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# Association News

Your Board of Directors has agreed to use this column to communicate matters of interest to members of the association monthly. Authorship is rotated among board members.



By Joe Chao

We moved to the beautiful community of Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club over eleven years ago. Norma and I are native to the area and, upon the recommendation by a daughter, we purchased our home sight unseen. Having enjoyed the Magnolia Point lifestyle and many wonderful neighbors, we would make the same decision again.

Having served on committees and the Board of Directors I have become familiar with both the good and the not so good. It seems that when one is looking for ways to improve our community, he or she can become focused on the blemishes. We gain perspective, however, when we return from one of our many trips or vacations and enjoy the beauty, we see upon entering our front gate. Though we are blessed by centuries-old trees, the added touches from our landscape committee cannot go unnoticed. A hearty thanks to you.

As we drive our streets, we rarely see an unkempt yard, improperly parked car in the street, abundance of boats, RVs or other minor annoyances that distinguish Magnolia Point from communities who place no value on a reasonable sense of order. The appearance of our community seems to leave little doubt that most of our friendly neighbors have read our covenants and governing documents. Most, it seems, live in Magnolia Point "because of the covenants while very few live here despite our covenants".

As a member of the Board, I receive many emails. Most are related to rules enforcement. Board members are prohibited from direct participation in enforcement, but I do make note and forward your concerns. Lately, all Board members have been flooded by your concerns on what amounts to a very few who are knowingly violating long-established protocol/covenants regarding extended parking of Boats, RVs, trailers, and the like.

In addition to the above, the most recent concern is the presence of PODS. How are they addressed in our governing documents and "what is reasonable"? If you are reading this, it is likely that an ad hoc committee of approximately ten neighbors has met

to consider the facts and make reasonable recommendations to the Board. Please stay tuned.

PS...This is what our covenants have to say about vehicles etc....

*"No vehicles or boats (including, but not limited to boat trailers, travel trailers, camp trailers and motor homes) or any similar property shall be kept on any part of the Platted Property except such areas as may be specifically reserved and designated for such use, or stored on any Lot except within a garage or an enclosed screened area and except that private passenger automobiles of the occupant of a Dwelling Unit and guests, having no commercial signs, may be temporarily parked in the drive way or parking area of the Dwelling Unit and except that other vehicles may be parked in such driveway or parking area during the time necessary for delivery and pickup service and solely for the purpose of such service. Nor repairing or overhauling of any vehicle is allowed on any part of a Dwelling Unit, a Lot, or any Roadway." (3.12)*

## Mailboxes

One can learn everything about mailboxes and get help or volunteer's advice at [magnoliapointmailbox@yahoo.com](mailto:magnoliapointmailbox@yahoo.com). General information is also available at [www.magpt.com](http://www.magpt.com). Click on Governing Documents and then go to Community

Handbook pages 17 & 18. Note that all mailboxes must be black.

Volunteers have constructed about 85 wood mailboxes while making approximately 200 sets of free vinyl numbers. Although the volunteers will provide advice and some help for wood structures, they have discontinued the manufacturing. Volunteers will gladly, re-finish your metal numbers and furnish free reflectors for any mailbox.

## More New Homes

When we moved to Magnolia Point in 2010, I believe there was not a single new home under construction. Times were tough, and prices were low. Our home was five years old at the time and sold for \$61,000 under its selling price when new. My, how things have changed. We have, since, added and built out 119 new lots in phase VIII along with seeing homes built on 50 or more existing lots that were developed previously.

The latest news is that Dream Finders has cleared six lots on Oglebay Drive and will begin construction soon. I am not sure of the exact number, but I believe there are only about 20 lots available of the 966 lots that are part of the Magnolia Point Planned Unit Development (PUD).

There are many other subjects that could be addressed in this column. Topics of interest certainly include Tower Park, modification of the front entry lanes, back entry, roads, and drainage etc. Please open your blast emails regularly. The Board makes every attempt to communicate items of immediate concern.

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# Citizen's Advisory Committee

By Joanne LaBeouf

The City of Green Cove Springs has a vision as it plans to transform itself into a 21st century city that reflects its traditional values, natural features and historic characteristics while defining its unique identity and assuring a quality of life for its residents. One of its main goals in its Vision Process is to involve the property owners. To accomplish this, the city solicited applicants city-wide this past January and ultimately selected 30 advisors who make up the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). Their role is to manage the anticipated concerns of the city's residents regarding the future development of the city.

The purpose of the advisory committee is to provide an opportunity to assure transparency as a practice and priority, create citizen involvement, develop informed ambassadors for the city, create a pool of future leaders for the City Board and Councils, capitalize on the skill sets and expertise of citizens, and provide an opportunity to share and participate in the successful future of the city. The CAC is a tool for residents to use to channel their questions and concerns; it is not a policy influencing committee.

