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LINER NOTES

Say hello to our new monthly 'OutSide', which will feature summertime neighborhood pools, patios and porches. This month's pick is the proud accomplishment of the Robisons on Colonial Drive, **page 5**. Would you like your home featured? Let us know! And welcome our newest advertiser, Badcock Furnishings, with an 'OutSide' offer on **page 6**.

Put a 'Face' with a neighbor's 'Name' on **pages 7-8**.

Welcome, too, to Pam Mason, a new Magnolia resident, whose Farmer's Insurance office is also the newest tenant at Magnolia Layne, **page 9**.

'Our Page' is new, the first in this new series, 'The Ring', Thresa Oliverio's heartfelt and inspiring love story 'lost *then* found' on **page 10**. If you have a story you'd like to tell, let us know!

We hope Susan Mitchell didn't think she was going to get off *that* easy. Be sure to read Joanne LaBeouf's great 'thank you' to this Magnolia treasure on **page 13**. Which is right in the middle of women's news, exclusively **pages 11-15**.

The Orvosh residence is this month's 'Good Garden', a family labor of love, on **pages 18-19**.

And check out Becky's 'Peeps & Pups', **page 21**, followed by her adorable 'Young Hearts' on **23**.

Multi-talented and much loved Matthew Wright is up next as 'Magnolia's Next' on **page 24**.

And Becky wraps things up with, in truth, a down day for her on the pond she shares with all of nature in 'Gator Watch' on **page 25**.

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

LANDSCAPING PROJECTS AND UPDATES

As a longstanding MPCA resident of over 15 years, I've seen many changes and improvements of the landscaping, maintenance and appearance of our community. As a recently appointed Board Member, I now have a clearer understanding of how landscaping projects are reviewed, approved, and prioritized considering our MPCA budget.

Over the last two years the Landscape Committee has gained a better understanding of our irrigation system. Proper zoning of the system has been mapped out as well as newly added zones to ensure a proper and efficient watering schedule is in place. Understanding this system is critical to the upkeep and appearance of our community. Additional landscaping maintenance efforts have been enforced and the HOA Board and CAM are continuously exploring new opportunities to improve the appearance of our beautiful community.

I wanted to provide you all with an update regarding upcoming landscaping projects and improvements that the Landscaping Committee has suggested and will be happening in the near future. The area in front of the guard house will be getting a facelift with an initial cleanup with new plants installed to provide a more modern look. Estimated completion of this

project will be at the end of Fall 2022.

It was recently discovered that the curbed areas residing in front of EXIT Realty are owned by MPCA, and not EXIT Realty. Landscaping plans have been made to clean out, remove and redesign these areas, which will provide a cleaner and more visually appealing appearance. Thank you to all the volunteers on the MPCA Landscaping Committee that volunteered their time and resources to provide an initial cleanup of this area. Estimated completion of this project will be by the end of the year.

The damaged grass area in the front entrance is scheduled to be replaced very soon. As some of you have noticed and complemented already, the Landscaping Committee had annuals installed around the Magnolia Point front entrance. They plan to continue the upkeep of these areas and have plans to refresh flowers yearly moving forward.

I want to personally thank Cindy Francisco, MPCA Landscaping/Irrigation Committee Chair, and her team for continuing to provide suggestions on landscaping improvements for beautifying our community. Me and my family have been fortunate to call Magnolia Point our home, and we look forward to many more years to come!

- NEIL KENNEDY





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Magnolia OUTSIDE

How long have you lived at Magnolia Point?

Almost 5 years.

Have you reworked an outdoor space that was here, or was this a new build? *We expanded the entry area of the front door. Added a 10' x 24' travertine sitting area and included new landscape curbing, palm trees, huge pots and 20+ tons of 1.5" white river rock. We removed a huge oak tree and put in several palms. We installed a drip system for all plants and trees and updated the landscape lighting with a new system.*

What do you like best about your 'Outdoors'?

It feels very tropical. We live in Florida so we decided to make it look tropical!

Do you entertain in this space?

We like to sit out and have coffee in the morning, beverages in the evening.

Do the seasons obviously limit your use, or do you adapt to them?

The summer limits us to mornings and evenings, however, the fall and spring allows for complete daily use.

Were there any engineering obstacles, drainage, logistics, permitting, etc., that you overcame, or know of, that challenged the project.

