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## LINER NOTES

On the cover: 'PowWow Wild Berry Coneflower', from Marylin and Mark Forbes. *Photo: Editor*

July is a fun issue! More *Magnolia News* firsts:

**'Faces & Names'** features our neighbors, two households each month. *You and yours* can be featured, too! The only requirement is that you live here, and can handle the questions! Meet our trailblazers the **Wilkes** and the **Forfas**, pages 5-6.

**'The Good Gardens'** showcases the green thumbs of residents who paint their landscapes, and our neighborhoods, with eye, skill, and hard work. The very 'goodest gardener' to kick this monthly feature off: **Lynda Dapra**, pages 12-13

**'Peeps \$ Pups'** are also fellow residents, the four-legged ones, out taking their humans for a walk! Brought to you by **Becky Hinson** who's all over the neighborhood, and all over this issue! One tireless contributor, she writes, thinks, proofreads, advises, thinks some more, has great ideas, and has a heart for Magnolia Point as big as a mountain. *What?! She takes pictures, too??!!*

*Like she always says, "That's why I get the big bucks!"*

And Becky reports on Magnolia Point's newest 'Frequent Diners Club' in this month's installment of **'Gator Watch'**, pages 17-18.

### THE MAGNOLIA NEWS

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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

# IT'S YOUR MONEY

I moved into Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club community in July 2017. Due to an upcoming vacancy, I accepted the Chairman of the Finance Committee position in October 2018, when a public monthly report on finances was not distributed. I began creating monthly financials with a report on the results which, at that time, was only made available to the Board of Directors; this preceded the first Homeowners' election in March of 2019. At that time, I was elected to the Board and voted to be Treasurer, which position I have occupied for the 3 plus years since then. Each month financial statements and an analytic report have been made available and posted on our web site to increase transparency. I am now considering not running again, and am interested in learning who else would like to perform the Treasurer function, whether as a Board member or not.

In October 2019, after our resident Community Association Manager (CAM) resigned, along with the former Management Company, and the Board engaged our current Management Company, May Management Services Inc., with an offsite CAM, Mary Marciano. Mary is available at 904-940-1002, extension 323, or at [cam@magpt.com](mailto:cam@magpt.com) to respond or direct response to most homeowners' questions. Mary typically spends one day per week touring our neighborhood, to review compliance, etc. At that time, the Board speculated that it would be reasonable for the

quarterly HOA fee to increase. However, that has not happened in the 4 ensuing years. as, the Directors have worked diligently to ensure that your funds have been used wisely, in the manner in which they believe the majority of homeowners want.

Money makes our association work. Revenues or Income are fairly well known. We have 967 Homeowners or lots, mostly paying \$1,380.56 per year, plus some other very minor income items. Hence, our Budgeted Revenues are \$1,363,284 from Homeowner dues. You can find a copy of our detailed monthly Budget and financials for this year and prior years on our web site at [www.magpt.com](http://www.magpt.com). Our Home Association dues are generally limited to 5% annual increases. Hence, with most paying \$345.14 per quarter, any increase would probably be limited to \$17.25 per quarter.

The difficulty comes in controlling spending. Your Board keeps you informed of spending compared to Budget, and gets approval in advance, at Board meetings, for unbudgeted spending when necessary. You should know that a balanced Budget is required for us as a not-for-profit Homeowner Association. This means that expenses must be budgeted to equal the revenues at the beginning of each year. Therefore, you may find that some expense categories are budgeted slightly higher than truly expected and such budget includes a "Contingency" category to pay for unanticipated costs.

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One of the line items often overlooked when reviewing the Budgeted expenses is the transfer of funds from the Operations Fund to the Special Reserves Fund. The budgeted amount for this has increased from \$245,000 in 2019 to \$252,000 in 2022. This is used exclusively for infrastructure repair or improvement, and unanticipated emergency spending such as repairing hurricane damage which occurred in 2018. At the end of 2021, the Board determined the Operating Fund had excess money, and \$325,000 was transferred to the Reserve Fund to boost the availability of such funds.

Administrative costs, security, and landscape maintenance expenses account for just about \$1,076,000 of our annual spending. Largely, this is made up of about \$125,000 paid to our Management Company, under contract, to cover the wages, benefits, office supplies and other costs of managing our HOA throughout the year. Also, about \$425,000 is provided under the Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club (the Club) Agreement to assist in Club maintenance, other than golf, such as restaurant and pub, pool, tennis, pickle ball, and playground in an effort to provide desirable services and this maintains the neighborhood attractiveness and the real estate value of our community. Many of us noticed the major improvements that the Club has made this year, as well as in prior years. I know our Association cost to be very favorable compared to other Associations in the Jacksonville area,

particularly Deerwood on the Southside which has about the same number of homes, and amenities as us, at a significantly higher cost. Another \$105,000 is paid under contract to Evergreen Lawn Care Specialists for common area and the red nine area maintenance. Then, about \$240,000 is currently expended on our security systems. The remaining about \$215,000 covers general repairs and administrative expenses such as professional, legal, insurance, utilities, irrigation, and office expenses.

