

# The MULLET RAPPER



**What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands!**  
**News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table**



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**McLeod Park Clean-up & Gardening**  
**Saturday, April 9th , 8:00am**  
**\*\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\*\***

The Everglades Lions Club is going to replenish the mulch in the playground and around the planting areas.

Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, hats, water, wheelbarrows and whatever else you use to spread mulch.

**Tell your friends!** This is open to anyone who wants to help keep our Park beautiful.

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**Everglades City is Developing a New Comprehensive Plan**

**\*\*\*Here are the Details From the Special Meeting on March 24th\*\*\***

**By Kathy Brock**

The City of Everglades City has been working from a Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 1990 and updated in 1993. In short, the City's plan is outdated.

*What is a Comprehensive Plan? A Comprehensive Plan is both a direction-setting document, and a legally enforceable document.*

The Comprehensive Plan must also be consistent with the Land Development Code (LDC). Once the Comprehensive Plan is changed, the LDC must also change to achieve that consistency.

*How does a Comprehensive Plan effect businesses and residents? The comprehensive plan, also known as a general plan, master plan or land-use plan, is a document designed to guide the future actions of a community.*

*This includes guidance on how to make decisions on public and private land development proposals, the expenditure of public funds, cooperative efforts and issues of pressing concern, such as historic preservation or the rehabilitation of older neighborhood areas. Most plans are written to provide direction for future activities over a 10 to 20-year period after plan adoption.<sup>1</sup>*

In other words, this is very important to Everglades City business and property owners as these decisions **will have a direct impact on you and our community.**

The City of Everglades City is doing this so that their Comprehensive Plan is more current. Typically, municipalities review these plan every 5 years, ten years at the latest. This is a very over-due process but it is one that comes with some risk for those of us who live and work here as now is the time decisions will be made that could change some aspects codes, zoning and growth within the City.

Why now? The City is in the process of obtaining grants for things like the new sewer and wastewater plant. To qualify for those grants, the City must have a current Comprehensive plan.

Everglades City was awarded a grant to hire a firm to help write the Comprehensive Plan. The 2-hour long meeting at City Hall also included ZOOM video conferencing participants, including **Ken Metcalf, a certified City Planner from the firm Stearns, Weaver, Miller (see: <https://www.stearnsweaver.com/attorneys/kenneth-metcalf/>).** **Mr. Metcalf is the consultant that has been hired to direct this process.**

Other things that will be considered in this plan include actions that will be taken after the completion of a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Evaluation. The firm will analyze our vulnerability to flooding (spoiler alert: we are vulnerable), and how to address that issue with building codes.

Other important decisions and changes could be made regarding Zoning, Density, Historic Preservation, Growth and uses of public land.

An important aspect of this process is surveying the community so that we have an opportunity to communicate any of our concerns to the City and Planner. The survey will be available at City Hall in Lisa's office (where you pay the water bill), and on the City website <https://www.cityofeverglades.org/public-notice>.

For anyone who cannot get to City Hall or print the forms on the website, I am putting the survey on **page 6**. You can answer the questions on page 6 and on your own paper as needed. Handwritten is fine as long as it is legible.

**Remember, you may state any concerns or ideas that you might have in addition to the questions on the survey. The most important thing to do is participate and send in your responses. The future of our area is being planned. If you have ideas about the future of our community now is the time to act. Please take the survey on page 6!**

<sup>1</sup><https://community-planning.extension.org/the-purpose-of-the-comprehensive-land-use-plan/>

~ EVENT CALENDAR - April 3, 2022 - May 7, 2022 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 3	4 ESHP, 9 am	5 City Council, 7 pm Thrift, 11a-3p	6 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	7 Thrift, 11a-3p	8	9 Park Clean-up, See front page Thrift, 11a-3p
10	11	12 Thrift, 11a-3p  Pet Vet at ECC	13 Ladies Coffee Havana, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	14 Thrift, 11a-3p Lions Club 6 pm	15 Good Friday	Rapper-16 Full Moon Easter Party, p.1 Plant Sale, p.3 Thrift, 11a-3p
17 Easter Sunday	18	19 Thrift, 11a-3p P & Z	20 Ladies Coffee Isl Café, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	21 Thrift, 11a-3p Museum, p.9 Pet Vet at ECC	22	23 Museum BDay p3 Thrift, 11a-3p Bank tour, p3 Art in Glades, p3
24	25	26 Thrift, 11a-3p	27 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	28 Thrift, 11a-3p	29	Rapper-30 New Moon  Thrift, 11a-3p
May 1  Stone Crab Season ends!	2 ESHP, 9 am	3 Thrift, 11a-3p City Council, 7 pm	4 Ladies Coffee Havana, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	5	6	7  Thrift, 11a-3p