The role of individual advisors is to listen to residents they may encounter who have questions or concerns about the upcoming changes. Although not a problem-solving body, the committee's advisors bring residents' comments to their meeting for further presentation to the City Council. To date the CAC has had very informative presentations by the City Attorney, Chief of Police and the head of Planning with many more city officials to come to future meetings.

If interested in the future development of the city of Green Cove Springs, please go to the city's web site:

<https://www.greencovesprings.com/CitizensAdvisoryCommittee>.

The site will be updated with a comprehensive plan update and allows for you to input comments.

If you wish to share an issue or concern about the future development of the city, please contact me at [alabeouf@comcast.net](mailto:alabeouf@comcast.net), or share your questions or concerns whenever we may cross paths.

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## Magnolia Point Contract Bridge Club

Social contract bridge is played in the Crystal Dining Room every Thursday from 3 to 6pm. The cost is \$2.00 for prize money and if you would like to play, contact Joe Thill at [JoeThill79@gmail.com](mailto:JoeThill79@gmail.com). The group plans to start Duplicate Bridge on the first Thursday of the month from 3 to 6pm. If you are interested in duplicate, contact Roy Gulick at [RoyGulick@aol.com](mailto:RoyGulick@aol.com). Both games are friendly and you can sign up with a partner or as a single and be paired up.

Ladies Bridge is on hiatus until October 2021. If someone would like to take over organizing it, call Barbara Barclay.

### Social Bridge, Thurs., May 27

1. Nancy Ellis & Marty Essex
2. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
3. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott
4. Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka

### Duplicate Bridge, Thur., June 3

1. Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka
2. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott
3. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
- Sondra Costa & Mary Robbins (tie)

### Social Bridge, Thurs., June 11

1. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
2. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
3. Nancy Ellis & Joan Richardson
4. Jola Greiner & Brad Lucas

### Social Bridge, Thurs., June 18

1. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
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3. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott
4. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
5. Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka

### Ladies Bridge, Fri., April 30

1. Bob Barclay
2. Barbara Barclay
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## Save Grocery Bags and Feed the Hungry

By Susan Mitchell

The Magnolia Point Women's Club collects brown paper grocery bags and large shopping bags that are donated to Waste Not, Want Not, Inc., a food rescue charity in Orange Park.



The bags are used to pack and distribute food daily to food banks, churches, schools and various other charities that feed the hungry. Each year, Waste Not rescues millions of

pounds of food that otherwise would have gone to waste. They also donate appropriate items to our Maggie's Meals program when they are available.

Donated bags may be dropped off on the exit side of the gate house. Look for the gray bin and deposit the bags in the right-side compartment. Clean aluminum cans are dropped off on the left-side to benefit K9s4Warriors.

Many thanks to Phyllis and Charlie Skarbrevik for taking care of these donations. If you have any questions, contact women's club member Phyllis Skarbrevik.



## Mahjong Added to Games at the Club

By Susan Mitchell

Mahjong for both new and experienced players will be held on the first Friday of the month in the Parlor from 10am to 2pm. Players will have lunch at noon. If you are interested in playing or learning, email Lori Miller at [beachyvt@protonmail.com](mailto:beachyvt@protonmail.com).

There are several groups playing cards at the club - Bridge and Hand, Knee & Foot. They are all friendly games with a small fee to pay out some winnings.

Bridge lessons will start as soon as we have enough players interested in learning.

Duplicate bridge is now played on the first Thursday of the month from 3:00 to 6:00pm, Social bridge is played on the other Thursday nights during the month.

The women's club sponsors Hand, Knee and Foot the first Wednesday morning of each month and lunch follows cards. The winners in June included:

1st -Eloise Burman, 28,500 pts

2nd-Linda Thill, 27,760 pts

3rd-Sharon Sprott, 27,505 Pts

4th-Monica Harmon, 26,190

5th-Carol Webb, 26,695 pts

6th-Kathie Cardon, 25,805 pts

If you have any questions, email the women's club ([mpwomensclub@aol.com](mailto:mpwomensclub@aol.com)) and we will be happy to respond.





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# MP Women's Club Update

By Susan Mitchell

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Norma Chao, Lorna Broughton, Debbie Shvetzov, Suzanne Foster, Brenda Frey, Susan Mitchell

## June General Meeting

If you missed the June meeting, you missed out on a lot of laughs. Linda Werring and her committee did a little research on our new board. Can you guess who dated Bruce Jenner in college? Or who is a licensed bingo caller? Who shouted out "Good Morning America" on the morning show in the mid-90s? Who was struck by lightning and who was named after the Duchess of Bourbon? Plus, one graduated from high school at the age of 15. We learned more than this about our leaders, but you had to be there.

A new tradition was started - members with a June birthday were asked to come forward and we sang "Happy Birthday" to them.



