



The Soundings

May 2023

President's Message, Buck Bolden



Friends, neighbors, and visitors,

Memorial Day marks the start of the traditionally busy summer season here on St. George Island. I look forward to the excitement of first time visitors to the island and the Plantation along with the homecoming of those who have been visiting for years, often times decades. As the season is just getting started I want to take this opportunity to provide a couple of reminders.

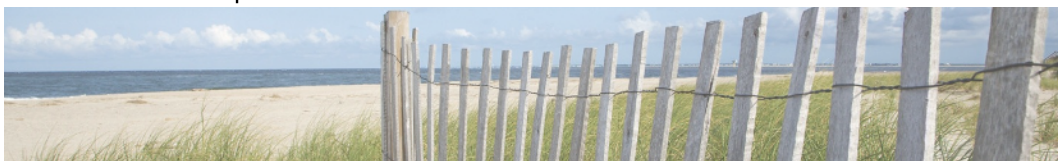
The first reminder is for the Pet Leash Policy. All dogs must be on a physical leash and under the direct physical control of a person when not on the property at which its owner is residing. That means a pet must be physically connected to it's human by a leash. As this is an official policy of the SGPOA, any offenses are subject to verbal, written warnings and possible citation by our security staff.

My second reminder is regarding fishing, specifically fishing from the shore. A couple of things here: fishermen and swimmers are often in close proximity. So for everyone's safety please give each other plenty of room to enjoy each activity. The other is in regards to shark fishing from the shore. This activity is subject to Florida Wildlife Commission rules and regulations. While shark fishing from the shore is legal, please be especially respectful to the presence of swimmers whether adults or children. Lastly, chumming for sharks from shore is prohibited by FWC and is subject to enforcement by FWC if reported. All fishing requires a Florida fishing license which is available online by clicking [here](#).

Please enjoy the summer whether it's here in the Plantation or some other wonderful locale!

IMPORTANT SAND FENCING GUIDELINES FOR BEACHFRONT OWNERS

Dune fencing and vegetation are required for all beachfront properties, including new construction. No work on dunes/beaches is allowed during turtle season (May 1 - Oct 31). However, now is the time to start your planning and scheduling! For more information on DEP Sand Fencing Guidelines and permits, click [here](#).



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

Next Board meeting:
June 15 at 1:00 pm



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.

Treasurer: Robin Cooper, Treasurer; The Investment Committee has approved Patrick Roffey as a member. The Board agreed with the Investment Committee's recommendation presented by Robin Cooper, Treasurer, that the Board open the Schwab account and engage Marco Investment Management to purchase US T-Bills ranging from 3 - 9 months on an ongoing basis.

General Manager: Brenda Ash, General Manager; The Board has amended the Meeting Recordings Resolution to include all committee meetings. Recordings will be available for 90 days after the meeting. Jane Kirk, the Association's Owner & Communication Liaison, will sadly retire this June. She has provided invaluable service over seven years and will be greatly missed. The administrative office has a new addition, Sonya Thompson-Shuman, who will be Administrative Security Support since Jaylynn Boone will be transitioning to the Owner & Communication Liaison along with her continued role as ARC Liaison.

Security: Bob Shiver, Director of Security; The Board approved three (3) citations regarding ARC violations to go before the Compliance Committee for fining. The Committee will meet within the upcoming weeks. Security is gearing up for a busy Summer season and staying proactive during turtle season.

Facilities: Philip Square, Facilities Manager; Summer maintenance routine is underway, with the mowing of all roads being scheduled bi-weekly, along with the weekly mowing of the scenic areas. The maintenance team re-decked the Resort Village Clubhouse back entry, adding a step to make it easier to use. Dan Garlick, project manager for the RV dock, reported that once the remaining pilings are sourced, the dock would be finished in an estimated 2-week time frame.

ARC: Tim Thompson, Chair; With a 4 to 2 vote, the Board approved the presented New Home Construction Process concept as a package. It will go back to the ARC Committee to submit a definitive version to the Board at a future meeting. The Board also approved adding the sand fencing requirement to the final beachfront new home construction inspection checklist.

Finance: Robin Cooper, Chair; The Board agreed with the Committee's recommendations to retain the 3-year effective surplus of 195K in the operating fund account and establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the legal financial and practical reform of the visitor entrance fees and make a final proposal to Finance Committee.

Infrastructure: August Elliott, Chair; The Board agreed with the Committee's recommendation that the following roads be re-paved in 2024: Acacia, Avocet, Azalea, Denise Court E, Denise Court W, Denise Drive, Jasmine Way, Jasmine Way T, Kumquat Court, Kumquat Court T, Long Point Rd., Palmetto Way, Sea Oat, Twisted Pine, and Sea Fern Way. The Board also agreed with the Committee's recommendation to replace the Magnolia Clubhouse generator and accept the lower bid from Cox Pools for resurfacing the Magnolia pool.

