

# THE PLANTATION POST

## Survey: FrontSteps main source of news

More than 260 owners responded to our recent survey, sharing their opinions in several areas which dealt with amenities, common area upgrades, events, retail and communications.



The results to the five questions found owners overwhelmingly were satisfied with the current offerings and/or did not want to see major changes at this time, especially those that might be costly for The Plantation.

One respondent wrote: *"Let's preserve this pristine location and keep HOA fees as low as possible. No additional costs."*

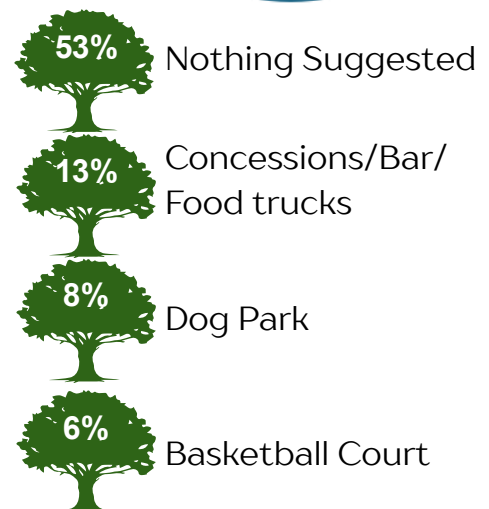
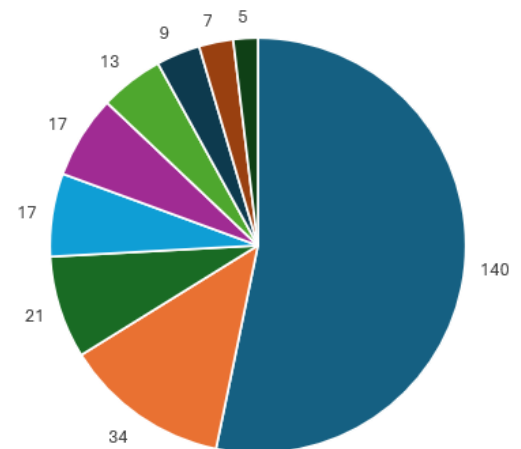
**Owners' preferred communication method** is emails through FrontSteps — 87% rely on it for events, board updates, meetings, and more, with 73% naming it their top source. The monthly newsletter (*The Plantation Post*) comes in second (59% read it), followed by the website (25%) and social media pages (15%).

One respondent suggested developing a stronger public relations strategy for communications to *"negate some of the negativity... We need to work on our image...."*

**When asked about new amenities**, with a prompt with suggestions, 53% (140) of respondents chose "none" or skipped the question. The top suggestions were food trucks or concessions at the Clubhouse or Magnolia Pool (13%), followed by a dog park (8%).

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*Are there new amenities you'd like to see?*



- Nothing Suggested
- Concessions/Bar/Food Trucks
- Dog Park
- Basketball Court
- Beach Restoration
- Boat/Kayak/Paddleboard Launch
- Improve the Fitness Center
- Playground
- Heated Pool/Hot Tub

Most owners also responded “no suggestions” in answer to: **“What upgrades/additions would you like to see in the common areas?”**

37% - No upgrades

12% - Landscaping/maintenance improvements

9% - Upgrades to fitness center

Most owners responded “no suggestions,” skipped the question, or said they were satisfied with the current offerings in response to the question:

**“What kind of community events would you like to see more of within the Plantation?”**

53% - No suggestions/satisfied with what we have

8% - Casual/simple gatherings & neighborhood

parties to get to know owners

5% - Events paid for by those who go

5% - Educational/Conservation events like those offered through Wednesday Wonders

Several owners said they favor more self-supporting events like BYOB and potluck, while one wrote they wanted “less Boomer events” like potluck and pickleball.

Several said they weren’t here for the parties, but the “*peace and tranquility*,” to enjoy nature and the quiet surroundings. Another owner recognized the importance of gatherings when it comes to unity. *“It’s important our community gather every few months if we want to remain a community.”*

**One question asked about retail items.** 74% said they are satisfied with the current offerings and there’s no need to add more.

Of those who did want to see more branded items, the number one answer dealt with quality. 13% wanted higher quality shirts, including golf shirts, hoodies, and zip-ups. Several want to see more variety in colors and preferred natural over synthetic fabrics. Owners also asked for branded towels, stickers, water bottles, cups and koozies.

