

THE PLANTATION POST

Reminder: Two BOD seats being voted on

Time is running out to file an Intent to Run form for two open Board of Director seats. Online and mail-in voting begins later this month. Final voting will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17 prior to the Annual Owners' Meeting at 10 a.m. The 3-year terms for the seats currently held by Sue Foster and Sheryl Clouse are expiring. Under our bylaws, both are eligible to run again for their respective seats.

A notice of the annual meeting, with the option to vote for candidates and amendments to the covenants, will be emailed and mailed on Sept. 25. This notice will include the meeting agenda and information on special events.

Board Election Guidelines: If you would like to run for the board, you must submit an Intent to Run form, which is located on FrontSteps under [Documents/Annual Meeting/2026](#). It was mailed and emailed last month. **The deadline to return this form is 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7**, which is Labor Day. 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 qualifications and your platform by 4 p.m. on Sept. 12. Please include a photo so we can send these profiles to all owners prior to the start of voting. A "Meet the Candidates" forum has been set for 4 p.m. on Sept. 10.

Only members in good standing may run for office and/or vote in the Annual Owners' Meeting.

See calendar of events on page 8, RSVP cocktail party, page 6.

INTERESTED IN SERVING THE ASSOCIATION?



We are looking for
owners to run for 2
open board of director
seats.

INTENT TO RUN

FOR
SGPOA
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

St. George
PLANTATION



BOD President

Buck Bolden



Neighbors and Friends,

We've had a great summer at The Plantation with food trucks, bingo, and a lot of visitors!

As we transition into Fall and begin preparations for the Annual Owners' Meeting, I wanted to provide a litigation update. The first major hearing to determine the future interest of beach rights in The Plantation was on Aug. 6 before the Franklin County Circuit Court in Apalachicola. Judge Michael Beato entered an Order on Aug. 13 denying the Partial Summary Judgment Motion. The next step will be a Case Management Conference at 11 a.m. on Sept. 30 to set the schedule to proceed to a trial.

A quick reminder that we are in the early stages of preparing for the Annual Owners' Meeting on October 17 at 10 a.m. We will be considering four covenant updates related to the use of electric bikes and other personal mobility devices. Your vote on these proposed changes will reflect how you would like these to be treated going forward.

The second item to consider is the election for two board seats. I encourage everyone interested in serving to volunteer by Sept. 7 (Labor Day). New this year is an opportunity to meet the candidates on September 10 at the Magnolia Clubhouse.

The Annual Budget Workshop is usually held after the September BOD meeting. This year the Budget Workshop is being moved to the day of the Owners' Meeting so that more owners will have the opportunity to review the proposed 2027 budget. In addition to the potential for a larger attendance, End-of-Year Projections of the 2026 Budget will be more accurate given that 10 months of actuals will be included in the budget projection.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Owners' Meeting in October.



Basketball goal ready for use

Owners and guests can now enjoy basketball without leaving The Plantation!



A basketball goal has been added to the Pelican Point tennis court, creating a multi-use court for both tennis and basketball. The addition follows owner feedback from a 2025 survey.

This is a one-year trial while SGPOA evaluates usage and determines whether a dedicated basketball court is needed. To help us track use, **please sign in each time you use the court.** Sign-up sheets are available at the court, and tracking usage will help guide future decisions.

Basketballs will soon be available at the court. Tennis rackets are available for rent through the office, and tennis balls are available for purchase. Pickleball paddles and balls are also available in the office.

The project was a joint effort of the Infrastructure and Recreation Committees, with direction from the Board of Directors.

Ballers, grab a ball, bring a friend and enjoy the court!



**DO GOOD
WORK.**

MEASURE
IT.

*Talk
about it.*



Office staffers Tara Fracaro and Debbie Ingram assist Facilities Director Philip Square in clearing out the work room to make way for the expansion of the fitness center. Cabinets are coming out and being relocated to the main part of the offices.

SGPOA Security officer

Desiree Quick refers to the Welcome Guide to provide information to a guest. Security has just moved into a slower season, with approximately 300 vehicles coming into and out of the front gate on a daily basis. That daily count will rise to about 500 Labor Day weekend.



Administrative Specialist Tara Fracaro stocked and arranged our newly installed display case in the Clubhouse offices last week. We have a new supply of items, modeled by Tara, including washed denim and red t-shirts, trucker hats, and large branded canvas bags. We also have branded stainless steel cups.

