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LINER NOTES

Really? Cheeky, chubby **rats** are the feature story of The Magnolia? Can't we do better than that?

Yes, we can. Because we did. This was the first episode of an visibly damaging invasive species on a large scale in our community. And the first time a group of residents has galvanized and organized to repel it. And it worked. For now. Cheers "**Posse Nutritatus**"!

'**Gator Watch**' is big news this month, because they're BIG. Of the **20** spotted in our ponds, several are over 6 feet, and two are approaching 10(!) Check Becky's story on page 12.

There's hope for some in that old bike in your garage; see '**Rescue Rides**' on page 16.

And thanks to Becky for the suggestion that premiers here, '**Magnolia's Next**', featuring an up-and-coming resident of Magnolia Point, this month's new Clay High grad, Zach Fordham, page 18.

Our very own Bluebird Whisperer Melanie Dean gives us an adorable piece on the feathered friends she hosts in her backyard, '**Bluebirds of Happiness**' is on page 21. Next month, she reports on how she hosts winged offspring of a much different species.

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"In a Green Cove. A favorite place" - Anon

ASSOCIATION NEWS

HALF FULL OR HALF EMPTY

This community has over 960 homes with residents from all walks of life with outstanding accomplishments. So let me be as clear as I can. This statement is only to encourage, not to point fingers, but to suggest we as a community merely or individually that maybe we could reflect on where we are on the complaining scale versus on the thankful/grateful scale.

"Complaining never attracts what you want; it perpetuates what you don't want." As Dr. Wayne Dyer said, "If you're not happy with what you have, then why would you want more? The first step toward prosperity in all forms is to be grateful for what we currently possess, and we can't complain about what we have and be grateful at the same time."

Being on the Board has opened my eyes to a lot of information. I thought I knew a lot because of my connection to the club and its operation, but I was grossly wrong. The Board, the CAM, the Volunteers, the Committees, etc., are doing their best in the community's interest. The information and recommendations submitted have the best intentions, and as a HOA Board have an overwhelming task to work through this information.

Let me ask a few self-reflecting questions; Are we obsessed with what is wrong? Do we complain about anything or everything, and as a result, we keep focusing on our problems?

I have been listening to Podcasts to help me be a better Board member, a volunteer helpmate to the CAM, Board, and Community, to be positive community neighbor. These questions seem to be a vital topic in many communities and communications for HOA board members on how to navigate these issues, which appear rampant not only in our world but in our communities and our lives.

The world is obsessed with negativity. It shrouds the sky, preventing us from seeing the light that would resolve our challenges. But, contrary to popular belief, complaining and negativity do not lead to solving our problems. Instead, it concretizes our challenges and justifies our inaction.

I believe in this community, we live in an amazing world, and we need to come together positively, be thankful, and be grateful for everything around us. Thank you for the opportunity and support that some of our residents have shared to help me serve this community.

- TREVOR ROTHFELS



HAVE YOU GOTTEN A NOTICE LATELY?

To me, getting the dreaded 'Notice of Violation' for something around the house never was the 'getting caught' part. It's the **paperwork** part.



Do we have stamps? An envelope? What if my 'Action' reply gets lost in the mail? What if they can't read my handwriting? Etc., etc.

It's been a while, but a notice came. Reading through, I saw at the bottom of the letter: 'View/Update Online' and a unique web address. It took me to a personal webpage with the violation described, and a place for comment. I commented. Done. Total time: 30 seconds, including typing in the web address.

It's 'Smartwebs', and May Management uses it with Google Maps to document issues in the community precisely and automatically start the process of notification that's both efficient and convenient.

While Smartwebs won't help fix the 8 out of 10 violations that are either landscape or property maintenance-related according to our CAM Mary Marchiano, it will make the process less of a chore.

You

5/24/22

Mailbox repainted and renumbered.

You

5/23/22

Received letter on Saturday, 5/21. Will get supplies today and complete painting by tomorrow, 5/24.

MAGNOLIA POINT CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

All games are friendly and you can sign up with a partner or as a single and be paired up. One prize is paid out for each table, ie if there are four tables, the top four scores win money.

Duplicate Bridge is played on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 3 to 6pm in the Crystal Dining Room. The cost is \$3.00 for prize money and supplies.

Social Bridge is played in the dining room on the second, fourth and fifth Thursdays from 3 to 6pm. The cost is \$2.00 for prize money.

Ladies Bridge plays on the last Friday of the month. Play begins at 10am with lunch around noon and finishes around 2pm.

