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Easter Fun

*by Marissa White ~
photos by Alanna Kunz*

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter event on Saturday, April 8th. It was an egg-cellent time! Kids from all over the community came together to enjoy a bounce house, pizza, and an egg hunt that included over 1000 stuffed eggs! We also had a special visit from Dilyn who dressed as the Easter Bunny for children to hug and get photos with. A very special thanks to Alanna, Cindy, Collin, Ginny, Lara, Marissa, Mike, Olivia, and Steve for getting together ahead of time and stuffing all of the eggs with candy and toys for the kiddos. It's great fun for everyone involved when we are able to get folks together to celebrate. It is a positive reflection on our community that we are able to invest time and effort into these activities that bring us all together and remind us of what is really important. We look forward to having the opportunity to do more activities like this in the future and continuing to get the community involved. If you're interested in volunteering for our next community event, reach out to us! You can find all of our contact information on our new website rivercountryestatesfl.com

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- 1 (8-oz.) container mascarpone cheese
- 1 (8-oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (3.4-oz.) package lemon instant pudding mix
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract
- 2 tablespoons grated lemon zest, plus 2/3 cup fresh juice (from 4 large lemons), divided
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 24 ladyfinger biscotti (from 1 [7-oz.] package, such as Alessi)

DIRECTIONS

• *Make creamy filling:*

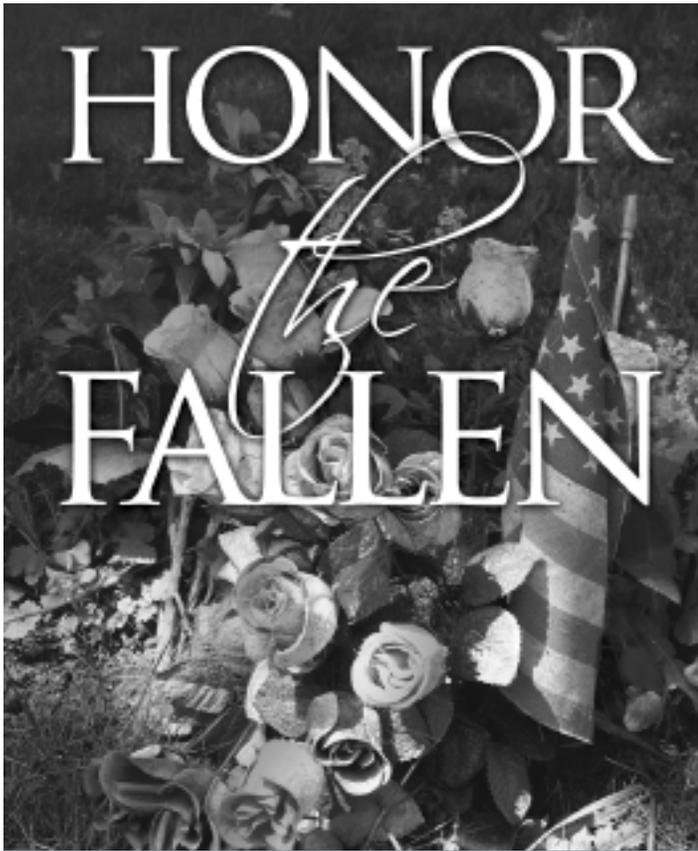
Beat mascarpone, cream cheese, and pudding mix with a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment on medium speed until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Beat in milk and lemon extract on low speed until combined, about 1 minute. Increase speed to medium-high, and beat until mixture is smooth, light, and fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes.

• *Layer the tiramisu:*

Combine lemon juice and sugar in a medium-size microwavable bowl; microwave on HIGH 20 seconds. Whisk until sugar has dissolved. Dip 8 ladyfingers in lemon juice mixture, and arrange in a single layer in an 8-inch square baking dish. Spread one-third of pudding mixture evenly over ladyfingers in baking dish, and smooth with a spatula. Repeat layering process 2 times to yield 3 layers until all ladyfingers and pudding mixture have been used.

• *Chill tiramisu:*

Smooth top layer of pudding mixture with a spatula, and sprinkle evenly with lemon zest. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to 24 hours before serving. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes before serving.



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BOARD'S MESSAGE

by Stephen Reinhardt RCEOA Board President

Hello Neighbors,

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These three words are posted on the side of every NYPD Patrol Vehicle which I saw every day. Now tasked with maintaining a community of almost 500 homes this is what you'll get from me. Courtesy, Professionalism, and Respect. You will notice new faces and ideas as we take actionable steps and changes toward becoming a more efficient community. Alongside the HOA Board, we have many talented residents who also volunteer to help with this transition to make a better Home Owners Association. You will see DRAC members driving around and stopping to say "Hello" as they maintain Deed Restrictions. They will also have Architectural Request forms should you need one for home improvement. Your voices have been heard and we will be working on new activities and continued changes to our office availability.

