



The Soundings

March 2023

BOARD BRIEFS AND COMMUNITY NOTES

The Board Briefs are a brief overview of the BOD meeting. Click here to refer to the board packet and committee reports for more complete information.

GENERAL MANAGER: The Board approved the GM's request to proceed with the collections process of any outstanding 2023 unpaid assessments.

SECURITY: The Director of Security clarified the 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 is residing. Definition: The dog must be under physical control, on a leash, with the leash in the hand of the owner and in control.

FACILITIES: Philip Square, Facilities Manager, presented to the Board an approximate cost (\$113, 422.00) per year to move and maintain the bike path trash receptacles to the beach side. The Board agreed not to spend money this year to move the receptacles.

The Board also agreed by a vote 4 to 3 to postpone the Magnolia Pool resurfacing repairs for 1 (one) year.

The construction of the Resort Village Bayside dock/kayak launch will begin at the end of March.

AUDIT: Kevin Bowyer of Warren Averett reported, "*In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as of December 31, 2022, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America*" In consideration of the auditor's opinion, the Board passed the motion that the Board approve the 2022 Audit as presented by Warren Averett with the exception of one minor narrative related change.

FinCom: The Committee recommended to the Board that no new transfers to the Capital Improvement fund be made in 2023 until Reserve Maintenance and costs are better understood.

The Board approved Jim Mott to be Vice-Chair of Finance Committee and Leo Korpanty as a FinCom committee member.

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 on Advisory Committees. Thank you all for your service! To learn more about volunteering, please contact Jane Kirk at office@sgpoa.com



Board of Directors Meetings

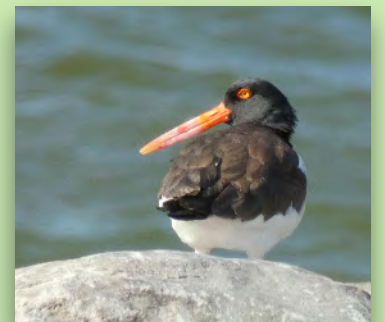
2023

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

*September 14 (2nd TH)
Owners Budget Workshop

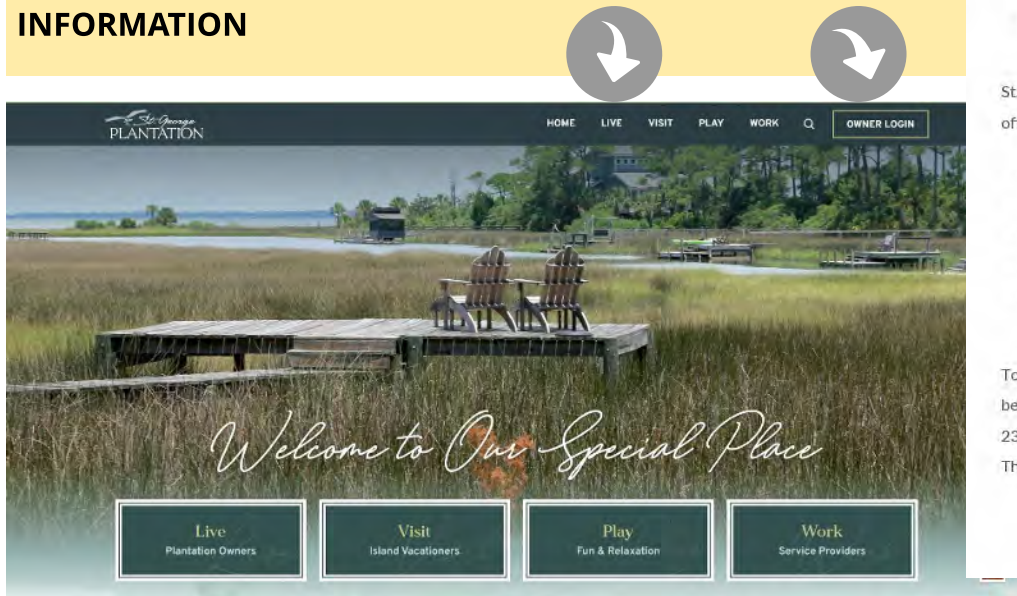
*October 13 - FRI
Owners' Annual meeting
1:00 PM

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



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NEW SGPOA WEBSITE and OWNERS PORTAL LOGIN INFORMATION



Invitation to Join

St. George Plantation Property Owners Association, Inc.
Residents' Portal

St. George Plantation Owners' Association invites you to join the official Owners' portal. Within this portal you can:

- View SGPOA documents
- Stay up to date on community happenings
- View Committee meeting agendas
- Submit owner suggestions
- And more!