Now, as you should know, we believe that we have contracted a fine Community Management Company, with both a Community Association Manager (CAM) and Assistant CAM, and relevant services such as accounting and maintaining the aesthetics of this neighborhood. A great CAM is often one with local connections to assist us in obtaining the most reasonable services for our money, as well as providing services such as collecting past due revenues from homeowners behind in their payments. Always remember: It's Our Money!

Finally, please be aware that our community runs on the time and services of our volunteers. We are always looking for more volunteers, as we definitely are currently. So please consider if you are able to help, and please respond.

- JOHN LOCHNER





KATHY &  
KEITH WILKES



LUCY

Photos: K. Wilkes

**How long have you lived at Magnolia Point?**

*We built our home 16 years ago.*

**Who's in your immediate family, at home here or elsewhere?**

*Our immediate and extended family is dispersed around the country. The military brought us both to Jacksonville where we met 40 years ago. Our family is located up North with son, Keith Jr., in New York and daughter, Kaitlyn, in Virginia. We are beyond blessed with a grandson, Cohen, and spend as much time with him as possible. Pops is his best friend!*

**Do you have any pets?**

*A Golden Doodle named Lucy that rules the house!*

**What was your passion at 16?**

*We both had a passion for music and playing sports when we were teenagers.*

**And now?**

*Those teen passions still remain today and we added a few along the way, such as gardening. Travel became a significant passion as empty nesters. We have a rule of "one place new" every year which could be simple driving distance/day trip or broader domestic or foreign travel – the intent is to explore! Hobbies aside, the people around us drive our passion.*

**What advice would you give to a 16-year old today?**

*Follow the golden rule and look outward and always look for ways to help others. The foundation of caring for others will ensure success in any career you choose as well as your personal life.*

**What do you like most about your home?**

*The various spaces in our home are oriented to bring the outside- in with lots of windows and views of the garden.*

**Do you have any household projects in the 'planning' or 'dream' stage?**

*After a three year project of landscaping the front and backyard, we have turned to the interior for a refresh in color palette. No construction....just lighting, paint, fabrics, etc.*

**Do you see yourself living here in 5 years?**

*We love the community and our home. We hope to be retired in 5 years and having time to be more involved in the community.*





# FACES & NAMES

1827 SHOAL CREEK CIRCLE

## How long have you lived at Magnolia Point?

*Kathy and I moved to Magnolia Point December 13, 2001. We moved here from Yorktown, VA.*

## Who's in your immediate family, at home here or elsewhere?

*This could be a short story in itself. I have 16 brothers and sisters. Kathy has her father, who lives in Fleming Island, an older brother in Orlando and younger sister in Virginia. We recently found out through ancestry.com that I am a proud father, father-in-law. and grandfather. My beautiful daughter Erica just turned 44 and is married to William. They have 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls.*

## Do you have any pets?

*We have one Russian Blue cat and her name is Magnolia. Our cat Bruschi (RIP) decided he needed a baby sister and brought Maggie home one day. She was a Magnolia Point stray kitten we adopted almost 14 years ago.*

## What was your passion at 16?

*At 16 my passion was making it to 17!*

## And now?

*Making it to 65! LOL! Oh, and playing golf. Kathy likes to read, cook, and crafting.*

## What advice would you give to a 16-year old today?

*Start saving your money, no matter how much, to invest in your future retirement.*

## What do you like most about your home?

*Our outdoor pool and patio!*

## Do you have any household projects in the 'planning' or 'dream' stage?

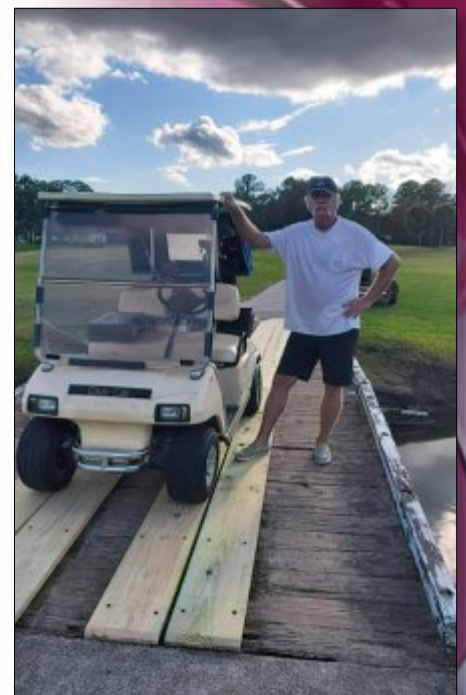
*We have already completely remodeled our home over the years. Right now Kathy has none and I have whatever projects she tells me I have.*

