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The function of The Magnolia is to serve the entire community of Magnolia Point. Priority will be given to reporting the news and activities of the neighborhood, community organizations and events. Second priority will be given to articles of general interest as space permits. Due to space limitations, articles are subject to editing. Deadlines may be found on the Magnolia News website.

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LINER NOTES

We kick off Spring here at ***The Magnolia News*** with a redesign, and an emphasis on the news from in and around our community. I'm your Editor, Dave Petraglia, and I follow in the hallowed footsteps of Susan Mitchell, our Editor Emeritus, and soon-to-be Airstream Gypsy. This magazine, and the community it serves, owes a debt of gratitude to Susan for her tireless dedication over the past two decades; I hope I can be worthy of her confidence in me.

Each minute at the Clay County Agricultural Fair, **one** lemonade vendor uses **20 pounds of sugar** to help the iconic summer beverage fully express its flavor. That's **7 ½ tons of sugar each day**; and there are **four** lemonade vendors on site. And that's just one treat that keeps over 14,000 visitors a day coming back for more. See ***Fair Shots***.

And save room for dessert. At the end of the month, our very own annual ***CalaVida*** rolls into town for this year's **80s Mixtape Rewind Edition!** April 27-30.

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

MAGNOLIA POINT IS A SMALL AMERICAN CITY

Infrastructure – The Magnolia Point Community Association (MPCA) is a “private” gated community. As a private community, MPCA is responsible for all the costs to maintain, repair, and replace all the infrastructure within the gates, akin to a small city. To operate and maintain our small city, MPCA has an annual operating budget of approximately \$1.4M and has placed \$900K in the Reserve Fund (reserved for future infrastructure repairs and replacements). Most HOAs are “not private”, and the city and county taxes or CDD fees are used to maintain their infrastructure. To help understand the magnitude of our responsibilities, here is a partial infrastructure list: 11.4 miles of paved streets; 22.8 miles of subsurface drainage pipes; 28 retention ponds; 192 streetlights/poles; common green areas; gatehouse; mechanical gates; video surveillance equipment; road signs; common mailboxes. A significant portion of MPCA infrastructure was built in the 1980s and 1990s and is 20-30 years old and in need of maintenance, repair, or replacement.

The Board has hired a licensed professional engineer to help us develop detailed infrastructure plans and costs. Our current road plan is to hire a contractor in 2022 to patch potholes and fix road edges. In 2023 we expect to begin repaving some of the older roads (approximately 20%) and do another 20% every other year through 2031. The storm water drainage infrastructure analysis is underway. The engineer is working to identify all underground drainage pipe locations, their conditions, and type of construction material used. He will provide his initial report at the April Board meeting.

Elections - The Magnolia Point Community Association (MPCA) is very much like a small city government where resident's vote to elect 5 Board members to represent them and to legally act on behalf of the association. Residents should actively take interest and get involved in the annual Board elections by running for the Board or sponsoring likeminded

candidates to represent their interest. Even though the MPCA uses surveys to ascertain residents' views and opinions, only appointed Board members vote on projects and expenditures.

This year (2022) two Board positions were up for election. Only two candidates, Trevor Rothfels and Neil Kennedy, submitted candidate forms by the deadline. Since there were only two candidates the two open positions were filled via acclamation (without election). They both are long time Magnolia Point residents and business owners and satisfy all the MPCA governing documents and state statutes. Trevor and his wife own the Magnolia Point Investment, LLC (aka Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club) and Neil owns Evergreen Lawn Care Services. Since the MPCA does business with these companies, they will not be permitted to vote on any decision that may impact their businesses.

Even though the election process was done in accordance with our governance documents and state statutes. Some residents feel strongly that business owners that do a significant amount of business (for example: \$50K or more) with the Association not be allowed to run for the Board and others feel that husbands and wives should not serve at the same time. If you feel these or other restrictions should be applied to future Board candidates, let your Board members and Block Captains know. The by-law regulating candidate qualifications can be revised by a simple 2/3 vote of the Board. Something I personally found interesting is that our original by-laws did not even require Board candidates to be Magnolia Point residents prior to 2019 (by-laws were changed by Board vote in 2019).

If you want MPCA to reflect your views more closely, you need to run for the Board, or encourage likeminded residents to run for the Board, or volunteer for the working committees, or at a minimum vote. If you can't volunteer, due to time constraints, communicate your concerns via the Members Forum or your Block Captain.

