St. George Plantation

Summer 2025





# WELCOME

## Michael Allen, new General Manager at SGPOA

It is with great pleasure that we announce the New General Manager for St. George Plantation Community. Michael Allen has officially arrived and is already learning the ropes at the Plantation Office.

Michael comes with over 30 years leading luxury destination resorts all over the Uunited States. Such places included West Palm Beach FL, WDW in Lake Buena Vista FL, Ponte Vedra Beach FL, Miami FL, Nantucket MA, Cape Cod MA, Santa Fe NM, Adirondacks of Upstate NY and other impressive destinations.

He has previously served in various roles as Executive Vice President of Operations, Vice President, Area General Manager and Resort GM. He has been involved with a variety of hotel development and real estate projects, fractional HOA resorts, condo resorts, as well as opening new and renovating hotels. His leadership has been recognized with accolades from the prestigious Michelin Award, Forbes Four Stars, AAA Five Diamond, Top 10 US Relais & Chateau Conde Naste' Top 10 spa resorts and several Travel & Leisure awards.

Michael has donated his personal time as a board member of the Massachusetts Lodging Association, Lake Placid Olympic Volunteer, Director for the Cape Cod Chamber, volunteer for the Nantucket Historical Association and other notable charitable events.

A graduate from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelors in Business- Sports Management at the Isenberg School of Business.

His passion for the outdoors and nature commenced in a small rural town in upstate NY. He grew up with a father who was a college football coach and his mentor; inspiring him with unwavering focus on integrity, values, teamwork and always doing more than what was expected with a sense of purpose each day.

He enjoys activities such as camping, hiking, fishing and boating. He looks forward to long walks and works to stay focused on any new challenge not just to become good at it but Great!



Welcome to our Special Place



On Saturday evening, April 26th, 88 SGPOA owners and their guests enjoyed another wonderful evening at Magnolia Poolside for a barbecue dinner and dancing.

Tables were decorated with gingham red and white table cloths and vases filled with shells, starfish and twinkle lights. Party goers were greeted by the ArtSocial's committee members Faith Goodman and Donna Price. Our excellent bartenders, Tanya & Scott Downing and Kevin Curry, were ready to serve up libations at the Magnolia Pool Bar.







The evening was perfect weather wise and the food could not have been tastier. The Beach Pit Restaurant served a selection of barbecue pork and chicken, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, ice tea. And for dessert, peach cobbler and ice cream! It was yummy!

The newly formed local band, The Waterbirds, played for the gathering and after dinner many stayed for dancing. The ArtSocial Committee has received many compliments for the evening event. We hope you had fun if you attended and will come to the next event if you were not able to be with us this time.

Stay tuned for coming events!







Photos and article provided by Karen Curry and Claire Rice

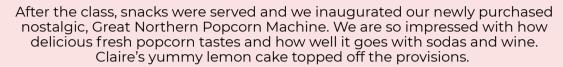






ArtSocial started off June with a fun art class at the RV Clubhouse!

ArtSocial member, Tanya Downing, provided her expertise and taught eleven ladies the intricacies of decoupage. Each participant came away with their own creation of a decorative flower pot. It was fun seeing everyone's creative talents shine. The afternoon was a great time for established owners to visit again and to meet new owners with whom we look forward to sharing lots of fun future events.





This event is the first chance we have had to enjoy our newly installed window shades and updated lighting. Thank you goes to Rick Abbott for making these changes for us and for all he does to help the ArtSocial Committee. Honestly, we cannot say enough praise for all the wonderful things Rick does behind the scenes to make each art social event go smoothly.

ArtSocial events keep us mindful of just how wonderful community can be and Tanya's class did just that. Everyone left with not only an art treasure but also the remembrance of a really fun time together. Thank you Tanya.



# JEWELRY MAKING

with Mandi Singer



On Thursday, July 31 at 2 pm, join ArtSocial at the RV Clubhouse for an engaging indoor jewelry-making session with Mandi Singer.

Mandi, an experienced professional creator of pearl and leather cord jewelry, will guide you through every step of crafting your own unique creation.

During the hour and one half long session, you'll have the opportunity to work with a variety of high-quality materials, including supple leather, lustrous pearls, and captivating recycled glass. With Mandi's expert guidance, you'll learn the techniques and tricks of the trade, allowing you to design a necklace that is a true reflection of your personal style and individuality.

Once you've completed your pearl and leather cord necklace, you'll have the pleasure of wearing home your creative piece which will serve as a beautiful reminder of your newfound talent and the enjoyable time spent.

The \$55 fee for the session includes all necessary supplies, ensuring that you have everything you need to bring your vision to life. Following the creative portion of the event, complimentary snacks, soda's and wine will be provided by ArtSocial.

Spaces for this exclusive jewelry-making session are limited to 12 participants, so it's essential to book your spot quickly. Please do not miss this opportunity to join Mandi and learn from a master. It will be an unforgettable experience that will leave you feeling inspired.