Retail items

Distressed Hat: \$22	Trucker Hat: \$29
Visor: \$17	T-shirt: \$24
Long sleeve & tank top: \$30	Denim long sleeve & vest: \$45
Boat bag: \$42	Stainless cup: \$40
SPF 70 sunscreen: \$12	Swim goggles: \$11
3 tennis balls: \$9	4 pickleballs: \$14

Feng Shui: Clutter isn't random

Feng shui is an ancient Chinese practice of arranging your living or workspace to create balance and harmony with your environment. Feng (wind) and shui (water) techniques allow positive energy to flow through a room.

According to these principles, here's what our clutter means:

- **Overflowing closet:** Old identities. You are keeping clothes for lives you no longer live and versions of yourself you no longer need. Healing: Fill one donation bag with anything you would not choose today.
- **Pile of unopened bills:** Financial avoidance. The balance does not change because the envelope is unopened. Healing: Open every bill, write down the amount and due date, and handle the smallest action first.
- **Crowded nightstand:** A mind that never lands. Every book, cup and charger becomes one more unfinished thought. Healing: Leave only what supports sleep and tomorrow morning.
- **Jammed junk drawer:** Delayed decisions. You keep tiny problems because choosing where they belong feels harder than hiding them. Healing: Empty the drawer and give every useful item one permanent place.
- **Wallet full of old cards and receipts:** Untracked spending. Your money tools are mixed with proof of purchases you barely recall. Healing: Keep one payment card and your ID and find another place for the receipts you need.
- **Stack of unused gifts:** Borrowed guilt. You are giving space to things you never wanted because someone else chose them. Healing: Keep the care behind the gift and donate the item without apologizing.
- **Garage of abandoned projects:** Promises made to an older version of you. Each unfinished plan quietly asks

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MAY WE ALWAYS REMEMBER



*The **TRUTH** is,
that all of the
STUFF here on
Earth we work so
hard to buy and accumulate,
does **NOT** mean a thing.*

*At the end of the day, people will
be cleaning out our **STUFF**, going
through our **STUFF** and figuring
out what to do with our **STUFF** ...
this **STUFF** we have accumulated
in our life.*

*The only thing of **VALUE** that
remains are the **MEMORIES** and
what we deposit into others.*

*May we all learn to spend less
time accumulating **STUFF** and
more time making **MEMORIES**.*

– Author Unknown

Coastal cleanup volunteers sought

**Volunteers
still needed!**

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 and help spruce up
The Plantation just in time for
the Annual Owners' Meeting.

All workers are welcome!



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

Grab your cameras & find that amazing “best in class” shot! **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.

ARC protects our association

By Andrea Gallardo-Runk

ARC Liaison

Thinking about removing trees or making landscaping improvements? The Architectural Review Committee is here to help guide you through the review process.

Many exterior improvements require ARC approval, and planning ahead can help ensure your project is ready when the time comes. Don't wait until a storm is approaching, or work is ready to begin to start the approval process.

A few things to remember:

- The ARC meets monthly to review applications, so plan ahead.
- Complete applications must be submitted by the established deadline, **at least 10 business days prior to the next ARC meeting**, to be considered.
- Incomplete applications will not be placed on the agenda for review.
- Application forms, meeting schedules, deadlines, and the St. George Plantation Design Guide are available on the Architectural Review page of the SGPOA website [here](#).

As part of the ARC review process, you may receive notices regarding proposed new construction or major remodeling projects near your property. When these projects are submitted for preliminary review, nearby property owners may receive mailed or emailed notices to help keep them informed about projects being considered by the ARC.

A little planning ahead and understanding of the ARC process can help make things smoother for everyone. When in doubt, contact the ARC office before getting started!

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for attention. Healing: Pick one project to finish this month. Release the rest.

- **Freezer full of forgotten food:** Grocery money frozen in place. Buying more before using what you have turns good intentions into waste. Healing: Plan three meals from the freezer before your next grocery trip.
- **Shoes and bags blocking the front door:** No clean arrival. Your home greets you with decisions before you even step inside. Healing: Clear one landing spot so coming home feels like arriving, not catching up.

Your home or workspace does not need to be perfect. It only needs to stop storing decisions you refuse to make. **5**

GM Message

Michael Allen



Dear St. George Plantation Owners,

As we welcome the month of September, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what makes St. George Plantation such a truly special place.

We are fortunate to live, visit, and spend time in a community surrounded by extraordinary natural beauty — from our beaches and dunes to the wildlife, open spaces, and peaceful atmosphere that make St. George Island unlike anywhere else. But beyond the beauty of our surroundings, it is the people and the shared commitment to this community that truly make the Plantation special.

As we move into September, I encourage everyone to continue collaborating with a spirit of cooperation, respect, and appreciation for one another. Communities are strongest when we communicate openly, lend a helping hand, and remember that we all share the same goal: keeping St. George Plantation a place we are proud to call home or our home away from home.