Social Bridge, Thu, April 28

1. Phyllis Boyd & Sharon Sprott
2. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
3. Jim Cardozo & Rannel Westbury
4. Alice Lodge & Kaaren Tague
5. David Miller & Joanne Montzka

Social Bridge, Thu, May 5

1. Phyllis Boyd & Joanne Montzka
2. Alice Lodge & Kaaren Tague
3. Jon Bastress & Sondra Costa
4. Connie & Michael Byers
5. Brad Lucas & Jerry Richie

Duplicate Bridge, Thu, May 12

1. Connie & Michael Byers
2. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
3. Phyllis Boyd & Alice Lodge
4. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
5. Nancy Ellis & Marty Essex

Social Bridge, Thu, May 19,

1. Connie & Michael Byers
2. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
3. Joe Ezzell & David Miller
4. Phyllis Boyd & Joanne Montzka
5. Alice Lodge & Kaaren Tague



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SPECIAL REPORT

Like he just stepped off the set of 'Yellowstone', here's Monty Murphy, organizer of our first community-wide Nutria hunt, and organizer of the 'Oglebay Posse'. And an actual former working *Cowboy*. Monty and a core group of other volunteers established a beachhead on ponds on holes 5, 7 & 8, and took the invaders on hand-to-hand. At least 16 were *coaxed*, *caught*, and had their residencies here *culminated*. After the late fall success, Monty was able to reprise his role when a new phenomenon was witness on the first pond behind the homes on Oglebay south.



Photo: Monty Murphy

THE GOOD



Photo: Ron Powers

This is just one look at the damage Nutria can cause, on the shore of the first pond along Oglebay. Nutria poke, dig and burrow through pond shorelines, feasting on roots and undermining and collapsing the banks. Consider the amount of material removed to create the damage in this picture; and not a trace of it has been found nearby, or anywhere in the vicinity, according to Ron Powers.

THE BAD

Melanie Dean: "They are not cute, they have 4 inch bright orange buck teeth that they use to bore into the land at the waterline. They eat it, roots & all...which leaves large underground burrows for them to have litters of up to 13 offspring. You're walking along & the ground below you collapses. Had it happen behind my house."



Photo: John Wright

AND THE UGLY

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Photo: Monty Murphy

You can't *unhear* the sound of a Nutria in a trap. OK, if you insist: [Nutria-in-a-Trap](#). Unfortunately, the hotbed for Florida's Nutria population is the Jacksonville area. Lest you insist on hands-off for the furry folks, if you enjoy swimming and kayaking, 'Nutria-Itch' may have your hanging up your swim-trunks. They're known to carry nematodes, tapeworms, and liver flukes, all transmissible to humans.

OK, THE UGLY

SPECIAL REPORT

If Magnolia Point's recent Nutria guests had been on social media last fall, they would have been blown away by the impression they'd made. Turns out they were, in a literal sense.

FWC, our state's last word and final arbiter of all wild things warm and cold-blooded, wants them gone. They allow unlimited trapping, and the rare gun-and-light night shooting. For many, it flies in the face of compassion, this edict to eradicate another mammal: furry, warm blooded, lively little eyes.

We prize the occasional glimpse of deer on Colonial or a fox darting across the fairway on #3. Not so much when we surprise an armadillo in our flower bed; humans have a unique bond with fur-bearing

animals. At first glance, a Nutria has a beaver-esque cuteness. One might imagine petting its not-disagreeably-looking coat like one might the family dog or cat.

Yet while we endure the mining adventures of armadillo, opossum and gopher turtles and those adorable deer mow down our precious flowers, Nutria's villainy is of another *magnitude*.

A member of the largest order of mammals, *Rodentia*, are they. Truly, you'd be hard-pressed to come up with any living successful living arrangement between humans and rats. And given the Nutria's persistence, scary-high reproductive rate, and our inviting ponds, this rat-race may be far from over.



Photo: Ron Powers

Someone didn't get the memo. In February, Ron Powers noticed this alongside the first pond on Oglebay South. The newly formed 'Oglebay Posse' was, well, *stumped*: what caused this? Were the Nutria back, and adding trees to their menu, or do we *Leave This to Beaver*? The nearby tracks (below), do not show webbed feet; and Nutria are known to change their diets to tree bark in the colder months. Stay tuned!



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NUTRIA SYSTEM:

And good luck trying to induce *Myocastor coypus* into your trap with a few lettuce leaves, or the clichéd ‘schmear of peanut butter’. These guys have highly refined palates. Melanie Dean’s winning recipe for bait:

- 1 part corn
- 1 part red & green peppers, chopped
- 1 small bunch fresh mint
- 1 part chopped McIntosh apple
- 1 part chopped carrots
- 6 Wintergreen Lifesavers (they love mint)
- A few sprinkles of Jim Beam Apple

Then it’s **your** turn; consider ‘Nutria à la Provençale’



Photo: Pixabay

Okay, I’ll admit I had some skin in this game, if not the Nutria skin I was hoping for; here’s what they did in our backyard:



This is what they did to a stunning stand of Pampas Grass on our property, a once-majestic SUV-sized clump split open like a melon from the burrowing beggars. They’re gone, and the grass is slowly recovering. For now.