To join and to view the Owners portal, simply click on the button below. For assistance please contact office@sgpoa.com or 850-927-2312 ext. 201

Thank you.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

New Website, New Owners Portal, Now What?

The long awaited and mobile friendly Plantation website, developed by KMA of Mexico Beach, FL, launched on March 1st. The new Website (www.sgpoa.com) has all the same information as the old website and is more user-friendly.

In addition to the public Website, a new owners portal is powered by FrontSteps, a software company specializing in HOA communities. Within the portal, owners can access SGPOA documents, meeting information, and Community information, including newsletters, bulletins, activities, etc.

The following steps are needed to access the **Owners Portal**:

■ Owners should have received an email invitation (see above) from FRONTSTEPS to register. The invitation was sent to the email address on file. Please check your spam or junk folder if you did not receive the email. Contact office@sgpoa.com as soon as possible if your email needs to be updated in our records.

■ Registering is required to access the Owners' Portal. You will need an email address and create a password requiring at least one capital letter, one number, and one non-alphanumeric character (!,@,# etc.)

■ To include your phone number and email information in the directory, you must "opt in".

Go to settings in the upper right-hand corner and click Privacy Settings. Check the corresponding box if you want emails, phone numbers, etc., visible in the directory.

■ Once registered, you can access FRONTSTEPS via the new Website www.sgpoa.com. The Owners Login button, located at the top right of the Home page (see photo above), will take you directly to the Owners' portal, FRONTSTEPS.

To enter guests: Dwelling Live (for guest passes) is found in two places on the SGPOA Home page. Look for a portal button at the bottom right of the new SGPOA website Home page or in the top menu bar click LIVE (see photo above for menu bar) for a drop down menu, then click Dwelling Live to access the Dwelling Live portal. **Dwelling Live login information has not changed. Please do not call the gate to register guests.**

***Please note: The Owners portal and the new Website are a work in progress. There will be changes and additions daily. Please check back frequently and inform the office of helpful changes or updates.

Sikes Cut Nesting Area Now Posted

In early March, an energetic Plantation volunteer group joined Audubon personnel at Bob Sikes Cut to stake the area for nesting shorebirds. Before Hurricane Michael in October of 2018, Snowy Plovers nested here. Oyster catchers have recently been sited there, and Least terns may use the area as a nesting site. Both bird species are of statewide concern due to diminishing nesting sites, so providing and protecting a haven for nesting is essential. Sikes Cut is a popular spot to fish, beach comb, and enjoy the island's natural beauty. Although dogs must be leashed, please maintain a reasonable distance from the staked area as the birds will assume all as predators. If you see others walking too close to the nesting area, take the opportunity to share information about the significance of the staking and the importance to the ecosystem in bringing these birds back to the area. We can coexist by helping these birds re-establish nesting grounds and share the natural environment that surrounds us.

In the Plantation we are all stewards of this area. If anyone sees bird activity in the staked area or any signs that need repair, please take a picture and email it to Dr. Stahala: Caroline.stahala@audubon.org.



Pictured from left - Dr Caroline Stahala, Mary and Dale Stewart, Dan and Amy Droste, Russ Kelly and Kathleen Delohery



River Exploration

Due to windy conditions the March trip to Little St George Island was replaced with an excursion exploring the Apalachicola and Jackson Rivers. The weather warmed up beautifully with abundant sunshine. Many thanks to Anita Grove for her guidance and presentation, to Captain George Watkins for the information about maintaining and harvesting Tupelo honey, Alicia Bruno for her keen eye spotting flora and fauna, and Jim Mott for giving us insight into the local geology.



Captain George discussing Tupelo honey



Pelicans roosting



Aboard the ANEER boat



continued...



WEDNESDAY WONDERS cont.

The Wednesday Wonders Plantation Walk-about with Brian Cammarano, Senior Coordinator from Audubon, included many interesting facts and sightings of the incredible bird life in our community, from shorebirds to songbirds to predators such as the Great Horned Owl. Brian shared the value of stopping and listening to various bird calls to help identify many species. An enjoyable event for all!



This owlet just fledged, look at the talons!

STAY ACTIVE!

