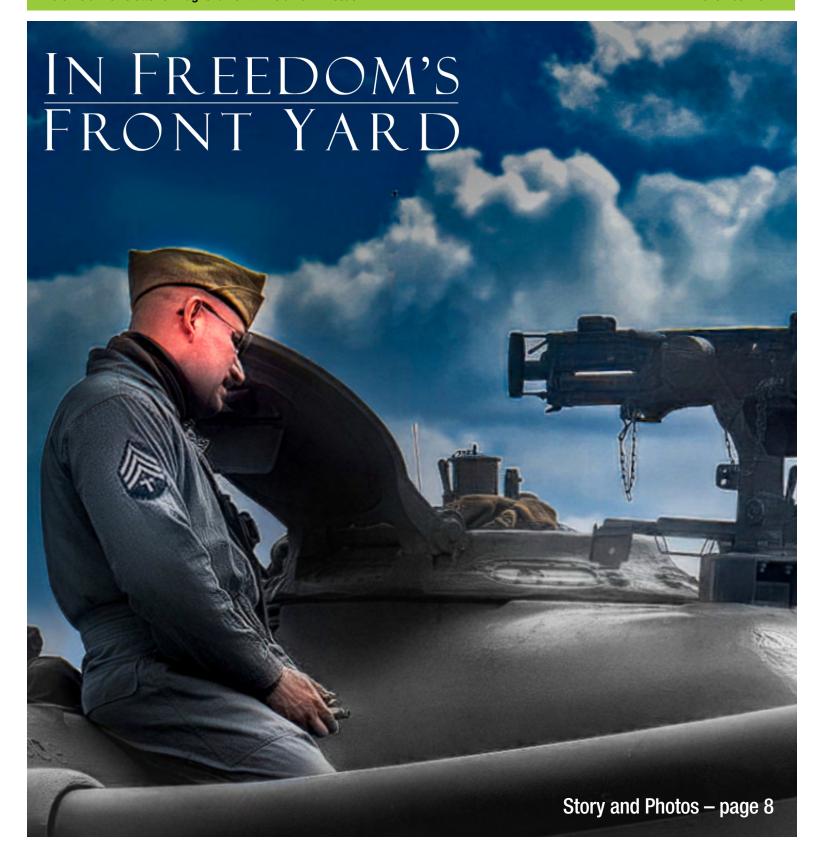


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The Magnolia - Publication Policy

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 to editing.

Deadlines may be found on the Magnolia News website.

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Magnolia Point Women's Club	<u>www.mpwc.org</u>
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The PubOpens 11am Monday-Saturday;
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Sunday Breakfast	8-11:30 am
Friday Night Dinner	5-9pm
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The Magnolia

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"Mission Magnolia"

This FALL we are collecting Can Tabs to benefit The Ronald McDonald House. Drop off the tabs from the top of your aluminum cans until the end of the year!





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WANTED: HOA Volunteers

By Susan Mitchell

With over 900 homes in our community, you would think volunteers would step up for open positions. But that is not the case. For months, we have had two open positions for chairpersons. Both the Communications and the Architectural Review Committees need a chairperson. Also, with the election of two board members coming up in March 2022, we need an Election Committee chairperson and committee member volunteers.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

The chairperson oversees and coordinates the review and approval of ARC applications and submits monthly reports to the Board. The Chair should be familiar with the governing documents as related to homeowner improvements and specific ARC guidelines. MPCA members interested in volunteering to serve as ARC Chairperson and/or committee member should submit an application to the CAM.

Communications Committee (CC)

The chairperson sends emails at the request of the Board of Directors, reviews and maintains registered property owners on the HOA website, sends welcoming emails to new residents, reminds board members and committee chairpersons of newsletter deadlines, answers resident questions, or directs them to the appropriate source, and works with the webmaster of the HOA website.

Election Committee (EC)

The chairperson oversees and coordinates the interview of Board candidates and schedules public forums at which, the Members may engage the candidates regarding their positions on issues important to the community. The Chair should be familiar with the Bylaws, which govern the committee's activities. The Chair also works closely with the Association Secretary and CAM to distribute candidate applications and meeting minutes. MPCA members interested in volunteering to serve as EC Chairperson and/or committee member should submit an EC application to the CAM.

If you would like to apply for any position, either as a chairperson or a committee member, complete the Committee Sign Up Sheet that is on the HOA website at:

https://www.magpt.com/file/document/469162932/mmLLfRGSn4gaJYEH.pdf

Drop off your completed form in the "Drop Box" on the exit side of the gatehouse.

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 Jon Bastress, Vice President

I have been on the HOA board for only 8 months but I am pleased with the continuing transition from a closed buildercontrolled board to a more open

and transparent resident-style board. This process still has a long way to go but we are putting significant effort into it and making progress. Below are examples of our efforts to be more transparent and to improve communications between the residents and the board.

- Expanded the HOA website to publish monthly financial reports, annual audit reports, Board meeting minutes, HOA applications and forms, Articles of Incorporation, MPCA By-Laws, Community Handbook, covenants, committee reports, emergency & local contacts, etc.
- Residents can "Contact Us" directly via the HOA website. A board member, CAM or webmaster will respond to your question or concern in a timely manner.
- Residents can address pertinent community issues and concerns on the "Members Forum." All board members read the members forum and try to contribute their insights as appropriate.
- All board and committee members' names, telephone numbers, and email addresses are available on the HOA website so you can contact us directly with concerns.
- To communicate with the community better we established the Strategic Planning (surveys of what works and what needs improvement) and Block Captain (establish direct communications with residents, increase awareness and participation in HOA business) committees.