Happy Retirement ~ You Will Be Missed



Jane Kirk, SGPOA office administrator, is retiring on June 2. Jane has been with the association for the past seven years, assisting at the front desk and moving into the position of Owner & Communication Liaison three years ago. She has been a tremendous asset to our community and her cheerful willingness to go above and beyond will be greatly missed. Retirement will allow Jane to pursue her passion and business for creating sea glass jewelry and accessories, Worn by the Sea, sold at local craft shows, farmer's markets, Etsy, The Pearl in Apalachicola and Art of Glass on the Island. Look for Jane and her dog Lucy strolling the beach and follow her on [Facebook](#).



SHARING BEACHES WITH SEA TURTLES



What You Can Do To Help:

- Leave no trace
- Fill in holes
- Let them be
- Keep it dark

Great reminders for turtle nesting season! The nesting season runs from May 1 - October 31. Help educate others with these tips:

Leave No Trace - Take all of your belongings with you when you leave the beach, especially trash and beach furniture which might stop a sea turtle from nesting.

Fill In Holes - Always fill in your holes at the end of the day so nesting females and hatchlings have a flat beach to crawl on. Keep it safe for humans too!

Let Them Be - If you see a nesting female or a hatchling sea turtle, keep your distance and allow them to crawl to the sea on their own.

Keep It Dark - Sea turtles can be disoriented by bright lights on the beach. Keep blinds drawn, use sea turtle friendly lighting on beach front properties, and turn flashlights off on the beach at night. www.seaturtlelighting.net

BE PREPARED FOR HURRICANE SEASON JUNE 1 - NOVEMBER 30

Franklin County Emergency Management System (FCEM)

Sign-up [HERE](https://www.franklinemergencymanagement.com/alert-franklin/) to stay informed and receive up-to-date County Notifications via **Alert Franklin**, or visit <https://www.franklinemergencymanagement.com/alert-franklin/>

* **Alert Franklin** is a mass notification system that Franklin County Emergency Management has implemented.

* This system allows FCEM to send you a warning message to your landline, cell phone, email or a combination.

* Once you create your account be sure to check your SUBSCRIPTIONS which tell the system what alerts you wish to receive.

* You can also download the Everbridge App on your Smart Phone for easier access.

* OR text the word "FRANKLINFL" to 888777 to anonymously sign up for Emergency Notifications.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office and we will be happy to assist you. 850-653-8977

Other resources:

Facebook –@FranklinEOC

Twitter –@em2franklin

WOYS Oyster Radio 100.5 Facebook Page –@OysterRadio

Apalachicola Times Facebook Page–@Apalachitimes



SGPOA alerts: The SGPOA alerts owners by text, email and voicemail of events affecting the safety of Plantation. It is imperative that you register on the new website in order to receive association alerts.

DISASTER PREPARATION: Click [HERE](#) for information about preparing your home in the Plantation in the event of a natural disaster. Plan ahead and be prepared.

GOLF CARTS



Only owners can own and operate golf carts in the Plantation. Any owners wishing to rent a golf cart for personal use must pre-register with the Admin Office before bringing the golf cart into the Plantation. An owner must always be present when the cart is in operation, regardless if the driver is licensed. Golf carts are not permitted on the bike path. Additionally, renters may not rent golf carts or bring a cart onto the SGPOA premises.



Resort Village Kayak Dock

The Bayside kayak launch has broken ground! Follow the maintenance road entrance off Leisure Lane to check on the progress.

WILDLIFE RESCUE INFORMATION



If you see wildlife in distress please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at the **Wildlife Alert Hotline 1-888-404-3922 anytime 24/7.**

Please *don't* attempt to intervene yourself...avoid possible injury to yourself or further injury to already distressed wildlife.

Injured wildlife will be safely transported to the Florida Wild Mammal Association in Wakulla County (near Medart) <https://fwma.org/>.



ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

<u>Art Group</u>	<u>Mah Jong</u>
Wednesdays	1st & 3rd Mondays of every month
1:00pm - 4:00pm	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Resort Village	Cypress Room
artSocial@sgpoa.com	Mahjong@sgpoa.com
<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Yoga Class</u>
2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month	Tuesdays
1:00pm - 4:00pm	4:30pm
Cypress Room	Resort Village
Bridge@sgpoa.com	Clubhouse
<u>Water Aerobics</u>	yoga@sgpoa.com
Mon, Wed, & Fri	<u>Tennis Open Play</u>
9 - 10 AM	Saturdays
<u>Pickle Ball Open Play</u>	9 - 11 AM
Wed, Fri & Sun	Tennis@sgpoa.com
9 - 11 AM	
pickleball@sgpoa.com	

All activities are subject to change

Owners, Owners' Guest, and Renters are welcome to participate



Little Free Library.

