

THE PLANTATION POST

Plans underway for owners' weekend

The Annual Meeting of St. George Plantation Owners' Association will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, beginning at 10 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on covenant changes and to elect two directors to the SGPOA Board of Directors. Expiring seats are occupied by Sue Foster and Sheryl Clouse.

The first electronic notice of this meeting will be emailed from GetQuorum on August 18. If you did not opt in to receive electronic notices, your packet will be mailed no later than Aug. 18. A second electronic notice of the meeting will be emailed on Sept. 25. The second notice will include the agenda and advise of other information including special events.

Board Election Guidelines

If you would like to run for the board, you must submit an **Intent to Run** form. This form is on FrontSteps under [Documents/Annual Meeting/2026](#). It will also be emailed out to all owners next week. The deadline to return this form is **Monday, Sept. 7**, which is Labor Day.

The Intent to Run must be date stamped no later than 4 p.m. Sept. 7. It can be mailed, emailed or dropped off at the office. If you have consented to electronic notification, you will be able to submit your intent to run via GetQuorum.

Please include an Information Sheet – no larger than 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper, containing your qualifications



The SGPOA Annual Owners' Weekend always brings in a big crowd. These photos are from the 2025 event.

Owners' Weekend Events

Friday, Oct. 16

- Cocktail Party, Magnolia Clubhouse, 5-8 p.m.
- Fun Run, Magnolia Clubhouse, 8:30 a.m. check-in/9 a.m. start. All participants get a T-shirt.
- Tennis Social, Magnolia Clubhouse court, 10 a.m.-Noon; refreshments provided.

Saturday, Oct. 17

- Owners' Meeting, Magnolia Clubhouse, 10 a.m.
- Cornhole Tourney, Magnolia Clubhouse, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18

- Pickleball Play, Pickleball Courts, 9 a.m.-Noon

Invitations/sign-ups will go out in September.

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and/or platform for office. Please include a good quality photo. The deadline to submit the Information Sheet is Saturday, Sept. 12. Please be advised the office is closed on Saturdays. The information sheet must be date stamped no later than 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

This sheet will serve as your bio, to be published in the next edition of The Plantation Post and emailed out to all owners. It is to candidates' advantage to have this form available earlier, however, as a **"Meet the Candidates" forum has been set for 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10.**

Only members in good standing may run for office and/or vote in the Annual Owners' Meeting. Four amendments to the covenants will also be on the ballot. They can be read on FrontSteps under [Documents/Annual Meeting/2026](#).

Electronic voting ends on Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. Paper ballots may be cast up to the 10 a.m. meeting. **Note: If you have not signed up for electronic voting, it's not too late.** The form can be found on FrontSteps under [Documents/Annual Meeting/2026](#).

Immediately following the Annual Owners' Meeting, the Board will have an organizational meeting to elect officers. There will also be a draft budget presentation from the Finance Committee. If you have any questions, please email dingram@sgpoa.com

The advertisement features a light blue background with a stylized sunburst in the upper right corner. On the left, the text "St. George PLANTATION" is written in a serif font, with "St. George" in a script font above "PLANTATION". Below this, the main headline "Rent Pickleball & Tennis Rackets" is displayed in a large, bold, teal sans-serif font. Underneath the headline, the text "Just \$5 See Tara in the office" is written in a smaller, teal sans-serif font. At the bottom left, a teal banner contains a white circular icon with a tennis ball and the text "Balls Available to Purchase". On the right side of the advertisement, there is an illustration of a teal pickleball paddle and a teal tennis racket, both with white handles, leaning against each other. In front of the paddles are two teal pickleballs and one white tennis ball. The background of the illustration shows a light blue sky and a green tennis court.

We are now renting pickleball paddles and tennis rackets in the Plantation office. Owners and guests may purchase a pack of four pickleballs for \$13.30 and three tennis balls for \$8.75. Pickleball courts are located on Sea Pine Place, just inside the Plantation gate. Tennis courts are by the Clubhouse and across from Resort Village.

Coastal cleanup volunteers sought

Join us for another opportunity to give back to our coastal community!

Saturday, September 19, is International Coastal Cleanup Day, and Plantation owners are helping coordinate a cleanup effort in partnership with the Apalachicola Riverkeeper.



The countywide cleanup will take place from 8:30–11:30 a.m., with volunteers working throughout the area – including, for the first time, tip-to-tip coverage of St. George Island. Organizing the effort within the Plantation are Scott and Tanya Downing. Supplies will be provided.