It is completely understandable that not everyone is satisfied with the speed of the transition and the progress already made. But please keep in mind all board and committee members are only part time volunteers and your neighbors.

The remainder of this article addresses recent board meeting discussions and actions that impact the community.

Two Board Openings - There will be two board positions up for election in March 2022. If you are interested, please complete the application on the website (Committees - Election Committee - Board Candidate Profile Form) and email it to the CAM. If you are a resident and are in good financial standing with the HOA you are qualified.

2022 MPCA HOA Budget - The board has worked diligently to establish the 2022 budget to be submitted for approval at the annual November budget meeting. All our vendors/contractors (maintenance, landscaping, security, etc.) have significantly increased their contract costs for 2022 to cover their increasing labor and material costs. Our treasurer John Lochner believes that we can absorb these increases without a general HOA fee increase or special assessment in 2022. This assumes we do not have a major storm causing substantial HOA damage.

Remote Guarding - Our Securitas guarding contract costs continue to increase (12% in 2022) due to increasing guarding wages, employee benefits and difficulty hiring qualified personnel. To offset these increasing costs the HOA has been researching using Remote Guarding technology. Remote Guarding offers an offsite guarding capability, shared by other gated communities, during "low volume" times (typically late night and early morning shifts). For example, we average 354 visitors per day but only average 12 visitors between the hours of 10pm and 6am (8 hours). We pay a guard for a full 8-hour shift to handle those 12 visitors. In other words, we spend approximately 33.3% of our guarding services budget (approx. \$60,000 per year) during this extremely low volume period. Remote Guarding technology gives us the opportunity to lower our

annual security costs.

Traffic Study Complete - In September, the board hired Buckholz Traffic engineering firm to compare our private roads to the standards set for public roads by the Federal Highway Administration in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). They made nineteen specific recommendations and we expect to address all of them as the budget permits. Some of the recommendations are center line stripping, reflectors/stripping on median islands, entrance/exit pavement arrows, better golf crossing markings, widening narrow sections of Colonial, etc. They submitted a 4-page recommendation that is on the Access Control section of our HOA website.

Block Captains Committee - At the September meeting, the Board approved forming a Block Captain Committee. The purpose of the block captains is to increase resident awareness, input, and participation in HOA business. A primary task of committee members will be to contact residents to establish preferred communications channels (email, text, phone call, etc.). Linda Werring was appointed the chairperson of the committee. She will need volunteers throughout the community to be effective. If you would like to volunteer to be a block captain, please contact Linda at 904.531.5987 (landline), 571.594.9634 (cell & text), lindawerring@gmail.com (email), or stop by her home at 3655 Shinnecock Ln.



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Magnolia Point Contract Bridge Club

Duplicate Bridge is played on the first Thursday of the month from 3 to 6pm in the Crystal Dining Room. The cost is \$3.00 for prize money and supplies. Contact Roy Gulick at RoyGulick@aol.com if you are interested in playing.

Social Bridge is played in the dining room the rest of the monthly Thursdays from 3 to 6pm. The cost is \$2.00 for prize money. Contact Joe Thill at <u>JoeThrill79@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in playing.

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.

Ladies Bridge is on hiatus until October 2021. Barbara Barclay will be sending out an email for those interested in playing or contact Barbara directly by calling 284-1331 or email her at brbarclay@comcast.net

Social Bridge, Thurs., Sept 30

- 1. Brad Lucas & Jerry Ritchie
- 2. Connie & Michael Byers
- 3. Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka
- 4. Evie & Joe Ezzell
- 5. Marty Essex & Nancy Ellis
- 6. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott

Duplicate Bridge, Thurs., Oct 7

- 1. Michael & Connie Byers
- 2. Phyllis Boyd & Roy Gulick
- 3. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott
- 3(t) Brad Lucas & Jerry Ritchie
- 5. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
- 6. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill

Social Bridge, Thurs., Oct 14

- 1. Phyllis Boyd & Roy Gulick
- 2. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
- 3. Marty Essex & Nancy Ellis
- Iris McDivitt & Joanne Montzka
- 5. Michael & Connie Byers
- 6. Alice Lodge & Karen Tague

Social Bridge, Thurs., Oct 22

- 1. Michael & Connie Byers
- 2. Phyllis Boyd & Roy Gulick
- 3. Alice Lodge & Kaaren Tague
- 4. Nancy Ellis & Sharon Murphy
- 5. Brad Lucas & Jerry Ritchie
- Sondra Costa & Marsha Parker

Special Olympics Golf at Magnolia

By Cindy Triay

The Special Olympic
Golf Team from Clay
County has been
practicing at Magnolia
Point Golf and Country
Club since Monday,
August 9th. Thanks to
Trevor and Deneen
Rothfels for graciously
providing our golfers with
a place to practice.

We have a total of 19 athletes. One golfer, Ryan Thomas, competes in 18 holes and has been working with Dave Mack. We have 2 9-hole golfers. Mike Woods has been working with Ray Forbess who is a resident of Magnolia Point and Josh Haddock competes with Dave Mack in alternate



Special Olympics Golf Team in their new shirts



Special Olympics Golf Tea

shot. Recently, we had two of our golfers qualify to go on the course for 3 holes. Bob Goldberg and Jayson Keeton have gone on the course 2 nights now and are doing so well that I anticipate them both competing in 9 holes alternate shot next year. To get to these levels, athletes work on their skills: short and long putts, Chipping and Pitching and Woods and Irons. Once an athlete consistently earns 60 points or more, they qualify to go on the course.