May 8: Mother's Day

May 30: Memorial Day

June 7th: Hearing to adopt Comp Plan

June 19: Father's Day

July 2: Local Independence Day Celebration, p.3

July 4: Independence Day

**OTHER AREA MEETING/HOURS INFORMATION & NUMBERS:**

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, 1st Baptist Church, 416 School Dr., Everglades City  
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-2:00p  
 DR DEMARTINO: Seeing patients in Marco, call: (239) 642-5552  
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: (813)-787-9738  
 LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of the month. 6 pm. Jinkins Hall at ECC  
 MUSEUM: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, 239-252-5026  
 SKATING RINK: Open Friday & Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm  
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Open daily 10 am to 5 pm, 239-695-2989  
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Tuesday & Saturday. 11 am to 3 pm, info on p. 3  
 VETERANS SUPPORT: Wednesdays at the food pantry, 10:30am-1pm  
 VISITOR CENTER: Open 10 am—2 pm daily. (239)-232-4037  
 FLORIDA STONE CRABBERS ASSOCIATION (FLSCA): email:  
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Happening!*

**Art-in-the-Glades  
April 23rd, 2022**

**10:00 AM-1:00 PM, McLeod Park**

You'll find interesting and unique items for sale in historic Everglades City, where local talented artists and crafters will set up their tables under the pavilion near the tennis courts. This is an informal event where your kids and well behaved pets are welcomed. **Vendor space is free. Contact Marya: 239-695-2905**

**Tour of the Bank of Everglades Bldg.  
April 23 & May 28, 2022  
11:30 am to 1:00 pm**

Meet at the historic Rod & Gun Club for an illustrated lecture, lunch, and then a guided tour of the Bank to discuss the plans and to see the progress to date!

Limited to 10 persons, each will receive a special gift bag. \$150/ ticket. Tickets for this date and more dates for this event are available on the website. Reserve at [www.save-boe.org/events](http://www.save-boe.org/events).

**Art & Plant Sale at Everglades Arts  
April 16, 11 am to 3 pm**

Stop in at the adorable, historic cottage home of Everglades Arts, in Everglades City for our Easter Blowout Art & Plant Sale!

We have unique, locally grown plants you won't find just anywhere, and beautiful artworks by local artists including Varick Niles and Hannah Ineson. Open 10 am to 3 pm, 106 Camellia Street, Everglades City. See our ad on page 9 for more information.

**94th Anniversary of the Building of the  
Tamiami Trail/ Museum of the  
Everglades Birthday!  
April 23, 2022**

This annual celebration of the completion of the iconic Tamiami Trail features **Laundry Cart Races in front of the museum**, live music, and birthday cake (the Museum of the Everglades officially opened on the 70th anniversary so it is considered the museum's "birthday") served at the museum.

Everyone is invited to attend, we hope to see you there!

For additional information call 239-252-5026, Tuesday – Saturday. 9am-4pm. See More events on page 9.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES  
& INFORMATION**

**THE FOOD BANK NEW HOURS!  
Wed. 9:30 am to 12:00 pm**

Food is distributed from the rear of Everglades Community Church located at 101 S. Copeland Ave., Everglades City. "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

**Thrift Store**

**Open Tues. & Sat., 11 am to 3 pm  
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Please do not leave items on the porch when we are not open. They get wet from moisture overnight and get ruined. Thank you!

**Everglades Area Information**

The Everglades Area Visitor Center is located at 207 Broadway W., Everglades City. The Visitor Center is open daily from 10 am to 4 pm.

There are brochure racks with information about local businesses, and volunteers to help you find what you're looking for.

**You may also access the area's complete business directory at [www.VisitEvergladesCity.com](http://www.VisitEvergladesCity.com).**

**Veterans Assistance**

**Every Wednesday** the Department of Veterans Affairs Readjustment Counseling Service will have a tent at Everglades Community Church on the circle. **No appointment is needed.** Gloria Salmeron and David Soldano are there to assist and answer any questions.. The Naples Vet Center is located at 2705 Horseshoe Drive South, Suite #204, Naples FL 34104. Office Phone (239) 403- 2377. Office FAX (239) 403-2388.