Spring is almost over and we are hurtling toward getting ready for summer, so get outside and work on the yard or the house before it gets too hot! We're looking forward to all of the upcoming graduations, birthday parties, and holidays!



APRIL'S GENERAL MEETING - NEW BUSINESS:

• **OPEN INFRA:** A representative from OPEN INFRA was at the meeting and talked about bringing in Fiber Optic Internet in the River Country Community. This would be an alternative to Spectrum as many have requested. They are installing this system around the Spring Hill area and even Regency Oaks. At this time, we have recommended that they **DO NOT GO SOLICITING** around the neighborhood, and if you are interested, please call Sterling Waterman at (352)-428-5305. The HOA will be working with OPEN INFRA to reach every homeowner.

• **SHED AMENDMENT:** The request to start the paperwork and move forward to the next step was approved, and a committee was formed. What is now needed are homeowners to volunteer as we move forward. Remember - it's the community volunteers that bring changes to the Deed Restrictions. Contact the HOA Office at 352-596-0740.

• **RENTAL AMENDMENT:** The community requests that all rentals be no less than 12 months per lease.-

DRAC REPORT

by Stephen Reinhardt RCEOA Board President

The DRAC Committee wishes to say "Thank You" to all that have read the last issue and cleaned up in front of their garages. As we rang some doorbells or left door hangers, the response was met with positivity and helpfulness. We all wish to maintain our property values and remedies can be simple. It is your actions that determine whether you receive a violation or if you comply. For March only two violation letters were sent out and quickly complied with. Let's work together for a better community!

DRAC Special Attention for MAY/JUNE shall be towards the Dead Trees among our properties.

Hurricane Season is quickly approaching, take a little time now to properly prepare and be ready. This is Florida and we all know how the weather can change!

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- * Water and non-perishable food for several days.
- * Extra cell phone battery and charger.
- * Battery-powered or hand crank radio that can receive NOAA Weather Radio tone alerts and extra batteries.
- * Flashlight and extra batteries
- * First Aid kit
- * Whistle to signal for help.
- * Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- * Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- * Non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- * Can opener (if kit contains food)
- * Local maps.

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit.

- * Prescription medications and glasses.
- * Infant formula and diapers.
- * Pet food, water, and supplies for your pet.
- * Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification, and bank account records in a portable waterproof container.
- * Cash and change.
- * Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from <http://www.ready.gov>.
- * Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.
- * Complete change of clothing Including a long sleeve shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes.
- * Fire extinguisher. *Matches in a waterproof container.
- * Feminine supplies, personal hygiene items, and hand sanitizer.
- * Mess kits, paper cups, plates and disposable utensils, and paper towels.
- * Paper and pencil.
- * Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children.

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 The seeds of self-esteem.
 And when the winds and rains came,
 She protected me enough;
 But not too much, she knew I'd need
 To stand up strong and tough.
 Her constant good example,
 Always taught me right from wrong;
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 To last my whole life long.
 I am my Mother's garden,
 I am her legacy.
 And I hope today she feels the love,
 Reflected back from me

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Happy Mother's Day!



(Author Unknown)

Mother's Day Word Search

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Volunteer GROUPS

PARK MAINTENANCE/REPAIR:
 Help with basic repairs and upkeep of our park! All skill levels from light construction, painting, lending a hand or even passing out refreshments etc. All Volunteers are a plus with this group.

ACTIVITIES:
 Brainstorm, establish and help coordinate activities during the cooler months

DECORATING/MAIL STATIONS
 Possible future installation of Community Boards installed at all Mail Stations. Would be responsible to maintain, keeping a clean and organized appearance. Decorating the front entrance during the holidays as well as the mail stations

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:
 Would greet the new residents and welcome them to our Community

NEWSLETTER:
 We are always looking for content for this newsletter! (Pictures, recipes, events, neighbor recognitions, student achievements, etc.) If you have anything you would like to see in here email it to rivercountrynewsletter@gmail.com, text it (352) 600-1064, or drop it by the RCEOA office!

DEED RESTRICTION (DRAC)
 This group would drive around looking for violations of the Deed restrictions - making a photo and help do a follow-up with our neighbors to correct any infractions. Looking for personable, patient, and kind people that want to build relationships with our residents.

CRIME WATCH:
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