love she has to give...

She gives without condition, she loves with all her heart,  
You're always on her mind even when you are apart...

A mother has no rival; the bond is truly unique,  
She knows what you are thinking even when you do not speak...

A mother can be relied on her whole life through,  
To always keep believing and never give up on you...

It's such a precious gift having someone at your shoulder,  
To nurse you as an infant and to be a friend as you get older...*Submitted by: Chelle Lukens*



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## GROWING UP IN THE FIFTIES

Long ago and far away in a land that time forgot, before the days of Dylan or the dream of Camelot.  
 There lived a race of innocents and they were you and me, me.  
 For Ike was in the White House in that land where we were born,  
 Where navels were for oranges, and Peyton Place was porn.  
 We longed for Love and romance and waited for our Prince,  
 Eddie Fisher married Liz and no one's seen him since.  
 We danced to Little Darlin and sang to Stagger Lee & cried for Buddy Holly,  
 In the land that made me ,me.

Only girls wore earrings then and 3 was one too many  
 and only boys wore flat top cuts except for Jean McKinney  
 And only in our wildest dreams did we expect to see, a boy named George with lipstick,  
 In a land that made me, me.

We fell for Frankie Avalon, Annette was oh so nice, & when they made a movie, never made it twice.  
 We didn't have a Star Trek 5 or Psycho 2 and 3 or Rocky-Rambo 20, in the land that made me, me.  
 Miss Kitty had a heart of gold & Chester had a limp & Reagan was an actor whose co-star was a chimp,  
 We had our share of heroes we never thought would go, at least not Bobby Darin or Marilyn Monroe.  
 For youth was still eternal & life was yet to be, and Elvis was forever in the land that made me, me.

The Beatles lived in gardens then, & monkeys lived in trees,  
 Madonna was Mary in the land that made me, me..  
 We never heard of microwaves or telephones in cars, & babies were bottle fed and not grown in jars.  
 Pumping iron got wrinkles out and gay meant fancy free  
 And dorms were never co-ed in the land that made me, me..  
 We hadn't seen enough of jets to talk about the lag & microchips were what was left in bottom of a bag.  
 And hardware was a box of nails and bytes came from a flea,  
 And rocket ships were fiction in the land that made me, me.

T-Birds came with portholes and side shows came with freaks,  
 And bathing suits came big enough to cover both your cheeks. And Coke came just in bottles and skirts  
 below the knee, And Castro came to power near the land that made me, me...  
 We had no Crest with Fluoride, we had no Hill Street Blues  
 We had no patterned pantyhose or Lipton herbal tea  
 And Howdy Doody was a TV star in the land that made me, me  
 There were no golden arches, no Perrier to chill & fish were not called Wanda & cats not called Bill.  
 And middle aged was 35 and old was 43, and ancient were our parents in the land that made me, me..

But all things have a season as we hear them say, and now instead of Revlon we swear by Retin-A.  
 They send us invitations to join AARP,  
 We've come a long way baby from the land that made me, me..  
 So now we face a brave new world in slightly larger jeans,  
 And wonder why they're using smaller print in magazines..  
 And we tell our children's children the way it used to be,  
 Long ago and far away in the land that made me, me..

**Submitted by: Chelle Lukens**

**TOGETHER WE SHARED 1,000,000 SOMETHING GOOD MOMENTS!  
LET'S CREATE MORE MEMORIES!!!**

## Theater Shows by Lynne Cohen



**Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St.,**

**Delray Beach**

**561-272-1281**

- 5/3- The Lost Virginty Tour
- 5/13- Rodgers & Hammerstein Tribute
- 5/24- U.S. Bee Gees Tribute
- 5/25- Eagles Tribute
- 5/31- Tribute to the Rolling Stones
- 6/1- Creedence Clearwater Revival

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- 5/2- Don Omar
- 5/3- Ed Sheeran
- 5/8- Diana Ross
- 5/9- The Offspring
- 5/10- Queens of the Stone Age
- 5/11- Olga Tanon
- 5/12- Reik
- 5/14- AJR
- 5/16- Kenny Chesney
- 5/23- Madison Beer
- 5/24- Victor Manuelle
- 5/25- Antonis Remos
- 5/29- Niall Horan
- 5/31- Hauser
- 6/6- Megan Thee Stallion

**Arts Garage- 94 NE 2nd Ave.,  
Delray Beach 561-450-6357**

- 5/3- Stand Up Comedy
- 5/4- Chuchito Valdes
- 5/5- The Legal Roots- Yvad (Bob Marley Tribute)
- 5/10- Miami Big Sound Orchestra
- 5/12- Tribute to Linda Ronstadt
- 5/17 & 5/18- Ann Hampton Callaway
- 5/19- Ultimate Heart Tribute
- 5/24- Peace of Woodstock
- 5/26- Tal Cohen Trio
- 5/31 & 6/1- Tito Puente, Jr.
- 6/8- Tony Bennett Tribute