GATOR WATCH



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CAR VS. GOLFCART



Photo Steve Witham

Damage to car as a result of a collision between a golf cart that didn't stop at the marked crossing between holes 5 and 6.

Says Steve Witham who was on the scene, "The guy in the cart was spun around and ejected but insisted he was ok. The car was left on the side of the road since it was not drivable."

According to the police report, the cart driver, who was not a resident of Magnolia Point, was transported by Rescue 24 to Baptist Clay, having "sustained noticeable head injuries as well as neck and back pain."

This accident happened on Shinnecock two years ago, but the laws of physics haven't changed much since then. A car is much bigger and faster than a cart, has seatbelts and airbags and crumple zones. The cart is having none of this, but for a crumple zone, which is *you*.

Be careful out there.



Editor



Editor

LANDSCAPE&IRRIGATION COMMITTEE TIP

FREQUENCY: The easiest way is to just stick to the St. John's River Water Management District's schedule, twice a week, days depending on odd/even house number: odd-Wednesday and Saturday, even- Thursday and Sunday. The important thing to remember is to TURN OFF your irrigation during times of sufficient rainfall. I know, my system is confusing, too, but you and I both can turn the dial to OFF. It is as bad to over water your lawn as to underwater. Overwatering increases susceptibility to disease, reduces overall stress tolerance and promotes certain weeds. You may even need to water less often during the cooler months.

HOW MUCH: Your lawn needs 1/2-3/4" per watering. The best thing to do is set out cans or bowls or whatever around your lawn and measure how long it takes your system to reach this. Just measure the amount of water in the container. This will also show you if there are areas that need attention if they're not getting as much water as other areas. It's impossible to accurately tell someone how many minutes to set their system because there are too many variables, but if you simply won't set out the containers, why not try 30 minutes per area?


WHEN: This one is easy-EARLY morning hours. Watering during the day wastes water due to evaporation and watering in the late afternoon or even late morning will extend the 'dew period' and can accelerate disease. And please, adjust your sprinkler heads so you don't water the concrete-it simply will not grow. Here's to beautiful lawns in beautiful Magnolia Point. Further info is available from the University of Florida at: <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/LH025>

- CISSY BURNETTE



MPWC

MP WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE



MPWC Installation Luncheon

The Magnolia Point Women's Club annual installation of officers' luncheon was held in the Crystal Dining Room, Wednesday, May 4, 2022, and marked an afternoon of farewells, welcomes and fun.



President Lorna Broughton held a brief meeting prior to the luncheon, at which time she welcomed new member **Roselie Price**. On behalf of the club, incoming **President Joanne LaBeouf** presented a beautiful engraved crystal biscuit jar to Lorna as a "thank you" gift for all that Lorna has done throughout the year to foster relationships and accomplish the club's business. Lorna also thanked all of her executive officers, directors and chairs with a small token of her appreciation.

New President **LaBeouf** began by recognizing all members who took the time to take part in thanking our exiting Board. She welcomed her new officers: **Brenda Frey**, Vice President; **Lorna Broughton**, Corresponding Secretary; **Sarah McWhorter**, Recording Secretary; and **Linda Werring**, Treasurer. She mentioned that committee directors are needed for Fundraising, Scholarships and Maggie's Meals. Joanne's vision is to continue the work she and Lorna have been doing since January to update the club's communication efforts and hopefully to continue the club's mission to provide a charitable, educational, and social organization for the women of Magnolia Point.

To highlight the event, themed baskets were given out as door prizes and won by **Cheryl Kennedy**, **Jan Morse** and **Dianne Dearth**. Lunch was served to mark the end of the event.



Debbie Shvetzov, Norma Chao, Brenda Frey, Suzanne Foster, Joanne LaBeouf, Lorna Broughton



Joanne LaBeouf, Lorna Broughton, Sarah McWhorter, Brenda Frey, Linda Werring



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Hand, Knee & Foot at the Club

Thanks to Shirley Orvosh for hosting last month's game. Alice Lodge is our June hostess.

Players should arrive no later than 9:45am. The game costs \$2.00 for prize money and play starts at 10:00am. Lunch follows, where you can eat in or take out. Last month's winners were:

Suzanne Foster.....26,930
Evie Ezzell..... 26,365
Linda Thill.....26,160
Monica Harmon.....25,970

Join the Women's Club

If you are interested in joining the women's club, email MPWomensClub@aol.com for more information. You can find our membership application is on our website at www.mppwc.org, under Info/Forms. In order to join the club, you must either be a Magnolia Point resident, a property owner in Magnolia Point or be a member of the country club. Annual dues are \$30 for May 1 through April 30.

Our general meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30pm in the Crystal Dining Room at the Clubhouse.