- JON BASTRESS



SUSAN



Yes, commas do make a difference.

For the last 20 years, I have been working with commas and communications within Magnolia Point. Whether it's been through the women's club, the country club or the homeowner's association, I've always wanted to be sure everyone had the right information. But, the time has come for me to retire and sit back and relax, travel and spend my time on myself.

Dave Petraglia is perfect as the editor of the Magnolia. He is a writer, photographer, graphic designer, and has a vision for what this newsletter can be - what more could I ask for in my replacement.

I cannot close without thanking everyone who contributed to the publications over the years and a special thanks to Joanie Braatz for proofing. - Susan Mitchell



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.

Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Mar 3

1. Connie & Michael Byers
2. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
3. Nancy Ellis & Marty Essex
4. Sharon Murphy & Joan Richardson
5. Jerry Ritchie & Ed Szymanski

Social Bridge, Thu, Mar 10

1. Connie & Michael Byers
2. Nancy Ellis & Marty Essex
3. Phyllis Boyd & Roy Gulick
4. Sondra Costa & Brad Lucas
5. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott

Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Mar 17

1. Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka
2. Connie & Michael Byers
3. Evie & Joe Ezzell (tie)
4. Sondra Costa & Jola Greiner
5. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill

Social Bridge, Thu, Mar 24

1. Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka
2. Connie & Michael Byers
3. Brad Lucas & Jerry Ritchie
4. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
5. Phyllis Boyd & Roy Gulick
6. Nancy Ellis & Marty Essex

Ladies Party Bridge, Fri, Mar 25

1. Mary Kendall
2. Ann Burden
3. Kaaren Tague

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FAIR PLAY

- BY DAVE PETRAGLIA



The Clay County Agricultural Fair was first presented in 1987, and each year, delivers something for everyone. On 65 acres, The Fair offers thrilling rides, agricultural and livestock exhibits, and a blizzard of taste-tempting treats for hungry fairgoers. *Photo: Clay Fair*

It's All Here

My 'fair camera' has a 60x zoom. As public their displays are, most reenactors are shy about posing, so I surveil them from a distance. Except for this guy. He eyeballed me from across the Village, and made no secret of his feelings. Right after this shot, he changed out of his outfit, and left the site in haste. Sorry, pal! *Photo: Editor*

Mr. Mustard



Pig Race

You may have to wait a while yet for the day 'when pigs fly', but in the meantime, they sure can run. Check out these guys channeling their inner Greyhounds! *Photo: Clay Fair*





Photos: Editor

Flying Kids



Hedge Fun

It's chilling to try and figure out where this guy ends and the foliage begins...especially when you hear his spooky, Seinfeld-esque 'HELL-OOOooo', which scares the little ones out of their sneaks. 'The Plant Guy' stands in an oversized pot, literally, and clearly enjoys his job. *Photo: Editor*

Bike Lane

There's no end to whimsy at the Clay Fair. Around every corner is some whimsical construct, joyful nostalgia, sight-gag or memory you didn't know you had. Subtle reminders all of a simpler, gentler time. *Photo: Editor*



The Legendary 'Clay Pig'





The Clay County Agricultural Fair is actually one giant alcohol-free zone. However, no guilty craving is denied with the vast selection of Funnel Cakes, Turkey Legs, Hot Dogs and Deep-Fried Ice Cream not to mention endless brilliant and tasty ethnic mashups. *Photo: Clay Fair*

Fair Food

The Fair is in full swing now through Sunday, April 10, open most of the day and evening with an action-packed schedule: [Clay Fair /Events](#)

Each day sees over 14,000 guests, according to Tasha Hyder. This is her 7th year as General Manager of the Fair, an organization that runs lean: there are just 3 ½ paid staff, herself included. But it's the more than 1,000 volunteers who keep things running.



Tasha and her crew keep a sharp eye out for the safety and convenience of the Fair guests. Parking is convenient, free, with regular shuttles to the front gates of the Fair.

Last year, total attendance was over 148,000. "We expect to set a record this year," Hyder says.

The safety of the Fair's guests are top-of-mind for her. There are staffed First Aid facilities, a new shaded picnic area, and a 'Cooling Room' and Misting Tunnel for anyone looking to 'chill'.