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
- Chess**- 1st & 3rd TU 1-3 chess@sgpoa.com
- Indoor Aerobics** - M/W/F 9 -10 am exercise@sgpoa.com
(Watch for Indoor Aerobics to transition to Outdoor Pool Aerobics soon!)
- Yoga** - Tues @ 4:30 pm yoga@sgpoa.com
(Contact yoga@sgpoa.com to confirm dates.)



Open Play Pickleball

16 years and older



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

Courts may be reserved no more than two days in advance using the onsite logbook pickleball@sgpoa.com

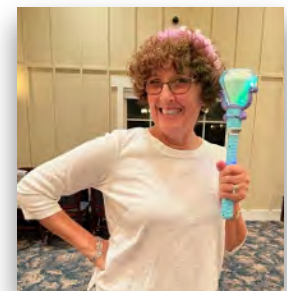
Prepare for Turtle Season NOW!

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 changes to ARC before Turtle Season is March 31 for the April 14 meeting.
arc@sgpoa.com



Join the fun the first Wednesday at 6:00 pm of each month with Ladies Bunco Night! Socialize with friends and roll the dice for your chance to wear the crown. Reservations by the 1st Monday of each month.

Contact Bunnie Ison at bunco@sgpoa.com to reserve your spot!

UPDATES

ArtSocial Committee Selects New Leisure Lane Banners

Recently, the ArtSocial Committee selected five photographs from the 2022 Photography contest which are being professionally printed and displayed as banners on Leisure Lane in the St. George Plantation. Below are the lucky winners!

Every year the ArtSocial Committee sponsors a photo contest for amateur and professional photographers to document what they see through a lens. This year's contest begins on June 1st, so begin taking pictures of our amazing area now! Prize money will be awarded, and your photograph may have a chance to be highlighted on a banner on Leisure Lane! Watch for details in future Soundings.

Look for these beautiful photographs from the 2022 Photography contest to be installed soon on Leisure Lane.



Juvenile Great Horn Owls
Steven Grunfeld



Between Two Worlds
Katja Schlamp



Sundown After a Day of the Sea
Katja Schlamp



Water Works
Claire Rice



The Gig is Up
Allen Smith



OWNERS SPRING PARTY!

PAELLA BY THE POOL
SATURDAY ~ APRIL 29
Magnolia Pool Bar-6 pm-9 pm

Fresh seafood Paella will be cooked pool-side by Real Paella of Tallahassee.

Tapas, salad, flan, Sangria, wine, and beer included. A vegetarian option will be provided upon request.

Reservations are limited
email office@sgpoa.com by April 21
Owners complimentary ~ Guests \$50

DID YOU KNOW?

Only Owners are allowed to own or rent golf carts.



All golf carts must be registered in the SGPOA office, after which a numbered decal will be issued to be displayed on the golf cart windshield. Any owner who wishes to rent a golf cart for a short period must come to the office to obtain a temporary permit.

- * Golf carts are not permitted on the bike path
- * An Owner must be present when the cart is in operation
- * No one under 16 is permitted to drive a golf cart
- * Rental guests are not allowed to bring a rented cart into the Plantation during their stay

HURRICANE SEASON: June - November 30



Property owners who wish to gain entry to Franklin County after a disaster, must obtain re-entry tag from the Franklin County Emergency Management. Once an EOC (Emergency Operations Center) is activated, no re-entry tags will be issued.

The time to apply for a re-entry tag is NOW!

For further information go to:
Franklin County Emergency Management
or download the form here



HAPPENINGS



The Recreation Committee is organizing a fun weekend of activities for owners and owner guests. Watch for the weekly e-news and flyers for details on details and how to sign up.

April 28-30 Spring Break Owners' Weekend

Friday: Tennis Social 2 - 4

Saturday: Fun Run 8 am
Corn hole on the Beach

Sunday: Pickle Ball Round Robin 9 am-12 pm



UPCOMING SOCIALS

June 9
Pool and Porch Party

October 14
Harvest Moon Gala

December 31
New Year's Eve Party

Rosie's Reflection, Jeannine Brock
2022 SGPOA Photo Contest Submission

WEDNESDAY WONDERS

IN THE PLANTATION

April 12: Living Shorelines

Time : TBD

Location: TBD



ANERR- The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve Coastal Training staff will demonstrate methods of shoreline preservation and explain how living shorelines are a more stable and accessible option for waterfront property owners. Participants will have the opportunity to plant a portion of a living shoreline on St George Island and will discuss other plants that do well on the island.