## Do you see yourself living here in 5 years?

*Absolutely!*



KAT &  
STAN FORFA



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# WASTE NOT - WANT NOT

BY JOANNE LABEOUF

Did you know that donating one paper grocery bag will help feed the hungry? Waste Not, Want Not is a local charity and a volunteer food distribution center that rescues food from all segments of the food industry. Some of them include grocery stores, restaurants and caterers, wholesalers, vendors, bakers, and transporters. In short, they rescue foods, bag them, and help charities in 14 counties to feed more people and provide more services. Local charities and food pantries are the recipients of their efforts; in turn, they distribute food bags locally to the needy.

Magnolia Point Women's Club does its share to help this organization. Phyllis Skarbrevik is in charge of a "paper bag project." She collects brown paper grocery bags and large shopping bags from Magnolia Point residents and takes them to Waste Not Want Not in support of their efforts.

Next time you are in the supermarket, ask for paper bags rather than plastic. Brown paper bags may be dropped off on the exit side of the gate house. Look for the gray bin and deposit the bags there. A small effort on your part can go a long way.



## MAGNOLIA POINT CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

All games are friendly and you can sign up with a partner or as a single and be paired up. One prize is paid out for each table, ie if there are four tables, the top four scores win money. Duplicate and Social Bridge generally play on alternate Thursdays in the clubhouse dining room from 3 to 6pm. The fees are \$2.00 for social and \$3.00 for duplicate to cover the cost of prize money and supplies.

**Ladies Bridge** plays on the last Friday of the month. Play begins at 10am with lunch around noon and finishes around 2pm.



### Duplicate Bridge, Thu, May 26

1. Alice Lodge & Joanne Montzka
2. Connie & Michael Byers
3. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
4. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
5. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott

### Social Bridge, Thu, Jun 2

1. Marty Essex & Jola Greiner
2. Kim Belcher & Alice Lodge
3. Phyllis Boyd & Joanne Montzka
4. Connie & Michael Byers
5. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott

### Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Jun 9

1. Phyllis Boyd & Alice Lodge
2. Connie & Michael Byers
3. Jim Cardozo & Brad Lucas
4. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
5. Jerry Ritchie & Ed Szymanski

### Social Bridge, Thu, Jun 16,

1. Phyllis Boyd & Joanne Montzka
2. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
3. Alice Lodge & Kaaren Tague
4. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill

### Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Jun 23

1. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott
2. Jerry Ritchie & Ed Szymanski
3. Jon Bastress & Phyllis Boyd
4. Sondra Costa & Marsha Parker

### Ladies Bridge, Fri, Jun 24

1. Ann Burden
2. Jola Greiner

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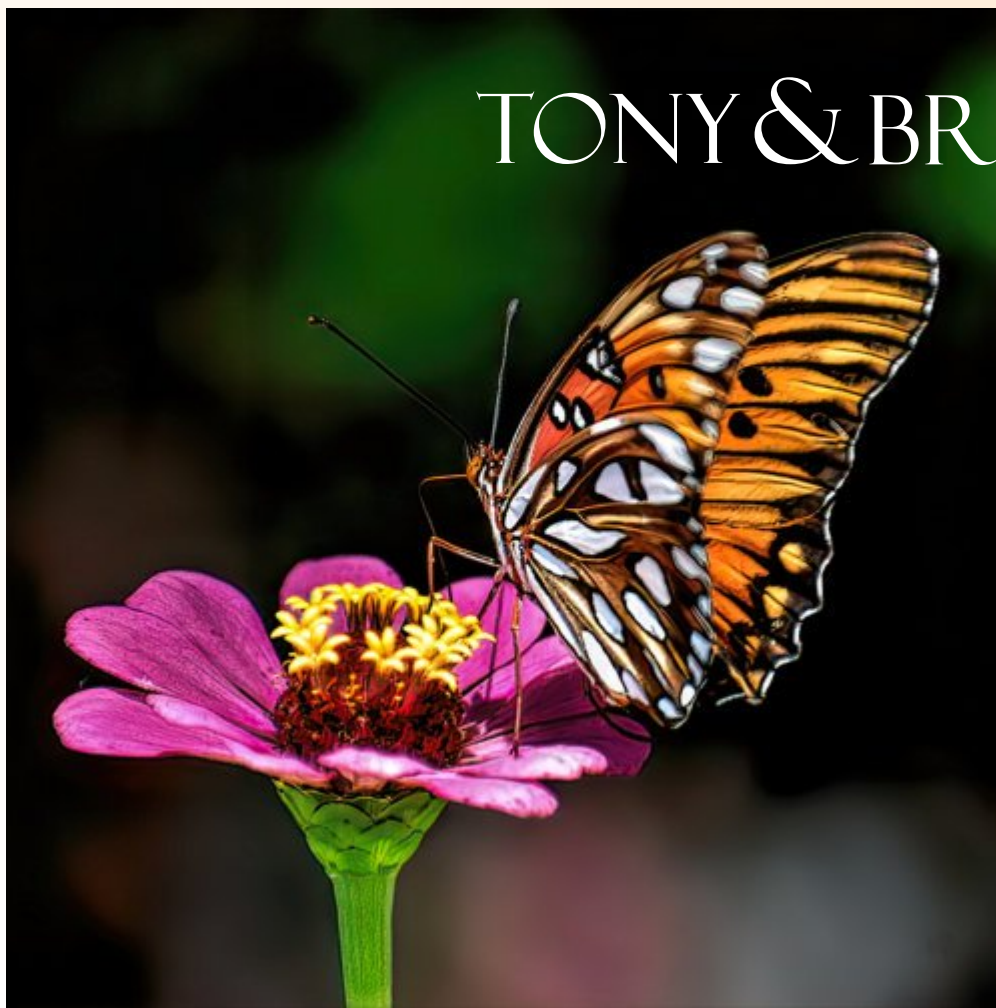
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# TONY & BRENDA

