



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Buck Bolden, SPGOA President



Greetings neighbors!

A number of exciting developments are underway in our community.

I know many of you are interested in adding a kayak launch and bay overlook at the Resort Village property. The initial payment has been made, so permitting and construction should start very soon. This facility will be an excellent addition and provide a great way to appreciate the beautiful vistas and water sports the bay provides. I hope you have a chance to enjoy it!

The new SGPOA website will launch on March 1st. I think you will find that the website is more intuitive and easier to navigate.

With the launch of the new website, we will be able to view recordings of Board of Directors' Meetings. While I'm certain that we won't be nominated for any Oscar-worthy performances, I do feel that this improves the Board's transparency and accountability to all owners. (Please note, the recordings are the property of the SGPOA and are not to be modified or shared with those outside the community.)

We are off to a great start this year, and I look forward to continuing to serve as your Board President. Please contact me with any suggestions or questions.

Thank you!

REMINDERS: LOOKING AHEAD

Prepare for Turtle Season NOW!

Turtles season begins on May 1.

What do you need to do before the season begins?

- ▶ Check and confirm all exterior lights are turtle-friendly lights. [Click here for SGPOA Exterior Lighting Policy](#)
- ▶ Any changes to exterior light fixtures require ARC approval and must be completed before May 1
- ▶ All boardwalk and dune fencing repairs and installations are required to receive ARC approval and be completed before May 1



***The deadline to submit any changes to ARC before Turtle Season is March 31 for the April 14 meeting.
Contact arc@sgpoa.com for questions.***



Board of Directors Meetings

2023

January 19
February 16
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15
July 20
August 17

*September 14 (2nd TH)
Owners Budget Workshop

*October 13 - FRI
Owners' Annual meeting
1:00 PM

Board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM unless otherwise stated



BOARD BRIEFS AND COMMUNITY NOTES

The Board Briefs represent a brief overview of the BOD meeting. Please refer to the board packet and committee reports for more complete information. [Click here](#)

Website Launch: March 1st is the anticipated date for the new website and Owner portal launch. Owners, please watch for an "invitation" email to register to gain access to the Owners portal.\

Remote Audio/Visual: Staff is researching upgrades to improve the remote audio and virtual option when accessing meetings .

2023 Assessments: As of 02/16/2023, 12 houses and 15 lot properties have not paid their 2023 Assessments. Any past due assessments will be charged late fees beginning March 1st.

Reminder: Be cautious of emails that appear to be coming from the Admin Office. The office will never contact you via email or phone and ask to set up payment through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Security/Safety: The speed bumps coming in and out of the gate will be replaced within the next month. In preparation for rental season the security staff is reviewing the association procedures and policies and neighborhood watch patrols are being documented.

Facilities: The RV pool leak detection has been completed. Swain Pools will begin resurfacing upon receipt of payment. Swain Pools submitted an estimate of \$102,000 to resurface the Magnolia pool. There was an increase due to lap lane tiles being added. The BOD approved a zero-turn mower for Maintenance.

Infrastructure: The Board agreed to the Infrastructure Committee's motion to share the MRD study with the Alachua Conservation Trust for the purpose of making recommendations from an environmental perspective. Michael Dombrowski, President of MRD Associates, will discuss the St. George Plantation *Beach and Dune Restoration Feasibility Study* at the March 1st Infrastructure meeting. All are welcome to attend in person or by zoom.

Recreation: The committee is making plans for the Owners' Spring Fling activities on April 28-30. The weekend is being planned in conjunction with the ArtSocial Committee's Paella by the Pool party on April 29th.

The Maintenance

Team is hard at work repairing and extending boardwalks before Turtle Season. Sea Oat West and Denise West boardwalk extensions and repairs are complete.; Plantation Pass West is currently being extended.



Denise West ~
Before



Denise West ~
After



THANK YOU
volunteers

At the February Board meeting the Board approved owner Jim Wojcik to serve on the Infrastructure Committee. The Board also approved August Elliott to be Chair of Infrastructure. Chuck Cizek will remain as Vice Chair.