One owner offered several ideas. *“If you make the Clubhouse more of a destination, I think people would love cute T-shirts, visors, sun hats and flipflops.”*

Thank you to all those who took the time to respond to the survey! Complete results are forthcoming.

## Did you know?



The American flag is a symbol of respect, honor and patriotism. It may be displayed on any day of the year according to the following guidelines:

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement. The custom is to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on flagstaffs in the open, but it may also be displayed at night – if illuminated – to produce a patriotic effect. The flag should be displayed every day of the year because it is a symbol of the country and its people and should always be treated with respect and honored when on display.

– From The U.S. Flag Code

THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS  
MEETINGS HAVE BEEN  
MOVED TO **5 P.M.**



**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**THURSDAY OF  
THE MONTH**

Watch the meetings  
on Zoom



# General Manager

## Message

Michael Allen



Greetings warm and wonderful Community Owners,

I hope everyone truly enjoyed the recent holiday season with family and friends, as this is such a special time of year to gather and rejoice. I also hope your vision and focus for what inspires you, is reflected in your 2026 New Year's resolution.

Being part of this St. George Island Community as your General Manager has provided seven months of sound insight, focus and support within key areas to continue to elevate this amazing community. Included in January's Board of Directors Meeting presentation, please review the General Manager's comments that I share on all the great success our SGPOA employee team achieved in 2025.

**Noted:** A great leader is only as good as the team they surround themselves with. In order to go from Good to GREAT, you have to have a GREAT team of experts who have the same vision and commitment. Our re-invented administrative team is truly amazing. This Admin. Team is working each day to support St. George Plantation with quality and 5-star hospitality.

I am also focused on supporting key topics that I am partnered with on all our great volunteer committees for SGPOA. There will be more to share in the near future. I would also like to take a moment to thank all the owners who took time to participate in the December survey and provide great feedback and suggestions for our amazing community. All of this feedback will be shared in the near future.

With unwavering commitment, we continue to work on improving your community with integrity, perseverance, and attention to detail. Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter.

Health & Happiness,  
Michael Allen



## Thank you, Billy Schultz!

ARC Chairman Andy Kohl (left) says goodbye and thanks Billy Schultz for his six years of service to the Architectural Review Committee. December was Schultz's last month with the ARC. We appreciate you and we wish you well, Billy!

The Architectural Review Committee ensures that all construction and exterior changes meet community standards and enforces design guidelines and covenants to maintain property values and a consistent look.

We thank all the 50 or so owners who volunteer their time serving on the Board of Directors and/or one of our nine committees.

## Another winner

Rhea Everett stopped by the Plantation offices recently to collect her prize for being one of three owners to select the new name for *The Plantation Post*! Rhea chose this black jacket. Congratulations, Rhea!



# WEDNESDAY WONDERS



## BEGINNING IN 2026 AT THE PLANTATION CLUBHOUSE

The SGPOA Recreation Committee will again sponsor this popular educational series, **Wednesday Wonders**, on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.

**JAN 21**  
WED

### **Native Plants for Coastal Living**

**Anita Grove** with the ANERR for an informative presentation on native plants that thrive in our coastal conditions.

**FEB 18**  
WED

### **The Birds of St. George Island**

**Collette Lauzau** with the Apalachee Audubon Society presenting local and migratory species, seasonal patterns, and the vital role our barrier island plays in providing habitat.

**MAR 18**  
WED

### **The Shipwrecks of Dog Island**

**Melanie Damour, maritime archeologist**  
Historic shipwrecks off Dog Island/St. George Sound.

**APR 15**  
WED

### **ANERR River Boat Trip**

A guided boat trip through the Bay, up the Apalachicola River and into the swamp areas, highlighting the ecosystem & wildlife.

**MAY 20**  
WED

### **Sea Turtles of St. George Island**

Our guest speaker will share insights into nesting habits, hatchling survival, and how you can help keep them safe.

It's time to kick off the very popular Wednesday Wonders educational series, which begins next week. These monthly talks are held in The Plantation Room, so there is ample room for owners and guests. Snacks will be provided.

An RSVP is only required for the April 15 Boat Trip. Attendance is limited to 22 for this event. If you would like to RSVP for the River Boat Trip, please email [office@sgpoa.com](mailto:office@sgpoa.com). Please put **"Boat Trip"** in the subject line.

**Boat trip  
Limit 22**



# ARC seeks two volunteer committee members

The SGPOA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is seeking two owners to serve as volunteers and contribute to the work of this important Committee.