RSVP by Monday ~ April 10

email: Kathleen Delohery

kdrk1@aol.com

(With subject line: Wednesday Wonders)

Aren't We All Irish on St Patrick's Day?

O'George's Irish Pub was hopping on Friday, March 17, as the local Irish gathered to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. A giant leprechaun even showed up; a bit scary looking, but he was fun! Luckily, all 92 guests wore green, so there wasn't any pinching, but maybe a little kissing!

The Beach Pit did not disappoint, as they served a tasty meal of corned beef and cabbage, complete with carrots, potatoes, and salad. Holly Brown baked her Irish brown bread for us. And Sally Crown provided the scones, Bailey's cheesecake, and bread pudding with Irish whiskey cream.

The ArtSocial Committee took a moment to recognize and thank the previous chair, Bunnie Ison, for her contributions to the Plantation and the leadership of the Art and Social committees in recent years. Our resident expert on Ireland and Great Britain, Robin Cooper, gave us the true history of St. Patrick and enchanted us with the story of Tir na nOg, the legend of the land of eternal youth.

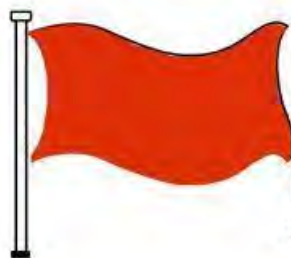
Everyone enjoyed visiting long after the Bailey's was gone, though a few of Sally's bread puddings were left for the clean-up crew. A good time was had by all.



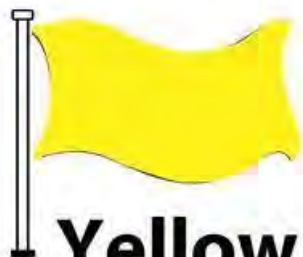
BEACH FLAG WARNING SYSTEM



Double Red
Water Closed to
Public Use



Red
High Hazard
(rough conditions,
such as strong surf
and or currents)



Yellow
Medium Hazard
(light surf and or
currents)



Green
Low Hazard
(calm conditions)

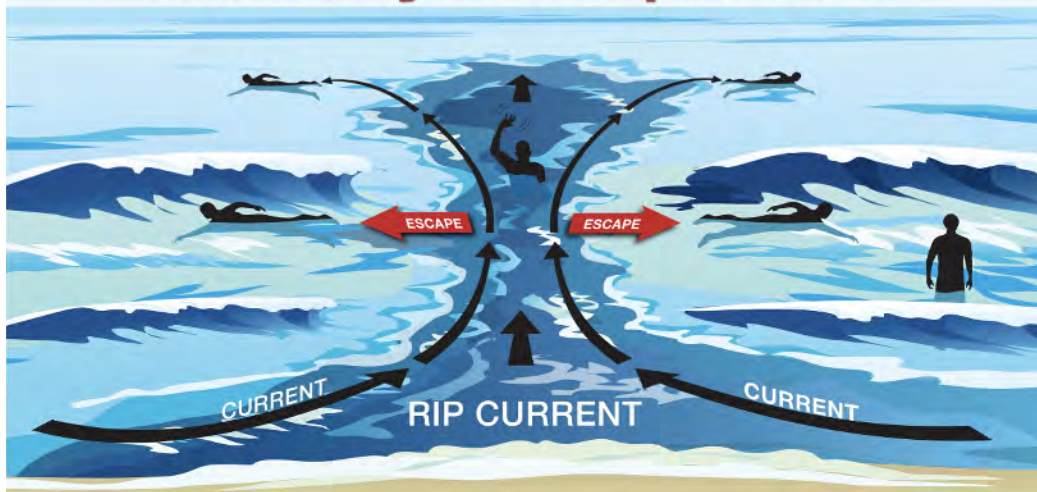


Purple
Marine Pest
(jellyfish, stingrays
& dangerous fish)

All owners and guests should be aware of the Beach Flag Warning System. To see the *Current Beach Conditions* click on this link: [Franklin County Beach Flag Warnings](#)

RIP CURRENTS

Know your options



Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. *They can sweep even the strongest swimmer away from shore.*

IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT:

Relax, rip currents don't pull you under.

Don't swim against the current. Swim out of the current, then to shore.

if you can't escape, float or tread water.

If you need help, yell or wave for assistance.

SAFETY:

Know how to swim.

Never swim alone.

If in doubt, don't go out.

More information about rip currents can be found at: Weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent/

The Break the Grip of the Rip free online training will help you learn how to spot a rip current.

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*.

SGPOA COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

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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**