Take a Book. Share a Book.

Books and puzzles are available in the Magnolia Clubhouse foyer
Stop in, take and share
M-F 8 am - 4 pm

Children's books may be found at the RV clubhouse



The Tennis Social is held the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Magnolia courts, @ 10 am. Bring a snack to share. Contact: tennis@sgpoa.com



Bunco is played the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Magnolia Clubhouse. RSVP the Monday before at bunco@sgpoa.com

Next Bunco - June 7



PAELLA BY THE POOL

The wind roared, and rain pelted the umbrella tables lining the Magnolia pool on the night of the April "Paella By the Pool" party. But that did not stop the fun.

Instead, the party moved inside the clubhouse to the Plantation room. Thanks to the ArtSocial committee, it had been made bright and festive earlier that day as the skies refused to clear.

Shades of aqua and coral covered the tables, complimented with seashells and twinkle-light centerpieces.

Despite the rain, 100 owners were ready to experience the Spanish-inspired dinner. They gathered, enjoying the tapas and sangria, visiting with old friends, and making new ones.

In the shelter of the back porch, chefs from Real Paella of Tallahassee prepared the seafood paella to perfection. Then grabbing the large handles on the sides of the pan, the three chefs hoisted the pan off the grill and carried it up the stairs to the party for all of us to enjoy.

Adding to the ambiance of the evening, guitarist Dr. Christopher Mrofchak entertained the party-goers with classical Spanish music.

With the sangria, paella, and guitar music, it felt like a little trip to Spain without leaving our beloved island.



SAVE THE DATE!



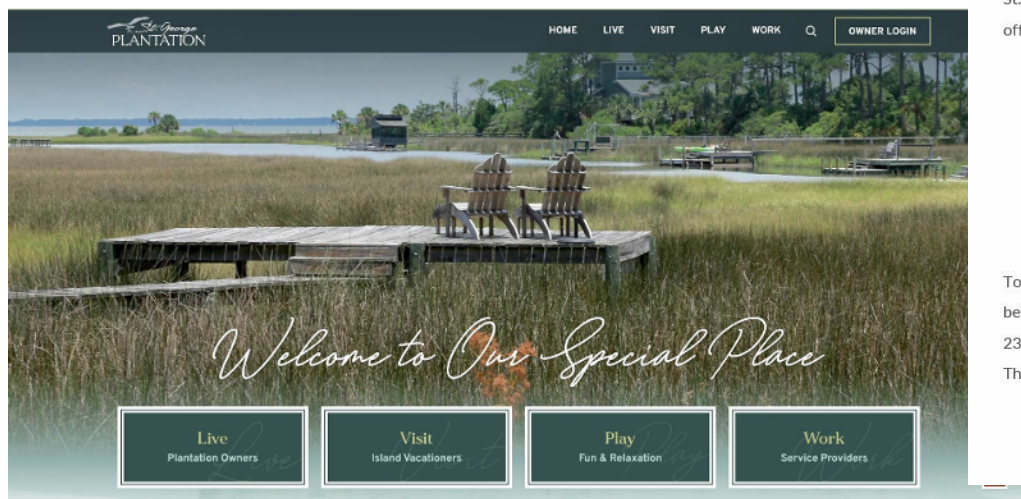
Owners' Pool & Porch Party
Friday ~ June 9 ~ 6-8 pm
Magnolia Pool

Bring your own beverage & appetizer to share!

~RSVP not required~

~Owners' guests are welcome~

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, recently launched. The new Website (www.sgpoa.com) has all the same information as the old website and is mobile friendly and 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. that is not public information.

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

■ Owners should have received an email invitation (see above, right) 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. Your directory information from the previous website did not transfer over.

■ 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: GATE PASS (for guest/vendor 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 GATE PASS 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.



14th Annual St. George Island

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Amateur and professional photographers are welcome to enter photographs taken in and around Franklin County.

**1st Place \$100; 2nd place \$75; 3rd Place \$50;
People's Choice Award \$50.**

Five photographs will be selected to be featured on the St. George Plantation 2024 Leisure Lane banners, and you might win a keepsake banner!

TO ENTER:

www.stgeorgeplantation.com

email: office@sgpoa.com or call 850-927-2312
for application form

Enter by September 8th



St. George Plantation Owners' Association
1712 Magnolia Road St. George Island, FL 32528

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**