# FERREY



Pam recently retired and moved to Magnolia Point with her husband Randy from Cincinnati, Ohio and together have 6 grown children and 9 grandchildren.

They moved here because of Randy's sister and brother-in-law Diane and John Lochner.

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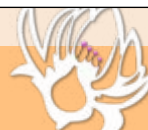
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Pamela Mason



# MPWC

## MP WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE

- SUSAN MITCHELL



President **Joanne LaBeouf** announced the following members have volunteered for this coming year:

Hospitality	Sandy Magyar & Jaci Shields
Grants	Nancy Nettuno
GCS Schools	Norma Chao

The following board positions remain open: Activities Director, Fundraising Director, Arts & Crafts Fair Chair, Membership Director, and Scholarship Director.

### Hand, Knee & Foot at the Club

Thank you to Alice Lodge for hosting the game at the club in June. Play is open to all members of the women's club and their guests. Arrive no later than 9:45am and enjoy the morning refreshments. Cost is \$2.00 for prize money and play begins at 10:00am. Lunch follows play and you can eat in or take out. Last month's winners include:

Denise Beauchamp, 30,800 pts  
Thresa Oliverio, 28,920 pts  
Suzanne Foster, 27,730 pts  
Shirley Orvosh, 26,210 pts

Nancy Wiesinger will host at the July 6th game.

### Member Activities

Members enjoyed meeting at the Fleming Island theaters to see Top Gun, Maverick. Thank you again



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to Marlene Jacobs for setting up another movie day.

Members had a fun time playing trivia following the June meeting. Congratulations to the winning team of Marty Essex, Barbara Coker, Monica Harmon and Mary Kendall. Social Activities are hosted monthly by volunteers until a chair steps up. Thank you, Joanne LaBeouf, for setting up trivia.

Sandy Waldrup has volunteered to host July and has booked Art Yeaman who will portray Ben Franklin. Members are invited to bring their children or grandchildren to enjoy the program. Wear your red, white and blue for the patriotic theme.

### School Donations

Makayla Buchanan, Executive Director of the Clay Education Foundation, brought to our attention a request from Whitney Johnson, Principal of Shadowlawn Elementary School. The school is setting up an Arcade Room for students to use an a "reward room." The arcade would consist of games appropriate for this age group such as air hockey, dancing, etc. Members approved giving \$1,000 to Shadowlawn to purchase one television and one gaming system.

Norma Chao, Chairman of the GCS Schools, also purchased graduation clothing for a boy at Clay High who needed dress clothes. We also purchased hygiene items needed by the school nurse at the Green Cove Springs Junior High School.

### Join the Women's Club

If you are interested in joining the women's club, email [MPWomensClub@aol.com](mailto:MPWomensClub@aol.com) for more information. You can find our membership application is on our website at [www.mpwc.org](http://www.mpwc.org), under Info/Forms. In order to join the club, you must either be a Magnolia Point resident, a property owner in Magnolia Point or be a member of the country club. Annual dues are \$30 for May 1 through April 30.

Our general meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30pm in the Crystal Dining Room at the Clubhouse.