This would not be possible without the help of our amazing volunteers. Special Olympics would like to thank Bob Barclay, Cindy Bates, Zachary Bybee, Devron Evans, Marsha Fields, Ray Forbess, Joyce Lee, David Mack, Bobbe Marion, Jenna Ruiz, Thomas Smith, Barbara Szymanski, Coach Cindy Triay, Assistant Coach Dan Thomas, John Wright, Matthew Wright and Taylor Young. Some volunteers have been to every practice and some only one. We really appreciate everyone's help and could not have done it without every one of you.



Marsha Fields lining up a putt with Danielle Catlett

We have had some weather and Covid challenges but have had a successful season.

We would also like to thank the Magnolia Point Women's Club for the donation of our beautiful new golf shirts. Our team really looks sharp!!!

Monday, October 11th, they had their first competition here at Magnolia Point. This qualifies them to go to Area Games on Saturday, November 6th at Hidden Hills Country Club. Anyone receiving a first place will be eligible to possibly go to State Competition in Orlando on December 10th and 11th.

Note: A huge thank you to Cindy Triay who has organized the Special Olympics golf for the last several years.

Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club

November 2021 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Clubhouse Hours Golf Shop: Daily, 7am - 6pm Pool: Dawn till Dusk Dining: The Pub: Mon. 11am-7pm, TuesThurs. 11am-8pm, Fri. 11am-11pm, Sat. 11am-9pm, Sun. Breakfast: 10am-11:30am; Lunch: 12pm-7pm. The Crystal Dining Room Dinner Fri. 5pm-9pm; Breakfast: Sun. 8am-11:30am Happy Hour, Mon. – Fri., 4 - 6pm. (904)269-9276 x 0 for reservations & carry-out						
	1 PUB 11am - 7pm Happy Hour 4pm – 6pm	2 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4 - 6p Take-Out Tuesday Spaghetti & Meatballs	3 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4pm - 6pm Wine Down Wednesday Dinner in the PUB	4 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4pm - 6pm	5 PUB 11am - 11pm Lunch 11am - 4pm Happy Hour 4 - 6p Dinner in the CDR 5pm -9pm Live Music! Shane Myers 7pm - 10pm Magnarök Event 6:30-8pm	6 PUB 11am - 9pm Pickleball Clinics 9am-10am Beginners 10am-11am Advanced
7 PUB Breakfast 8-11:30am Lunch/Dinner 11:30am - 7pm	8 PUB 11am - 7pm Happy Hour 4pm – 6pm	9 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4 - 6p Take-Out Tuesday Chicken Marsala & Linguine	10 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4pm - 6pm Wine Down Wednesday Dinner in the PUB	11 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4pm - 6pm	12 PUB 11am - 11pm Lunch 11am - 4pm Happy Hour 4 - 6p Dinner in the CDR 5pm -9pm Live Music! Spade McQuade 7pm - 10pm	13 PUB 11am - 9pm Pickleball Clinics 9am-10am Beginners 10am-11am Advanced MGA Banquet Dinner
14 PUB Breakfast 8-11:30am Lunch/Dinner 11:30am - 7pm	15 PUB 11am - 7pm Happy Hour 4pm – 6pm	16 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4 - 6p Take-Out Tuesday Loaded Mac & Cheese	17 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4pm - 6pm Wine Down Wednesday Dinner in the PUB	18 PUB 11am - 8pm Happy Hour 4pm - 6pm	19 PUB 11am - 11pm Lunch 11am - 4pm Happy Hour 4 - 6p Dinner in the CDR 5pm - 9pm Live Music! Supernatural Duo 7pm - 10pm	20 PUB 11am - 9pm Pickleball Clinics 9am-10am Beginners 10am-11am Advanced
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IN FREEDOM'S FRONT YARD

By Dave Petraglia Story photos by the author except where noted Cover photo by Dave Petraglia

At one time, what is now Reynolds Industrial Park here was Lee Naval Air Station. It was home to as many as 20,000 sailors. 5,000 Navy and Marine Corps pilots trained here on Wildcats, Hellcats and Corsairs.

The facilities, the piers and airfields of Green Cove Springs, were the 'front yard' in our country's preparations for the defense of the world's liberty over 75 years ago.

'The Race For Berlin' started all over again this century in a field alongside the Military Museum of North Florida off Route 16. For three days last February, the Museum, together with the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) hosted armor and artillery fielded by WW2 Armor of Deltona. Restored Sherman tanks, a 155mm 'Long Tom' M2, and 50 caliber machine guns made my morning coffee jiggle on our patio table, I can attest, 3 ½ miles as the crow flies from our house.

Manned entirely by full-time, paid staff and part-time volunteers, the 'reenactors' share a dedication to the duty that their parents and grandparents displayed in the war in which they served.