ARTS & CRAFTS

The Magnolia Point Women's Club (MPWC) **Arts & Crafts Fair** held on May 2nd at Sacred Heart's Sullivan Hall was a great success! The day was warm and sunny - perfect for fair going with vendors outside and inside Sullivan Hall. The fair opened at 10 a.m., ending with a silent auction drawing around 4 p.m.

Fundraising co-chairs **Anne Bastress** and **Mary Kendall** began planning for the fair in January, putting together teams of volunteers assigned to the various aspects of getting the fair to become a reality. MPWC volunteers, dressed in black and white topped with MPWC aprons, were easy to spot by shoppers and vendors with questions or in need of help. Volunteers also assisted vendors for breaks, selling raffle tickets and generally being the eyes and ears of the Club so that all would run smoothly.

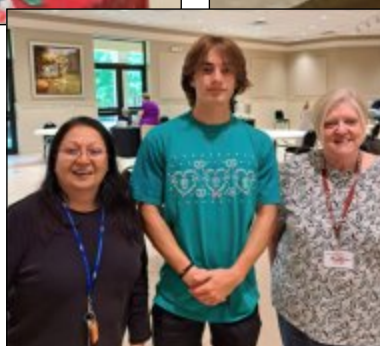
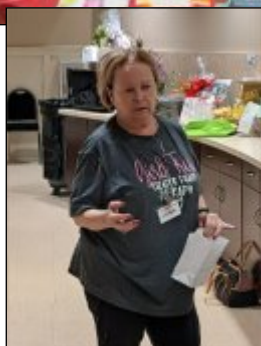
Shoppers used their raffle tickets to take a chance on beautifully displayed themed baskets that contained a variety of items from corporate donors and MPWC members. Silent auction bidders had much from which to choose. Among

available items were tickets to Kennedy Space Center, wine baskets, a Magnolia flower painting, hand-made quilts, and so much more. Fair shoppers also experienced an assortment of shopping items that included jewelry, scarves, signs, baked goods, essential oils, plants, purses, glassware, pottery, fairy hair, stained glass, clothing and more.

Overall, vendors were pleased with sales, so much so that many expressed a desire to be part of our Arts and Crafts fair in November. They especially liked the extra help they received for set up/tear down and breaks and the availability of food for lunch, provided by the food trucks of Bruce Butler's Bright Light Catering and Salvatore Luliano's Sal's Cucina, Taste of Italy.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our MPWC volunteers and our Clay High junior helper, **Zayne Migliore**. As always, success for all MPWC events is dependent on the volunteers who give of their time and energy. Proceeds earned will go to the MPWC charity fund.

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MAGNOLIA'S *next*

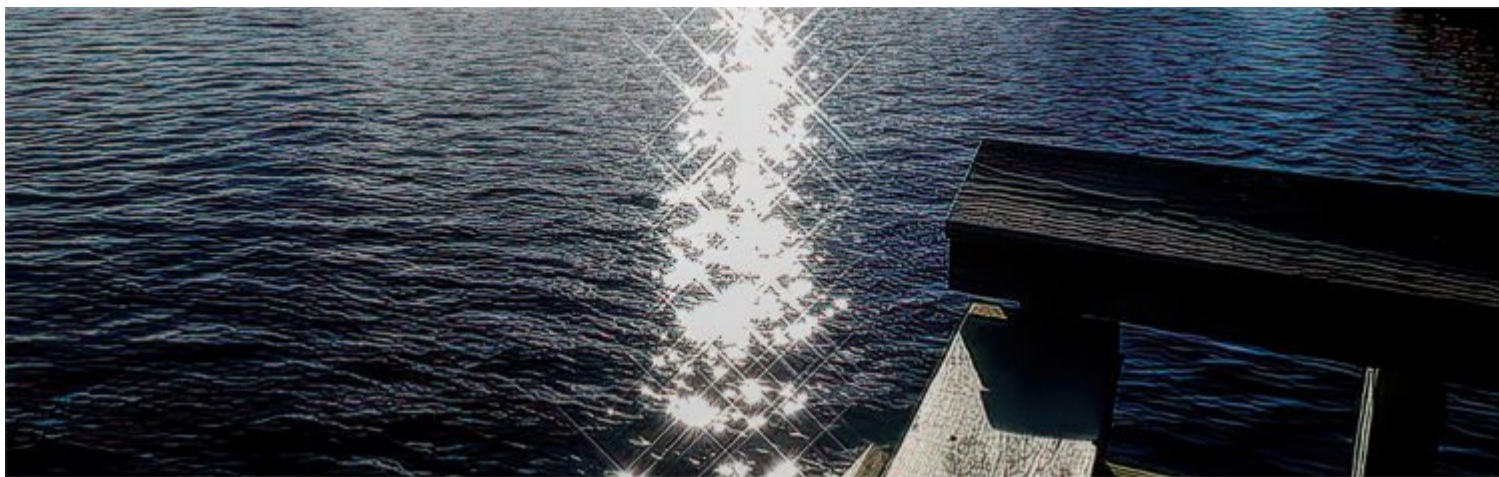
We live at 3330 Turkey Creek Dr. Our son Zach Fordham is graduating May 20 from Clay High. He played middle linebacker at Clay and will be attending Monmouth College in Illinois to play football and study Exercise Science.