It went pretty smooth for the most part.



What are you particularly proud of?

How much hard work my wife and I put into it. We had many of the materials delivered, however we did most of the work ourselves.

What might you want to change in your outdoor space?

Nothing more this year.



Cover & photos: Editor; selfie by the Robisons





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How long have you lived at Magnolia Point?

We have lived here for 3 years.

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

Our children and grandchildren are here.

Do you have any pets?

We have a poodle mix, his name is Casey.

What was your passion at 16?

To be an Architect and my wife wanted to work for the airline.

And now?

We're retired and trying to enjoy life. Barbara just graduated from the master Gardner program from the University of Florida, and is a member of The Garden Club of Green Cove Springs the Daylily Society, and serves on our Community Association Landscape Committee.

What advice would you give to a 16-year old today? *Stay in school because learning is better than silver and gold.*

What do you like most about your home?

We like our house because it feels more like a custom home and furthermore the neighborhood is beautiful quite very peaceful, with lots of birds, deer and bear.

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

My wife would like to have a trellis on one of our gates so she can plants more flowers now that she has become a Master Gardener.

Do you see yourself living here in 5 years?

For now we have no plans to move.



FACES & NAMES

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GLYN COTTAGE
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How long have you lived at Magnolia Point?

Since 2000.

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

Cheree our oldest grew up in Magnolia Point along with her Sister Jessie. Cheree is married and has a daughter Abby and Son Maddox. They have a home in Keystone. Jessica is married, has a home in Middleburg and has 5 children: daughter Reese, and sons Grady, Tucker, Leeland and Beckett.

Do you have any pets?

Yes.

What was your passion at 16?

Cheri: to be kind, well-liked and have fun. Have a family and love every minute of it.

Noel: have fun and have more fun, surf, and have fun.

And now?

Cheri: to be kind, well-liked and have fun.

Noel: work hard, Florida Gators, play pool and have fun.

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

Remember life is a tapestry, your choices are the threads that are sewn into it

What do you like most about your home?

Both Noel and I like our back patio where we relax occasionally and watched birds and enjoy our flowers. We both love The Corner Pocket and all our customers.

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

We would like to put pavers in our driveway, new front doors and continue to modernize the inside of our home.

Do you see yourself living here in 5 years?

Yes.



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THE RING



960 homes and 35 years ago, **Jay** and **Thresa Oliverio** moved into their new home here. Theirs was the fourth house built in Magnolia Point. At that time, Jay's wedding ring had already been missing 13 years.

Jay lost it in 1974 while adding finishing touches to the sod around a pool they'd just had installed at their home in Orange Park where they lived until moving to Preston Trail.

"Fast forward to June, 2013," Thresa says, "I had a telephone call from our neighbor in Orange Park. Her granddaughter bought our house and was putting in a garden. She came across a ring in the soil. My neighbor remembered the incident and recognized the initials

engraved in the ring. You guessed it - 39 years later Jay's wedding ring was found!! It looked good as new."



The Oliverios are well-known here, their family having made an lasting mark on

our neighborhood: Thresa's two sisters moved here, and their daughter and husband also call Magnolia Point their home. Their list of volunteer and charitable contributions is extensive, Jay having served Habitat for Humanity, Waste Not Want Not, the

County Code Enforcement Board, City Planning and Zoning, Thresa on the Pension Board for the City of Green Cove Springs Police Officers and Firefighters. Both have volunteered for the JP Hall Children's Charities for 39 years and

The Players Championship for 36.

And marking time along the way, a symbol of their love, lost then found.



Now, tell us a story of your own...



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MP WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE

- SUSAN MITCHELL

Waste Not Want Not Donation

In support of local charities, we donated \$500.00 to Waste Not Want Not to help defray the expense of delivering rescued food to local churches, food pantries, etc. Executive Director **Sandra Staudt-Killea** accepted our check and was grateful for our generosity. For more information on Waste Not, check out their website at www.WasteNotFlorida.org.



Thank you to Fair Volunteers

Fair co-chairman **Anne Bastress** hosted a club-sponsored thank you gathering for all the volunteers who helped at the May Arts & Crafts Fair.

Member Activities

Members enjoyed meeting at the Fleming Island theaters to see the movie Elvis. Thank you again to **Marlene Jacobs** for setting up another movie day.