One of my personal favorites is the 'Early Florida Village', a welcomingly-shaded gravel road at the northern end of the fairgrounds, lined on both sides by such notable charming buildings as the Corn Crib, Honey House, the Moonshine Exhibit, the Penney Farms Jail House, and the Country Church.

Re-enactors in period clothing offer live demonstrations of legacy cooking, sugar making, lumber milling, broom-making and the arts to name a few.

There's music in the air day and night, and the Fair offers top-name entertainment in the spacious Cattleman's Arena, with expanded VIP seating being offered this year. [Clay Fair/Entertainment](#)

For all its size and scope, there's still a 'small town' feel and charm to the Fair. Will that survive the opening of the First Coast Expressway, less than one gear-change from the Fairground's entrance?

Probably not. When you consider that you'll be able to drive from Boston to the exit on 16 without stopping for a red light, can fresh lobster rolls be too far off as the next food vendor's specialty?

The contests, shows and sales among these groups showcase the talents of so many dedicated and capable young area men and women. You can just sense the future leaders among them. And all critters may apply! There are rabbit, poultry, goat, dog and even egg events. And for the **party** animals, a 'Youth Tailgaiting/Grilling Contest'! *Photo: Clay Fair*

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Me. Again.





April



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Featured Listings

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For Sale



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Courtney Looney

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APRIL 30: COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Gates open 8:00AM
Close 4:00PM

Our next semi-annual Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. Our association rules allow two community sales each year, on the last Saturday in April and the first Saturday in October.

The gates will open to the public at 8:00am and buyers will NOT be allowed to enter the community prior to that. At 4:00pm, the gates will be closed to the public.

Residents who participate should display a balloon on their mailboxes, and the merchandise for sale set up in their driveways as close to the garages as possible.

Since the sale is open to the public, please monitor the parking in your area. Our CAM will advertise the sale in



the local newspapers, the Times Union and Clay Today. Residents should also advertise what they are selling either on www.NextDoor.com, Craigslist or any other social media platform.

MAY 2: WE'RE BACK!

BY SUSAN HANLINE

Great News!

The Magnolia Point Women's Club is excited and proud to announce that the Magnolia Arts & Crafts Fair is back!

Mark your calendars for Monday May 2, 2022, at Sacred Heart's Sullivan Hall on Fleming Island. There will be a wide variety of vendors, food trucks, a silent auction, raffle baskets and much more!

Vendors Needed


If you are interested in being a Vendor, the inside space is \$35 and the outside, \$25. The Vendor Form and information are at www.mpwc.org. All of the proceeds from this event are used to benefit those in need.

Be sure to mark your calendars and come out to shop for your treasures!



MPWC

MP WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE



April 13 - Meeting & Program

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 13th at 3:30pm in the Crystal Dining Room. Come and enjoy our "Consignment Store Fashion Show."

Election of Officers

The April 13 meeting will include voting for our officers for the coming year. At that time, nominations from the floor are permitted. Joanne LaBeouf as Vice President automatically moves up to President and the rest of the state of officers includes:

Vice President	Brenda Frey
Corresponding Secy	Sarah McWhorter
Recording Secy	Lorna Broughton
Treasurer	Linda Werring

Director & Committee Chair Positions Open

Joanne LaBeouf, Nominating Committee Chair, needs members to serve in leadership positions as a director or a committee chair. Several positions are open and the job descriptions are on our website – www.mpwc.org. Contact Joanne with any questions or would like to volunteer.

Best Picture Oscars

If you missed our March program, you missed a fun time. The Activities Committee members Barbara Adams, Barbara Coker, Donna Habing and Linda Werring performed skits representing Best Picture Oscar winning movies. Congratulations to the team of Kim Belcher, Jola Greiner, Lori Miller and Sharon Murphy who had the most correct movies.

Lunch & Art Show

On March 21st, members enjoyed the March social event starting with lunch at Salsas Mexican Restaurant. Good food and conversation was had by all. The next stop was the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts. How many know the center houses two separate art galleries? The main gallery is currently hosting an Art Show sponsored by the Orange Park Art Guild. The show entitled "Capturing the Moment" was quite interesting with 75 beautiful works of art in all types of mediums. This free show is on display through April 3rd.

