

THE PLANTATION POST

Richard Ramey donates photo

Former SGPOA Board of Directors President Richard Ramey recently donated a framed photo of the Magnolia Clubhouse to The Plantation.

The photograph was presented to Ramey on October 22, 2010 to commemorate the formal opening of the new Clubhouse. It is framed with cypress wood taken from the original clubhouse construction.

Ramey, who served as BOD president from 2009-2010 and was on the board for six years, recently sold his home and moved back to Georgia. Thank you, Mr. Ramey, for your service to our community and the donation of this commemorative photo!



The original clubhouse circa 1983.

SAVE THE DATE Annual Owners' Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 17
10 a.m.
More details, page 3.



First Thursday Food Trucks Light up the Summer



Dave's Dawg House absolutely crushed it on July 2! Owners and guests flocked to the Magnolia Pool for hot dogs just in time for Independence Day. Because let's be honest — nothing screams 4th of July quite like a classic dog in hand! Hungry diners consumed more than 175 hotdogs. The ArtSocial Committee is keeping the good times rolling! Join us for the next First Thursday Food Truck on Thursday, August 6 when Tamara's on the Go rolls in. See you there — bring your appetite!

Attendance at court hearing encouraged

The local Circuit Court has ruled that **the association** must represent your deeded property rights for access to the beach. The SGPOA Board of Directors believes that you, as owners and members of the association, have the right to be present as your deeded property rights come before the court.

The first major hearing to determine the future interest of beach rights in The Plantation is scheduled for **Thursday, August 6 at 1 p.m. before the Franklin County Circuit Court in the Apalachicola Courthouse, 3rd floor, 33 Market St.**

The board strongly encourages you to attend as your rights are at stake! Please remember to observe proper courtroom decorum. Professional attire is expected, cellphones should be silenced, and quiet should be maintained throughout the proceedings.

SpaceX lights up morning sky

Facilities Manager Philip Square caught this jellyfish-looking image of the SpaceX rocket launch Thursday morning, July 9. Liftoff was at 5:25 a.m. from Cape Canaveral. Philip captured the photo as he was coming to work on the Bryant Patton Memorial Bridge. The Falcon 9 rocket carried 29 Starlink internet satellites to orbit. This launch was record-breaking in that it is the 36th launch and landing.





Dear Valued Homeowners,

Welcome to summer! As the days grow longer and our community becomes more active, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for helping make our community such a wonderful place to live.

Summer is a time for enjoying the outdoors, spending time with family and friends, and taking advantage of the many amenities our community has to offer. Whether you are relaxing by the pool, walking our neighborhood streets, or participating in community events, we encourage everyone to enjoy the season while being mindful of their neighbors.

As activity increases, please keep these important community guidelines in mind:

- Please observe all pool and amenity rules to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.
- Please slow down when driving in the area of Resort Village, as the road is very windy and there is an enforceable 15 miles per hour.
- Please ensure that all golf cart drivers pull over to allow traffic to pass when driving down Leisure Lane.
- Drive carefully and observe posted speed limits, as children, pedestrians, and cyclists are more active during the summer months.

Additional Soft Reminders:

- Please review the revised 2026 Leave No Trace guidelines, including the specific lighting requirements which protect our endangered sea turtles.
- Mark your calendars for the Annual Owners' Meeting on Saturday, October 17 at 10 a.m. in the Magnolia Clubhouse.
- Please be respectful of our Security team as they are enforcing the rules provided to them with our community covenants and by-laws. They work every day with unwavering commitment, to ensure the safety and security of our members and renters is a top priority. Reminder that on Saturdays the entrance to the community becomes very congested from 3:30 – 5 p.m. with all our new arrivals.
- Please recognize our maintenance and landscaping staff that diligently work every day in this very warm climate, to keep our common areas looking wonderful. This team is up before dawn with their commitment to ensure our pool, landscaping and all the wonderful amenities are kept up to the very best quality standards.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, management team, and staff, thank you for your cooperation, kindness, and commitment to making our community a great place to call home.

We wish you and your family a safe, happy, and enjoyable summer.