# DECEMBER LUMINARY SALES YIELDS MAY SCHOLARSHIPS

- JOANNE LABEOUF, SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR

In December 2003, the Magnolia Point Women's Club (MPWC) lost one of its founding members, Gisela Ferrell, to breast cancer. She was an avid advocate of educating girls and her wish was that someday the Women's Club could afford to give scholarships to girls at Clay High. As a result, a scholarship effort - The Gisela L. Ferrell Scholarship Fund - was created in memory of her. The award of scholarships is funded by the annual luminary event held the second weekend in December at the Magnolia Point Golf Club. The profits from the luminary sales and donations, plus matching funds from Clay Education Foundation (CEF), allowed the Women's Club to award \$21,000 in scholarships to Clay High School girls. To date, total scholarships awarded by MPWC are \$167,100. Meet the outstanding students who were recipients of our Magnolia Point Women's Club Scholarship for 2022.



**Talia Aguglia** received a scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 and plans to attend the University of Florida at Gainesville in the Fall with a major in Biology, in hope of becoming a veterinarian. Talia is also considering a double majoring in Statistics. She has accomplished much throughout her high school career, such as obtaining a Veterinary Assistant Certification, an Animal Science Specialist degree, and an Agriculture Associates degree. She also won the Clay County Science Fair for Animal Sciences. Talia played varsity tennis for four years, was team captain her senior year, and frequently attended clinics offered through Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club.

**Annalee Clay** received a scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 and plans to attend the University of South Florida in Tampa majoring in nursing.

Annalee has been involved in multiple clubs, sports and other extracurriculars. During the school year, she competed in track and field, cross country and swimming. She is also a member of the National Honor Society (NHS), Fellowship of Christian Athletics (FCA), Crew Student Ministries and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Annalee has held many leadership positions in FCA, as well as swim team captain, class secretary, member of student Council and a as team member of the Hibernia Baptist New York Missions. Aside from school, she works as a pharmacy technician and is involved in agriculture at her family farm which she says has shaped her into the person she is today.



**Kyleigh Edenfield** received a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 and plans to attend St. John's River State College majoring in Education. Currently she is dual-enrolled at St. Johns River State College and will be graduating with at least twenty-six college credits. During the year, Kyleigh was a student-athlete and varsity Flag Football Captain, President of Clay High's FCCLA club, National Technical Honor Society member, and in the American Sign Language Honor Society. She is also very active in church and community activities, such as serving her youth group, and interpreting American Sign Language at the promotion and inauguration ceremonies for the Clay County Sheriff's office. Her future plans are to continue her studies at St. Johns River State College to complete her AA, and then complete a B.S. in their Early Education program. Kyleigh aspires to teach future generations and guide children who have experiences similar to hers.

This year's scholarship awards were higher than usual because of the opportunity MPWC partnered with the Clay Education Foundation. CEF introduced a new program that allowed MPWC to pledge funds and in turn receive matching funds from the state through CEF. Sincere thanks to the Scholarship Committee who did a great job with application review: *Marsha Fields, Janine O'Connor, Barbara Phelps, Sharon Sprott and Pam Calloway.*



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## GRIP OF THE MONTH

*Connie Manning's*



GRIP OF THE MONTH? Just one? Surely there's more than one pair of hands, one player out there, one name on all those scorecards.

As sure as there is more than one story behind *all* hands. Hands that hemmed all those prom dresses, or wrote all those offers. Hands that bathed those babies or one's own mother. Or slathered *one million* PB&Js during all those early morning kitchen counter years. Or roll that *Braciolo* now, *'like with my eyes closed!'* Hands that calm brows fevered, or fading. Hands that tossed a garter, or pulled all those weeds, or caught that bouquet. Or kept a twin-engine level above the clouds. Hands that write all those Christmas cards and find time to bake.

**You take on life with both hands.** *Like you take up that club on your mission to relieve all the other ladies of their available cash.*





# THE GOOD GARDENS

The Landscape & Irrigation Committee has chosen Lynda Dapra's as our very first 'Good Garden'.

Lynda and her late husband Don moved to 3585 Shinnecock Lane 22 years ago. The garden and yard is a result of their work together over the years. Lynda took the lead in the garden design and implementation while Don maintained the yard lawn areas and provided help and support to Lynda and her vision have plants that flower or have visual interest throughout the year.

The property is almost an acre so there are several flower beds on the property. The garden in the front area adjacent to the house is full of many different types of colorful flowering perennial and some annual plants. Plants of different heights and flower sizes and interspersed hanging baskets draw your eye to the entrance area for a bright and colorful welcome.

In the front lawn area beds Lynda has grouped plants with large showy flowers such as the magenta colored phlox, red and gold gladiolus and scarlet red re-blooming daylilies for maximum color and design impact.