School has not been easy for Zach but he has worked really hard and is finishing with a 4.09 GPA. He received six offers to play football and earned Presidential/Dean's Scholarships at them all. He volunteered for the past four years in the preschool ministry at our church and also is in Drama at Clay and will be in their production of 9 to 5 next week! In our neighborhood He has worked in yards for several of our neighbors including Mr. Joe Chao and Cindy Triay. Zach is a special young man and we are so proud of him! Thanks!
- Ken and Tammy Fordham



“Zach did quite a bit for me and always worked faithfully until each job was finished. He is very mature for his age. He’s a hard worker and will succeed in the future because of his work ethic.”

- Cindy Triay





BECKY'S COUNT: 20

Love is in the air. June is mating season for alligators and they're on the move in Magnolia Point.

According to Florida Fish and Wildlife our state is home to approximately 1.3 million alligators. **Magnolia Point is home to at least 20 of them.** The majority of our alligators are in the 3 to 4-foot range but just a few years ago I walked up on one that was close to **10** feet. He was eventually removed by a trapper. Another was removed, just last year, from my backyard on Olympic Drive, that had become aggressive. That particular gator had been caught by children fishing in our pond. They attempted to pull him on shore by pulling on the line with bare hands. He violently rolled trying to get away. This was a situation that could easily have spiralled out of control. Months later, I photographed him with multiple fishing hooks in his mouth and a line wrapped around his snout. If your children fish in our ponds you should be sure they carry a tool to cut their line in the event that they accidentally hook a gator.

Several years ago, we had a gator enter a resident's home on Blackstone Court when he left his front door open. Imagine walking into your foyer to find an alligator staring back at you! Richard laughed as he told the story of sweeping him out of his house with a broom. I would not recommend this method of alligator

removal. There have recently been multiple reports here in Florida of alligators showing up on front porches, under cars, in pools and inside homes. They've even been videoed climbing fences. If you live near a body of water, you could have a gator show up in your yard.

Keep in mind, alligators are very territorial and aggressive during the next few months. Keep your dog on a leash, away from the water's edge. Never allow them to play or swim in our ponds. Don't allow small children unsupervised near the water. In Florida, it's against the law to feed or harass an alligator. Discard fish scraps in garbage cans at boat ramps or fish camps, never throw them in your pond. When gators are fed, they overcome their natural wariness and associate people with food. Attempting to capture or keep a gator or its eggs is a third degree felony. Never handle an alligator, even a small one. A bite can cause a serious infection. While it is unusual to be attacked, according to Florida Fish and Wildlife as of 2021, there are 16 documented fatal alligator /human encounters. Most bites aren't due to aggression, but rather the gator going after what they consider to be prey. Use extra caution in the morning or evening while fishing.

We are fortunate to live in a community that is home to so much wildlife. Enjoy these modern day dinosaurs from a distance.

- Becky Hinson



His and Hers: two very large residents owning one of our ponds. She (*left*) appears to be guarding a nest on the bank. He's nearby, somewhat larger, approaching 10 feet.

- Photos Becky Hinson

LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

BY SANDY WALDRUP

April 28 – Low Putts

As our season comes to a close, we play some “annual” games. Today was low putts, with the winner having the least amount of putts. **Dianne Dearth** had 2 chip-ins on Holes 2 and Hole 8.

1st Place – Carol Webb (15 putts)
2nd Place – Dianne Dearth (16 putts)

May 5



Stableford- Dianne Dearth, Marian Zanetti, Donna Hirsch

For the day's Stableford competition, the winning team was **Dianne Dearth, Donna Hirsch, Janine O'Connor** and **Marian Zanetti**, recording a team score of 67 points; no chip-ins.

May 5 – Stableford

In the last round of the Stableford competition, the Black Team, led by Captain **Phyllis Boyd** with **Val Flemming, Susan Mitchell, Cheryle Newman, Janine O'Connor, Taunya Vise** and **Marian Zanetti**, scored 495 season points. The White Team, led by Captain **Marsha Parker** with **Dianne Dearth, Donna Hirsch, Sharon Sprott, Sandy Waldrup, Carol Webb** and **Debbie Youngblut**, scored 430 points.

May 12



Sandy Waldrup, Donna Hirsch, Dianne Dearth

May 12 – Flags/Awards Day

We played the team game of Flags, where the team score is dependent on the color of the golf flag, which determines how many net scores are used from the team members. There were no chip-ins, so the pot rolls over.