According to W. Michael Houk, WW2 Armor Chief of Staff, "WW2 Armor's role in this event is to demonstrate WWII-authentic use of tanks and armored fighting vehicles



by engaging the senses of spectators in both hourly salute firings and an afternoon battle alongside reenactors. We really want them to get a feel for what it must have been like for service members on a European battlefield in 1944 and 45. It's one thing to see a still photo or watch a video, but when you go in person, in addition to the "boom" you might expect, you feel it in your chest, you smell the engines and hear the tracks. There are few spectacles quite like seeing a 46 or 33 ton tank maneuver on its objective, let alone a group of them... and with artillery support!"

Plans are underway to ring in spring 2022

with a similar event scheduled for March 25-27.

In addition to the convoy of military vehicles and field pieces, which can easily run north of 160 tons, trained personnel are key.

"At the last Green Cove Springs event we had the pleasure of working with about 50 U.S. and German reenactors." Mike said. "They really bring with them a great deal of historical knowledge. Their presence on the battlefield adds a great deal in the way of humanity in contrast to the tonnage of our armor which is anything but."





'Full battle-rattle'

Two things highly sought after: gleaming brass 50-cal shell casings still warm to the touch.

And earplugs.

Several veterans worked the crowd as the tanks rumbled into position, handing out earplugs. The guys I was standing with shrugged.

"You'll thank me," the old-timer assured him. We both put in the plugs.

With the first 75mm round from a Sherman, he and I both looked around for the vet. To thank. As Mike Houk stated, you really feel the report in your chest. And then some.

Next, the .50 cals kicked in, and the barrage from the Shermans found a regular cadence.

The reenactors flowed through the landscape, and 'The Race For Berlin' was underway.

'Policing the brass'

Once the tanks ground to a halt, the crowd descended like a flock of seagulls on a freshly-plowed field, combing through the fresh, soft ruts, hot on the trail of the remnants of the .50 cal machine-gun bursts from the vehicles. The bright brass casings, the size of magic-markers, were the prize. Kids and seniors alike beamed as they held up their treasures for all to see.

The yearly event hosts perhaps a hundred vendors, with everything 'military memorabilia' available for purchase, as well as food and beverages. It's very well organized, with Clay High ROTC volunteers guiding visitors to free and very convenient parking. In addition to tank crew and infantry skills demonstrations, there are MVPA military vehicle displays from all eras. One popular attraction was the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation & Flying Museum rides in a Vietnam era UH-1 Huey helicopter over the Reynolds Park landscape.

At February's event, they burned through 2,000 machine gun and 350 tank rounds, according to Houk.

'Lobbing some HEAT'

No, WW2 Armor does not fire 'saluting' rounds. "Our different vehicles have different shell casings that are appropriate to that gun. These guns are 100% licensed and authentic. A 75mm shell casing for a Sherman tank might have one or two pounds of black powder in it. A standard load for the Long Tom "shell" is about 8 pounds."

WW2 Armor's schedule is year-round. "In a year without COVID we might attend between four and five events. Most are in Florida. When we're not attending an event, we're training in the off months at our private facility near Orlando. We train for authenticity, and most importantly, safety. These things don't care who they hurt, and in order to share them with the public we have to make sure we keep high standards in their operation. This means coordination between our crews, our event



Photo by Jon Soucy



Photo by Jon Soucy





hosts and also the reenactors. While what we do is unique and extraordinarily fun, safety is an extremely serious business."

"To date, our farthest event from home is the annual D-Day reenactment in Conneaut, Ohio. Most events are in Florida, but we've got an eye on a couple more out-of-state events and are always on the lookout for other opportunities."

"The owner, Rabbi Rob Thomas, is the President and CEO of the not-for-profit WW2 Armor. He describes himself as a very fortunate man who believes blessings are best when shared. He shares by enabling WW2 Armor to bring this unique aspect of history to the public in honor of the veterans his collection represents."

Come next March, you can experience up close and personally, the excitement of Thomas' generosity along with that of the many hundreds of volunteers that make the event such a success. You don't want to miss this!

After all, it's pretty much in your front yard.



Photo by Jon Soucy



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Luminary/Scholarship Committees – a worthwhile relationship

By Joanne LaBeouf

In November, the Magnolia Point Women's Club begins its sale of luminaries. The club has been selling luminaries since 2001. Besides adding to the overall community's festive look on luminary night in December, luminary proceeds go to the MPWC Gisela L. Ferrell Scholarship Fund founded in 2003. Members decided in 2016 that the proceeds from luminary sales would go to the scholarship fund. In keeping with the Scholarship Committee's mission, these funds are distributed via scholarships to qualifying Clay High senior girls. While the club always lets our community know of those who receive these scholarships, it is worthwhile to share a few of the program's many successes.

Susan Mitchell, the first committee chair (2003), is still in touch with the first two girls to receive scholarships, April Williams Vicoli and Tyara McCray Tolbert. Both have successful careers as nurses. Tyara is currently in a doctoral program related to medicine at the University of South Carolina. Two more recent success stories are Hannah Jones and Alicia Glisson Dunn.

Hannah Jones was a 2018 MPWC scholarship recipient. She attended and graduated from the University of Florida in Aug. 2021 with a BS in Biomedical Sciences. She is currently working as a pharmacy technician as she applies to various pharmacy programs in the hopes of earning a doctorate



Alicia Glisson is a 2016 recipient who attended and graduated from the University of Florida with a BS in Communications Disorders. Presently she is a graduate student at Jacksonville University. For her externship for January 2022, over 100 students applied at Brooks Rehab Aphasia Center and she was one of the two chosen to study there. Alicia will graduate with her masters in May 2022.