**Independence Day Celebration  
July 2, 2022**

It's never too early to put an amazing fireworks display, parade, and an all around great family day on your calendar!

This year's theme is **Red, White & Blue**, so use that for inspiration in designing your amazing parade float, golf cart or whatever your mind can think of!

This year's celebration will start with a "bang" promptly at 10 am. The full day's schedule is:

- 10:00 am: Opening Ceremony**
- 10:30 am: Parade**
- 11:00 am: Booths Open at McLeod Park**
- 11:30 am: Kids Contests at Park**
- 12:30 pm: Raffle Winners Announced**
- 9:00 pm: Amazing Fireworks**



The Everglades Lions Club will be providing hotdogs, chips and a beverage to those in attendance (at McLeod Park).

Each year the fireworks are paid for by generous donations taken in boxes placed in local businesses or those directly sent to the City for the festivities.

If you would like to contribute to this year's celebration, please send a check to the City of Everglades City, and put "fireworks" in the memo section. Mail it to PO Box 110, Everglades City, 34139. **Thank you!**



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**Great ESHP Golf Gala!**

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP) held its March 18 fundraiser at the historic Naples Depot Museum with Lisa Resch, Chef and Owner of Carolina Catering Company, underwriting the Gala's delicious appetizers (including Gator Bites, Grouper Reuben, Grilled Flank Steak Chimichurri, Everglades Bread Crostini and much more) and cocktails. The evening included a silent and live auction emceed by pro golfer Michael "Ziggy" Zeigler interviewing PGA professional golfers Tony Kelley and Andy Bean.



The Society's President Patty Huff introduced the ESHP Board: Kathy Brock, Elaine Middelstaedt, Connie Barker, and Hydie Friend (pictured here with supporters) as well as the "Bank of Everglades Building" team members: Chris Hagan (ORCO), Phoebe Najera (MHK Architecture & Planning), Craig Woodward, Bob Bergin, Hannah Ineson, Paul & Eileen Arsenaault, Liz & Clarke Swanson, and the newest member Lisa Resch.

The Gala's proceeds will benefit the Bank of Everglades building project.

ESHP was founded in 2004 and its mission is to preserve historic sites, structures, documents, artifacts, and memories within the Everglades area.

For more information about the organization, including upcoming events, visit [www.save-boe.org](http://www.save-boe.org) or phone Patty Huff at (239) 719-0020.

\*\*\*Attention Everglades Area!\*\*\*

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**Go slow, look out below; Manatees need your help  
Submitted by FWC**

As water temperatures warm, manatees naturally disperse from their winter habitats, traveling to other areas of the state and beyond. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is asking Florida residents and visitors to help keep manatees safe, especially while out on the water.

Manatees are leaving their winter refuges and are more likely to be in rivers, canals and nearshore waters. Florida boaters are also enjoying the season, so it is crucial to stay alert and avoid manatees while traveling through Florida's waterways.



From **April 1 through Nov. 15**, seasonal manatee zones require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being injured or killed by motorboats or personal watercrafts. Boat strikes are a major

threat to Florida manatees. FWC law enforcement officers are on patrol in state waters to remind boaters of the seasonal manatee speed zones and take enforcement actions.

Manatees can be difficult to detect when they are underwater, so it is important for operators of boats and personal watercrafts to be vigilant.

**You can help protect manatees by following these simple guidelines:**

- ◆ Wear polarized sunglasses to help spot manatees.
- ◆ Avoid boating in shallow areas where manatees graze on seagrass.
- ◆ Look for large circles on the water, also known as manatee footprints, indicating the presence of a manatee below.
- ◆ Look for a snout sticking up out of the water.
- ◆ Follow posted manatee zones while boating.
- ◆ Never push a stranded manatee back into the water.
- ◆ Report injured, distressed, sick or dead manatees to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or by dialing #FWC or \*FWC on a cellphone so trained responders can assist.

"We're asking the public to be exceptionally vigilant watching for manatees when out on the water, as the FWC and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service continue to respond to a high level of manatee deaths along Florida's east coast," said Michelle Pasawicz, Manatee Management Program Lead for the FWC. ***"By obeying speed zones, wearing polarized glasses and keeping a watchful eye on the water, you can make an immediate difference in manatee conservation."***



Resources for boaters, educators and other interested members of the public are available at [MyFWC.com/Manatee](http://MyFWC.com/Manatee). Click the page's "Information & Guidelines" tab for helpful tips on respectfully viewing manatees, additional guidelines for boat and personal watercraft operators, and information on what you can do to help these amazing aquatic mammals.