1st Place – Sandy Waldrup, Donna Hirsch, Dianne Dearth

May 19



Sandy Waldrup, Donna Hirsch, Marian Zanetti

May 19 – 4 Club Challenge

Another annual game we play to close out our season is our 4 clubs challenge, or 3 clubs and a putter. And we found out that we can post our score because there is nothing that requires a minimum amount of clubs per USGA rules; one can only use a putter if they choose. It was a warm day and only 5 golfers participated.

1st Place – 3-Way Tie – Sandy Waldrup, Donna Hirsch, Marian Zanetti

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May 26



May 26 – Memorial Play

The last regular day of the 9-hole ladies golf season concluded with 5 golfers having a fun day while remembering those ladies that are no longer with us. Thanks to Donna Hirsch, Cheryle Newman, Janine O'Connor, Sharon Sprott and Marian Zanetti for playing. Carol Webb joined the group for lunch.

MEMBERSHIP

Come join us! All female players with a handicap are welcome to join our league; although you can begin play without a handicap, establishing one while playing. No golf membership is required. We play each Thursday, rotating between the front and the back courses. During the summer months, informal play is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and is a good time to establish your handicap. We guarantee a sense of camaraderie with our ladies and an atmosphere of support to each player no matter her skill level. Please contact Janine O'Connor, our Membership Chair, with any questions.



WILDLIFE

Becky Hinson got this shot of catfish guarding their young in the pond behind her house. You can see the young swirling to the left of the parents. *"It was amazing to watch. The bigger one stayed by the babies and the smaller one chased any turtles or fish away. He would stir up the silt to camouflage the babies."*

EYEWEAR DRIVE A SUCCESS



The **MPWC May Eyeglass Drive**, led by **Marlene Jacobs**, was a great success thanks to all of the MPWC members who donated no longer needed eyewear to the effort. Lions International has been around since 1925 and has been a champion in helping combat vision impairment and avoidable blindness. The local fraternal organization is located in Orange Park. On May 27th, their vision representative, Ron Scarborough, picked up a crate of approximately **200 pairs** of donated eyeglasses and expressed his gratitude on behalf of the local Lions Club. -Joanne LeBeouf





RESCUE RIDES

Magnolia

- AMY HOUSTON

There's a Lot of Hope in That Old Bike in Your Garage

SAVE YOUR OLD BIKE! Hi, I'm Amy Houston, President of Clay County Rescue Mission. Together with the residents of Magnolia Point, there's a lot we can do to change the life of someone just by donating the bike in your garage that you no longer use. We call it '**Rescue Rides**', and here's how and why it matters. Yes, we are always in need of employment for our clients, and bus passes, and rental houses. But you may be surprised to learn we have a continuing and pressing need for **bicycles** as many of our clients don't have driver's licenses or vehicles.



A bicycle to you may be something in your garage you navigate and tolerate, and consider posting on Nextdoor under 'Curb Alert', or offer in exchange for a few dollars, but to us, it's inestimable pride and self-esteem for our Clay County clients. For a needy person, a family even, it's a means to: get and keep a job, secure groceries and medicines, visit a relative or friend, care for a pet.



Having lost, or never gained, the means to drive a car, your donation of a bicycle can change a life. At Clay County Rescue Mission, they've seen this, firsthand. Consider helping. Call Amy Houston at the Mission, at **904-375-2901** or Amy@ClayCountyRescueMission.org

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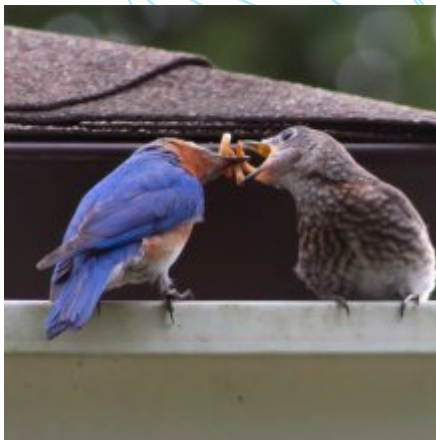


BLUEBIRDS OF HAPPINESS

A nesting pair of Bluebirds is one of the Holy Grails of attracting birds to your backyard sanctuary, second in difficulty only to the American Robin to get to make your home theirs.

Nestled behind a neat brick home on Wedge Court is a four-star Bluebird hideaway. Magnolia Point, it seems, is a particularly fertile Bluebird nursery location.