Stories such as these stand as proof of the value of residents supporting the sale of luminaries and specifically the aim of the



MPWC to support education through scholarships. To date MPWC has awarded \$124,100 for scholarships to Clay High School senior girls. So, when your block captain selling luminaries comes to your door in November, please know that your participation in this event contributes to such a worthwhile cause. If you would rather just donate, your donation is tax deductible. All funds raised by the Women's Club are used for charitable purposes while its dues cover member benefits such as socials, programs, sunshine, and hospitality.

Residents, Thank You for your Support

By Susan Mitchell

For over 26 years, residents have donated to an annual charity fund for the Charles E. Bennett Elementary School, where over 90% of the children live in poverty. In 1996, the lady golfers at Magnolia Point started the drive and then asked the Women's Club to take it over in 2002.

Both the school and the ladies of Magnolia Point are grateful for your donations that improved the life of children in our area.

This year, the women's club will not hold the annual charity drive as we have enough funds in the designated account to assist the schools during the next year. The Charles E. Bennett Elementary School is receiving assistance from many other organizations, partially due to the Women's Club spotlighting the needs of the school children.

We hope you will continue to support our luminary sales where 100% of the proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund. These scholarships further the education of girls at Clay High School.



Dec 11 - Light Up Magnolia Point

By Susan Mitchell

Preparations are underway for the 21st Annual Luminary Night in our community, which is on Saturday, December 11th. This traditional event serves as a women's club fundraiser with all proceeds going towards scholarships for young women at Clay High School.

For the first time since 2001, the Women's Club has had to raise the price of luminary kits to \$7.50 per kit. As we all know, prices of everything have been going up. Since candles are made of paraffin, which is made from petroleum, the price of candles has skyrocketed.

On the day of the event, residents place the luminaries three feet apart in front of their homes and light the candles between 5:00-5:30 p.m., letting them glow throughout the evening. As part of the evening, everyone is encouraged to meet and greet their neighbors and sightsee around the community.

Once you light your luminaries, you may decorate your golf cart and participate in the Country Club's "Luminary Cart Parade." There is a cart decorating contest followed by a parade of carts through the community. Watch for more information about the parade route as we get closer to Luminary Night.

Many thanks to everyone who participates in this annual event that also furthers the education of young ladies in our town.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order, contact Luminary Chairman Brenda Frey at <u>BiF323@aol.com</u> or give her a call at 904-228-5929.



Golf Pro Shop News

By Joe Porfidio

We are nearing the conclusion of our MGA "restart," which has been an excellent opportunity for Magnolia Point men to compete in various golf tournaments. The results from last month's Two-man Shamble are as follows: 1st Place: Andrew Blackner and Don Dopp (61); 2nd Place: David Broadus and Mike Taylor (64); 3rdPlace: Ernie Young and Shaun Smock (65).



The men competed in the final tournament of the year, a Team Stableford, on Saturday, October 23rd. Again, the results are as follows: 1st Place: Jon Bastress, Bob Frank, Jim Cardozo, Rannel Westberry (140); 2ndPlace: James Tripp, Buddy Brown, Roy Clark, Kenny Crews (136).

Congratulations to September's and October's winners! We will host an MGA Banquet Dinner in the Crystal Dining Room on Saturday, November 13th, at 6:00 p.m. A delectable meal with hors d'oeuvres, and an open bar is planned for the evening. Additionally, prize money will be distributed according to each players' cumulative points standing, with the top player receiving the MGA Champion's Trophy.

Instead of a golf tip this month, let me offer a couple of good golf quotes from a couple of famous guys.

"I have a tip that can take off five strokes of anyone's golf game. It's called an Eraser." Arnold Palmer.

"This is a game. That's all it is. It's not a war." Jack Nicklaus.



Want to get in shape and have fun at the same time? Join a Fitness Community that does just that. Green Cove CrossFit is located just off of Harbor Road, Just Outside the main gate of Magnolia Point.

Visit www.greencovecrossfit.com

Or call 904-531-5361 to get more info and set up a intro session.

We are located at:

1525 Virgils Way

Green Cove Springs FL, 32043









Anna Weidner, Mary Austin, Anne Bastress, Kim Belcher, Barbara Coker

MP Women's Club Update

By Susan Mitchell

Nov 10 - Program

Attorney Dale Wilson, a Magnolia Point resident, will be our guest speaker in November. He will talk on wills and trusts.

Nov 10 - Mix & Mingle Social

Following the meeting, we will have a "Member Mix & Mingle." We might all be ready for a little libation after hearing about estate planning, a timely topic for most of us. Membership and Hospitality are treating members and guests to a glass of wine or soft drink of their choice. We hope to see you there!

Meet Our New Chairpersons

We have new chairpersons and thank these ladies who have stepped up to fill the positions:

We are sad to lose our Vice President Debbie Shvetzov who is moving out of our area. If you have an interest in being Vice President, please contact President Lorna Broughton.

October 13 – Learning New Crafts

Our program following the October meeting included learning new crafts for the upcoming holiday season. Nancy Catudal taught members how to make fancy napkins and Barbara Coker taught us how to make flower arrangements. Everyone had fun learning how to make new crafts.