The Committee meets the second Thursday of every month at 1 p.m., to review owners' plans, upgrades and other projects to ensure they follow the design guidelines of The Plantation. If you are interested in helping maintain the standards and character of our wonderful community, we would love to hear from you.

Please send an email with a CV or resume to [dingram@sgpoa.com](mailto:dingram@sgpoa.com).

Thank you for your interest and willingness to serve this important Committee! The deadline to apply is February 1. More information on the work of the ARC can be found on our website under the "Work" tab.

We are currently advertising for an ARC Manager to join our team. The position is posted on Indeed.

In addition, staff is finalizing two contracts for a primary and a back-up CRE/CRA (Consulting Review Engineer or Architect) to work with the ARC by reviewing plans. Those contracts should be completed in the coming days.

All owners are welcome to attend ARC monthly meetings, as well as all Committee and regular or special Board of Director meetings. All meetings are on Zoom and login information is located at the top of each group's respective agendas.

## ARC Committee Members Needed



THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HAS AN OPENING FOR TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

LETTERS OF INTEREST WITH A CV OR RESUME SHOULD BE EMAILED TO:  
[dingram@sgpoa.com](mailto:dingram@sgpoa.com)



## COLLECTING FOR SENIORS



We're collecting everyday necessities for our community's seniors who live on fixed incomes and rely on food assistance programs that do not cover personal care items. The deadline for donations is 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27.



**NEEDED ITEMS:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shampoo & conditioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste/toothbrush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paper towels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilet cleaner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body wash/soap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry detergent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dishwashing liquid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deodorant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Razors/shaving cream	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tissues/wet wipes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilet brush
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dish towels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-purpose cleaners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kleenex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lotion

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## THE RV POOL IS CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE

Reopening  
Monday, Feb. 2





# ArtSocial to host Super Bowl Party

Get ready for the biggest game of the year! Owners and guests, join your neighbors at the St. George Plantation community Super Bowl LX party sponsored by ArtSocial.

We'll be gathering in the Plantation Room at 6 p.m. on Sunday, February 8. Game kickoff is at 6:30.

Come cheer on your favorite team, enjoy some great company, and bring your favorite game-day dish to share. You might want to grab a comfortable lawn chair as well. Owner guests will receive two drink tickets for beer or wine.

The ArtSocial Committee presents

## SUPER BOWL LX PARTY

RSVP THROUGH  
FRONTSTEPS NOTICE BY  
**JAN. 30.**

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 8**  
6 P.M. UNTIL THE FINAL WHISTLE  
PLANTATION ROOM  
MAGNOLIA CLUBHOUSE

**Bring a dish to share.**  
Beer, wine, soda, water provided.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

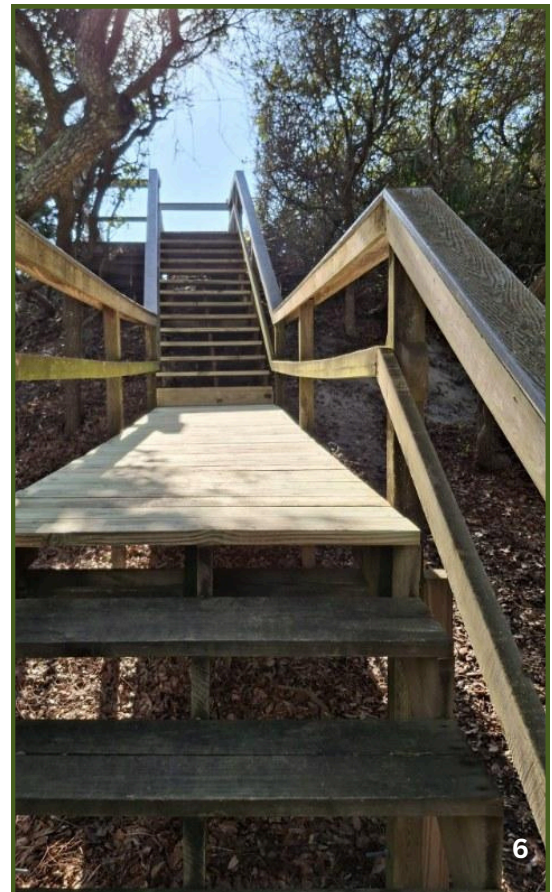
St. George  
PLANTATION

Let's make this a Super Bowl to remember! This is a family-friendly event with games, raffles and lots of fun. The RSVP was emailed out on Tuesday, Jan. 13 via FrontSteps. **Please RSVP by January 30** and don't forget to let us know what you are bringing. See you there!