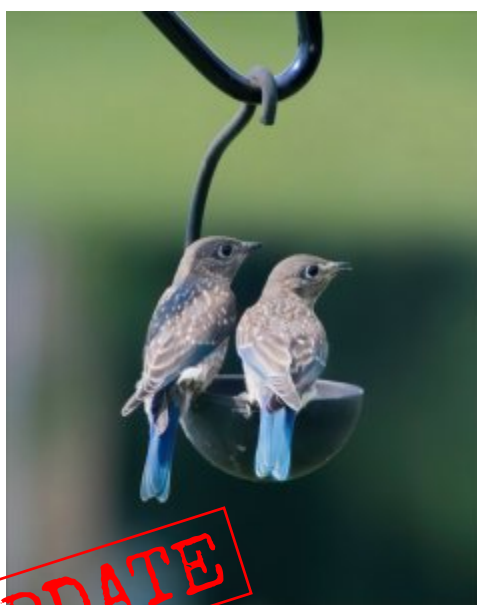
“When we lived in Julington Creek,’ Melanie Dean says, ‘we were lucky to have maybe two clutches a year, with, at most, three or four eggs in each.” Since 2020 here, and through this May, the Deans have seen 47 Bluebird eggs hatch, and the youngsters take to the air. And the miracles don’t end there. “The mother Bluebird lays one egg a day. But they all hatch on the *same* day,” within about two weeks of laying the last one in the clutch.



When the hatchlings are active, there’s not a moment’s peace on their patio: “As soon as we sit down, the parents are fussing at us, reminding us it’s *feeding time*.”

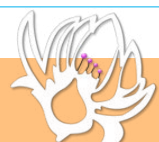
Feeding time is twice a day, a healthy helping of fresh, wriggling mealworms dropped into an iron cup hanging alongside the nesting-box. It’s a labor of love, and the Bluebirds’ main-course takes care of any spare cash hanging around the Deans’ home. Of course, the pricey little mealworms themselves have to eat, too. “They get a slice of apple, and they finish it right down to the skin,” she says.

Photos - Melanie Dean



UPDATE

May 27 - Today, 13 days after the last of her six youngsters left the nest, Momma laid the first egg of her NEXT clutch!





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GRIP OF THE MONTH

Joanne Montzka's



GRIP OF THE MONTH? Just one? Surely there's more than one pair of hands, one player out there, one name on all those scorecards.

As sure as there is more than one story behind *all* hands. Hands that hemmed all those prom dresses, or wrote all those offers. Hands that bathed those babies or one's own mother. Or slathered *one million* PB&Js during all those early morning kitchen counter years. Or roll that *Bracirole* now, *'like with my eyes closed!'* Hands that calm brows fevered, or fading. Hands that tossed a garter, or pulled all those weeds, or caught that bouquet. Or kept a twin-engine level above the clouds. Hands that write all those Christmas cards and find time to bake.

You take on life with both hands. *Like you take up that club on your mission to relieve all the other ladies of their available cash.*



LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

BY ANN BURDEN

On **April 28** we played an Individual Point Quota game. Each golfer starts at negative number according to her handicap. The goal is to get to even par and then to positive numbers by making birdies. The winners were **Ann Burden** at +8 for \$20 and **Connie Manning** at +5 for \$15.

On **May 5** we played a Team Point Quota. It's the same as the Individual Point Quota but you are not alone. The winning team was **Jeanne Gorman, Connie Manning** and **Jody Radican** at +9. They each got \$10.

On **May 12** we again played Team Point Quota. (We like this game). The winning team was **Bonnie Burkhart, Fran Kinney, Jody Radican** and **Shirley Orvosh**. Each won \$12.50.

May 19 was our final play day of the season. It was a lovely Spring morning and we enjoyed playing an Irish Rumble. On holes one through six you count one best ball of the foursome. On seven through twelve you count two best balls. On holes thirteen through seventeen you count three best balls and on hole eighteen you count all four balls. What pressure! The winners were **Hyun Coffman, Fran Kinney, Erin Love** and **Connie Manning**.

After golf we enjoyed lunch and laughter. Fran, our Tournament Chair and Jeanne,

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Ann Burden

April 28



J. Gorman, C. Manning, J. Radican

May 5



J. Radican, F. Kinney, S. Orvosh, B. Burkhart

May 12



E. Love, H. Coffman, C. Manning, F. Kinney

May 19



our President, presented the awards for the season. Our most important tournament of the season is The President's Cup. It is a two-day gross and net competition. The Champion and low gross winner is **Bonnie Burkhart** at 168. **Hyun Coffman** won low net in that flight with 148. In the Open Flight **Fran Kinney** won low gross at 200 and **Sue Tucker** won low net at 147. Our most improved golfer of the season is **Shirley Orvosh**.

For the final Stableford competition, Moxie Girls edged out Pretty in Pink 553-545 and received their rewards. They had also won the first half season Stableford. Another winner is not a golfer. Our Charity Tournament, played on April 21, raised \$240 for the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs. We are proud to support them.

We also reward ringers and birdies over the season. Each birdie earns a golf ball and this year we gave out 37 balls. The ringer competition is divided into four flights. It is compiled over the season for each golfer and it is the eighteen hole total of her best score on each hole. The A flight winner is **Bonnie Burkhart** with a 62. B flight winner is **Gloria Payne** with 72. C flight is **Erin Love** at 75 and D flight is a tie between **Joanne Montzka** and **Ann Burden** at 75.