To learn more about the manatee unusual mortality event, click on the "Learn More" on the top of the page at [MyFWC.com/Manatee](http://MyFWC.com/Manatee).

Are you interested in supporting the FWC's manatee research, rescue and management efforts? You can purchase a "Save the Manatee" Florida license plate, or donate \$5 to receive an FWC manatee decal. Both are available from your local Tax Collector's office. The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida has additional ways to help. Visit [WildlifeFlorida.org](http://WildlifeFlorida.org) for more information.

Spring is an active time for many of Florida's wildlife species. For more information on wildlife in Spring, visit [MyFWC.com/News](http://MyFWC.com/News) and click on "Spring Wildlife News".

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SURVEY FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF EVERGLADES CITY (referenced on front page)

1. Circle all that apply: Resident of Everglades City    Own business in Everglades City    Work in Everglades City  
Work outside of Everglades City    Live in Everglades City    Utility Service Area outside of City (Copeland, Chokoloskee, Plantation)
2. List the top three things that you like most about Everglades City (you can use a separate sheet):
3. List the top three things that you would change about Everglades City if you could (you can use a separate sheet)?
4. How satisfied are you with your choices for shopping in Everglades City? (Circle only one)  
Highly satisfied    Satisfied    Neutral    Dissatisfied    Highly Dissatisfied
5. How often do you travel out of town to go shopping? (Circle only one)  
One per week    Once every two weeks    Once a month    Other \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)
6. How satisfied are you with your choices for restaurants and entertainment in Everglades City? (Circle only one)  
Highly satisfied    Satisfied    Neutral    Dissatisfied    Highly Dissatisfied
7. How often do you travel out of town to eat out or for entertainment? (Circle only one)  
Once per week    Once every two weeks    Once a month    Other \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)
8. How far do you travel for work? Where do you go? Naples, Marco Island, other? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How satisfied are you with your housing situation? (Circle only one)  
Highly Satisfied    Satisfied    Neutral    Dissatisfied    Highly Dissatisfied
9. Would you accept some increase in traffic to enjoy more shopping, restaurants, or entertainment activities in Evg. City? (Circle only one)  
Agree strongly    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Disagree strongly
10. Do you favor more tourism in Everglades City? (Circle only one)  
Agree strongly    Agree    Neutral    Disagree    Disagree strongly
11. Where do you typically drive to outside of Everglades City and for what purpose?
12. Please provide any other comments that you'd like to share about the future of Everglades City (you can use a separate sheet for comments if you need to):

**How to submit the form: scan or photo & email: [kmetcalf@stearnsweaver.com](mailto:kmetcalf@stearnsweaver.com),  
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**Nesting Season is Here!**  
Submitted by FWC

Each spring and summer, thousands of sea turtles, shorebirds and seabirds nest on Florida's beaches. Because our state's shorelines are critical for sea turtle and waterbird nesting, beachgoers can make a big difference in helping them. Biologists note that some of the most important things people can do to help nesting sea turtles and waterbirds are to give them space, minimize disturbances and keep beaches clean and dark.




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Sea turtles typically return to nest in March along Florida's southeast Atlantic coast from Brevard County south to Broward County, while **nesting begins on Gulf Coast or north Florida beaches in April or May.** Around this same time, many shorebird and seabird species nest directly on beaches across the state where their eggs and chicks are well camouflaged in the sand. Colonies of wading birds, such as herons, will typically nest on mangrove islands off the coast.

For more information about nesting sea turtles and how you can help, visit [MyFWC.com/SeaTurtle](http://MyFWC.com/SeaTurtle) or see the FWC's "Be a Beach Hero" brochure. Other ways to help sea turtles include reporting those that are sick, injured, entangled or dead to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).



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**March 19, 2022 Puzzle Solution**

1	M	A	A	M	5	P	A	N	E		
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**Sometimes people say the darndest things  
By Pastor Bob Wallace**



Have you ever had the problem of trying to explain something to someone who didn't quite understand what you were trying to tell them? They just gave you a funny blank look.

Well don't worry. There's nothing wrong with you. It happens to a lot of people all of the time.

Misunderstandings are a part of life. The secret is how to clear them up.