Volunteers should bring:

- Gloves
- Insect repellent
- Drinking water
- Sunscreen
- A hat
- Closed-toe shoes

Interested in helping keep our island and surrounding waterways clean? Email Tanya at tanya.downing2017@gmail.com to volunteer.

This is a great way to meet your neighbors, work alongside our staff, and help spruce up The Plantation just in time for the Annual Owners' Meeting.

GM Message

Michael Allen



Dear St. George Plantation Owners,

Summer has once again brought the energy and beauty that make St. George Plantation such a remarkable place to live, vacation, and invest. Whether you are spending the season on the island or following community updates from afar, thank you for your continued support and commitment to preserving the unique character of our Plantation.

Our staff has been focused on maintaining the high standards that owners expect. From caring for our common areas and amenities to ensuring our roads, boardwalks, and recreational facilities remain safe and welcoming, every department plays an important role in protecting the quality of life we all enjoy. As well, our security team works to continually elevate the safety and security of our private community.

I want to thank the many owners who share ideas, volunteer on committees, attend board meetings, and provide constructive feedback. Your participation strengthens our community and helps guide future improvements. We remain committed to open communication and encourage you to stay connected through FRONTSTEPS, our website, and *The Plantation Post* newsletter.

Quick reminder of the Annual Owners' Meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 17. We are very excited to showcase the new fitness center during Owners' Weekend. Remember we are temporarily closing the fitness center on September 1 and re-opening October 11.

Every owner contributes to the legacy of this extraordinary place, and I appreciate the trust you place in our staff each day.

On behalf of the entire SGPOA team, I wish you and your family a safe, relaxing, and memorable rest of the summer. The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. Thank you for being part of our wonderful community.

Warm regards,
Michael Allen
General Manager, SGPOA

Fitness Center update and closure notice

The wait will soon be over.

We are thrilled to announce that the Board of Directors has approved a substantial upgrade to the Fitness Center! The caveat is that we have to close for six weeks to make all these great improvements.

The improvements include the following:

- \$32,500 for new, modern fitness equipment
- \$14,500 for expansion/construction
- \$4,500 for electrical modifications to accommodate new cardio equipment location
- \$14,100 for new cushioned sound reduction flooring
- \$3,000 for mirrors, sound system, & finishing touches

The Infrastructure and the Recreation Committees have been working with staff for months on selecting new equipment, bidding the project out, and evaluating other needs such as flooring. We appreciate all their hard work and look forward to a newly renovated and expanded facility just in time for the Annual Owners' Meeting Weekend.

The \$68,600 project is being fully funded from Reserves.

We apologize for the inconvenience of the closure but we can all look forward to the finished product – a refreshed, upgraded workout space that better serves our owners and guests. Thank you to everyone who continues to work hard to bring this project to fruition.



**DO GOOD
WORK.**

MEASURE
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*Talk
about it.*



The **Maintenance** staff stays busy throughout the summer months, keeping up with mowing, landscaping and the many other tasks that help keep The Plantation looking its best. Above, staff members trim palm berry pods outside the Clubhouse. The pods can easily stick to shoes and be tracked into buildings, homes and vehicles, making their removal an important part of keeping our common areas clean and well-maintained.

In the office

As the rental season slows down, office staff shift their attention from assisting owners & guests to:

- Budget season
- Annual Owners' Meeting prep
- Architectural Review duties



Security officer Nick Etheridge uses jumper cables to start a Plantation owner's vehicle recently. The staff have been called upon to jump-start nine vehicles this last month. Most dead batteries were due to interior lights left on or were heat related. Security has also been busy this past month turning off the water at various houses with water leaks. And finally, Security temporarily housed a lost and thirsty pup without an ID tag until the owner was found.



The ArtSocial Committee is still accepting photos for the 17th Annual Photo Contest.

Grab your cameras & find that amazing “best in class” shot! Please note that all entries must be submitted by Sept. 9. Amateurs & professionals may enter.

Winners will be announced during the Annual Owners’ Meeting in October.

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/\$20 for up to three. Contest rules & submission form are available [here](#).

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.

The photo above was taken by one of our judges, Rick Meoli, during one of his visits to St. George Island.

Scammer’s email bilks community

Warning to always be aware

SURFSIDE BEACH, S.C.— The trap began with a routine ritual: the head of a family-run contracting company and a small town public-works director trading emails about when the city would cut a six-figure check for utility work.

A cybercriminal posed as a company employee and emailed the director to request an electronic transfer. Days later, the town sent \$545,598 to a Utah bank account. Surfside Beach had fallen victim to a “business email compromise” scam, a swindle that cost \$3 billion nationally last year, the FBI says.