The gardens in the side yard contain birdhouses and plants that attract birds and pollinators.

Along the back of the screened-in pool area is a raised bed with a tropical theme containing 15 ft tall pygmy date (*Phoenix robelinii*) palms and various species of crotons that have managed to survive our North Florida winters.

Lynda's vision, implementation and beautiful results make her garden and yard a blessing for the neighborhood and a treasure we can all appreciate.



3585 Shinnecock Lane

LYNDA DAPRA



Black-eyed Susan



'Stella d'Oro' Daylily



"Luminary" Garden Phlox





# THE GOOD GARDENS



*Gilded Hydrangea*



*White Mandevilla*

***When did you first plant your garden?***

I planted my first flower garden, day lilies, when we moved here in 2020.

***Did you have one growing up? What was it like?***

No we really didn't have a garden while growing up in upstate New York, but we had two beautiful lilac trees outside my bedroom windows. I always looked forward to the spring and the smell of the lilacs.

***What was your first gardening "success"?***

My first success was with some cuttings from my Mom's rose bushes. I planted them, and Don told me that they were not going to grow. But I proved him wrong and they grew so beautiful Don could not believe it.

***What do you enjoy most about your garden?***

Just being outside. It has become very therapeutic for me.

***What are your plans or ideas for it?***

My plan is eventually to have all perennials flowers that will come back every year.

***How do you decide what you are going to grow?***

I don't have much of a plan for my garden. It's more like I go to my favorite garden nurseries and see what they have and I figure out what I like and will work in my yard.

***Where do you buy or find your seeds and plants?***

My favorite nurseries are Hagen Ace and Pat's.



*Everydaylily, 'Red Rib'*

***What advice would you give someone planning a garden?***

My advice: fertilizing is important! One of my secrets is mix in a spray bottle one part buttermilk with four parts of water and treat your flowers and ferns to it. They will love you!

Happy Gardening!!!

*-Lynda*

Photos: Editor





# GATOR WATCH

Who's Watching Who?  
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Hello Neighbors,

Happy Independence Day to our Magnolia Point Community. In 1776 the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted our Declaration of Independence announcing the colonies' separation from Great Britain. This was the first step in building our Nation.

Even today, good businesses separate themselves from others by providing honesty, good work ethics and a superior end result for their customers. That is what we strive for at Magnolia Home Services and it is a pleasure serving our community.

Happy 4th of July!

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# PEEPS & PUPPS



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STEPHANIE  
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# MAGNOLIA'S *next*

Magnolia Point Residents, Jim and Heather Gibson, and the University of West Florida

announce the graduation of Meghan-Grace Gibson on May 7, 2022 with a degree of Bachelor of Arts with a major in Communication and a Sports Management minor.

While at UWF, Meghan Grace worked for the West Florida Argos Athletics

Meghan-Grace will be working for the UNF Ospreys Athletics Program as a Marketing and Fan Experience Graduate Assistant. Meghan-Grace will be working to grow her academic knowledge and hands-on work experience within collegiate athletics as a graduate student in hopes of pursuing a full-time career working in college or professional sports.

Other:

Meghan-Grace's love of high school sports at Clay High School is what gave her the drive,

Department, was the co-host for the UWF Athletics VLOG, was a cheerleader, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, The UWF Street PR Team, and graduated from UWF as Ms. University of West Florida, Homecoming Queen.

Miss Gibson will be continuing her education closer to her Magnolia Point Community and will be attending The Graduate School of University of North Florida this August. She will be pursuing a Master of Science in Communication Management and Leadership.



passion and vision for her higher education plan. Meghan-Grace is a 2018 Clay High School Graduate. Meghan-Grace is the granddaughter of Ben and Sylvia Wortham. Meghan-Grace's younger sister, Rebecca Gibson, is a full-time member of Magnolia Point's North Florida Golf Academy and works part-time for Magnolia Point while attending Clay High and playing golf for CHS.



# GATOR WATCH

REPORT AND PHOTOS: BECKY HINSON



Alligators feed primarily at night, so you can imagine my surprise when I looked outside and saw one enjoying lunch on a Sunday afternoon. I grabbed my camera and raced out to join him. He didn't disappoint and I ended up with a series of fantastic gator feeding photos.

Our pond on Olympic Drive provides multiple types of wildlife to photograph. We see foxes, deer, nutria, occasionally a river otter, all kinds of birds, turtles and different species of fish. This time of year we have several alligators migrating through looking for a mate. Most are small but occasionally we'll see one measuring 6 feet or more. I enjoy photographing them, with a zoom lens, at a safe distance. Don't try close up photography with your phone or you may end up being the main course.

