

The Soundings

January 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Buck Bolden, SPGOA President



First, I would like to thank the new volunteers of the following committees for stepping forward to contribute your knowledge and your time. These neighbors will help guide our community as we set priorities for the year:

*Joan Isaac ~Infrastructure Committee

*Julie Korpanty ~ ArtSocial Committee

*Shirley Richardson, Deborah Crabtree, and Jim Williams ~
Landscape Committee

Also, a brief mention of the proposed Resort Village enhancements and the Owner's Survey in 2022: between these two efforts, it became apparent that a reevaluation is needed to assess the adequacy of several Plantation amenities.

This undertaking will require time and patience to work out community preferences, desires, and willingness to fund any associated costs. As the new year gets started, the Long Range Planning Committee, composed of former Board Presidents, and the Resort Village Ad Hoc committee will reconvene to discuss the best way to move forward on such an important assessment. Look for more information on these efforts as we move into the first quarter.

Thank you for your support as we begin a new year working together in the best interest of this beautiful community.

History in the Plantation - Considered the first homestead in what would become the Plantation, the Farley home and outbuildings in this photo from 1911 are said to have been built by relatives of John Witherspoon of New Jersey. The structures were thought to be located in what is now the Nick's Hole area.



Florida State Archives

It is interesting to note that John Witherspoon was an original supporter of and the only clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence. By signing the document, Witherspoon and his fellow signers pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. If the efforts at independence from England had failed, the signers of the Declaration would be among the first to be hanged for treason, and this family might never have had a presence on St. George Island.



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



Prairie Warbler

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](#)

Board Meeting Recordings: The Board approved the posting of the audio recordings of the SGPOA Board meetings on the SGPOA website. This will provide an opportunity to listen to the meeting for those unable to attend. Posting the recordings will be delayed until the new website launched.

Resort Village Pool: The expansion joint repairs have been completed but work continues on locating and repairing the leaks. The Board accepted the Swain Pools bid to resurface the pool however, there are still unknown costs to remove all the delaminated surfaces.

Jasmine and Sea Oat Paving Projects: The Board approved moving forward with the Jasmine Way paving project as outlined by Magnolia engineering. Infrastructure Committee recommended Magnolia Engineering option #4 for the Sea Oat project. The projects won't happen immediately due to the need to re-bid the quote for paving. [Click here](#) to see Magnolia Engineering drawings.

Resort Village Kayak Dock: The Board accepted and approved the new T-N-T Construction bid to build the dock. Due to a delay in receiving the county permit, the construction has been pushed back until late March.

Landscape Committee: The committee unanimously agreed to NOT recommend adding new water features such as fountains, heater for spa, etc. during the repair work at the Resort Village pool. They reached the conclusion based on the HOA need to balance resources and budget in the setting of a number of needed repairs to existing amenities and the large, unexpected cost to resurface the pool.

Admin Staff Welcomes Rental Companies to "Thanks - a - Brunch"

The morning of January 26 was all a-buzz in the Plantation Room when the SGPOA staff welcomed 22 folks from six local rental companies to an informative meet-and-greet brunch. The event included important information regarding turtle friendly lighting, dogs on leash, Right-of-Way parking, and other security issues. Admin discussed changes to the Covenants, such as the increase in rental agreements, capital contributions, and the new Affiliate Amenity fee increase. The OSTDS (Occupancy ARC Article VIII: General Rules and Regulations) was a topic of interest to the rental companies. The represented property management companies wanted to ensure the homes they represent comply with the DEP and new SGPOA covenant.

Fickling, Cape and Coast, Forgotten Shores, Vacasa, Gulf Coast Vacation, and Your Sandy Shores were well represented. Admin will continue hosting a yearly brunch with the rental companies to keep everyone informed of changes and updates and keep an open line of communication.



Bob Shiver, Director of Security, talks with Jamie Rex and her team from Forgotten Shores.

THANKS A

HOLE

BRUNCH

FOR WHAT YOU DO



AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES IN FRANKLIN COUNTY - HELP SPREAD THE WORD

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a [Federal Communications Commission program](#) that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service. This new benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an [online](#) or mail in application. You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting www.fcc.gov/ACP, or by calling 877-384-2575. Please share this information with local residents so everyone gets connected!