Congratulations to all our winners! Even those of us who didn't get any prizes agree that we have a wonderful, fun group to enjoy friendly golf with each Thursday. We invite all women golfers to join us and share the fun. You don't have to live in Magnolia Point or be a club member. Our 2022-2023 season starts in September. Contact **Jeanne Gorman** at jeebabe@comcast.net for more information.

We are now looking forward to starting summer match play competition. We compete against area teams in The Jacksonville Area Summer Team League starting on Tuesday June 7. This runs every Tuesday into early August when a Champion is crowned. Root us on!

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MAGNOLIA SUNRISE

With only three ingredients you'll easily impress your guests with these easy, layered **Magnolia Sunrise** cocktails. Perfect for any brunch or holiday morning breakfast, swap in **tequila** or **rum** if that's more your thing, or omit the vodka for a kid-friendly, non-alcoholic drink.

- ☐ 4 ½ CUPS ORANGE JUICE
- ☐ 1 ½ CUPS VODKA
- ☐ ⅔ CUP CRANBERRY JUICE CONCENTRATE, THAWED
- ☐ ICE CUBES

Put on Eagles 'Desperado' album. 🎵

Stir together orange juice and vodka in an ice-filled pitcher. Strain ice, as you pour mixture into each of 6 tall glasses.

For a 'sunrise', slightly tip each glass and slowly pour the cranberry concentrate down the inside. Optional: float cranberries; add tequila or rum if your stereo goes to '11'.

Submitted by Becky Hinson; recipe and photo courtesy [Cuisine at Home](#)

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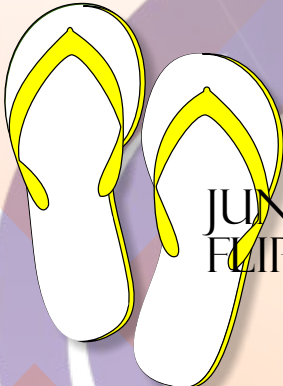
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PET OF THE MONTH



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JUNE 4 - HUG YOUR CAT DAY

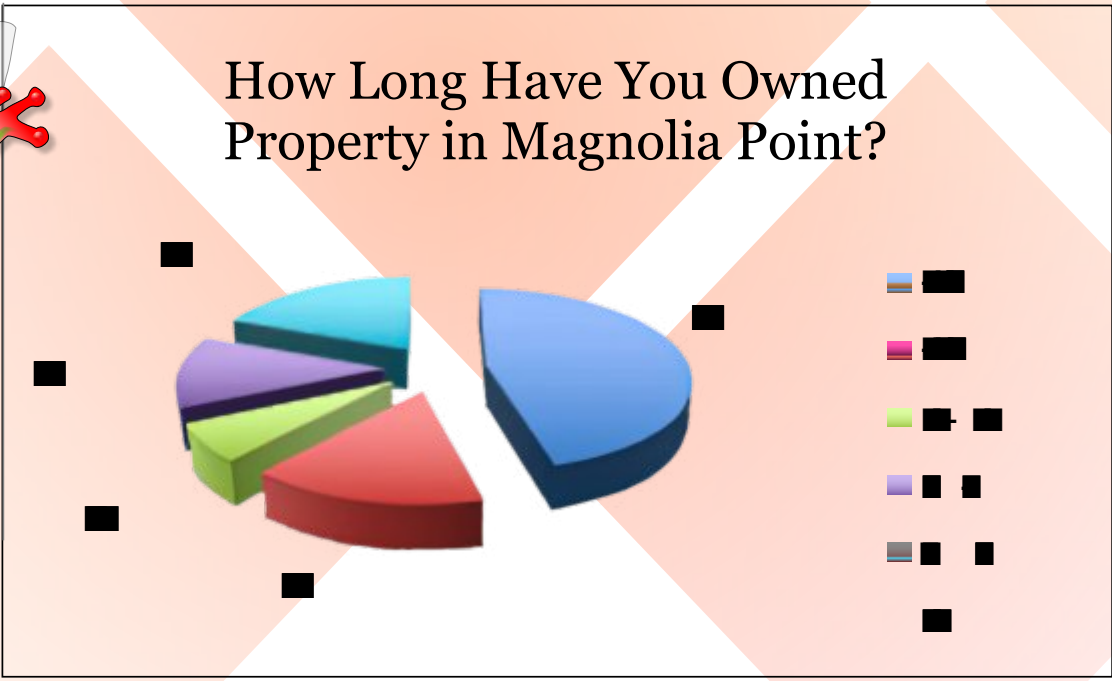


JUNE 10 - NATIONAL FLIP FLOP DAY

JUNE 27 - NATIONAL SUNGLASSES DAY



How Long Have You Owned Property in Magnolia Point?



Source: Strategic Planning Committee



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