We estimated our lunch guest to be at least 7 feet, possibly more. Unfortunately, we don't have many fish left as the constant flow of gators and large birds have nearly emptied our pond. At one point, we had over a dozen carp, which

are necessary to control the grass. Now, thanks to the alligators, there are none and we're waiting on May Management to obtain a permit to restock. Our lake is currently home to this large gator and a smaller one measuring around 4 feet. There are several gators throughout the rest of our neighborhood ponds but the larger ones have apparently moved on in search of a mate. Always be aware of the possibility of one when you're around any of our lakes. I was told someone recently fishing in Magnolia, was chased up the bank by a gator chasing his fish on the line. In that case, I recommend running...fast!

It's two days later and I'm done writing about our gator when, surprise, another one showed up. Gator number two was approximately 6 feet and was casually swimming across the middle of the lake when I spotted him. I grabbed my camera and raced out back. I'd like to give a special thank you to my next door neighbors as I continually set off their motion sensor security cameras running through their backyards.

SUNDAY - GATOR #1



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In the few seconds it took to get outside, the gator already had his prey. Another one of our catfish had met an early demise. It's amazing how fast they move in the water and how powerful they are when they reach the bank.

Alligators like this are the reason we warn neighbors fishing with small children and those letting their dogs run and play in the water. Just recently a man was killed by an alligator while hunting frisbees in a Clearwater lake. In June, a man lost his 40 pound Lab while playing fetch with him in a Tallahassee lake. The dog was standing in a shallow area when the gator exploded out of the water and grabbed him. The area where the owner and dog were playing is a popular spot where the neighborhood children frequently play. Recently, beachgoers spotted an alligator swimming along the shore in Fort Myers. In April, a couple spotted an 8-9 foot gator in the surf at St. George Island, Florida. Living here, you always have to assume there is the possibility of a gator in any body of water.



Alligator attacks are rare in Florida, however, Fish and Wildlife warns everyone to be vigilant. The majority of the alligators we see in Magnolia Point are just passing through. There's nothing to fear as long as you respect their space. Never feed or approach them. Only photograph them if you can do so at a safe distance.

Some have said not to give out the locations of these creatures. I have to disagree with that

logic. Not only do you need to know where they could be, more importantly, you should know where they are. Please, keep your dogs out of our ponds. A few years ago, we had an alligator that was approximately 10 feet living in the big pond behind our house. I watched as an older couple allowed their dog to play in the water while they took pictures. They were new to Florida and had no idea they were offering Fluffy as the special of the day.

If your children fish in our ponds, no matter their age, please talk to them about the possibility of encountering an alligator. I've seen teenagers standing, barefoot, in the lake while fishing. Those pale feet, wiggling around, can be mistaken for a fish. Sometimes the water is murky and I've watched the gators explode out of the depths on more than one occasion. It only takes a second for a tragedy to occur. Discuss what to do in the event they hook one on their line. Wrapping your hand around the fishing line and pulling is a bad idea. Don't laugh, I've seen a child do this in my backyard!

It's a third degree felony under Florida law to kill or injure an alligator. It's also illegal to feed them. If you have one in your pond that becomes aggressive or loses its fear of humans, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife alligator nuisance hotline at 866-392-4286. The alligator will be removed if it is at least 4 feet in length and poses a nuisance to people, pets or property. Keep in mind, the alligator will be killed by a licensed trapper. They are not relocated, so please, only call if you feel you or your pets are threatened.



# LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

BY SANDY WALDRUP



*Marsha Parker, 2022 9-Hole Ladies Champion*

## Summer Play

A small group of ladies have been golfing on Tuesday and Thursday mornings since the season ended in May. All ladies who are interested in joining our league are welcome to play with the summer groups; contact Janine O'Connor or the Pro Shop for tee time information. Besides being fun and low keyed, the tee times afford an opportunity to practice your game and establish a handicap if needed.