Someone said to me recently, "I just don't understand what you're saying to me."

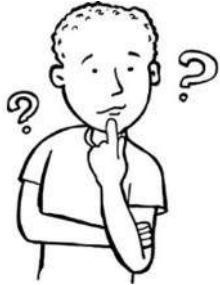
Did I take offense?

No.

And there's no need for you to take offense either.

The problem may lie in the words you're using to express your thoughts. Or maybe you're just not clear in your own mind about what you're trying to say. The result is, your words come out of your mouth all muddled and your thoughts are mixed up.

So, what do you do?



Well, you certainly don't get mad! There are a lot worse things in life than getting frustrated because you aren't making yourself perfectly clear. Wars have been started over misunderstandings. And a lot of personal relationships have been shattered.

The best thing to do when someone tells you they don't understand is to have that person say back to you what they thought they just heard you say. If they do

that, and you hear how they interpreted your words, then you will have the chance to retell what you wanted to say in the first place.

However, if what you said is not clearly expressed the first time, and your hearer cannot repeat what you said, then stop. Take a few minutes. Re-think what you wanted to say, and then say it again.

What you say the second time is oftentimes better expressed than what you said the first time.

Writers use this method. It's called editing.

Their thoughts often tumble forth and are put onto a blank page without giving much aforethought. That's why writers need a lot of editing before they are printed and published.

The same hold true with spoken words. Speakers should always be editing their thoughts before they are spoken. Once words leave a person's mouth they can never be recovered.

Just look around you and listen to how others express themselves.

Do you like what you hear?

Would you change what they are saying and how they are saying it?

Does the same hold true for you?

Would another person change what you say and how you say it?

Try to express yourself carefully by using precise and exact words for your thoughts so no one will have trouble understanding what you say.

Then, next time someone says, "Did I hear you right?" you can take comfort in the thought that they did hear you correctly. You meant exactly what you said.

And there's no doubt about it!

That's when meaningful conversation begins.

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**Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak**

Marsh Rabbit (*Sylvilagus palustris*) Other names: marsh hare / Status: FL=stable statewide but endangered in the Lower Keys, IUCN=LC / Length: 17 in (43 cm) / Height: n/a / Weight: 2.2-2.6 lb. (1-1.2 kg) / Life span: to 7 years / Reproduces: in abandoned burrows of gopher tortoises and armadillos or in dense thickets / Found: AC, coastal, near coast, mainland / Reproduces: year round / Months found: JFMAMJJASOND, marsh rabbits can breed all year round.



Commonly seen eating grass and other vegetation along trails and roadways, the marsh rabbit is the bread and butter of many of Florida's predators, especially bobcats, hawks, and owls. Although a member of the cottontail family, the marsh rabbit does not have a fluffy white tail. It has smaller ears than the cottontail and prefers wetter environments. The marsh rabbit will actually swim across tidal passes to inhabit other barrier

islands. It ranges all the way north to Virginia and west to Alabama.

The marsh rabbit is a strict herbivore and eats a wide variety of vegetation. It is a game animal in Florida, as it is in most of its range. Because a subspecies, *Sylvilagus palustris hefneri* (named after Hugh Hefner of Playboy fame), located in the lower Florida Keys, is endangered, the marsh rabbit is not hunted south of the Everglades.

It would be easy to think that the marsh rabbit is also prone to roadkill, but in fact it is rare to see one hit by an automobile. Like the white-tailed deer, the marsh rabbit appears to be adapting to the automobile. Its primary cause of mortality is predation, including being taken by alligators when swimming.

**Editors Note: Marsh rabbit numbers are reducing dramatically in the Everglades and pythons are responsible for 71% of predation. Read more details about rabbit predation in ENP: <https://royalsocietypublishing.org/doi/10.1098/rspb.2015.0120>**

**Charles Sobczak is a writer and author from Sanibel, FL. Find his books on Amazon and other online booksellers.**



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**Here's What's Happening At The Museum of Everglades**

First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry, the building that now houses Museum of the Everglades is one of the historic structures still standing as a testament to the town's time as a once-bustling center of business and the region's first County seat.

*The Museum of the Everglades is open Tuesday—Saturday from 9am to 4 pm.*

—————> **Exhibit**  
Now—May 28th

**Rooted in Agriculture  
Museum of the Everglades**

“Rooted in Agriculture” explores farming and agricultural enterprises as the foundation of non-indigenous settlement in the Everglades. From the Union-controlled pioneer farms feeding the garrison at Ft. Taylor to vegetable picking and packing operations that grew to serve the nation, the story of the area’s growth and development is synonymous with farming and food growing.