The SGPOA depends on owner volunteers to plan, structure, and maintain our vibrant community. Our success relies on shared governance between our Board of Directors and owner participation in Advisory Committees. Thank you all for your service!

To learn more about volunteering, please contact Jane Kirk at office@sgpoa.com

Meet Tim Thompson, Architectural Review Committee (ARC), chair



My vision for the ARC is quite simple, and is stated in the first paragraph of the ARC section of our Covenants. "The ARC shall assist Members to develop and build single family homes on Covered Property in compliance with this Declaration".

Our members come to the ARC with their dreams and treasure in hand. We need to respect that above all and recognize that our committee controls not only what is being built, but the schedule and efficiency of it being built. A single one month delay can be crippling (and add incredible expense) to a construction project. Our committee recognizes this fact and will always do everything within our authority to clear questions, and create solutions that meet both our obligation to comply with our covenants and assist our members during our meetings. Our goal is to never send a member away asking for a resubmittal at the next meeting.

We also recognize that no one enjoys coming before the ARC committee for project approval. It is a scary thing to submit a plan and have it reviewed, discussed, and approved or disapproved by a committee that has the power to deny, alter and delay. I promise that our committee will respect our members, respect their dreams and treasure, assist them, and fairly and evenly ensure compliance with our covenants and within the confines of the governing documents.

Contact: arc@sgpoa.com



There are good ships and there are wood ships, the ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are friendships, and may they ever be. ~ an Irish toast

Save the Date

March 17
St. Patrick's Day Party

April 29
Paella by the Pool Party

June 9
Pool and Porch Party

October 14
Harvest Moon Gala

December 31
New Year's Eve Party



Security Comes to the Rescue!

An owner recently called Security to report a distressed pelican on her property. Security officer Simon Hodgson (pictured) came to the rescue to help the malnourished young bird. He and fellow officer Avery Scott safely transported the bird across the bridge to Eastpoint to hand off the pelican to Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) for observation and rehabilitation.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Undertakes Little St George Island Beach and Dune Rebuilding ~ Spring 2022

Last April through the second week of May, dredging operations were undertaken along the approach channels to Sikes Cut within Apalachicola Bay. Through this process very large volumes of sand were pumped across the bay to reconstruct the gulf shoreline on Little St George Island (LSGI), to rebuild a portion of the west side of Sikes Cut, and reconstruct LSGI beaches and dunes back to elevations exceeding 20'. Shoreline areas adjacent to Sikes Cut have previously seen ongoing erosion ever since Sikes Cut was dug in 1954, despite the jetties being built later in 1958.

The efforts are part of the USACE Regional Sediment Management (RSM) program. Previously, sediments dredged from channels (termed dredge spoils) were considered waste, and nearby offshore and quiet water areas were identified for waste spoil disposal. After many years of dredging though, the USACE found many of its spoil areas were full and had trouble finding suitable new areas to dump sediment (this has been particularly true for Franklin County). Instead, the RSM idea that evolved was to try to use those dredge spoils, if and when measured to be compatible, to rebuild beaches, dunes, and estuarine areas that have been damaged by storms and erosion. In addition to shoreline restoration, another benefit of RSM is that total dredging costs are often significantly reduced because of the pumping or carry of dredge spoils, otherwise long-distance disposal means much higher operational costs. A similar effort is underway along the Eastpoint jetty.

The USACE website indicates the 24" suction cutter - head dredge "Integrity", owned by Inland Dredging Company (now Encore), was tendered to undertake dredging operations first along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from December through March 2022 and then finishing at Sikes Cut the second week of May 2022. Many owners would have seen the operation from a distance in Apalachicola Bay along the channel approach within the large piping strung across to Little Saint George Island. The reported vessel rental cost for the Sikes Cut portion operation was \$4 million. The cutter-head rotates to dislodge sand and shell fragments, and the resultant sand/shell/water slurry is hydraulically pumped along long floated pipes to a chosen discharge (spoil) site where it is released. The discharge site on this operation was Little Saint George Beach on the west side of Sikes Cut. As the discharge was deposited, heavy machinery then worked to plow and shovel the material, and spread the sand and shell fragments all along the eroded shoreline, reconstructing and re-contouring both the beach, the Sikes Cut shoreline, and building high protective dunes (the gulf side LSGI was raised to >20' elevation). Before the operation commenced, local Audubon employees undertook a shorebird nesting survey on LSGI to make sure no endangered or threatened species nests would be affected.