May 11 -Installation of Officers

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 11th for our Installation of Officers and a thank you to our leaders during the past year. Watch for the details via email.

Hand, Knee & Foot at the Club

Members are hosting the game at the club and the only month open is June. Contact Susan Mitchell is you can take June or we will not play HKF that month.

Players should arrive no later than 9:45am and enjoy refreshments. 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 include:

Suzanne Foster.....	29,180 pts
Kathie Cardon.....	27,780 pts
Anne Bastress.....	27,475 pts
Kim Schlosser.....	26,920 pts

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.mpwc.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.

THE PET WHISPERER



JayLo or Cleo? - 1840 Colonial



THE CRYSTAL DINING ROOM

EASTER BRUNCH



Omelet Station
Carved Honey Ham
Carved Barron of Beef
Pancakes
Bacon
Sausage
Fresh Fruit
Pastries
Vegetable Medley
Green Salad
Caesar Salad
Au Gratin Potatoes
Wild Rice Pilaf
Deviled Eggs
Scrambled Eggs


April 17, 2022
Seating Times: 11am & 2pm
Adults: \$35++ Children 4-12: \$20++
Children 3 & Under Free
Reservations: (904)269-9276 x:4



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LADIES





MEN'S LOW

MARCH

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GROSS



Magnolia
P O I N T
April 16th, 2022

Bunny Breakfast

On The Menu
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon
Sausage
Grits
Homefries
French Toast Sticks
Pancakes
Biscuits
Sausage Gravy
Fresh Fruit

Seating Times
8:30am-9:30am or
11am-12pm

Pricing
Adults: \$25++
Kids 5-12yrs: \$19++
Kids 2-4: \$6++

Breakfast is followed by an age appropriate Easter Egg Hunt, fun activities for all ages & a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny!
Please remember to bring your own camera & Easter basket to participate.

Reservations:
(904) 269-9276 ext.4



LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

BY SANDY WALDRUP

March 3



Stableford
Dianne Dearth, Val Flemming, Cheryle Newman, Sharon Sprott

March 3 - Stableford

Well, the White team just cannot get a break! They scored 48 team Stableford points but the Black team scored 53 points, maintaining their season lead (354 versus 314). Top 3 scorers for the Black team were **Cheryle Newman** (20 points), **Janine O'Connor** (17 points) and **Val Flemming** (16 points). Top 3 scorers for the White team were **Donna Hirsch** (18 points) and **Sharon Sprott** and **Carol Webb** (15 points each).

There were no chip-ins so the pot rolls over.

1st Place - Cheryle Newman, Val Flemming, Dianne Dearth, Sharon Sprott

6 More Weeks of Winter! So, it was true - Punxsutawney Phil's prediction of 6 more weeks of winter was accurate. Although, in Florida, "winter" comes in the form of rain, rain and more rain! League play was cancelled due to winter weather on March 10, March 17 and March 24. **No one can remember where 3 weeks of league play in a row had been cancelled before!**



Jack & Jill - Co-Chairs
Janine O'Connor & Sharon Sprott

March 31 - Jack & Jill

The annual Jack & Jill tournament was rescheduled for March 31st due to weather postponements. Many thanks to Janine O'Connor and Sharon Sprott, the co-chairs, for organizing the event. Results to be announced in the next issue of the Magnolia.

MEMBERSHIP

Come join us! We welcome all female players with a handicap; although you can begin play without a handicap, playing while working to establish one. No golf membership is required. We play each Thursday, rotating between the front and the back courses. 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.





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Hello Neighbors,

While April begins with April Fools Day and our attempts to mislead one another on one special joke filled day - this month is actually the month when most homeowners really look at their homes and access what maintenance will be required, and hopefully before our hot weather settles in. Whatever your need, we can assist.

In business we have down time and look for ways to fill our schedules or where we can help people. During last month's rainy period I found myself as a volunteer for Operation Barnabas, an organization founded by military veteran personnel with a huge sprinkle of faith added for good measure. Operation Barnabas is on duty right here in Green Cove Springs, renovating 5 residences on Randall Road that will be used for military families in need. They are looking for volunteers, donation of goods, and financial support to bring their Fort Grace to a reality.

The goal in Operation Barnabas is to serve those who have already served. Our community is loaded with veterans, and if you are willing to serve once again, it would be greatly appreciated.