Barbara Adams

## Pledge of Allegiance

Thank you, Barbara Adams, for suggesting the women's club say the "Pledge of Allegiance" before the start of each meeting. Barbara also is our flag bearer.

## Green Light

"Green Light, Green Light, Green Light" is a Naval tradition for a "pop up" social. The Green Light was set for June 15th to surprise President Lorna Broughton, a Navy wife, to

wish her good luck in the coming year. The event was to be held in the cul-de-sac of Lorna's home. All systems were on go until the skies opened with our traditional afternoon cloudbursts. Members still met at the home of Linda Werring and were still able to surprise Lorna, who came in her pjs. You will have to ask how this happened.

## Oct 25 – Holiday Boutique

Mark your calendars for Monday, October 25th for our Annual Holiday Boutique to be held at Sullivan Hall. By the beginning of June, the entire month of November was already booked at the Hall and that is why we are not holding the event in November.

More details will be forthcoming as soon as Chairmen Mary Kendall and Anne Bastress meet with their organizing committee to make plans for this year.

## Finance Committee

Thanks to our Finance Committee, the budget for the coming year will be presented at the July 7th board meeting. The committee is also working on a Financial Policy for the club. The committee members include Le-Anne Bargamin, Kim Belcher, Lorna Broughton, Kathie Cardon, Nancy Catudal, Norma Chao, Jola Greiner, Sandy Magyar, Sarah

## Interested in Joining the Women's Club?

If you are interested in joining the women's club, contact our Membership Chairman Jola Greiner at 404-273-0181 or email [JolaGreiner@msn.com](mailto:JolaGreiner@msn.com).

Our membership application is on our website at [www.mpwc.org](http://www.mpwc.org), under "Info/Forms." To join, you must be a Magnolia Point resident, own property in Magnolia Point or be a member of the country club. Annual dues are \$25 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.

McWhorter, Nancy Nettuno, Linda Werring, and Treasurer Susan Mitchell.

## Hand, Knee & Foot at the Club

Marsha Parker organizes the monthly Hand, Knee and Foot card game held on the first Wednesday of each month in the dining room of the clubhouse. A signup email is sent out to all members the week before play.

Players should arrive no later than 9:45am to enjoy Chef Mike's homemade sweets along with coffee, tea, and water. Play starts at 10:00am and bring \$2.00 for prize money. Lunch at the club follows play and the total cost for the light breakfast and lunch is \$16.00 including tax and tip.



June Birthday Girls – Sarah McWhorter, Lori Miller, Toni Herndon, Glenda Harden, Linda Thill, Barbara Coker, Patricia Nisley, Marguerite Martin, Mary Austen, Freda Blackmar



# FLORIDA FRIENDLY *Magnolia* Y A R D

Story and Photography by Dave Petraglia

Florida has 663 native plants, of which are 326 best suited to grow in Clay County. A number of these rooted in Cindy and Steve Triay's yard have earned their Medinah Lane home the distinction 'Florida-Friendly Landscape.'

So what is it? Florida-Friendly is a landscape that provides a combination of 'ingredients' from these categories: wildlife food and water sources, cover, places for wildlife to raise young, and sustainable practices in keeping the whole thing, well, humming.

As much satisfaction is derived from appreciating the sights and smells of native fauna in its wild state, 'Friendly Landscapers' get quiet thrills watching a somewhat greater variety of native animals make their homes alongside their own, or at least check in as regular visitors. While there's wildlife everywhere in Magnolia Point, it's the numbers and variety that's different in the Friendly yard.

The Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS), maintains a county 'lookup' table of plants at: <https://www.fnps.org/plants>. You can even refine your results by plants most attractive to butterflies, hummingbirds, and/or other wildlife for our area.



principles to a gradual re-make of their property. A little bit at a time was the key.

"Start small. Don't try to do this overnight," she says. "I had some help here and there, but did most of it myself. I did have a lot of help with these pavers, though" as I follow Cindy along a trim hardscape path to her backyard.

Pavers? Is this allowed? The vista that unfolds in the backyard challenges my preconceived notions of what these 'Friendly' landscapes are all about.