The dredge Integrity



clay and mud being spread on LSGI 4/22



dredge spoils 4/22



building up the LSGI side of Sikes Cut

see next page for an incredible photo of this beach and dune transformation

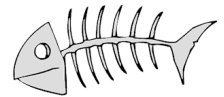
LSGI in Early April 2022



LSGI in Early May 2022



SAFETY REMINDERS



Observe Stop Signs - As you merge onto Leisure Lane please come to a complete stop and look both ways for traffic on the bike path.

Bike Path - Leisure riders are requested to use the bike path and road bikes/fast riders to use Leisure Lane, exercising caution and safety at all times. A bike bell can also help alert walkers and joggers if you are approaching them from behind on your bike.

Golf Carts - If you are traveling on Leisure Lane in your golf cart please be aware of traffic that may be trailing behind you. For safety reasons, it would be best to pull off to the side and let the vehicles pass before continuing on. An owner must be present at all times when golf carts are being operated.

Fish Cleaning - Please dispose of fish remains properly. If you have access to the bay, the crabs and critters will gladly indulge. Perhaps freeze the remains until garbage day. Do not dump in empty lots or in the Plantation ponds.

DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES



PET POLICY

As per the Franklin County Dog Ordinance (SEC 3- Direct Control) and the SGPOA Pet Policy, all dogs must be on a physical leash and under the direct physical control of a person when not on the property at which its owner resides. This would include common areas such as pickleball and tennis courts, bike paths, and beaches.

Call Security to report violations 850-927-2362 and/or file an incident report.



HAPPENINGS

Wednesday Wonders - Another Success!

Approximately 40 people attended the February Wednesday Wonders event sponsored by the Recreation Committee. Anita Groves and her team from Apalachicola



National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR), explained the value of Nick's Hole to the Plantation. Nick's Hole is maintained by ANERR and is part of Florida's Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail. Available to owners and guests are recreational opportunities such as kayaking, fishing, hiking, primitive camping, picnicking, and wildlife viewing. Following the presentation, several participants went to Nick's Hole to see the



area and enjoy its natural beauty.

Check the Magnolia clubhouse lobby for a detailed pamphlet about this area.

WEDNESDAY WONDERS

IN THE PLANTATION

MARCH 22 - Birds in the Plantation
Meet at the Magnolia Clubhouse Parking Lot
Time to be determined (watch eNews)



Join Florida's Audubon Seabird/Shorebird team for a walkabout as they discuss the birds that live and migrate through the St. George Plantation. The goal is to identify the area birds, behaviors during migration and mating, and a few surprises about these birds.



RSVP by Monday ~
March 20
email: Kathleen Delohery
kdrk1@aol.com
(With subject line:
Wednesday Wonders)

SAVE THE DATE

March 8: Little St. George Island-FULL
April 12: Living Shorelines

The **ArtSocial Committee** hosted *For the Love of Art* reception, complete with wine and exquisitely prepared food, for local artists Orit Reuben, Madeline Reamy and Barbara Noonan. Over 70 owners and their guests attended to view the art, meet the artists and hear about their inspirations and techniques. Their art may be viewed at the Magnolia clubhouse through the end of this month. The committee held a raffle for three paintings donated by the artists. The \$800 raised was donated to Kids Tag Art Competition and the Backpack Buddies Program.

Earlier in February, Orit Reuben shared Contra-jour painting, where students learned to create glowing skies in pastels. Madeline Reamy held a workshop on Acrylic Painting Tools and Techniques. Watch the eNews and Soundings for upcoming events sponsored by the ArtSocial Committee.



Committee members Annemarie Boehnlein, Julie Korpanty, Kim Tribble, Sharon Frazier, Claire Rice, Co-chair; Janelle Smith, and Linda Struble gather around the donated paintings for the raffle.