Upcoming programs/activities following the meeting include:

- August – Senior Driving Tips
- September – Bingo (tentatively scheduled)
- October – Halloween Costume Contest

November – Bob H. Lee, author of ***Backcountry Lawman***

December – Holiday Luncheon, no general meeting

Upcoming social activities include a day trip on September 27th to the Tea Room in Keystone Heights.

Donations

In support of their community activities, we donated to the Green Cove Springs Garden Club. We also sponsored a hole in the Clay Education Foundation's upcoming "Golf Fore Education" tournament.

Hand, Knee & Foot at the Club

Thank you, **Nancy Wiesinger**, for hosting the July game. As a reminder, 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, 28,580 pts
Patricia Nisley, 28,400 pts
Shirley Orvosh, 27,800 pts
Suzanne Foster, 27,305 pts
Kathryn Kossuth, 26,545 pts

Valorie Shepard will host at the August 3rd game.

FAIR VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY



Suzanne Foster, Barbara Coker, Mary Austin, Mary Kendall, Debbie Shvetzov



Shirley Orvosh, Anne Bastress, Lorna Broughton, Norma Chao



Phyllis Sharbrevik, Joanne LaBeouf, Suzanne Foster, Linda Thill

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BEN FRANKLIN VISITS MAGNOLIA POINT

The women's club general meeting in July saw members dressed in their finest red, white and blue. Marcia Blackwell won first place for the Best Patriotic Dress and Debbie Shvetzov was the runner up. The door prize was won by Joanne Montzka.

After the business meeting, members and guests gathered to hear the story of how America became independent, told through the eyes of Dr. Benjamin Franklin. Before the program began, Mary Kendall's granddaughters Ella Kendall and Maddie Fashner sang the National Anthem.

Ben traveled back in time to 1789 and spoke about his role as one of the Founding Fathers and as a drafter and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Ben also described his many inventions, including the lightning rod, bifocals and the Franklin stove used for heating. While Ben is known to have worn many hats during his life, he was most proud of the fact that he was a printer. Ben interacted with the audience and was assisted by Mary's granddaughters in his depiction of how he discovered the lightning rod. After the presentation, Ben answered questions from the members about then and now.

Ben, known to us as Art Yeaman, is founder of the Heritage Guides. He is assisted by his wife, Jenny, and they provide storytelling, guide services, personal tributes and eco-heritage programs to schools and libraries, civic organizations, businesses and private.

- SANDY WALDRUP



Marcia Blackwell, Debbie Shvetzov



Elise Kendall, Maddie Fashner, Emilee Fashner, Ben Franklin, Ella Kendall



Joanne Montzka, Winner

JOIN THE WOMEN'S CLUB

If you are interested in joining the women's club, email MPWomensClub@aol.com for more information. You can find our membership application is on our website at 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.



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THANK YOU, SUSAN

Susan Mitchell discovered Magnolia Point in 1998 through an internet search for prime golf locations. Once the Mitchell family moved to Magnolia Point, Susan then began looking for a way to give back to MP and then found Magnolia Point Women's Club (MPWC.) Both discoveries have worked to the advantage of Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club and MPWC.

Since 2001, Susan Mitchell put her background in accounting and business to use as MPWC's Treasurer until May of 2022 when she decided it was time to step down and do other activities such as more travelling. Over time she has managed to be involved as Treasurer, web advisor and contributor, printer, photographer, general advisor, newsletter editor and even attended Reinhold classes to gain information that would help MPWC. Someone said she has a memory like an elephant when it comes to MPWC and they may be right; if you ask a question, she either has the answer or knows how to find it. Susan was very instrumental with MPWC's transition from a social club to our present status today as a professional 501(c)(3) non-profit for charity. But there is more to Susan than just volunteering for MPWC.

Prior to May 2022, many may recall that Susan also contributed to the Magnolia Point community as editor and managed sales for The Magnolia. She published the first issue of The Magnolia in August 2020, after the Times Union published the last edition of Magnolia Point Living the previous month. Her last edition was in March 2022. As editor of the newsletter, Susan organized all the content, graphics and pictures, and managed the sales of advertising space. The HOA was fortunate that Susan volunteered to take on the role of

editor/publisher and she did a fantastic job of keeping the publication alive!