There will always be opportunities for improvement, new ideas to consider, and challenges to address. By approaching these opportunities together, with positive energy, patience, and a willingness to listen — we can continue building an even stronger sense of community.

Our staff is preparing for the 2026 annual Owners Meeting on October 17. Reminder that this year's budget workshop will be at 9 a.m. the same morning to share and discuss what the 2027 SGPOA budget will look like.

I am also excited to share again the great improvement that will be completed on October 10 with our state-of-the-art and expanded Magnolia Clubhouse Fitness Center.

There will be a brief time this fall that the Resort Village Pool will need to be shut down to make repairs and continue to minimize any leaks that are causing the water bill to be more than it should.

We are excited with our launch of the new amenity products in our sundry inventory including; logo shirts, expanded style of baseball caps, large branded bottle tumblers, swimming goggles, supplies for both pickleball and tennis, sun lotion, and other great products coming online. All are very high-quality material which reflects the same quality of our community.

Thank you for being an important part of the St. George Plantation community. I look forward to a positive and productive month ahead and to continuing our work together as one community, one Plantation, and one shared future.

Wishing you all a wonderful September.

"The Greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Warm Regards,
Michael D. Allen
General Manager
St. George Plantation

Cocktail Party

Owners'
Weekend

Friday, Oct. 16
5-8 p.m.
Plantation
Room

Scan to RSVP
by Oct. 9.



Invite also being
sent separately via
FrontSteps.

Small plates by
Tamara's on the Go.

The pineapple is a longtime
symbol of hospitality.
This is the heart of our
celebration this year.



Football shaped cheese dip

Source: healthyfamilyproject.com



Just in time for tailgating season! This dish preps in 15 minutes.

- 24 oz. plain Greek yogurt
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup slivered almonds
- ¼ cup chopped bacon or bacon bits
- 1 tbsp chopped green onion
- Large round Italian bread loaf
- Pretzels, cucumber, broccoli for serving
- 1 slice white cheese – we used provolone



Instructions:

1. Mix 2 cups yogurt with the cheddar cheese and almonds.
2. Refrigerate for 2 hours.
3. Take a bread loaf (pictured is Chicago Italian loaf) and cut football oval shape in center using serrated knife.
4. Scoop chilled dip into the center of bread loaf.
5. Sprinkle ¼ cup chopped bacon (or bacon bits) on top of dip.
6. Garnish with green onions.
7. Cut 4 strips of white cheese and add to top
8. Serve with fresh veggies, pretzels and remaining bread.

Upcoming BOD Meetings

Beginning this month, BOD meetings will be Zoom only except the October and April meetings.

September 17, 5 p.m.

November 19, 5 p.m.

December 17, 5 p.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Architectural Review

Sept. 10, 1 p.m.

Plantation Room

Finance

Sept. 24, 10 a.m.

Cypress Room

Recreation

Oct. 1, 10 a.m.

Cypress Room

ArtSocial

Oct. 1, 1 p.m.

Cypress Room

Infrastructure

Oct. 7, 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 BOD meetings may be called with notification sent via FrontSteps.

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

Invitations being put together

The ArtSocial and Recreation Committees are working with staff to finalize all the details for the Annual Owners' Weekend October 16-18.

As details, signups and flyers become available, they will be published on our website. Just scan the QR code at right for all the information. This will also be communicated via FrontSteps and on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Information will also be posted on our main bulletin board in the Clubhouse lobby and sent out as part of the annual voting materials.



We welcome all owners "home" for this weekend and encourage you to participate in as many activities as you can. This is a great way to make friends of your neighbors.



OWNERS' WEEKEND

Events



Join us for all the exciting events
during the Annual Owners' Meeting Weekend.

OCT 16	8:30 AM FUN RUN Run starts at 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse. All runners receive a free T-shirt. \$50 gas card for overall winner. 10 AM – NOON TENNIS SOCIAL Refreshments provided. Magnolia Court 5 – 8 PM COCKTAIL PARTY Small plates catered by Tamara's on the go. Lively music. Signature cocktail.
OCT 17	9:00 AM 2027 BUDGET WORKSHOP Ownership review of draft budget. 10 AM GENERAL SESSION FOR OWNERS Annual Owners Meeting & BOD election. 11:30 AM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Election of officers. 3 PM CORNHOLE TOURNEY Plantation Clubhouse
OCT 18	9 A.M.-NOON PICKLEBALL Grab a partner and meet us on the pickleball courts.

(850) 927-2312 office@sgpoa.com

Follow us on Instagram & Facebook for more information.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND FOOD TRUCKS

SEPT. 4-6
Magnolia Pool



Noon-3 p.m.



4-6 p.m.



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