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 goes out 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 \$20.00 including tax and tip. September winners in the money included:

- 1. Barbara Szymanski, 37,555 pts
- 2. Thresa Oliverio, 35,975 pts
- 3. Shirley Orvosh, 35,875 pts
- 4. Linda Werring, 34,445 pts
- 5. Sharon Sprott, 33,965 pts



Nancy Catudal, Linda Werring

How to join... If you are interested in joining the women's club, contact our Membership Chairman Jola Greiner at 404-273-0181 or JolaGreiner@msn.com. Our membership application is on our website at 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.



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Tennis Court Report

By Andrew Blackner

Our Fall Schedule is in full swing here at the courts. All our clinic(s) are "drop-in" style, meaning you can come anytime you are available. We have also given a proper description of the types of classes offered here at Magnolia Point Tennis. We cannot wait to see you on court soon!

Monday + Wednesday =

► These two days are for our beginners in tennis! From ages 4 and up, if you've thought about trying TENNIS... these two days are for YOU!

3:30 pm = Quick-Start/Red Ball ages 4 yrs. to 6 yrs. old

4 pm = Beginner Orange Ball ages 7 yrs. to 10 yrs. old

5 pm = Beginner Teen TennisDo you have a teen wanting to play high school tennis? This is the clinic for them!

6 pm = Beginner/Basics Adult Clinics if you've ever thought about playing tennis, this is the clinic for YOU

Tuesday =

4-5 pm = Intermediate/ Advanced Orange Ball ages 7-11 yrs. old, has foundational understanding of the game

5-6 pm = Advanced Teen Tennis

12-17 yrs. old, plays for high school team or is looking to get back into tennis

High school tennis begins in January so NOW is the time to begin training

6-7 pm ~ Men's Clinic

► This clinic is geared for men of all levels. It's a great workout and you will learn some strategy during point play. Lots of fun!!

Thursday =

4-5 pm = Intermediate/ Advanced Orange Ball ages 7-11 yrs. old, has foundational understanding of the game

5-6 pm = Advanced Teen Tennis 12-17 yrs. old, plays for HS team or is looking to get back into tennis

6-7 pm = Let's talk about "Mixed Doubles" (& no, not those beautifully crafted cocktails you are all thinking about...I see you, but we do offer "court side" service!)

Have you ever thought about what it takes to be a good mixed doubles partner in tennis?

A lot of times we are playing with our spouse(s), our friend(s) or one of our league teammate(s)...but what does any of that mean "on court"? Do you know your partner's strengths? Play = Style? [or the lesser talked about ~> their weakness?]

Or, another common question is does Coach Andrew pick my partner for me? Is that a better strategy?

I suppose the answer to that question would be what are your goals for the season?

- To have fun?
- To win?
- To dominate?

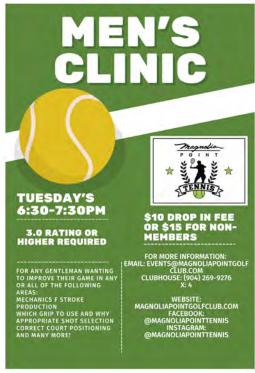
What about if your partner can't seem to communicate once the match starts? You have the perfect game plan but once it's go-time, they freeze? What do you do?

If you have questions like the ones above, come out every Thursday evening from 6-7 pm so we can help you improve your mixed doubles strategy.

Saturday Morning = PICKLEBALL

Did you know Coach Andrew enjoys playing Pickleball too? "You couldn't have invented a more perfect game for me with a table tennis and tennis background." Coach A enjoys teaching pickleball and shares on court how ping pong and tennis skills translate very well over to pickleball. He also "plays in" on occasion to help more advanced players with technique. "I'm only out here to help!" ~ Coach A

If you are looking for a new sport to try, come out and give it a go! We have beginner lessons at 9 AM & more advanced players can hone their skills at 10 AM.





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Ladies Nine Hole Golf League By Sandy Waldrup

One month into our season, and we have had a great turnout of golfers! The weather has been miserable though, and we are all hoping for cooler weather soon!



Sept 30 -**Flags** Janine O'Connor, Donna Hirsch, Sandy Waldrup, Ursula Hundt

Sept 30 - Flags

There were 12 golfers today, and we welcomed new member Debbie Youngblut! The game was "Flags," an oldie but favorite. The team score is based on what color the flag is on each hole: 1 net score is used for a Blue flag; 2 net scores are used for a White flag; and 3 net scores are used for a Red flag.

Congratulations to Phyllis Boyd for her chip-in on Hole 7! She took home the chip-in monies that had been carried over since we started

1st Place - Sandy Waldrup, Donna Hirsch, Ursula Hundt, Janine O'Connor



Oct 7 -Low Gross, **Low Net** Carol Webb, Sharon Sprott, Cheryle Newman, Sandy Waldrup

Oct 7 - Individual Game Day

Every golfer played her own individual game today. The field was divided into 2 flights and each flight paid out low gross and low net. And, for the second week in a row, there was a chip-in - congratulations to Sharon Sprott for her chip-in on Hole 14!

We also welcomed Cheryle Newman to our group. It has been a long time since we have had 2 new golfers and we are always looking to add to our membership roster!

A Flight

Low Gross - Cheryle Newman Low Net - Sandy Waldrup

B Flight

Low Gross - Carol Webb Low Net - Sharon Sprott

Membership

Join us and have fun this year! Dues are \$30 for the season, with \$5 earmarked for ringer prize money. 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.