Susan has been a member of the Magnolia Point Ladies 9-Hole Golf League since maybe forever! She is an avid golfer and seldom misses a league play date. During her tenure with the golf league, she wore many hats serving as president, play day chair, handicap and rules chair, and has always been the communications chair. Susan also participated in organizing inter-clubs, holiday scrambles, Jack &

Jill scrambles and special tournaments held throughout the golf season. In addition, she helped the league develop bylaws and general information documents, and was instrumental in going from a monthly business meeting during our season to a bi-monthly business meeting. Ultimately, Susan is a consistent golfer, and is "in the money" weekly more often than not.

Some may know that Susan had a recent fall and fractured her ankle back in late April. Despite being in a wheelchair, she has managed to attend MPWC meetings and Hand, Knee

and Foot at the clubhouse. Her accident came at a time when Susan let us know she was stepping down as Treasurer and scaling down on her other club activities because she and her daughter Jenn would be doing more travelling. Since her fall, both she and MPWC have had some time to adjust to changes. Change for Susan meant she had giving up long-held duties and had to settle in to some new ones. The realization for Susan may be that now she can make time for fun; the realization for MPWC is that she has very big shoes to fill. Susan Mitchell remains the MPWC article writer for The Magnolia News, MPWC Printing Chair and a go-to person for historical MPWC information.

- JOANNE LABEOUF



LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

BY SANDY WALDRUP

Summer Play

Kudos to our small group of ladies who are still golfing on Tuesday and Thursday mornings – it has been a hot summer. All ladies who are interested in joining our league are welcome to play with the summer groups; contact **Janine O'Connor**, the incoming league president, 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.

Most Improved Player

One of the annual awards given in May is for the Most Improved Player. This is becoming quite a task to improve since our golf skills are getting older, not just the golfers. The USGA has a formula to determine the improvement factor for each golfer, from the beginning to the end of the season. For the 2021-22 season, only 2 golfers improved their game based on the USGA formula. It was close but **Sandy Waldrup** nudged **Cheryle Newman** out to win the league's MIP. (*Editor's Note: that Cheryle's 'Special Agent Gibbs' is our August 'Pet of the Month' is not a consolation prize; Gibbs was selected in June.*)

Goodbye to Carol Webb

Carol Webb, our league's president, announced her resignation and move from Magnolia Point to relocate to Oklahoma to be closer to family. The league presented Carol with a beautiful magnolia pitcher as our thanks. Golfers also gathered for lunch to wish Carol (and husband Jim) the best in their move. Former league members **Whitney Keyes**, **Judy O'Neill**, **Sandy Riddle** and **Ginny Walden** also joined us, as did **Barbara Shinn**, who will be a member of our group this coming year. If we were giving out prizes like they do for family reunions, **Whitney** would definitely get the award for traveling the farthest. It was good to reminisce with everyone.



LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

BY ANN BURDEN



It's been a mixed bag for our Summer Team play. But the good news is that we are trending up.

On June 28 we played at Hidden Hills. We gave it our best effort on a tough course against the leading team in our area but couldn't pull off a win. Our A team of **Bonnie Burkhardt** and **Hyun Coffman** won 6.5 points and lost 11.5. The B team of **Pat Burnell** and **Rebecca Goodwin** tied at 9 points each. Our C team of **Erin Love** and **Ann Burden** won 7 points and lost 11. Overall, Magnolia Point scored 22.5 points to Hidden Hills 31.5.

On July 5 we hosted San Jose at Magnolia. Our A team, **Bonnie** and **Hyun** won 8.5 points to San Jose's 9.5 points. The B team, **Jeanne Gorman** and **Fran Kinney** won 10 – 8 points and the C team of **Connie Manning** and **Erin Love** took 7.5 to San Jose's 10.5 points. The team totals were Magnolia Point 26 and San Jose 28.

On July 12 we took a long road trip to Amelia River Golf course. Our A team of Jeanne and Rebecca scored 8 points to Amelia River's 10 points. The B team, **Fran** and **Ann** also scored 8 to 10 and the C team, **Erin Love** and **Marsha Fields** took 8.5 points to Amelia River's 9.5. Overall, Magnolia Point 24.5 to Amelia River's 29.5 points. It was a lovely course and good competition but not a happy ending.