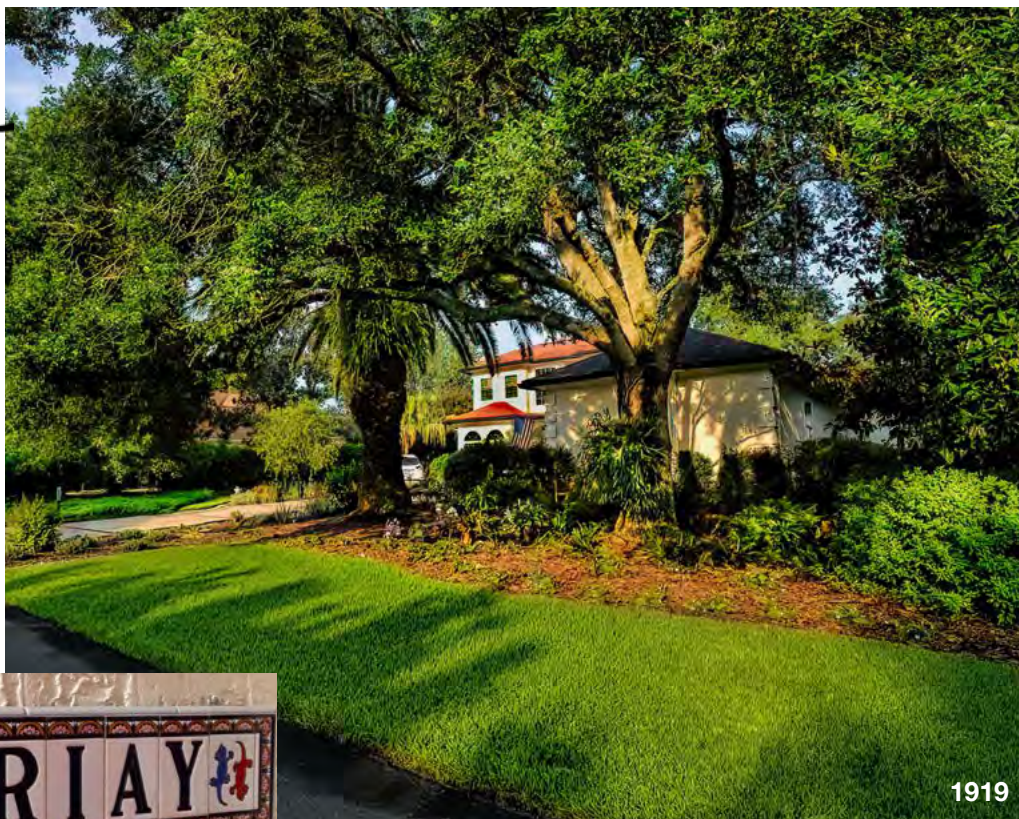
## Florida Friendly Myths Debunked

*Yes, you can have fun in a Florida Native Yard.* The Triay backyard is hardly

the jungle you might expect. First up is a 'Better Homes' tailored open patio. Pavers are allowed, as are fire pits and umbrellas. And yes, you can have a screened-in pool and still be Florida-Friendly.

*It's not a mess.* Nor unkempt or unruly: there's great discipline in maintaining these yards, quelling the urge to nip and tuck. Leave that Twinberry just as it is; those sprays of new growth are just what songbirds are looking for when they need a break. Likewise with planting. It takes self-control to resist the urge to crowd bulbs and cuttings to re-create a magazine-cover wall of color; but a more natural spacing allows critters to find the refuge they prefer.

Overall, the property is open, inviting, familiar: there are plenty of grassy areas, exclusively St. Augustine, and though tailored and lush, admittedly shrinking by



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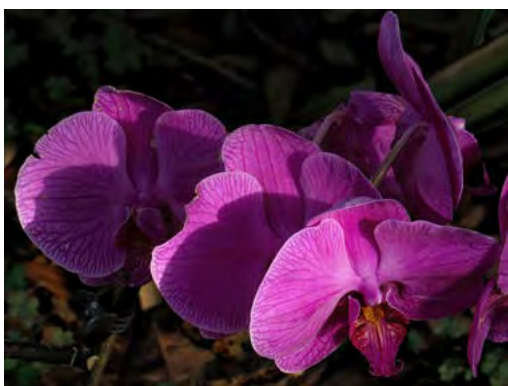


Blue Banana



Blue Java Bunch





### Orchids and more Orchids

an average of one foot each year as Cindy progresses to a more natural overall look.

*It's not chaos.* It's training the mind's eye to see the flora and fauna around us more as nature intended, and the rewards can be both subtle and surprising at the same time. I saw butterflies at Cindy's I know I've never seen before and a few uncommon plant specimens in rare startling proportions.

*Nothing is forever.* You can take things out of the Friendly yard once they're in; there's no hard rule about leaving things completely untouched. You learn that some thinning may be necessary to balance plant health, sustainability and wildlife refuge.



### Front Bench

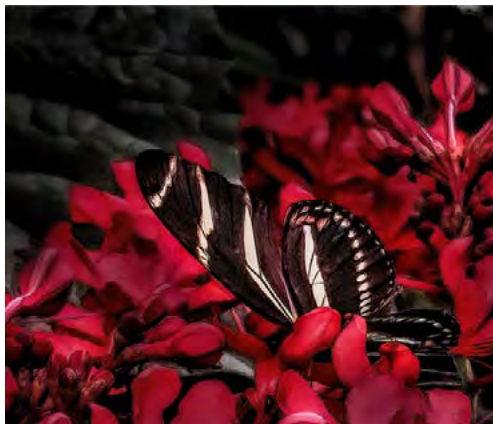
*It's not the 'whole nine yards.'* While most think of an entire property as a 'Florida-Friendly Landscape' is the most familiar designation, you can also have a smaller area of your whole yard certified Florida-Friendly.