Fraudsters fool people with malicious software, phishing emails or tweaked digital addresses. Once in, they can spot legitimate email threads about invoices and business matters.

In Surfside Beach, a probe is underway to determine how the breach occurred. The money is still missing. The company has yet to be paid and had to tap reserves to help cover the errant \$545,000. The CEO of the company said it was the town that got scammed, so the company is owed the money. The city said the emailed payment request appeared legit.

A forensic analysis shows the town’s email accounts were not improperly accessed. The fraudster set up dummy websites and email addresses, with a domain name just one letter off from the legitimate company name. Another tacked an “s” on Surfside to create surfsidesbeach.org. Such “typosquatting” led town and company employees to communicate unwittingly with the scammer.

The trick is so subtle it passes the human eyeball test, said cybersecurity experts. The scammers set up flags on infiltrated email systems so they see when payment-related messages land. They also route legitimate emails to trash so only the fraudster’s voice gets through. When payment was about to be sent, a poser emailed asking for an electronic transfer. That day, the scammer filled out the city’s ACH form.

AI is empowering scammers by smoothing syntax and diction, polish that helps overseas crooks with poor English. Of all the anti-scam safeguards, none beats human verification. **When in doubt: Call a known telephone number to ensure a request is authentic.**

SGI loses 39% of all turtle nests

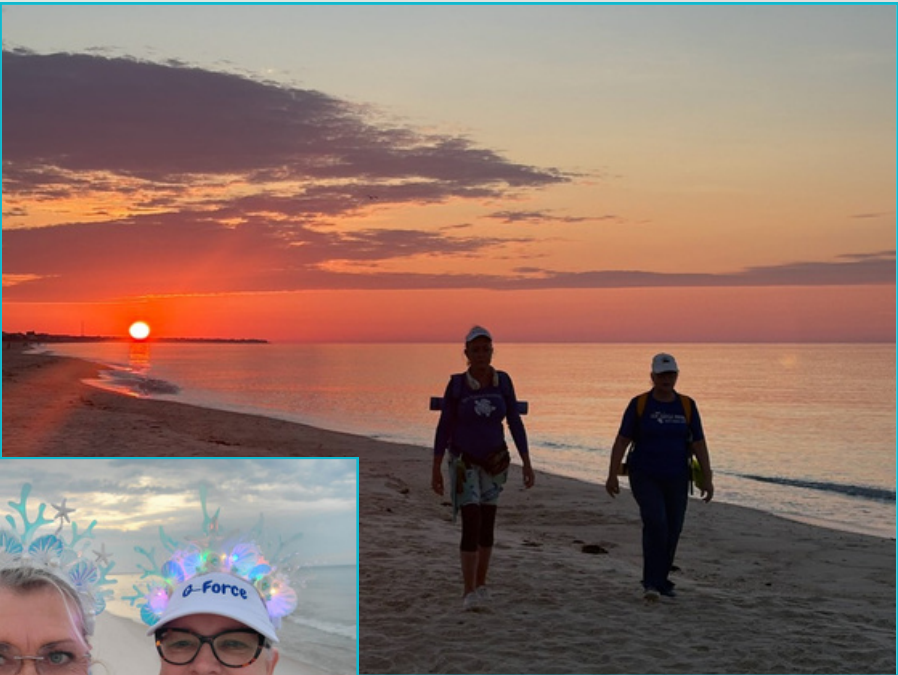
Tropical Storm Bertha brought rain and rough seas to the island July 21, including several days of double red flags. During this time, the island lost 143 sea turtle nests. Among nests located within the Plantation, Sections G and H – From 12th Street to the Magnolia Clubhouse – suffered the greatest losses.

As of last week, 40 nests have hatched.

Sea turtle season runs through Oct. 31. Please remember to pull your drapes or blinds at night to increase the chance of survival for hatchlings making their way out to sea. Also remember to Leave No Trace by removing items on the beach.

Sea turtle statistics are provided by the St. George Island Sea Turtle Patrol, Inc., operating under FWC Marine Turtle Permit MTP-143. We appreciate all they do. Follow their Facebook page [here](#).