Health & Happiness,

Michael

Michael D. Allen – General Manager

Annual Meeting Schedule

We are fast approaching the fall Annual Owners' Meeting – here are a few dates.

Aug. 18: First notice, as required by our by-laws, will go out. This notice alerts members of the annual meeting, important dates and the number of open BOD seats.

Aug. 18: Opening date of candidate intent. The seats currently occupied by Sue Foster and Sheryl Clouse are up for re-election.

Aug. 20: The SGPOA board must approve amendments to the by-laws or covenants no later than this date. Currently four have been proposed and will be reviewed by the BODs on July 16. Membership will vote on these changes.

Sept. 7 (Labor Day): Deadline for candidates to file their intent to run.

Sept. 10: A meet-the-candidates event, 4 p.m. at the Magnolia Clubhouse.

Sept. 25: A second notice will be mailed out. This notice includes the ballots and all other additional information, such as special events during Owners' Weekend.

Oct. 2: Electronic voting ends.

Oct. 16: The Owners' Meet & Greet Reception, 5-8 p.m. The Recreation Committee is also planning several events for the weekend including a 2-mile Fun Run, tennis social, cornhole tournament and pickleball.

Oct. 17: Paper ballots can be cast up to the 10 a.m. Owners' Meeting. Draft budget to be presented to the membership.

DO GOOD WORK.

MEASURE IT.

Talk about it.

Private Airport

SGPOA offers authorized guests the convenience of a 3,300-foot paved landing strip on the island, entirely owned and operated by the Association. Because this FAA-authorized airstrip is located within and maintained solely by a gated community, members of the public are permitted to land, but not to enter the private properties of the community. Any member of the public who wishes to use the airstrip must notify Plantation Security at (850) 927-2362.

Daily tie-down fees of \$40 will apply. Landing fees are based on weight. Only owners may purchase an annual airport landing permit. The Plantation Airport is unattended with no lighting or fuel services. The island has no car rental or taxi services, although ride share services are available.



Scan the QR Code at the airport or here to pay fees.



The Flag System and Beach Safety

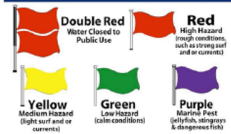
SGI's beaches make this area so special, but conditions on the water can change quickly. There are no lifeguards on our beaches so swim at your own risk.

To keep visitors safe, Franklin County uses a Beach Flag Warning System that designates daily surf conditions. Flags are posted at the entryway. The flag color corresponds to the level of hazard in the water. Because rip currents and changing conditions can pose serious risks, visitors are encouraged to check the flag status before entering the Gulf. When in doubt, stay out of the water and always supervise children closely. And remember, calm waters can be just as dangerous as rough seas.

Scan for water conditions.

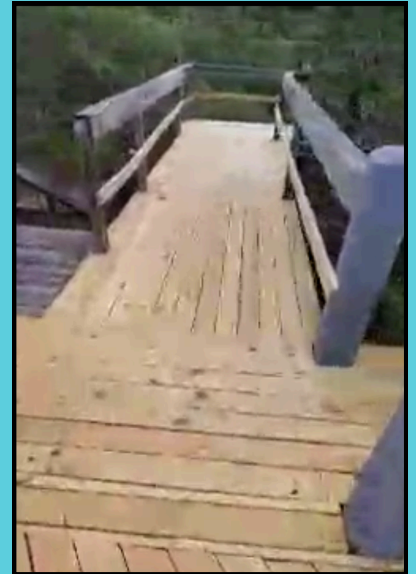


BEACH FLAG WARNING SYSTEM



SGPOA office staff put together a Welcome Packet available to all rental guests. The 8-page booklet offers a friendly welcome to all guests and is a compilation of rules, tips on turtles, beach safety, the airport, etc. [See it here.](#)

The Maintenance team recently responded to an urgent need to replace rotten, broken and twisted boards at this Nick's Hole East boardwalk. The first 40 feet was replaced.



Our Security staff continue to handle a large volume of guests entering The Plantation on the weekends. The July 11 check-in lasted until 6:15 p.m. YTD SGPOA has collected \$170,800 in entrance fees from rentals.