On July 19 we were back at Magnolia hosting Jacksonville Beach. **Bonnie** and **Jeanne** won their match convincingly with 11.5 points to Jax Beach's 6.5 points. Our B team of **Rebecca** and **Fran** took 8.5 points to Jax Beach's 9.5 points. The C team, **Erin** and **Ann**, won big with 12 points to their opponents 6 points. Overall, we scored 32 points to Jax Beach's 22 points. Our biggest win so far!

We have three more matches this season, all at home. We do have a shot at making the playoffs!

July 19, 2022 Results

Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5
Magnolia Pt 32 Jacksonville Beach 22 St. Johns Golf C 33.5 Amelia River 20.5 Hidden Hills 28 San Jose CC 26	Palencia 28.5 Sawgrass 25.5 Deerwood CC 27.5 St. Johns GCC 26.5 Ponte Vedra Inn & Club 27 Bye	Fleming Island 32.5 Bent Creek 21.5 Atlantic Beach CC 27 King & Bear WGV 27 Eagle Harbor 27 Bye	GC S Hampton 31 GC of Amelia 23 Jacksonville GCC Deercreek CC - <i>play 8/4</i> GC N Hampton 27 Bye	Plantation 31 Fernandina Beach 23 Amelia National 29.5 TPC Valley 24.5 Marsh Landing 27 Bye
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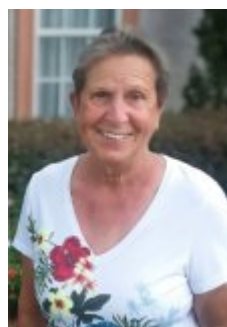
THE GOOD GARDENS

The entire landscape at the Orvosh home at 1719 Colonial Drive is noted for its manicured and sculpted plantings, tailored islands sprinkled throughout the property, each a garden in its own right. The property is a 'garden of gardens'.

Along the entire front, spilling into the entryway and along both sides of the home, are groupings of potted and planted flowers and shrubs selected for color and texture. The driveway is not off-limits, and its boundaries are defined by more explosions of color and life.

"Gardening is something you have to enjoy because it takes a lot of time and effort," Shirley says. "Unfortunately, you must also be willing to get your hands dirty and sweat a lot in our oppressive summer heat. Gardening also is an excellent way to reduce stress by communing with God's great outdoors and it is much better than doing laundry or housework!"

Son PJ is the family 'Master Hacker', called on when woody surgery is needed. Like the time he



waded into a towering *Viburnum* alongside the driveway with a Sawzall, and notched it from crown to ground, which Paul gravelled, and Shirley populated with large pots of flowers. The result softens and brightens an otherwise featureless boundary.

Shirley goes to great lengths. Literally, hauling a considerable span of hose to the road to water the potted flowers there.

And one thing you notice: *everything* is healthy. No sorry blooms or ragged leaves. And I dare you to find a clipping, or wait for it...*a single weed!*

SHIRLEY & PAUL ORVOSH



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THE GOOD GARDENS

When did you first plant your garden?

It developed over the years. We have lived in our house for 20 years and I didn't like then original plants (there was no color) so I gradually changed everything.

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

My family had a very large vegetable garden. My father had a greenhouse and grew plants from seed. The pleasant memories of that still linger in my mind.

What was your first gardening "success"?

I have to say my Roses the centerpiece of my garden. Also along with the many deer we have in the neighborhood I have had good luck with hibiscus plants (they are now in pots inside my pool enclosure).

What do you enjoy most about your garden?

COLOR! I enjoy all the colors and changing them in accordance with the season.

What are your plans or ideas for it?

My husband, Paul and I recently planned and planted a new garden where an ugly electric box was removed and I believe it has changed the street view of our yard by beautifying that spot.

How do you decide what you are going to grow?

Usually it's dictated by the season. I do like potted annuals because of their flexibility, and I attempt to use flowers that attract humming birds, butterflies and bees.



GAILLARDIA "SUNSET CUTIE"



Where do you buy or find your seeds and plants?

Mainly at the usual places nearby; wherever I get not only the best value but the best price.

What advice would you give someone planning a garden?

Be prepared to give them a lots of tender loving care and plenty of water. Also, fertilize often and use weed preventive products. When I have a new planting area I also use landscaping paper under stones or mulch.