—————> **Event**  
**The Other Side of “Progress:”  
The Tamiami Trail’s Dark Legacy**  
April 21, 2022, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Although the construction of a highway across the Everglades in the mid-1920s is still celebrated as a miracle of modern engineering, the devastating effects this edifice would have on both the ecosystems of the Everglades and the culture of the region’s indigenous people is often overlooked. This day-before-Earth-Day presentation will explore the unfortunate effects of the road’s creation as well as the long history of schemes to drain the Everglades and recent efforts to reverse the damage done.

—————> **Event**  
**94th Anniversary of the Tamiami Trail Celebration/  
Museum Birthday Party**  
April 23, 2022, 10:00 am—2:00pm



This annual celebration of the completion of the iconic Tamiami Trail features a dedication speech at Everglades City Hall, Laundry Cart Races in front of the Museum of the Everglades, live music, lunch served at McLeod park, and birthday cake (the Museum of the Everglades officially opened on the 70th anniversary

so it is considered the museum’s “birthday”) served at the museum.

*Some events require reservations. Please make reservations online at [colliermuseums.com](http://colliermuseums.com) OR by calling the museum at 239-252-5026 during museum hours, Tuesday – Saturday. 9am-4pm. Thank You!*

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**EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL NEWS**

*By Melissa Owens*

Everglades City School had a very successful spring book fair thanks to the incredible generosity of the Everglades City community. Our community partners stepped up like never before to support our school! First, the Collier County Police Activities League sponsored every single pre-K through fifth grade student! Thanks to the leadership of Deputy Sue Gentry, the CCPS PAL shopped with the students on Tuesday, March 8th. They also purchased books for our secondary top readers!

Then, we had an overwhelming response from the Everglades City community to sponsor our classroom libraries and the school library. *Every single classroom and EVG’s library were sponsored.* These sponsors purchased new and exciting books hand selected by our teachers to meet the literacy needs of their students!

**We wish to thank the following for their sponsorship:**

- ◆ Camellia Street sponsored pre-K and fifth grade
- ◆ Island Café sponsored kindergarten
- ◆ Trial Lakes Campground sponsored first grade
- ◆ The Carroll Group/REMAX Partners sponsored second grade
- ◆ Rockcan Handyman, LLC. & Down South Airboats sponsored the third grade
- ◆ Everglades City Airboat Tours sponsored fourth grade
- ◆ Bob Wells Real Estate sponsored our middle school
- ◆ Everglades City Book/Coffee Club sponsored our high school
- ◆ The Everglades City Lions Club sponsored the EVG school library



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## The Island Life Recipes

### Exceptionally Delicious Baked Pineapple by Sally Heflebower

**Ingredients:**

- 2-20 oz cans of crushed pineapple\*
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 cups white sugar\*
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 8 eggs
- 10 slices of white bread (can substitute rolls or hotdog/hamburger buns), torn into pieces, about 8 cups



**Directions:**

Cream together butter and 1 cup of the sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time. Stir in cinnamon, add torn bread and crushed pineapple into mixture. Put in a 9 x 13 x 2 baking dish. Bake at 350° for approximately 1 hour. It should be bubbly and slightly browned.

\*I used fresh pineapple. To do this, cut up the pineapple into very small pieces and mix it with 1 cup of the sugar, 1/2 cup of water and let it stand for about 30 minutes. You can also prepare the pineapple the day before using the same method above, and continue on with the recipe as shown. *This is exceptionally delicious!*



### My Little Slice of Paradise By Kathy Brock

I grew up and spent many of my adult years in Broward County Florida. Hollywood to be exact.

Today, there are about 1.9 million in Broward, and just over 150,000 who call Hollywood home.

I lived in the same home as an adult as I did as a kid. In fact, I lived there for 41 of my first 58 years.

Tim and I first bought a home in Everglades City in 1993, and we have been full time residents since 2017. What is so amazing to me is that in this tiny little town (the three islands) which is only about 6 % of the size of Hollywood, more community involvement takes place right HERE. And, what surprises me even more is that I know more people here than I ever did in my former hometown.