*Others can call your Friendly Yard home.* You don't have to give up your favorite plants. Included in Cindy's yard are some species that are common in other, similar climates. A stunning Staghorn Fern, for example. Overall, Cindy's yard has more than **50 species of natives**. In total, FNPS certification requires that no more than

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### Ciladium



### Zebra Longwing



### Peace Lily



### Walk





Garden Rose



Front Bed



Hibiscus

## Some of Cindy's Favorites

### Flora

Oakleaf Hydrangea  
Florida Azalea (Camilla's Blush)  
Coontie Palm  
Simpson's Stopper  
American Beautyberry  
Blue Java Banana\*

\* non-native

### Fauna

Painted Bunting  
Baltimore Oriole  
Zebra Longwing  
Flying Squirrel  
Buckeyes & Skippers

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25% be non-native.

Asked what she likes the most about her yard: "The tranquility," Cindy smiles.

Throughout the property are nooks and crannies carved into the plantscape, each with a bench, where she might retreat during the day to rest and take it in. "Not to mention the savings, which can be pretty significant." Bills for nearly all landscape maintenance and certainly chemicals and fertilizers, she explains, are a thing of the past.

Rounding the corner of her lanai, one is taken by a banana palm towering over one corner of the yard.

"Banana peels," her fingertips flit outwards, "that's all I've ever fed it!"

Her Blue Banana is the pride of her efforts. "From a bucket to this," she stuns her visitor, "in one year!" Halfway up the three-trunked, Jack's Beanstalk-big palm hangs a bulging bunch of its first fruit, "And they taste like ice-cream. We can't

wait!"

How much time does this labor of love take?

"That depends on the season," Cindy says, "Just like any other yard here." Overall, she's calculated, the work required is no more than any traditional property at Magnolia Point.

Cindy is happy to advise fellow residents on the process of 'going native'; message her through Nextdoor for more information.



# Jacksonville Ladies Summer Team Golf League

*By Ann Burden*

Since 1976 women golfers in the Jacksonville area have had the opportunity to play competitive golf in the summer. Here is the background on how that came about. We owe it all to **Emily Brown**, former member of Magnolia Point. Forty-five years ago, she contacted area Club Pros and eventually got the cooperation of dozens of clubs to give up three tee times each Tuesday for a ten-week season. Thank you, Emily. And thanks to **Adrienne Whitman** and **Debra McDermott** who now competently and cheerfully coordinate and schedule Summer Team Play.

Here is how it works. This year we have 23 courses competing. They are divided into

four "areas." The format is partner match play. We have six players per side so there are three foursomes paired by handicap. If we win a hole, we get one point, a tie is a half point and a loss is zero points. The points are cumulative over the season so the team in each area with the highest point total is the winner in their area. They then go on to the playoffs and after three rounds of competition a champion is crowned.

This season our opponents in our area are **St. Johns Golf and Country Club**, **Atlantic Beach Country Club**, **The Golf Club at South Hampton**, and **The Plantation at Ponte Vedra**. The final fun competition is a team made up of a Pro and three ladies from each club. This year Palencia will host on August 23.

Our Magnolia team roster this year includes **Teresa Barrett**, **Ann Burden**, **Bonnie Burkhart**, **Pat Burnell**, **Marsha Fields**, **Jeanne Gorman**, **Carolyn Harper**, **Fran Kinney**, **Erin Love**, **Connie Manning**, **Joanne Montzka**, **Shirley Orvosh**, **Gloria Payne**, **Jody Radican** and **Sue Tucker**.

As of this writing, Magnolia Point is in third place in our area with 74.5 points. Wish us good golf and good fun for the season!

Any ladies interested in joining Magnolia Point Ladies Golf Association should please email Joanne Montzka at [tamontzka@aol.com](mailto:tamontzka@aol.com) or phone (904) 284-4686. All you need is a USGA handicap and \$35 dues.





# Tennis Court Report

By Andrew Blackner

We are in full summer mode here at the courts. Although we are half-way through camps, you can still sign up and enjoy two more camp sessions (two for adults and two for kids) before we head back into our fall/winter leagues.

If tennis is not your thing, you can join us every Saturday morning for our new pickleball clinics. Pickleball happens to be the fastest growing sport in the nation. You can borrow paddles and balls at the tennis shop, or if that is closed, you can also find them in the golf shop.