## Boardwalk updates elevate SGP

Kudos to the Maintenance staff who have been very busy upgrading a number of boardwalks to the beach. The team recently replaced the boards on the boardwalk at Sea Dune Drive and Sandy Lane. They are also working on upgrades on the accesses at Guava Trail and the one on Hawthorne Lane. The Plantation has 31 beach access points for the convenience of our owners and guests. Owners may report maintenance issues on FrontSteps by filling out a work order. This is the best way to expedite a concern.





# Mediterranean Bean Salad

Source:  
The Recipe Well

Perfect as a side dish for the Super Bowl party, or a main meal, especially for those who meal prep. Amounts are left to the creator, and to taste.

## For the dressing you'll need

- Extra-virgin olive oil
- Lemon juice – fresh squeezed for the best flavor
- Red wine vinegar
- Dijon mustard
- Fresh garlic (or ½ tsp. garlic powder)
- Oregano
- Salt and pepper

## For the salad you'll need

- Beans – chickpeas, kidney beans and white beans. You can also substitute a premixed canned bean medley.
- Cucumber (seeds removed)
- Cherry tomatoes – sliced in half or in three.
- Bell pepper – orange, yellow or red preferred
- Kalamata olives – sliced
- Fresh parsley
- Red onion – diced small
- Fresh basil – 20 medium-sized leaves
- Feta cheese – optional



***This salad is packed with protein.***

## Instructions:

- Step 1: Whisk all dressing ingredients together. Set aside.
- Step 2: Combine beans, vegetables and herbs. Gently mix with soft spatular.
- Step 3: Add the dressing, mixing gently to coat.
- Step 4: Fold in the feta cheese.
- Step 5: Cover and refrigerate for two hours to allow the flavors to blend.

## Tip:

- Rinse beans and drain well.

# New signs used for messaging

The Plantation recently purchased three new mobile tent signs to be used for communicating various special events and meeting information.

One sign is placed at the gated entrance on the south side and is seen by those leaving The Plantation. A second sign is being placed outside the mailroom, frequented by owners. The third sign will be rotated as needed.

Signage is currently being used to promote the Board of Directors meeting this week, and will change to promote the Wednesday Wonders educational series.

## Upcoming BOD Meetings

*Held on the 3rd Thursday of the month unless otherwise stated.\*\**

*Location: Plantation Room  
The meeting time has been moved to 5 p.m.*

January 15, 5 p.m.

February 19, 5 p.m.

March 19, 5 p.m.

April 16, 5 p.m.

May 21, 5 p.m.

## Upcoming Committee Meetings

### Infrastructure

Feb. 4, 10 a.m., Cypress Room

### Recreation

Feb. 5, 11 a.m., Cypress Room

### ArtSocial

Feb. 5, 1 p.m., Cypress Room

### ARC

Feb. 12, 1 p.m., Plantation Room

### FINANCE

Feb. 13, 10 a.m., Cypress Room

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

*\*\*Special meetings may be called with notification sent via FRONTSTEPS.*



# Workshop teaches the game

Curious about Mah Jongg? Now's your chance to learn! This workshop is designed for absolute beginners. If you've wondered what all those beautiful tiles mean and how the game is played, this is the perfect time to jump in.

These two consecutive workshops on February 3 and February 10 will introduce you to:

- The Mah Jongg tiles
- How the game is set up
- National Mah Jongg rules
- And, of course, how to play the game

The classes will be taught by June Lemke, an instructor at the West Cobb Senior Center for the past five years; she has generously volunteered to bring her expertise to The Plantation. Jackie Bell, a knowledgeable local player, will be on hand to assist.

Participants can expect a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, plenty of hands-on learning, and lots of fun as you discover a new game and meet new people. The second lesson builds on knowledge and skills taught in the first, so it's recommended that you attend both. Space is limited to 12 participants, so early sign-up is encouraged.

If you're interested or would like more information, please email: [Mjune611@yahoo.com](mailto:Mjune611@yahoo.com) or [Jackie32501@hotmail.com](mailto:Jackie32501@hotmail.com).



## MAH JONGG WORKSHOP *for beginners*

1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3 & Feb. 10  
Plantation Room @ Magnolia Clubhouse  
Must RSVP to [jackie32501@gmail.com](mailto:jackie32501@gmail.com).



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