HAPPENINGS

Owners Ring in the New Year

A New Year's Eve celebration lit up the Plantation Clubhouse, with music, glowing lights, and owners enjoying dinner and dancing to bring in the new year together. Eighty owners, polished and pressed, gathered to begin the evening social hour with sparkling wine and other festive libations.

Seating for dinner followed with a delicious meal catered by Gormley's Gourmet Catering. Party guests were treated to clam chowder, pear salad, lobster stuffed fresh-catch roulade, and herb-crusted pork tenderloin. Several selections of desserts completed the four-course dinner.

Committee member introductions were made by co-chairs of the Art Social Committee; Karen Curry and Linda Struble, including the newest members, Betsy Prince, Kim Tribble, and Julie Korpany. Office assistant Jaylynn Boone was thanked for the name tags and the menu cards set at each table.

Following dinner owners danced to the tunes of Creedence Clearwater Revival, George Strait, Journey, and other favorites. The evening ended with guests singing Auld Lang Syne and raising a toast to 2023.

The ArtSocial Committee would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at the social events being planned for the coming year.



Recreation Committee Hosts 1st Wednesday Wonders



On behalf of the Florida Audubon Seabird and Shorebird team, Dr. Caroline Stahala presented a 2022 nesting recap, sharing many interesting facts about the bird life in the area. Thirty people attended and several signed up to volunteer for future Audubon activities. Please continue to watch the weekly eblast and monthly Soundings for upcoming presentations.

Many thanks to the Recreation Committee and office staff for assistance in making this a successful event.



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

Look for additional information and RSVP dates in the weekly eNews and future Soundings.

GET INVOLVED

WEDNESDAY WONDERS

IN THE PLANTATION

February 8

2:30 Refreshments

3:00 Presentation (new time)

Magnolia Clubhouse then

walk, bike or drive to tour Nick's Hole

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve staff will discuss the value of Nick's Hole and Unit 4, the property they manage on St. George Island. Topics will include public access, prescribed burning, habitats, and mangroves.

RSVP by Monday, February 6

email: Kathleen Delohery kdrk1@aol.com

(With subject line: Wednesday Wonders)



SAVE THE DATE

March 8: Little St. George Island-FULL

March 22: "Birds in the Plantation

April 12: Living Shorelines



Cardio Tennis is a free clinic held every Monday at 4:00 pm at the Magnolia Rd tennis court.

David Ison leads the class with drills designed to increase heart rates as well improving tennis strokes. The class is for any level of play and is not competitive.

Contact: David Ison - bbison@comcast.net

Join Us For Tennis !

SAT FEB 11 @ 10:00 am

Meet at the Magnolia Rd court

Come to play and socialize or just socialize!

Bring a dish to share and your own beverage

*Tennis socials are held the 2nd Saturday of every month. Contact: tennis@sgpoa.com

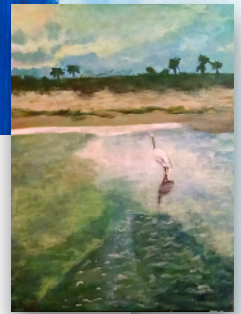


Open Play Pickleball
16 years and older
SUN/WED/FRI 9 -11 AM

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



For the
Love
of
Art!



Featuring the works of
Barbara Noonan
Madeline L. Reamy
Orit Reuben

Owners Wine & Cheese Reception
February 11 4-6
Magnolia Road Clubhouse

Exhibit opens
February 13 M-F 8-4



ARTISTS WORKSHOPS

Resort Village Clubhouse

February 8 @ 1 pm - 4 pm

Madeline L. Reamy

Exploring Acrylic Painting Tools & Techniques

Fee \$75

RSVP by Feb. 3

February 13 @ 9 am - 4 pm

Orit Reuben

Pastel Workshop Contra-jour Painting

Fee \$100

RSVP by Feb. 4

Contact: Claire Rice to RSVP and for additional information ArtSocial@sgpoa.com or 404-290-1613

Activities in the Plantation

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

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

Chess - 1st & 3 Tues. 1-3 pm chess@sgpoa.com

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

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