WWW.STGEORGEPLANTATION.COM/JEWELRYCLASS

## FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

The Facilities Department has been hard at work this month, with several key projects underway or completed. Roadside mowing is currently in progress to help maintain clear visibility and appearance throughout the community. The Magnolia Clubhouse driveway repair has been successfully completed, and staff are now focused on enhancing the surrounding area and patching nearby asphalt. Boardwalk inspections and minor repairs have begun, ensuring continued safety and accessibility. Maintenance crews are also actively trimming and widening the nature trails for easier use. At Pelican Point, fencing is complete, and court coatings and painting are expected to wrap up within two weeks, weather permitting.

Last month, we mentioned that the Airport passed its annual inspection. What exactly happens during an inspection? It involves a thorough visual assessment of the runway and tarmac surfaces, checking for cracks or uneven areas that could affect landings. Inspectors evaluate the condition and placement of striping, ensuring visibility, proper reflective materials, and compliance with state standards. They also verify that fire extinguishers are the correct type and size, with up-to-date inspections.

Additionally, the inspection confirms that the airport has a functioning phone system and that the approach and departure angles meet state safety requirements.





We're also pleased to announce that PLANEPASS has been approved to be implemented at the St. George Plantation Airport. This system will provide detailed digital data on aircraft activity and operators. This valuable information supports a range of initiatives, including environmental studies, operational planning and more. It will also streamline billing processes at the SGPOA Admin Office!

## **Local Interest: Support Franklin County Schools!**

The Franklin County School District is the first school in the state of Florida to partner with Tango Flight, a nonprofit group based in Texas, to offer students the opportunity to learn about aviation mechanics by building a two-seat aircraft.

Tango Flight provides all equipment and training for the program to be successful. Students will spend approximately two years building the aircraft. In partnership with the Apalachicola Regional Airport, the aircraft build will be completed at the airport. The total cost of the program is approximately \$132,000. This cost includes instructor training, tool purchase, certifications, and the cost of the aircraft kit. The school district is seeking assistance from businesses and individuals in Franklin County. Individuals or businesses may make tax-deductible donations through the Franklin Education Foundation.



In addition to seeking donations, the district is actively pursuing grants and other sources of funding to assist with the costs of this program. Students who complete this program will qualify for credit in the aviation mechanics program with Haney Technical College. Once the first aircraft is completed, passes safety checks and is certified, Tango Flight will sell the aircraft and the proceeds will be used to purchase the next aircraft kit for the district.

For more information or to donate, visit https://franklineducationfoundationfl.org/

## **RECIPES**

Gather your neighbors and share a meal!

Recipes provided by: Amanda James at the Admin Office

#### **Mexican Street Corn Pasta Salad**



#### Ingredients

12 oz. bow-tie pasta 6 corn ears, grilled or boiled ½ cup chopped cilantro ⅓ cup chopped green onion Salt & Pepper as desired

#### Dressing:

1/3 cup mayo
1 tsp chili powder
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
1 garlic clove grated
1 lime juiced
1/2 tsp fine sea salt & black pepper

#### **Instructions**

Make the pasta: Follow the directions on the package, making sure to salt your water generously. Drain pasta, rinse, and set aside to dry.

Make the corn: Grill, boil, or use frozen corn. See post for various methods. Once cooled, cut kernels off the cob, and place into a bowl.

Prepare the dressing: In a bowl, whisk together all the dressing ingredients.

Prep herbs and veggies: Chop cilantro, green onion, and any add-ins you desire.

Assemble the pasta salad: Combine all the ingredients, toss with the dressing, and adjust spices as desired! You may want a little more salt, pepper, spice, and even mayo or lime juice here!

Enjoy immediately. Best if eaten immediately once pasta salad is dressed.

## Remaining 2025 BOD Meetings

Board meetings are held every 3rd Thursday at 1:00 PM EST unless otherwise stated:

July 17

August 21

\*September 11

(Thursday, Budget Workshop)

\*October 18

(Saturday, Owners' Meeting)

November 20

December 17

All owners are encouraged to attend in-person or via Zoom.

#### OWNER COMMENTS

Submit your
Owner Comments by using
our NEW **Owner Forms**!

Locate these forms in the footer of our website and weekly e-newsletters.

### **Welcoming Michael Allen**

The SGPOA staff gathered on June 26<sup>th</sup> for a special luncheon to warmly welcome Michael Allen, the new General Manager. Team members from security, maintenance and the admin office were able to spend time with Michael and get to know his leadership style. Buck Bolden, SGPOA Board President, was also in attendance. The event provided an opportunity for staff members to connect and celebrate the beginning of an exciting new chapter at the St. George Plantation.







#### OWNER COMMUNICATION FORMS

In case you missed it, there are NEW Owner Communication Forms available:

Owner Comment Form: Submit Owner Comments for upcoming BOD Meetings
Committee Suggestion Form: Submit suggestions for Committee Agenda Topics
Committee BOD Report Form (Committee Chairs): Quickly submit your BOD Reports
Communication Forms can be located in the footer of our website and weekly e-newsletters



Ist Place: \$100

2nd Place: \$75 | 3rd Place: \$50

People's Choice: \$50

We're looking for stunning shots that capture the beauty and spirit of St. George Plantation!