At Magnolia Home Services our goal is to serve in any capacity we can and to become an integral part of our greater community.

John Cardinell | Magnolia.Home.Services.Florida@gmail.com

GETTING HOA EMAILS?

Homeowners must be registered on the website to receive HOA emails. If you have not registered, go to www.magpt.com and in the upper righthand corner, click on "register." Your account will have to be approved before you can access the content. This usually only takes less than one day.

If you are registered on the website, but are not receiving our emails, please contact us at communications@magpt.com or secretary@magpt.com.

MAGNOLIA POINT REMINDER



'Colonial Driving' - by Editor

The Garden Cub of Green Cove Springs



Annual Plant Sale Saturday April 16th



10:00 am to 2pm
"Saturday in the Park"
at
321 Walnut Street
Just off US 17

Wide selection of plants, including perennials,
succulents and herbs.
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All proceeds go towards charitable purposes, including scholarships to local students.





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'At Spring Park'

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 *Braciolo* 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 trimmed a twin-engine 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.

GRIP OF THE MONTH

Ann Burden's

GRIP



LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

BY ANN BURDEN

On **February 24**, we played an individual Point Quota game. Most of the time we play team or partner games, but this format you have no one to depend on but yourself. The winner was **Gloria Payne** (+4). **Diane Gove** was in second place at (+2)



February 24

"Quota Games"
1st Place – Gloria Payne

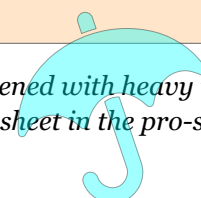
On **March 3-4**, we played The President's Cup. This two-day Gross and Net Tournament is one of our Majors. There are two flights: Champion and Open with gross and net winners in each flight. **Bonnie Burkhardt** successfully defended her title in the Champion flight with a two-day gross score of 168. **Hyun Coffman** was low net in that flight with 147. Winners in the Open flight were **Fran Kinney** with a score of 200 for low gross. **Sue Tucker** took low net with 147. Congratulations to all!



March 3-4

"Presidents Cup"
Winner Bonnie Burkhardt

March 10 was supposed to be our annual Jack and Jill Tournament, but Mother Nature intervened with heavy rain that forced us to cancel. It is rescheduled to April 7 if we can't have it on the 31st. There is a sign-up sheet in the pro-shop. It's always a fun time so grab a partner and sign up! *



March 17 was Green Ball Day in honor of St. Patrick. Of course, all of us were decked out in various shades of green. Each team is given a green ball and it is rotated by turns in a pre-set order to a different player every hole. The object is first: Do not lose the ball! If you do, you are out of competition. Second: you are trying to get the lowest best ball score of the teams. The winning team was **Fran Kinney, Jody Radican** and **Ann Burden**.



March 17

"Green Ball"
Fran Kinney, Jody Radican, Ann Burden

March 24 was supposed to be the third round of four in our Stableford competition, but heavy rain changed that plan. We will play it on March 31 and the results will be in next month's Magnolia.

* **March 31 - Spoiler Alert!** Happy Jacks & Jills in the building! Tune in next month for the news!



LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION

BY DIANE LOCHNER

My committee members' vision is to make our community a little better than it was yesterday, for a more beautiful tomorrow!

Our passion is designing plantings that are so pretty and satisfying, that every person who enters our community does so with a smile.

Do you know that the live oak trees that line Magnolia Point Boulevard are a southern symbol of strength, and the Magnolia trees are prized for the large flowers that perfume the balmy spring air with a sweet, heady fragrance. Their magnificent tulip or star-shaped flowers can be as large as saucers when fully opened. Trees, flowers, grass, and shrubs help a neighborhood feel welcoming and well-loved.

A visually appealing community increases property values, and improves the neighborhood's image. Beauty is one of the three most influential factors in community attachment along with an interest in the community and feeling at home. Some research even shows that a nice-looking neighborhood promotes good behavior.

The physical character and the feel of a neighborhood

have a great deal to do with each other, and neighborhood beautification isn't just a matter of impressing the neighbors or trying to make everything "perfect." It affects the way people interact, and the way they feel not only about their neighborhood, but about themselves and their neighbors. As a result, it can make a huge difference in the quality of life in a neighborhood.