Artist Orit Reuben (l) with owners Greg and Linda Strubel

Owner Denise Sokoloski and Orit Reuben (l)



Artists Madeline Reamy (l) and Barbara Noonan

**SAVE
THE DATES!**



**April 28-30
Spring Break Weekend**

The Recreation Committee is organizing a weekend of activities for owners and owner guests. Watch for details in future eNews and the March Soundings.



Come play Bunco with your friends and neighbors the first Wednesday of every month. No experience is necessary for this fun dice game of chance. BYOB and a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share.

- Social time starts at 6 pm
- Play begins at 7 pm
- Magnolia Clubhouse
- \$10 to play



RSVP - bunco@sgpoa.com the Monday before game day



Open Play Pickleball

16 years and older



**New Extended Hours
Sun/Wed/Fri
9 am - 12 pm**

Use logbook at court to reserve other times
pickleball@sgpoa.com

St. Patrick's Day

DINNER

Friday, March 17

Magnolia Clubhouse

Social Hour: 6 pm-7 pm

Plated Dinner: 7 pm

RSVP by March 10

(seating is limited)

Owners Complimentary/Owners Guests- \$30 per person
[click here to make your reservation or email \[office@sgpoa.com\]\(mailto:office@sgpoa.com\)](#)

If you make a reservation, and cannot attend, please cancel no later than March 15 so that others may attend in your place*



More Activities in the Plantation

Bridge - 2nd & 4th TU 1 - 4 pm bridge@sgpoa.com

Cardio Tennis - Every MON @ 4 pm tennis@sgpoa.com

Mah Jong - 1st & 3rd MON 1- 4 pm mahjong@sgpoa.com

Indoor Aerobics - M/W/F 9 -10 am exercise@sgpoa.com

Yoga - Tues @ 4:30 pm yoga@sgpoa.com

PLAY CHESS!

The chess group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Magnolia Clubhouse. Boards and chess clocks will be provided. Players of all levels are welcome. Bring your own refreshments.

Contact Walt Enders: chess@sgpoa.com



SPECIAL NOTES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

To submit ideas, articles, photos, etc. for consideration to *The Soundings* or Plantation website, contact:
newsandevents@sgpoa.com

Deadline for submission to *The Soundings* newsletter is the 1st day of the publication month.

When searching for vendors and service people, refer to the **Registered Vendor List** on the website. After sign-in, click OWNER on top menu bar, then click REGISTERED VENDOR

[Click here to view list.](#)

MULTIPLE WAYS TO ACCESS SGPOA MEETINGS AND STAY INFORMED

All SGPOA owners are welcome to attend Board meetings, ARC meetings, or committee meetings in person, via a "listen only" phone, or streaming live on your Smart phone or computer.

AUDIO ONLY: The "listen only" phone number and pass code ID (which changes with every meeting) is available prior to the meeting on the committee agenda; this agenda can be found on the weekly email blast and website. You may call in up to 5 minutes prior to the meeting start time or anytime during the meeting. All meetings are EASTERN TIME.

VIDEO & AUDIO: To watch the meeting live, you may also download the Zoom app to your computer, Smart phone, or I-pad and enter the pass code ID provided on the agenda.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android - <https://zoom.us/>

On menu bar, click JOIN A MEETING, then enter pass code ID located on the agenda.

Minutes of committee meetings available at www.stgeorgeplantation.com. Click on Owners >Resource Center >Advisory Committees and choose the specific committee.



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The Board of Directors meetings begin at 1:00 pm in the Plantation Room located on the second floor of the Clubhouse on Magnolia Rd. Budget, Assessments, and Citations may be on the agenda of each meeting. Agendas are posted on the website and bulletin boards located at the Clubhouse and in the mail room (west side of the pool house). Meeting dates are posted on the front page of *The Soundings*.

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Board of Directors

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

Meets the 2nd Friday of
each month at 1:00 pm
Magnolia Clubhouse

2023

January 13
February 10
March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

**All submittals must
be made at least 10
business days prior
to the next
scheduled monthly
meeting**