In addition to CASH prizes, five winning photographs will be featured on our 2026 roadside banners!
The Top 20 entries showcased at the Plantation Clubhouse.
Plus, all winners will be highlighted on our website and social media pages!

Full details are on our website: www.stgeorgeplantation.com/photo

St. George Plantation Owners Association, Inc. 1712 Magnolia Rd. Eastpoint, FL 32328



## CYBER SECURITY REPORT

Written by Robby Hysche, SGPOA IT Director

Earlier in the year, SGPOA had some issues with someone conducting "Phishing" attempts on some of our members. We were made aware of this early that morning and within a couple of hours, most of the situation was under control. I say, "most" because there were other attempts later. Since that time, we have implemented a number of changes and will continue to make changes.

#### Here is what we did:

- 1. Changed all passwords on the SGPOA email list.
- 2. Implemented a network detection software to look for "trojans" and other intrusions. (None have been found)!
  - 3. Reinforced Two-Factor Authentication on all email accounts.
- 4. A person's phone had been hacked, and we removed that phone. That phone, by the way, was an Android phone. Androids are more open to problems like this than iPhones. We removed that phone and implemented an Anti-virus program on any Android phones part of the office property.
  - 5. Added a new layer of protection to all equipment.
- 6. Implemented a new piece of software that does "threat detection" on emails and shared folders, which constantly looks for issues. Again, no further issues have been found.
- 7. We will be implementing a new Endpoint Detection Response (EDR) software that is considered one of the top leading systems. It is used by Law Enforcement and uses Artificial Intelligence to give us a better and more aggressive look into managing data.
  - 8. We will be conducting Cyber Awareness training, which will include training our staff on how to better deal with these increasing issues.
- 9. In the coming year, I will be proposing that we conduct what is called Penetration Testing to make sure the network and all software used by the Plantation is as secure as can be accomplished.
  - We appreciate your patience throughout this process and I am working with other Security firms to look at our situation and give advice on how to protect your assets.

Personally, I would recommend that everyone - whether you own a business or not - use some sort of cyber security and cyber insurance!



MON

VIDEO FITNESS: Every Monday, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Plantation Room

WATER AEROBICS: Every Monday, 9:00 - 10:00 AM, Magnolia Pool

TUE

PICKLEBALL: Advanced Open Play, 9am - 12pm, Sea Pines Court, Courts 3 & 4

**TENNIS:** Scheduled Play, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Magnolia Tennis Court

YOGA: Every Tuesday, 10:00 am, Plantation Room at Magnolia Clubhouse

BRIDGE: 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Magnolia Clubhouse

PICKLEBALL: Open Play, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Sea Pines Courts, All 4 Courts

VIDEO FITNESS: Every Wednesday, 9:00 am - 10:00 am, Plantation Room

WATER AEROBICS: Every Wednesday, 9:00 am - 10:00 am, Magnolia Pool

**BUNCO:** First Wednesday of the Month, 6:00 pm at Magnolia Clubhouse

(Bunco's JULY date is July 9th)

THUR

VED

PICKLEBALL: Advanced Open Play, 9am - 12:pm, Sea Pines Courts, Courts 3 & 4

TENNIS: Scheduled Play, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Magnolia Tennis Court

PICKLEBALL: Open Play, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Sea Pines Courts, All 4 Courts

VIDEO FITNESS: Every Friday, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Plantation Room

WATER AEROBICS: Every Friday, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Magnolia Pool

**TENNIS:** Open Play, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Magnolia Court

PICKLEBALL: Open Play, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, at all 4 Courts

### CONTACTS:

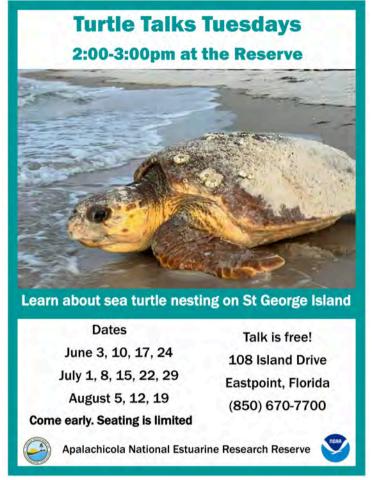
PICKLEBALL: Pickleball@sgpoa.com

**TENNIS:** Tennis@sgpoa.com **AEROBICS:** Exercise@sgpoa.com

BRIDGE: Bridge@sgpoa.com
BUNCO: Bunco@sgpoa.com

MAHJONG: Mahjong@sgpoa.com









<u>Instagram:</u> <u>@stgeorgeplantation</u>



<u>Facebook.com/</u> <u>StGeorgePlantation</u>



<u>LinkedIn.com/</u> StGeorgePlantation

Thank you for reading!

ST. GEORGE PLANTATION	850-927-2312
www.stgeorgeplantation.com	1712 Magnolia Road St. George Island, FL 32328