Oct 14 -Whack & Hack Janine O'Connor, Sharon Sprott, Phyllis Boyd, Sandy Waldrup

Oct 14 – Whack & Hack

The team game "Whack & Hack" was back on this season's schedule. Each team takes the low net and high net from the group for a team score. No team scored well, each team was within 5 strokes or so of the other teams. Blame it on the weather - it still has been so hot and humid. And there were no chip-ins, breaking our streak of 2 weeks in a row.

1st Place - Phyllis Boyd, Sandy Waldrup, Sharon Sprott, Janine O'Connor



Oct 21 - 2 **Best Balls** Debbie Youngblut, Phyllis Boyd, Sandy Waldrup, Susan Mitchell

Oct 21 – 2 Best Net Balls

The game was changed from our individual game to a team game, hoping the weather would cooperate. It was somewhat cooler, but still got humid. Each team took the 2 best net individual scores for its team score. Only 1 point separated the winning team from another other team, with the third team being a distance behind. There were 2 great individual scores - Cheryle Newman shot a 48 and Phyllis Boyd shot a 50! There were also no chip-ins, so the pot rolls over.

1st Place - Phyllis Boyd, Sandy Waldrup, Susan Mitchell, Debbie Youngblut







Happy Holidays Magnolia Point!

By Aubrie Keoho

The fourth Thursday in November we gather our friends and family to feast. From the amazing turkey dinner to delectable desserts, MPGCC has you covered for the perfect holiday. If you'd like to leave all the decorating, grueling preparation, and inconvenient cleanup to us? We are happy to help! Come and join us at the clubhouse for one of our two seating times: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM or 3 PM to 5 PM.

Thanksgiving Dinner

What is on the menu, you ask? Prepare for a palate adventure sure to bring back the fondest of memories. First up, Chef Meeks will be brining and preparing a gaggle of turkeys to start your journey with a from scratch gravy for dressing your bird. Light and dark meat will both be available so pick your favorite or enjoy both. But why stop there? We don't! Come enjoy the king of beef cuts, Prime Rib. The meat is tender, savory and juicy with just the right amount of marbling. Up next, Chef will have his traditional Amish-style Dutch apple stuffing along with a country-style cornbread stuffing. Classic and creamy mashed potatoes dance along the side of your plate along with cranberry sauce and a crisp mixed green salad. With assorted dressings available, you can make your salad sweet or savory. This pick-your-own-



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adventure doesn't end here... Our various dessert selections will fill in all the cracks. Assorted pies and cakes will be freshly plated and available, so you won't have to pick just one. You can sit back, relax and eat all your favorites in the beautiful Crystal Dining Room.

Adult pricing will be \$36++ per person, children 3 years old to 12 years old will be \$14++ per person with children 2 and under being complimentary. Did you know that this can all be picked up TO-GO? Yes, WAY! You can pre-order your Thanksgiving feast or call to reserve your beautiful table now - The Pub: (904) 269-9276 x:0

We look forward to assisting you and your families in creating unforgettable memories at the clubhouse!

Right after Thanksgiving, begins the most magical time of the year. We are such a family friendly environment here at the club and we want to invite you to all of our amazing annual holiday events.



Christmas Dinner

First up is our Member Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 4th, with a plated dinner arrangement fit to kick your holiday spirits into high gear.

Luminary Night

Next up, Luminary Night on December 11th in conjunction with the Magnolia Point Women's Club (MPWC). The MPWC raises money yearly for their scholarship fund by selling luminaries on each block inside the neighborhood. The clubhouse then hosts a Christmas Cart Parade to drive around and look at all the beautiful lights inside the gates. Decorate your cart, your homes and yourselves and join us at the clubhouse.

Breakfast with Santa

But in all of this, where is Santa? Well, we have sent him a Christmas-gram and he is coming to see all the good little girls and boys on the morning of December 18th. He is very busy every year but can make time for the most important meal of the day, BREAKFAST!

New Year's Eve

Stay tuned for more information on all of these events in our December publication. But don't forget we also wrap the end of the year at our New Year's Eve Bash. Come say goodbye to 2021 and welcome in 2022. Let's toast to new beginnings!

Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club Welcome New Members

Mattew & Bethany Eriquez Adam Wood Elizabeth Hall

Sara Burkett Michael Gatie Randy & Pamela Young

Andrew McGuire & Teresa Gardner Laura Walsh

HOA Block Captains

By Linda Werring

My husband and I are happy that we decided to retire in Magnolia Point. We love the peaceful neighborhood, large lots, and all the friendly people I talk to when I am out on my daily walks.



With all these positive attributes of MP, there is one area I am disappointed in - the participation level of the HOA. Why do so few people attend board meetings? Why did we only have two people step up to fill the two board vacancies last March? Why did a former board member have to fill the vacancy when Ed Hayes needed to step down? Why don't more people access the HOA website? Will more than two people run for the two vacancies coming up on the board in March of 2022? So many questions!!

With all the upcoming growth in the county and the new expressway just west of us, we need to come together as a community to plan for our future. The five members of our HOA board will have many important decisions to make in the coming months and years.

It is understood people are busy and do not want to attend "boring" board meetings. But, if people do not go to the meetings or use the HOA website on a regular basis, is the information they receive timely and accurate? Many residents do not know who to contact if they have an HOA concern or issue. (Believe me, I know because my husband is the Access Control Chairperson and he gets a lot of questions that do not pertain to Access Control.) How can our board members know how to vote on issues before them if they do not get community input? Have you noticed a number of topics have been tabled for future meetings instead of putting the items to a vote?