Need a family activity? Join us for our battle of the gods in **MAGNARÖK** – where you too may become a story of legend. Assemble your four-person team, the first Friday of every month, to compete in the activity zone. This includes – but not limited to-- pickleball, volleyball, CROSSNET (four square volleyball), corn hole, and CHIPPO where golf meets cornhole.”

Look forward to seeing you all at the courts!





## Tennis Afternoon Schedule

### Summer 2021




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<b>Wednesday</b> 5pm-6pm Teen Tennis \$10 6pm-7pm Basics Adult Clinic \$10 7pm- 8pm Men's Adult Drill Clinic \$10
<b>Thursday</b> 4pm-6pm Advanced Teen Tennis \$20 (Invitation Only) 6pm-7pm Adult Drill Clinic \$10
<b>Saturday</b> 9am-10am Beginners Pickleball Clinic \$10 10am-11am Intermediate/Advanced Pickleball Clinic \$10

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June

28TH-30TH  
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9AM-12PM



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- \* Fresh Seasonal Fruit
- \* Yogurt

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Native Milkweed



Garden Project at CEB

# Students, Butterflies, and Collaboration

By Rhona Scoville, Garden Club of GCS President

Returning to school last August, students at the Charles E. Bennett Elementary School were treated to the sight of beautiful plants and flowers in large white ceramic pots in front of their school as the result of a collaboration between the Magnolia Point Women's Club and the Garden Club of Green Cove Springs. The plants continue to be watered and maintained by a garden club member.

A further joint effort between the two clubs had to be put on hold for the 2020-21 school year due to COVID restrictions. The plan was to plant a butterfly garden for the students' enjoyment and education. Hopefully, the school restrictions because of the pandemic will be lifted so this project can be completed this school year.

Earlier this year, President of the Garden Club Connie Gladding made a presentation to the City of Green Cove Springs suggesting the city become an official **Monarch City USA**. Green Cove Springs has been a Tree City USA for the past 32 years and since Mayor Van Royal signed the Proclamation on March 2, Green Cove Springs is now a **Monarch City USA**, one of only two cities, along



with Gainesville, in North Florida to have the designation.

The goal of **Monarch City USA**, a nonprofit organization based in Maple Valley, Washington, is to encourage municipalities to support the **monarch** butterfly population. Officials will also encourage residents to plant native milkweed and nectar plants, which are vital to the **monarch** species.

The Garden Club has planted milkweed, a food source for the monarch larvae, in the gardens they maintain at the Green Cove Springs Public Library. Milkweed, preferably the native variety, is the first thing planted in the garden as a host plant for the larvae, and the garden also needs flowering plants to provide nectar, which provides food for the butterfly. As the butterfly goes from plant to plant for nectar, it's also pollinating the plants. The Garden Club plans to continue its important work to increase the number of butterfly habitats.

Garden Club meets September-June, on the third Thursday of the month at 10am at St. Mary's Episcopal Parish Hall, 400 St. Johns Ave., Green Cove Springs. Visitors are always welcomed.



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## From Our Golf Pro

By Joe Porfidio

### U.S. Open & Golf Swings

The final round of this year's exciting U.S. Open, packed with many different swing mechanics from the world's

best professionals, inspires one to head to the practice tee to copy Rahm or Rory or Morikawa or even Bryson. So, naturally, we tend to want to duplicate the best players in the sport. However, before you do that, let me suggest the following.

Of the many great golf teachers who ever lived, one of my favorites is Manuel de la Torre. I like him because he keeps the golf swing simple. Rather than squeezing students into bottled, mechanical methods, he emphasizes swinging the golf club with control, balance, and timing. Granted, this is easier to say than it is to do, but if you want to improve your golf swing, the next time you journey to the driving

range, try swinging the clubhead with a smooth tempo and good balance. Oh, and if you need a watchful eye, I am always available.

As we enter another month of summer, there are many opportunities to play golf, improve your game, meet other people, and enjoy good food; let me highlight three:

### Couples Golf

In February, several Magnolia Point couples came together for a 9-hole Valentine's Day scramble, followed by drinks and appetizers. The couples had such a great time that we decided to hold a scramble for couples on the last Sunday of each month. Open to beginner and seasoned golfers, it is a great way to meet new people and socialize around a fun golf event with delicious food afterward. Sign up the next time you visit the golf shop or call us to do it for you (904-269-9276, ext. 1).

### Men's Golf Association

Then, many men have asked for details about our new Men's Golf Association

(MGA). In short, joining the MGA entitles members to participate in monthly tournaments, cash prizes, and a year-end banquet. Tournaments will be held on Saturday mornings, with tee times beginning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone who joins the MGA receives a Magnolia Point golf cap or visor and a Magnolia Point bag tag or one sleeve of golf balls. All resident or non-resident men can join the MGA for \$35. For more information about scheduled tournaments or to sign up, please contact the golf shop.