Office staff revamped the airport web page, adding links to pay landing and tie-down fees through our credit card system.



Plantation Airport Payment

Tie-Down Fee:
\$40 per day flat fee (8-hour grace period)
CLICK HERE TO PAY

Landing Fees:
Based on MTOW Weight
Click on the category below to pay.

Up to 5,000 lbs.	\$40
5,001-9,000 lbs.	\$50
9,001-12,500 lbs.	\$75
12,501-999,999 lbs.	\$100

Plantation Security must be notified prior to landing.
Call: (850) 927-2362

Welcome to paradise!

St. George PLANTATION



Scan me with your phone for current beach flag conditions.

Two red flags means the water is closed.

St. George PLANTATION

SGPOA office staff created this flyer and laminated the QR Code for the Franklin County Beach Flag Warnings and installed them at all 31 boardwalks to the beach. We shared the post on social media, where it has received 7,600 views to date.

The 17th Annual Photo Contest

The contest is open to owners, locals, visitors, amateurs and professionals

New Drone Category!

\$20 Entry Fee for up to three images per entrant

Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, People's Choice and Drone

Submission Deadline:
September 9th, 2026

To enter go to:

stgeorgeplantation.com/live/photocontest/

The ArtSocial Committee announces the 17th Annual Photo Contest, which is open to amateurs and professionals alike. Grab your cameras and enter the contest, which runs through September 9 with winners to be announced during the Annual Owners' Meeting in October.

We have a new category this year just for drone photography and from all entries, five photos will be selected to be featured on Plantation banners! All owners will have a chance to vote for People's Choice. Awards will be given as follows:

- 1st Place Drone: \$100
- 1st Place: \$100
- 2nd Place: \$75
- 3rd Place: \$50
- People's Choice: \$50

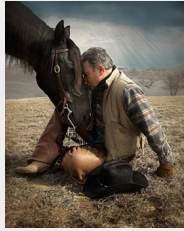
The cost is \$10 for one entry and \$20 for up to three entries. Contest rules and a submission form are available [here](#). No PDF files will be accepted. Photos should be JPG, TIF or PNG.

Mail or email all entries to: SGPOA Photography Contest, 1712 Magnolia Road, St. George Island, FL 32328. Email dingram@sgpoa.com.

MEET THE JUDGES

The ArtSocial Committee has selected an elite group of photographers as judges for this year's Contest.

For over 40 years, **Rick Meoli** worked as a commercial photographer, capturing a diverse range of subjects including food and beverage, dogs, cats, horses, and an extensive array of outdoor and wildlife scenes. His assignments have taken him across the U.S. and abroad. Rick is highly regarded for his passion for photography and his ability to consistently exceed expectations. Rick is a frequent visitor to St. George Island.



Leslie Lewin has been a professional photographer for over 30 years. Her company, Lewin Photography, specialized in weddings, outdoor family portraiture, publicity shots for authors, musicians and political candidates, press kits for private schools and more. She taught photography for Master's Academy of Fine Arts and at Atlanta's East Metro School. She is passionate about the power of an image to capture and preserve those transient moments in life. She lives in the Plantation.



For 33 years, Alabama native **Jay Hare** has captured pivotal local and national events as a photojournalist. He has documented U.S. presidents, athletic national championships, and everyday stories of everyday people. His work has earned multiple state and regional newspaper photography awards. While Jay's primary medium has been photography, he is a skilled painter too with a passion for storytelling through images.



Plantation resident **Bobbi Carey** is a visual artist, specializing in oil painting. She developed curatorial and arts administration experience via an internship with the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit. She has traveled throughout Germany, the Czech Republic, and Austria to study post-modern art, culminating in a photographic body of work and a research paper examining the Holocaust through the lens of a Berlin-based artist.



Sea turtles make 269 nests on SGI

The first hatch of sea turtles on the island this year was lost due to lighting.

St. George Island Sea Turtle Patrol, Inc., operating under FWC Marine Turtle Permit MTP-143, reported on its Facebook page last week that after the first nest hatched, hatchlings crawled toward nearby house lights. The majority of the nest was lost.