**Boca Black Box- 8221 Glades Rd., Suite # 10,  
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- 5/2- Everly Brothers Experience
- 5/6- Yacht Lobsters-70's & 80's music
- 5/9- Music of Kenny Rogers, Lionel Richie,  
& Smokey Robinson
- 5/10- Tribute to Neil Diamond
- 5/11- Tribute to Bowie
- 5/12- Dizzy's Magic & Mayhem- 2 P.M.
- 5/12- Sal Valentinetti 7:30 P.M.
- 5/15- Brazilian Big Band
- 5/16- Jiaoying Summers- Summer
- 5/17- Music of Journey & Styx
- 5/18- Card Magic Jason Ladanye
- 5/19,5/20- Legally Blonde Jr
- 5/23- Motown Revue
- 5/24- Bob Seger Tribute Band
- 5/25- Zeppelin Experience
- 5/26- Memories of Elvis with Chris MacDonald
- 5/30- Shock Illusionist Dan Sperry
- 5/31- Atlantic City Boys
- 6/1- Pat Travers Band
- 6/6- Jive Talkin Tribute to Bee Gees
- 6/7- Fleetwood Mac Tribute
- 6/8- Abba Tribute



### Theater Shows by Lynne Cohen (cont'd from P. 8)

**Kravis Center 701 Okeechobee Blvd W Palm Beach 561-832-7469**

- 5/1- Rain- Beatles Tribute- Musical Mystery Tour
- 5/3- Spotlight on Young Musicians
- 5/4- Ballet of the Blue: A Journey into the Sea
- 5/10 & 5/12- Swan Lake
- 5/16- Rob Lake
- 5/17 & 5/19- Kite Runner
- 5/31- Mark Normand
- 6/1- Pink Floyd Tribute

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

- 5/24- Gerald Exposito of NJ
- 6/14- The Fabulons
- 7/19- Boogie Brothers Band
- 8/16- Joey and the Paradons
- 9/20- Across the Universe
- 10/18- Whitestone Band

## VINEGAR HACKS

**CLEAN BURNT PANS**  
= boil water and vinegar in the pan

**REMOVE WATER STAINS**  
= Place vinegar soaked cloth on the stain

**REMOVE STAINS**  
= spray vinegar on the stains

**MOSQUITO TRAP**  
= use dish soap and vinegar.

**DEEP CLEAN VEGGIES & FRUITS**  
= wash them with vinegar and baking soda

**FLOOR CLEANER**  
= use vinegar and hot water

**FRUIT FLIES TRAP**  
= use vinegar and banana peel

**WEED KILLER**  
= use vinegar, dish soap and salt

**SOFT WHITE TOWELS**  
= wash them with vinegar and baking soda

**CLEAN WINDOWS & GLASS**  
=

**FIX FURNITURE SCRATCHES**  
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## Delray Villas 2024 Service Schedule For Landscaping



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

**March: Fertilize Turf & Shrubs**

**April: Ficus Whitefly Hedge**

**May: Insect, Weed, and Fungus**

**June: Fertilize Turf & Shrubs**

**July: Ficus Whitefly**

**August: Insect, Weed, and Fungus**

**September: Liquid Weed and Feed**

**October: Whitefly Treatment**

**November: Insect, Weed, and Fungus**

**December: Fertilize Turf & Shrubs**

# April 6th *Meet and Greet* at our New Rec. Building - "A"







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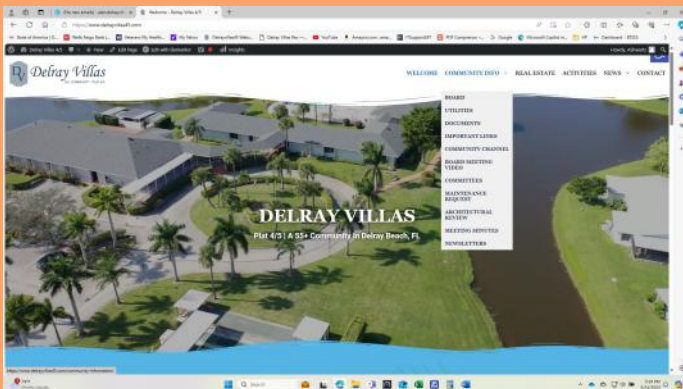
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## DELRAY VILLAS 4/5 COMMUNITY CHANNEL and BOARD MEETING VIDEOS

With our transition to Breezeline Stream TV, our Community Channels 590 and 591 are no longer available. However, you can now conveniently access our Community Channel and Board Meeting Videos on our community website, [www.delrayvillas45.com](http://www.delrayvillas45.com)

Click on the tab "COMMUNITY INFO" on the dropdown, click on Community Channel or Board Meeting Video. Then click on your choice when the next screen opens up.





## TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



How many steps does the guard take during their walk across the Tomb and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the 21 gun salute, the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

How long do they hesitate after their about face to begin their return walk.

21 seconds

Why are their gloves wet? Moistened to prevent losing grip of the rifle.

They carry the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb, then about face, moving it to the opposite shoulder.

Guards are changed every 30 minutes, 24/7, 365 days a year.

Guards must be between 5'10" & 6'2" tall with a waist that cannot exceed 30"....They must commit 2 years to guard the Tomb & live in a barracks under the Tomb plus no alcohol on or off duty. They cannot swear in public or disgrace the uniform or the Tomb.

After 2 years they are given a wreath pin signifying their service to be worn on their lapel.

There are only a little over 6 hundred presently worn.

They have specially made shoes with thick soles to keep heat & cold from their feet. In order to make the click they are made with metal heel plates that extend to top of shoe.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. It takes 5 hours a day to get their uniforms ready for duty..

The 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone or watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred..

In 2003 as hurricane Isabel hit, the soldiers who guarded the Tomb were permitted 2 days to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer marching in the pelting rain. They said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson. The Tomb has been patrolled continuously 24/7 since 1930..

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### Did You Know...Delray Villas 4/5

- **Garbage:** Garbage is picked-up weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Garbage and lawn waste can go out on Tuesday evenings after 5pm, for Wednesday pick-up. Garbage, recyclables and BULK can go out on Friday evenings after 5pm, for Saturday pick-up. Please sort waste and adhere to the specified pick-up days.
- **Landscaping:** Lawn cutting is done twice per month. However, beginning the 1st week in June, the lawns will be cut once per week for the summer. Inside bushes and small trees are trimmed every other month. If you have specific gardening needs, please do not approach the landscapers directly to request they complete your specialized gardening projects around your home, as this interferes with the flow to complete the community landscaping in the allotted timeframe.
- **Maintaining Our Homes:** The Inspection Committee ensures that our community is well-maintained and that it meets high standards with regard to up-keep. The Inspection Committee does two inspections per year, checking for various items that may need attention. If you receive a letter from the Committee, you are given ample time to correct the item(s). If you need clarification or do not understand the letter, call a committee member. They are happy to stop by and talk with you.
- **Selling Your Home:** There are numerous steps to take when selling your home. Prospective buyers must be interviewed by the Board 30 days prior to the house closing. Please call Bill Yesowitch to schedule the interview, 502-905-7973. Once approved, the Estoppel Certificate will be prepared by Sheila Lane. Please leave your HOA payment book, home documents, FOBs and keys to the new owners. **Delray Villas 4/5 HOA Board is here to help, and are always a phone call away.**



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*Delray Villas Plat 4/5 is committed to being prepared for Hurricane Season.*

**"That's What Friends Are For" Committee** assists those in need, particularly the aged and those physically impaired, in the event of an impending hurricane. The following assistance is available to residents, provided that they do not compromise the health, safety or liability of Helpers:

**Pre-hurricane** • Close/lock first floor accordion-type shutters. • Move porch or outdoor items indoors.

**Post-hurricane** • Re-open all first-floor accordion type shutters. • Assist in putting debris into trashcans, provided by homeowners, and move to a trash removal area to await pickup.

**NOTE:** We will not remove large items, such as construction debris, fallen trees, or damaged cars. We also will not activate generators. These are the responsibility of homeowners. If you are in need of **assistance with hurricane preparation**, or would like to **volunteer to be a Block Captain**, please call: Noel Gordon, Committee Chairperson: 201-310-8626  
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## **Snowbird Preparation Secure Your Home Before You Leave Pre-Hurricane Shutters:**

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**Note: We cannot close Clam Shell Shutters.** We also will not be held responsible if damage should occur to your shutters in the process of assisting you in closing or opening your accordion shutters. Further, you do not have to close shutters on your home before you leave. Just arrange for someone to close them while you are away.

**Outdoor Objects:** Please secure all outdoor furniture, barbecue grills, and any other free-standing patio or garden objects by moving them indoors before you leave.

**Post-Hurricane** Feel free to contact the Committee to find out if, or how, a hurricane has impacted your property.

Please save the contact info below, as needed. For questions prior to or after a hurricane, please contact the Committee: Noel Gordon, Chairperson: 201-310-8626

Sam Fleishman: 410-493-7842 Bill Yesowitch: 502-905-7973



DON'T MISS OUR MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW BROUGHT TO YOU BY DELRAY VILLAS REC ASSOC AND FEATURING CLOTHING BY PATCHINGTON



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## 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.  
May meetings will be May 13th, and May 28th.