### Ladies Clinics

Last, on May 13th, we began our first of three summer clinics for ladies. Each five-week clinic includes instruction on the golf swing and short game basics and a four-hole scramble with Joe and Dave. Every lesson begins at 6:30, lasts one hour, and is topped off with wine and cheese in the Pub. If you did not get a chance to participate in our first clinic, please contact the golf shop to sign up for one or both remaining two clinics.

Here is to a great month of golf!

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## MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

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9/25- SHAMBLE  
10/23- TEAM STABLEFORD  
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**\*Must be a MGA member to participate\***  
SIGN UP TO BE A MGA MEMBER IN THE PRO SHOP

### Year End Banquet with cash prizes

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## LADIES WINE & CHEESE GOLF CLINICS

**6:30PM**

### SECOND SERIES

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Week 3: 7/8: Irons  
Week 4: 7/15: Woods  
Week 5: 7/22: 4-Hole Scramble/ Play with the Pro day



# Ladies Nine Hole Golf League

By Sandy Waldrup

## May 27 – Closing Scramble with 18-Hole Ladies

Last year, to end a pretty dismal season what with COVID-19 and season competition being cancelled, the 9-hole golfers joined the 18-hole golfers for a season-ending scramble. It was incredibly fun and everyone agreed to do a repeat this year!

What? Wait! The 9-hole golfers must not have gotten the message because our group only had 4 ladies sign up, and 2 cancelled right before play! That being said, our 2 golfers represented the group nicely, each taking home some money. Phyllis Boyd was on the 1st place team and new member Dianne Dearth was on the 2nd place team. Seriously, though, most of our golfers had prior plans to travel over that weekend for Memorial Day and several are on the injury list. We will just need to think about a different date for next season so we can have better participation!

1st Place – Teresa Barrett, Ann Burden, Phyllis Boyd

2nd Place – Bonnie Burkhart, Jody Radican, Cheryle Newman, Dianne Dearth

## League Championship Musings

Congratulations again to Marian Zanetti and Taunya Vise!



**May 27- Scramble Winners**

Teresa Barrett, Ann Burden, Phyllis Boyd

Marian was the league champion with the low gross over two days of play, and Taunya was the runner-up with low net. Marian was declared the champion after a scorecard playoff with three other players who also tied for low gross. Not to take anything away from Marian's stellar play, the group decided next year, in case of a tie, to have a "real" play-off among the golfers who tied, rather than a scorecard tie-breaker. Many leagues have a play-off to determine the champion, we can follow the golfers as they play the tie-breaker holes, and generally add some real excitement and drama to the championship play. So, the challenge is on to have a tie next year! Not really!

And, as we hung the championship plaque back up in the Pro Shop, we noted how many times our league has had repeat champions. Marian, the current champion, has now won four times. She won back-to-back titles in 2015 and 2016, then won again in 2018 and this year. She is tied with Leslie Gulick with four titles. Other multiple winners are Cheryle Newman (now an 18-hole golfer) with back-to-back titles in 2010 and 2011, and Dot Harmeling, recently passed, with titles in 2002 and 2005. But, of course, the biggest winner was Corona Virus, the 2020 champ, and proudly has an engraved square lest we forget!

## Summer Play and Membership

A group of our golfers still play several times each week during the summer. Tee times are at 9:30 a.m. on both Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. There are no sign-up sheets, but anyone interested in playing should arrive prior to the tee time and meet the group who will be playing that day. Play is very informal but a good way for potential members to establish a handicap (need 10 9-hole rounds).

Membership dues are only \$30 for the upcoming season beginning in September; a golf membership is not required. To join, contact our Membership Chair Janine O'Connor.



Marian Zanetti receives the Championship Plaque from Sandy Waldrup



Champions since 1994.



# Update from the Strategic Planning Committee

By Mitch Timberlake



Chairman  
Mitch  
Timberlake

The Strategic Planning Committee is underway in the development of a planning document to let the Board of Directors know what we the residents of

Magnolia Point think are the most important issues facing the community over the next 5-10 years.

## How is this different than previous plans?

When we were a "developer" controlled community the developer did what was in his best interest to sell houses. Now that we are a community controlled HOA the Board of Directors thought it would be a good idea to ask you what their priorities should be. This is a radical departure from the past and your opinion matters.

The process is underway and you have seen the first two of a number of surveys asking for your thoughts on significant issues facing Magnolia Point as we look to 2030.

The surveys are initially focused on gathering information. Phase II of the process will ask you to prioritize issues and activities to address them and how the community wants to fund the projects. The final Phase will be a formal strategic planning document that you are asked to confirm as the most important projects the Board should pursue.

The committee recognizes it takes time to share your thoughts by responding to surveys. But, we ask that you give them some thought and respond so we have a well rounded perspective on what you feel are the most important task and projects the BoD should take on.