In simplest terms, neighborhood beautification means making the environment in which you live look and feel better and the final outcome is the community enjoying that beauty.

Garden Tip

Do you know that there are some rather unusual items that can aid your plants' growth – and they can all be found in your home? You might not think your used-up coffee grounds contain much in terms of nutritional value, but they can actually provide your plants with vital antioxidants and minerals like potassium and nitrogen. For more information on this subject go to www.gardeningknowhow.com

Similarly, white vinegar, coconut milk and banana peels are all bursting with important nutrients that can help your plants grow and thrive.

"WE CARE. IT'S OUR NATURE"

Larry Francisco, Board President, pitches in with recycling.



Diane Lochner gets her back into raking out one of the back gate plantscapes.



APRIL 27-30 - GREEN COVE SPRINGS



A vibrant poster for the CalaVida Arts Festival. At the top left is a colorful Rubik's cube. The title 'CalaVida' is written in a large, flowing, pink and purple script, with 'ARTS FESTIVAL' in a smaller, blocky font below it. Underneath the title is the text '80'S MIXTAPE REWIND EDITION' in a green, pixelated font. Below that, the dates 'April 27-30' are written in a large, yellow, pixelated font, followed by 'in Green Cove Springs' in a smaller, pink, pixelated font. In the center is a large, detailed illustration of a vintage boombox with two large speakers. To the left of the boombox is a vertical column of yellow circles, and to the right is a vertical column of yellow circles with small, colorful, pixelated characters (like Pac-Man and ghosts) interspersed. Below the boombox, the text 'featuring' is written in a green, pixelated font, followed by a list of artists: John Cardascia, Fat Cactus, Dianne Jacoby, Jimmy Beats Band, Mama Blue, Mandalla, Pierre & Co., Souls of Joy, and Trinity River Band. At the bottom left is a small circular logo for the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida. To the right of the logo is the text 'for schedule and info' and the website 'WWW.CALAVIDA.COM' in a blue, pixelated font. To the right of the website is a QR code.

CalaVida
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WE'VE MOVED TO SPRING!

This April, we're excited to present the eighth annual CalaVida Festival. This year's events include an afternoon tea at the VIA, an Empty Bowls event in the Art Room on Walnut St., Dancing In The Street 80's style with **Fat Cactus**, (try to find those neon leg warmers or your fingerless lace gloves and join the fun), Friday Night saxophone sounds of the 80's with **Pierre & Co.** and noon til 9:00 in the Spring Park with Artists, Authors, Food Trucks and Music on Saturday. If you haven't attended CalaVida in the past and wonder what you've missed or just what we're all about, click here. For a full schedule visit CalaVida.com.



A banner showing the event and platinum sponsors. On the left is the 'Event Sponsor: HERITAGE' logo, which includes the word 'HERITAGE' in a large, green, stylized font and 'Serving the First Coast Since 1954' in a smaller font. To the right of the event sponsor are the 'Platinum Sponsors:' logos, which include 'Dynamite Fishing Products', 'MITTALIER ASSOCIATES', and 'VYSTAR Credit Union'.

Event Sponsor: **HERITAGE**

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FEED THE HUNGRY, DONATE A BAG

BY SUSAN MITCHELL

Did you know brown paper bags can feed the hungry? The Magnolia Point Women's Club collects them plus large shopping bags and donates them to Waste Not Want Not, a 501(c)(3) non profit organization.

Did you know that one quarter of all food produced in the US is thrown away? Waste Not Want Not collects and distributes unused food from stores, farms and restaurants to fight hunger. Their volunteers collect food within a 15-mile radius of Orange Park and provides or delivers it to charities serving the less fortunate in 14 counties.

Last year, Waste Not Want Not volunteers rescued food for 363 days and distributed 2.1 million pounds of food to people struggling to make ends meet. They need the brown paper bags

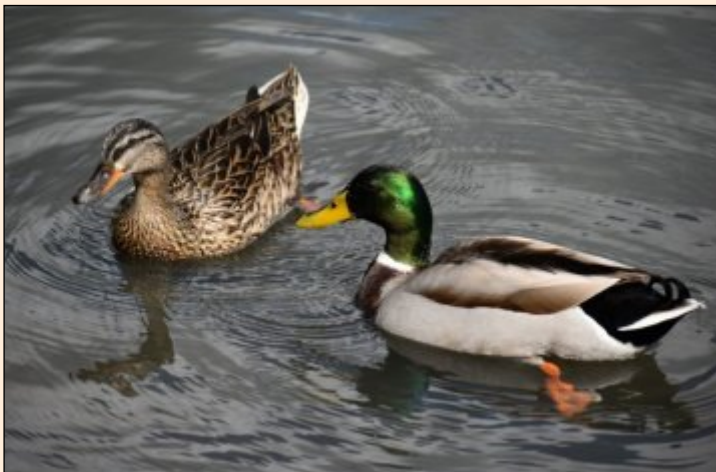
to pack the food that is collected by them.