Therefore, I proposed starting a Block Captain Committee. The purpose of a block captain is to let the neighbors who live close to them know who to contact (either a board member or committee chairperson) when they have an HOA concern or issue. A Block Captain can assist a new neighbor get set up with the HOA website or VMS if necessary. A Block Captain could inform their assigned neighbors if a survey or important board vote is coming up soon. This way, residents can decide if it is important to them to research the topic and provide input or not. Block Captains will not give their opinion on topics.

Communication is likely to be more effective when it starts in a small group. People in large groups tend to think they are just a mere drop of water in a huge body of water. They think their little drop will not make any difference in the size of the ocean. Every drop counts!! Your voice matters in our HOA. Please consider participating more in our HOA. Please consider volunteering to be a block captain for a small area or, at the least, let your board members know your opinion on agenda items.





Tony Greiner, Larry Sessions

Lori Miller, Susan Hanline, Jola Greiner, Kim Belcher, Terri Clark







Barbara Adams, Cheryl Kennedy, Judy Sessions Pete Belcher, David Miller, Albert Greiner

Donna Habing, Sandy Hricik, Sylvia Ludwig

Wine & Cheese Mixer

By Jola Greiner

The women's club Membership and Hospitality Committees hosted a "Newcomers and Members Mix & Mingle" on Sunday, October 24 at the Greiner home. There were twenty-three in attendance, a mix of new and longtime residents, couples, and singles.

Instead of limiting invitation to women only, the aim of this party was to get folks together, share experiences and meet neighbors for fun experiences. There were lots of email addresses and phone numbers exchanged for future get-togethers. And the food was not bad either! The next mixer will be a brunch in January. Be on the lookout for your invitation.

If you are a new resident to Magnolia Point and have not been visited by the Hospitality Committee, contact Jola Greiner at jolagreiner@msn.com or give her a call at 404-273-0181.



Dinner prepared by Sandy & Bob Hirik

Clay High JV Football Dinner

Once again, the Magnolia Point Women's Club fed the Clay High School JV football team before its game on Thursday, October 21st.

A big thank you to Sandy and Bob Hricik for preparing and delivering the main course. The menu was barbecue pork sandwiches, baked beans and macaroni and cheese, all homemade. Women's Club member Jola Greiner made cupcakes, sugar and salted caramel cookies. Kim Belcher made coconut cream cheese cookies, chocolate chip cookies, peanut butter cookies, and Rice Krispy treats.

Thank you to the Clay High girls who serviced approximately 50 students and coaches.



Thank you to the Clay students who served dinner.



Clay High JV Football Players

NOVEMBER 2021

Bv Ann Burden

We love playing here at Magnolia Point, our home course, but sometimes some of us venture out and play in area competitions. That is what several of our MPLGA ladies did on Tuesday, October 19. They played in the annual Fernandina Beach Women's Golf Association's 27-hole Classic Tournament and wow did they do us proud! Teresa Barrett and her partner were winners of the first flight. Jeanne Gorman and Carolyn Harper were third in the second flight and Fran Kinney and Connie Manning took first in the third flight. Congratulations to all!

Results of Thursday competitions:



Sept 23 1-2-3 on 5-4-3 B. Burkhart, A. Burden, J. Radican



Sept 30 Team Stableford C. Manning, B. Burkhart, J. Montzka, S.

On **September 23** we played 1-2-3 on 5-4-3. This means that each competing foursome uses one best ball on par 5s, 2 best balls on par 4s and 3 balls on par 3s. We were threesomes which made it even more challenging. On par 3s there was extra pressure as we needed to count all 3 balls. No room for error. The winners were Bonnie Burkhart, Jody Radican and Ann Burden.

September 30 was our day to play the first Stableford of the season. We play this once a month. We are divided into 2 teams: The Moxie Girls whose team color is teal and Pretty in Pink who wear pink. There is a monthly contest where each foursome is a team mixed of both Moxie and Pretty players. They compete for the monthly prize. Each player scores 1 point

for net bogey, 2 points for net par, 3 points for net birdie and 4 points for net eagle. We keep a running total for the teams and the winning team after 4 months divides the spoils (prize money.) And then we start another set of 4 competitions. Pretty in Pink has a 1-point lead over Moxie Girls 128 to 127. The weekly winners were Bonnie Burkhart, Joanne Montzka, Sue Tucker and Connie Manning.



October 7, we played the second in our series of C.O.D. Winners were Jeanne Gorman, Jody Radican, Ann Burden and Connie Manning.

Oct 7 C.O.D. J. Gorman, C. Manning, A. Burden, J. Radican

Our October 14 game was Modified Nassau. We competed in flights for best net score in each flight for the front nine, back nine and overall scores. Flight A winner was Jeanne Gorman, Flight B Hyun Coffman, and in-flight C Jody Radican won Front and Overall and Ann Burden won the Back.



Oct 14 Modified Nassau J. Gorman, H. Coffman, A. Burden

October 21 was our second Team Stableford of this set. After two months Moxie Girls lead Pretty in Pink 257 to 241 with two more months to decide the winner. The weekly winners were Carolyn Harper, Hyun Coffman, Joanne Montzka and Ann Burden. Connie Manning was the star of the day earning 40 points for the Moxie girls and 2 chip-ins!



Oct 21 Team **Stableford** C. Harper, J. Montzka, H. Coffman, A. Burden





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