You can look at the raw data in our working documents, surveys, and sign-up to get additional surveys if you are not already on the HOA list at:

[mpccommunications@yahoo.com](mailto:mpccommunications@yahoo.com).

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# Thank You Nancy Nettuno

*By Susan Mitchell*

The Magnolia Point Women's Club recently thanked Nancy Nettuno for her years of service to the club as their Corresponding Secretary. Since 2010, she has served in this position until she retired in May.

Here's a little history on Nancy's involvement with the women's club. She joined when it was first formed in 2001 and served as its first Hospitality Chairman and visited the new residents of Magnolia Point. Nancy served as the club's second President, serving two terms starting in May 2004 through April 2006. She then, served one year as an advisor in the Past President's role.

In 2008, Nancy became the club's Grants Chairman responsible for applying for grants to fund our charitable projects. She has also been responsible for our members attendance at classes sponsored by the Reinhold Foundation that focus on leadership development of nonprofit organizations in Clay County.

Along with Betty Alix as co-chair, Nancy still serves in this position today. Over the years, she has secured almost \$118,000 in grant money. Lucky for us, Nancy only resigned her secretary position and remains active in the women's club.

Nancy, we cannot thank you enough.



**Susan Mitchell &  
Nancy accepting  
Reinhold Award**



**Kathie Cardon  
turning the gavel  
over to Nancy**





# GCS Jr. High Color Guard

By Susan Mitchell

This past school year, the Green Cove Springs Color Guard was formed and consisted of a diverse group of girls in the 7th and 8th grade. Band and Chorus Director Tina Larsen started the group and is its leader.

The Color Guard competes in competitions both locally and across the state. They dance and spin flags to a song that is usually 3-4 minutes long. They recently competed at a Florida Federation Color Guard Circuit (FFCC) event in Daytona Beach. Fleming Island High School was generous to lend the group uniforms and flags so they could compete and they came in third place.

This coming school year, the Color Guard



will be joining our local high schools for the annual junior high night performance in the big stadiums under the lights at the football games. They will also compete in the FFCC events along with 300 other schools from all over the state.

The Magnolia Point Women's Club

recently donated \$2,000 to the group to purchase uniforms, flags and supplies. The team members will have fund raising projects over the summer. If anyone would like to contribute, contact Tina Larsen at the Green Cove Springs Junior High School.





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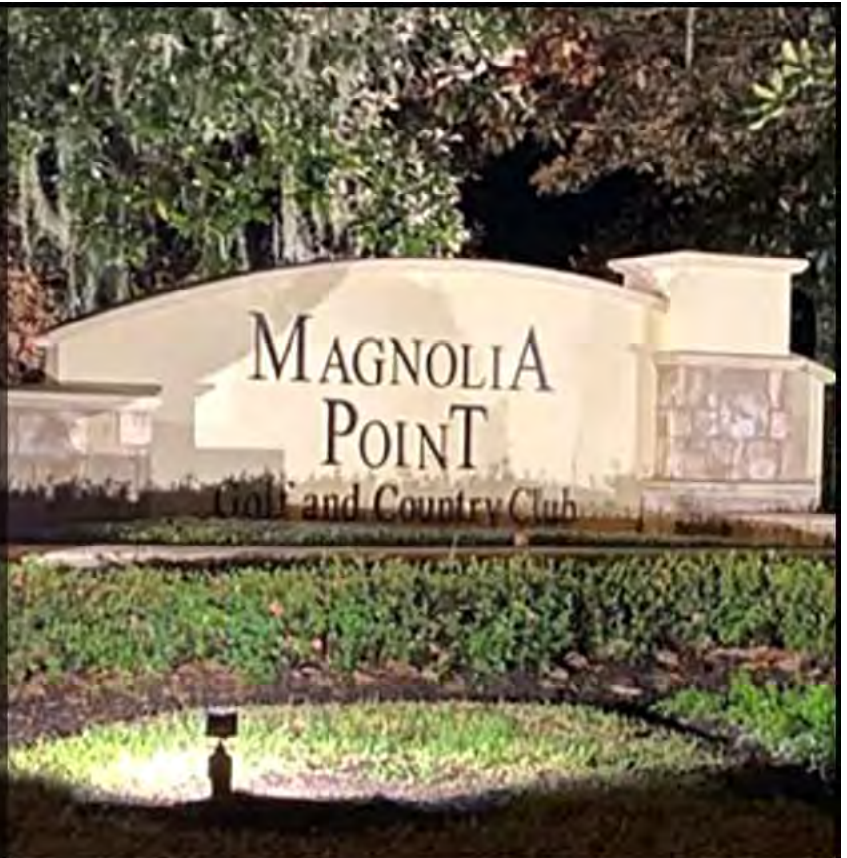
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