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:

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Alan Rossman  | 561-901-3002 | Rick Mancini | 917-865-6563 |
| Betty Hillier | 561-400-2392 | Nancy Grasso | 203-770-4481 |
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## The LEGAL CHIT-CHAT

By: Alan Jay Lewis, Esq.



### WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A RELATIVE...

One of my favorite commercials is the Chewy TV Commercial. [Chewy is a Pet Food company]. That Chewy TV Commercial shows its audience a situation where someone passes away and the relatives are shocked to discover that the decedent left his summer house to his cat....to which the cat replied ... "I always liked the old man."

Some of us have trouble thinking too much about the future and the fact that there is less future ahead of us compared to our past.

**Sad but true is the following quote: "If you do not have a Will or plan for your estate, then the government has one for you." – Shez Christopher.**

The state of Florida is aware of its citizens reluctance to embrace the future when it comes to thinking about and planning for the distribution of their legacies upon their death --- so the legislature, in its infinite wisdom, has enacted laws that set forth the procedure that divides and distributes a person's assets upon their passing away -- if during that person's lifetime they fail to make and execute estate planning documents implementing their own, personal estate planning decisions.

When the state of Florida legislature "decides" how one's estate will be distributed at the time of their demise, that process is called dying **INTESTATE** – meaning dying without a Will. If you die **INTESTATE** the Florida Legislature's statutory "decisions" regarding the distribution of your Probate Estate may be very different than what you had in mind.

Most of us are not benefited by "hiding our heads in the sand" and waiting for someone else [like the Florida legislature] to make legacy decisions for us. What benefits us the most, in my view, is called .... Making a Plan. Many of us want to take baby steps and that is fine, so long as we are moving forward in a positive direction.

You can start making your Plan by taking stock of your situation. They say the secret of getting ahead is getting started.

You might be in perfect health and an UFO [those letters used to stand for the words Unidentified Flying Objects.. now the nomenclature has changed to UAP - which is defined as Unidentified Aerial Phenomena] can come out of nowhere and zap you, your house and all of your worldly goods.

So my recommendation regarding you making a Plan is to start by making notes....whether electronic/ computer ---or by use of old school pencil, pen [ball point, roller-ball or fountain] and paper. You might be surprised how many items you have listed. It is not only assets and liabilities but favorite personal items and who you would like to have them. What about burial instructions and pre-need contracts? Do you have any online presence? What would you like to happen to your FaceBook or eBay or other online accounts? Someone should know where your important paper or digital information is located....once you pass, it is not the time for a family scavenger hunt to take place.

There is a famous poem written by Linda Ellis called "THE DASH" which really says it **all. Our lives on earth are represented by the DASH between our date of birth and our date of death.** What really matters to many of us [and to the people who we leave behind] is how we spend the DASH-DAYS of our lives.

So think about your life...and be proud of how you lived, loved and spent your DASH! Make sure others know that as well!

Admitted to the Bar of the State of Florida and the Bar of the State of New York. I am a Resident of Delray Villas, Plat 4/5

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**April Birthdays that we missed.**  
**--(Whoopsie)--**

*Happy Belated Birthday to:  
Linda Brown - April 2nd*

*Happy Belated 93rd Birthday to  
Bonnie Kahane - Holocaust Survivor  
April 17th*

*Happy Belated Birthday to  
Lloyd Lukens - April 9th*



**NEW DELRAY VILLA  
RESIDENTS**

Florence Nachshen  
6315 Overland Drive

Robert Walters  
6168 Stanley Lane

Michele & Maria Casale  
6397 Lasalle Drive

Ely Jennis  
6603 Overland Drive

Manuel & Marlee Mendoza  
6351 Lasalle Road

Ediza Koblene  
6210 Dusenbug Road



**TO:  
Greta  
Arnold**



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- Jane Stevenson 4
- Dianne Stevens 6
- Betty Hillier 15
- Tommy Rudolph 15
- Stanley Kolodney 17
- Ellen Kracroff 22
- Judy La Corte 22
- Bobby Townsend 27

**MAY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- The Grasso's 8
- Dardashti's 28
- Pavloff's 29
- Willis's 30



**Camille Montemurno** is offering her  
**Notary Public Services**  
*free* to all residents of Plat 4/5.  
She is licensed and bonded.  
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**\*Attention All Residents**

**Please update your BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY DATES with us,**  
**so that we can include them in Plat Chat**  
**(Even if you've previously done this)**

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