What could be easier than to save your bags and drop them off in the gray box on the exit side of the gatehouse. Many thanks to the women's club **Bag Lady Phyllis Skarbrevik** who picks up the donated bags and takes them to Waste Not.



NATURAL WONDERS

Photos from the Neighborhood

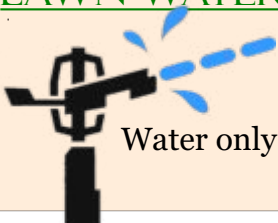


Becky Hinson



Tony & Brenda Frey

LAWN WATERING RULES - 2ND SUNDAY MARCH - 1ST SUNDAY NOVEMBER



Odd Numbered Homes - Wednesday & Saturday

Even Numbered Homes - Thursday & Sunday

Water only when needed and not from 10AM to 4PM; water for no more than 1 hour per zone.

Source: SJRWMD - special thanks to Art Yeaman, [Green Cove Irrigation](#)



NEW RESIDENTS

MEET & GREET



*Saturday, March 26th at the home
of Pete and Kim Belcher*

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MEMBERSHIP, HOSPITALITY, AND EVERYTHING ELSE EXTRAORDINAIRE

BY LORNA BROUGHTON

Who in Magnolia Point does not know **Jola Greiner** and **Kim Belcher**? These two dynamos have revved up the entire community with their positive attitudes and multiple activities. Let's see, just what have they done in the last 11 months?

- Increased the membership with ten new members.
- Visited 71 new Magnolia Point residents bearing beautifully adorned bags
- hand-decorated by them, loaded with information about the Magnolia Point HOA, Golf and Country Club, MPWC, and Green Cove Springs.
- Hosted Wine and Cheese events in their homes to welcome new residents to the neighborhood and to introduce them to neighbors who could answer their questions about the community in general.
- Hosted new member mixers after MPWC meetings to introduce them to the Women's Club.
- Sewed aprons, tote bags, and cozies to sell with proceeds of over \$1,000.00.
- Been valuable advisors to the volunteers organizing our Magnolia Arts and Crafts Fair.
- Kim taught many of us how to play bridge and started a quilting group.
- Jola organized the community Christmas decorating campaign and made sure it would continue year to year.

It seems that whatever Jola and Kim touch they make it better. Kim gave her all to Maggie's Meals for two years. Together they made the 2019 Boutique the most successful one to date. They have been untiring workers and cheerleaders for MP and MPWC for the last three years. But now they are going to take a break. They are stepping down from most of their MPWC and community activities to focus on family, travel, and other pursuits.



We wish them all the best as they begin to relax and enjoy other interests. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts for all they have done – so far. They'll be back! At least, I hope so!





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MARCH
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2491 Larchwood



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3696 Winged Foot Circle



1935 Colonial Drive



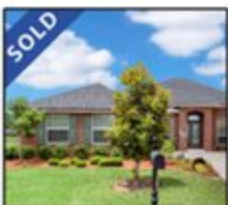
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2012 Wedge Court



3358 Shinnecock Lane



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1947 Medinah Lane



3407 Olympic Drive



MAGNOLIA POINT MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

APRIL 23: CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 28: 3 MAN DROP-OUT SCRAMBLE

JUNE 25: 2 MAN 6-6-6 (PICK YOUR PARTNER)

JULY 23: 4 MAN ABCD SHAMBLE

AUGUST 27: INDIVIDUAL STABLEFORD

SEPTEMBER 24: 2 MAN ALTERNATE SHOT

OCTOBER 22: 4 MAN ABCD (2 BEST GROSS & NET)

NOVEMBER 19: INDIVIDUAL STRAIGHT HANDICAP

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