On any given day there are people volunteering all over town. The Everglades Area Visitor Center, Thrift Store, Food Pantry, Lions Club, and area Churches all have something happening for and with the community. In a few weeks the Lions will be rehabbing the mulch and pulling weeds at McLeod Park. Tony Pernas and another group are taking care of the trees in the medians.

During pantry days (Wednesday, 10:30 to noon), there are volunteers who come in that deliver food to those in need who have no transportation. It honestly never stops.

When my father first started coming here after my mother passed away in the mid 1990's he would come during the week so Tim & I could come on the weekends. Then, little by little he started staying for longer periods and I would joke with him that he was moving out "one pair of shorts at a time".

Then, one day he stopped returning to Hollywood telling me he was no longer comfortable there and he moved to E-City permanently. At the time I found that statement curious. How could you be "uncomfortable" in a place you spent over 60 years in? Now, I understand.

Although there are some things I miss, like my dear friend and neighbor, Emily, the city itself not so much.

The few things I still have a connection to, like the sports teams I grew up following, I still follow! But the building I called "home" for over 41 years is not something I yearn for. I am "home". Small, well, tiny, suits me. Being in a place where we all know each other's names is comforting. Seeing the teams of volunteers working together for a common cause is heartwarming and it keeps your eyes on the important stuff...the little things.

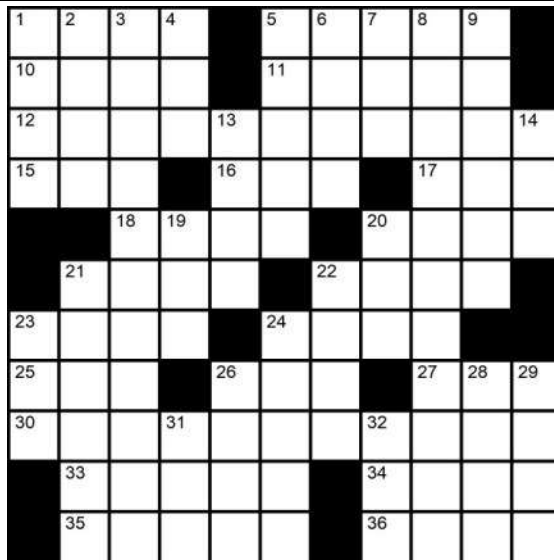
As world events and national headlines push more and more calamity, don't forget to find your happy place and stay focused on the little things that make your life "your life".

I am so thankful for the fateful day in March of 1993 that we found our home...it just took us a few years to retire and get here permanently.

## MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

**Across**

- 1 Wind-driven clouds
- 5 Facebook's home Park
- 10 Without accompaniment
- 11 Understand finer mess
- 12 Juice
- 15 Not bright
- 16 "I Guess --- Rather Be in Colorado" (John Denver)
- 17 It's about three-quarters of the Earth's surface
- 18 Had liabilities
- 20 Actor Grant of Film
- 21 Bud supporter
- 22 One-third of a 1970 Pearl Harbor movie
- 23 Exact double
- 24 Anger
- 25 Old card game
- 26 Easy-going airport?
- 27 "More info later"
- 30 Owned apartment
- 33 Sao ---, Brazil
- 34 Actress Stone
- 35 US tennis star Stevens



**Down**

- 1 Winter vehicle
- 2 Health menace E ---
- 3 Stoic
- 4 Yule mo.
- 5 Stuck fast
- 6 Geraint's wife in "Idylls of the King" (Tennyson)
- 7 Packers' conference
- 8 Duty-free hours?
- 9 President of Nicaragua
- 13 Not us
- 14 Mocking cry
- 19 Skin lump
- 20 Big bike
- 21 Pounces
- 22 Joni Mitchell's was big and yellow
- 23 Maintenance, perhaps
- 24 Tree in mulberry family
- 26 Manilow's showgirl
- 28 Mooches
- 29 "I --- a loss for words!"
- 31 Batman and Robin, for example
- 32 --- Percé (Northwest Native Americans)

4/2/22



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<b>Havana Café (239-695-2214):</b> 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
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4/2/2022	Sat	4:09 AM	2.62	H
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4/2/2022	Sat	3:57 PM	2.75	H
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4/13/2022	Wed	1:03 AM	2.53	H
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4/13/2022	Wed	1:53 PM	2.45	H
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4/15/2022	Fri	2:28 AM	2.76	H
4/15/2022	Fri	9:39 AM	0.2	L
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4/15/2022	Fri	9:58 PM	0.06	L
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