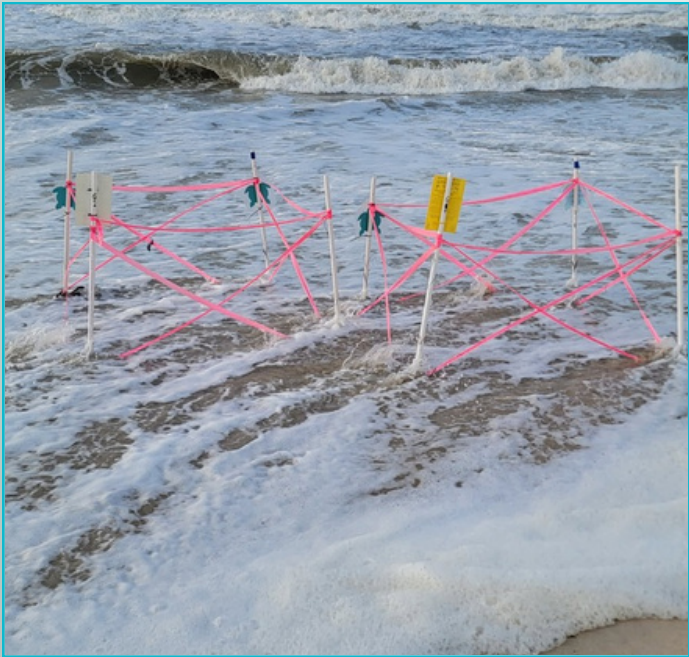
Visit our website for more info on sea turtles and other wildlife. [Click here](#).



Jan Bowers (left) and Renee Black maintain Section G of the island, from 12th Street to Nick’s Hole.



Section	Green Loggerhead		Total Nests	Nests			Hatched		
	Nests	Nests		False Crawls	WashedOut by Storm	% Lost	Nests	# Hatched Eggs	# Total Eggs
A	5	33	38	31	11	29%	4	197	246
B		27	27	30	15	56%	2	76	90
C	1	42	43	17	18	42%	4	434	695
CC		20	20	14	5	25%	4	246	297
D		33	33	38	14	42%	3	314	398
F	1	38	39	61	15	38%	3	122	338
G	1	55	56	89	20	36%	7	519	683
H	2	41	43	64	22	51%	5	442	558
I		31	31	64	12	39%	3	194	308
J		39	39	34	11	28%	5	365	459
Grand Total	10	359	369	442	143	39%	40	2909	4072



Let’s Play One Last Game of Bingo!

We’ve had a great time with Bingo this summer, and we’re going out with one last game!

Thursday, August 13, 6–8 p.m.

Plantation Room

Owners and visitors are welcome! \$1 per card, per game. Cash prizes. Must be 18 or older to play. Please bring plenty of \$1 bills and get ready for a fun evening of Bingo!

Come join us and the ArtSocial Committee for their summer Bingo finale!

Roasted artichoke hearts

Source: this healthy table

Made with 5 simple ingredients.

Artichoke Hearts:

Use a can of halved, quartered, or whole artichoke hearts. If you get a can of whole artichokes, you'll need to cut them in half before using them. If you get a can of artichoke halves, you can use them as-is or cut them into quarters - depending on how large of a piece you want. Drain & dry.



Olive Oil: Toss this with the artichoke hearts, making sure each one gets a little coating. This will help the artichoke hearts get crispy. Bake at 400 for 15-20 minutes. Broil 1-2 minutes at the end for extra browning.

Parmesan: Add this near the end of the baking time so it doesn't burn. The parmesan will get crispy and add an extra flavor punch.

Salt & Pepper: Season the artichokes with just a little salt & pepper.

Optional Toppings: If you'd like to add a bit more flavor, you can mix the parmesan with 2 minced garlic cloves before sprinkling it onto the artichoke hearts.

Serving Ideas

You can serve the artichokes on their own or with a savory sauce like Basil Aioli, a sweet dipping sauce like Honey Dijon Dressing, or a creamy dip like an Avocado Sauce.

Definitely serve them with a lemon wedge to give them a little squeeze of fresh lemon juice before eating!

Upcoming BOD Meetings

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

August 20, 5 p.m.

September 17, 5 p.m.

November 19, 5 p.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Architectural Review

Aug. 13, 1 p.m.

Plantation Room

Infrastructure

Sept. 2, 10 a.m.

Cypress Room

Recreation

Sept. 3, 10 a.m.

Cypress Room

ArtSocial

Sept. 3, 1 p.m.

Cypress Room

Finance

Sept. 10, 10 a.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.**

Plantation offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day.

1st Thursday food truck



We've had a blast this summer with ArtSocial's poolside 1st Thursday Food Truck event. From Honduran to hot dogs to Danny's famous Cuban sandwich, it's been a great time! The series has

been so popular, it is being continued into the fall. As we officially bid summer farewell on Labor Day weekend, we will have Caramelle's Sweet Treats on site Sept. 4-6, Noon to 3 p.m.



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