SGI Sea Turtle Patrol reminds homeowners to:

- Close your blinds and curtains.
- Turn off unnecessary exterior lights.

The Sea Turtle Conservatory advises homeowners to utilize blackout and tinted films on windows and to move light fixtures away from windows. Please remember the 3 Golden Rules:

- Lights should be low wattage and mounted low.
- Bulbs must be long wave-length - and not white.
- Lights must be facing down.

Also remember not to impede the path of turtles. Leave no trace on the beach at the end of each day. Per our covenants, items can be stored under the boardwalks but shall not be placed on the dunes or on native vegetation.

In addition, any holes dug on the beach are required to be personally attended and must be filled prior to leaving the beach.

Visit our website for more info on sea turtles and other wildlife. [Click here.](#)

SGI Sea Turtle Patrol Crawls through 7/8/26

Section	False Crawls	Nests	All Crawls
A	16	29	45
B	21	26	47
C	16	33	49
CC	14	13	27
D	21	23	44
F	49	28	77
G	66	43	109
H	49	34	83
I	35	19	54
J	22	21	43
Total	309	269	578



Cindy Holloway, Janet Nash and Brooke Hunter patrol Section J, the westernmost point of St. George Island located within The Plantation. They have identified 21 nests this season.

Summer squash & basil pasta

Source: bon appetit

Protein: 18 g. | Sugar: 8 g. | Calories: 550

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup olive oil
- 8 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 2 pounds assorted summer squashes and zucchini, quartered lengthwise, sliced
- Kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon Aleppo-style pepper
- 12 oz. paccheri, ziti, or other large tube pasta
- 2 oz. grated Parmesan (about ½ cup), plus more for serving
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- ½ cup basil leaves, divided



Preparation:

1. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium. Cook garlic, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned around the edges, about 4 minutes. Add squash and increase heat to medium high; season with salt. Cook, tossing occasionally, until squash begins to break down. Turn down heat once it begins sticking, and continue to cook until the squash is soft, 12–15 minutes. Add pepper.
2. Meanwhile, cook pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water, stirring occasionally, until very al dente.
3. Transfer pasta to skillet with squash using a slotted spoon or spider and add ½ cup pasta cooking liquid. Cook pasta, adding 2 oz. Parmesan in stages along with more pasta cooking liquid as needed, until sauce coats pasta and pasta is al dente. Toss in lemon juice and most of the basil.
4. Divide pasta among bowls and top with more Parmesan and Aleppo-style pepper and remaining basil.

Volunteers sought for Sept. Coastal Cleanup Day

The Plantation will be participating in this year's International Coastal Clean Up Day on Saturday, Sept. 19.



This annual event is coordinated by Apalachicola Riverkeeper and this is the first time there will be tip-to-tip coverage of St. George Island.

Plantation coordinators for the event are Scott and Tanya Downing and Traci Clark. The Riverkeeper will provide all the supplies and forms for the collection of trash.

If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to: tanya.downing2017@gmail.com.

Upcoming BOD Meetings

*Held in the Plantation Room on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. unless otherwise stated.***

July 16, 5 p.m.

August 20, 5 p.m.

September 17, 5 p.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Finance

TBD

Cypress Room

ARC

Aug. 13, 1 p.m.

Plantation Room

Infrastructure

Aug. 5, 10 a.m.

Cypress Room

Recreation

Aug. 6, 10 a.m.

Cypress Room

ArtSocial

Aug. 11, 1 p.m.

Cypress Room

Owners are encouraged to attend in person or via Zoom.

Zoom links are located atop agendas on FrontSteps under Documents.

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



Owners and visitors from Wyoming, Texas and Georgia were among the more than 30 people who enjoyed the recent Bingo night sponsored by ArtSocial. The evening was a huge success, with many games having multiple winners.

Dont miss the fun! Join us August 13, 6-8 p.m. for the next round of games in the Plantation Room of the Magnolia Clubhouse. Owners and guests are welcome. This is a BYOB and Bring Your Own Snacks event. No RSVP needed, just show up! Games are \$1 each, per card. We encourage participants to bring dollar bills. This is an 18 and up event.



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