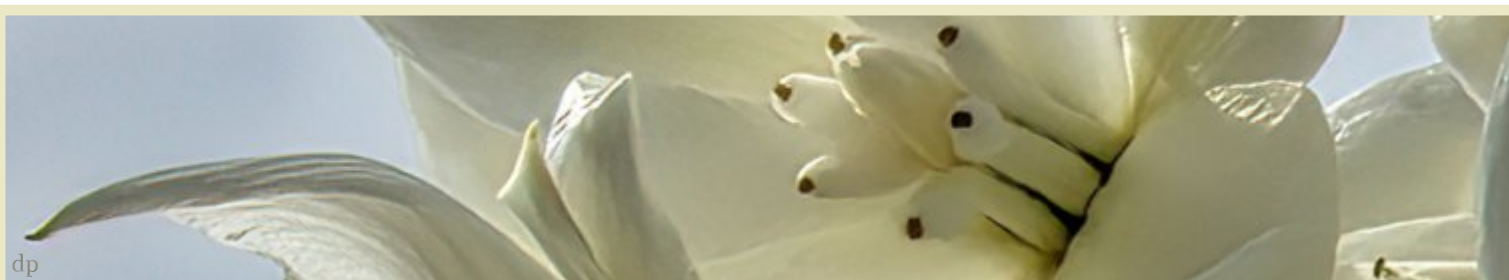
## League Championship

Each season in April, the league holds their 2-day championship play, playing both the White and Blue course. The league champion is the low 2-day gross, with the runner-up being the low 2-day net. Congratulations again to **Marsha Parker**, our 2021-22 league champion, who had a 2-day low gross of 101. We will miss Marsha as she has decided to "retire" from golf. What a way to go out! The plaque with Marsha's name added is hanging in the Pro Shop.

Congratulations also to **Janine**

**O'Connor**, our runner-up/low net. Janine had a 2-day low net of 68. Very nicely done, Janine.

And no, we didn't need a play-off this year. Last year after 4 golfers tied for the champion spot and the winner determined by a scorecard playoff, the group decided to have a "real" play-off to crown the champion. Maybe next season!





# LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

BY ANN BURDEN

Our Summer Team League play is in full swing! So far, we have played three matches. Here are the results.

On **June 7** we played at home against a team from Amelia River. The weather was fine and our competitors friendly and well matched. **Bonnie Burkhart** and **Hyun Coffman** were our A team. **Jeanne Gorman** and **Rebecca Goodwin** were B and **Ann Burden** and **Joanne Montzka** were the C team. The final score was Magnolia Point 27.5 and Amelia River 26.5. The win was clinched by **Joanne Montzka's** clutch putt on the final hole. Off to a fine start!

On **June 14** our team traveled to Jacksonville Beach. The results were not as good as the previous week. **Hyun Coffman** and **Jeanne Gorman** were the A team. They scored 7 points to Jax Beach's 11 points. The B team of **Pat Burnell** and **Rebecca Goodwin** tied at 9 each. The C team of **Erin Love** and **Fran Kinney** scored 10 points to Jax Beach's 8 points for team totals of Jacksonville Beach 28 Magnolia Point 26.

On **June 21** we hosted a team from St. John's Golf Club. Our A team **Bonnie Burkhart** and **Jeanne Gorman** got 8 points to St. John's 10 points. The B team of **Rebecca Goodwin** and **Pat Burnell** won 11.5 points to St. John's 6.5 points and the C team of **Fran Kinney** and **Erin Love** tied St. John's at 9 points each. Great win for us at a total of 28.5 to 25.5.

At this writing these are the totals through June 21 in our bracket: Hidden Hills 58\*, St. John's 83.5, Jax Beach 54.5\*, Magnolia Point 82, Amelia River 77.5 and San Jose 76.5. \*The totals for Hidden Hills and Jax Beach reflect only 2 weeks. Their third match will be played June 27.

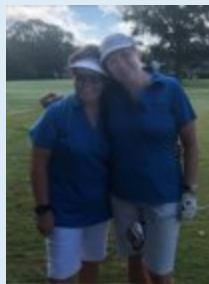
Our next match is on June 28 at Hidden Hills. Play well and have fun, team!

A Team



B. Burkhart, H. Coffman

B Team



J. Gorman, R. Goodwin

C Team




A. Burden, J. Montzka



E. Love, F. Kinney, R. Goodwin, P. Burnell, J. Gorman, H. Coffman





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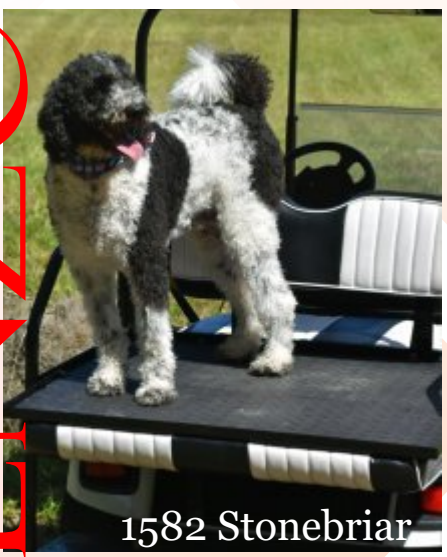
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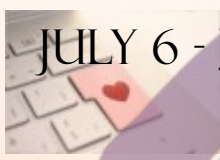
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- Photo S. Witham

A 10-foot former resident of the pond at LaCosta Court, the larger of two that were caught there.



- Photo S. Waldrup

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BECKY HINSON