Photos: Editor, Shirley by Paul



LANDSCAPE TIP

For several years I just put down a basic fertilizer, 10-10-10, once or twice a year. The numbers might not mean anything to you but what they represent are essential nutrients your plants need.

<u>Nitrogen (N)</u>	<u>Phosphorus (P)</u>	<u>Potassium (K)</u>
Up	Down	All around

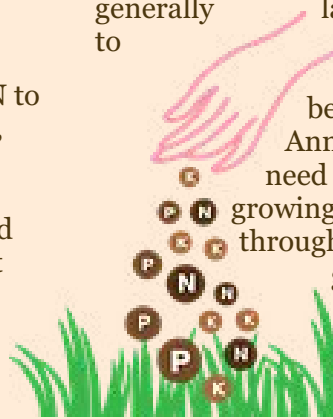
Nitrogen, the first number, greens plants UP and allows them to grow more quickly.

Phosphorus, the second number, reaches DOWN to aid in root development and helps produce blooms, fruit and seeds.

Potassium, the third number, promotes all around well-being, guards against diseases, aids in drought protection and cold tolerance, and regulates other nutrients to the plant.

Granular, time release fertilizer is better for your

plants than the popular “blue” stuff we mix with water and spray or pour on. The liquid is taken up quickly by plant roots but is only for short-term results. It’s sort of like giving your plants a roller coaster ride. Never fertilize a dry plant without first watering well. Measure and use the recommended amount to avoid foliage burn. Granular organic fertilizers take up to 3 weeks to become effective and generally last 6-8 weeks. Wait about 2 weeks to fertilize new plantings but then fertilize regularly until they become established (2-3 years). Annual bedding and vegetable plants need regular feedings during the growing season which is usually late March through September here. Roses and gardenias are other heavy ‘feeders’ and both have specific fertilizers for their needs. Happy gardening and don’t forget to ‘feed’ your babies.



LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

MAGNOLIA POINT CONTRACT BRIDGE CLUB

All games are friendly and you can sign up with a partner or as a single. One prize is paid out for each table, i.e., 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.

Social Bridge, Thu, Jun 30

1. Connie & Michael Byers
2. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott
3. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
4. Jim Cardozo & Rannel Westberry

Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Jul 7

1. Joanne Montzka & Sharon Murphy
2. Connie & Michael Byers
3. Phyllis Boyd & Alice Lodge
4. Jim Cardozo & Rannel Westberry
5. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott

Social Bridge, Thu, Jul 14

1. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
2. Phyllis Boyd & Joanne Montzka
3. Connie & Michael Byers
4. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott
5. Marty Essex & Jola Greiner

Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Jul 21

1. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
2. Brad Lucas & Jerry Ritchie
3. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
4. Connie & Michael Byers
Leslie & Roy Gulick (Tie)

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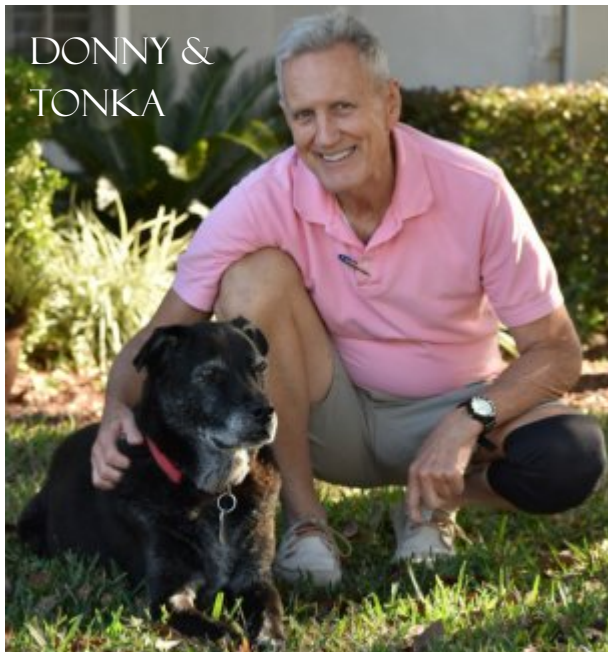
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& BANDIT



LORI & GUNNER



DONNY &
TONKA



DENNIS & CALLIE

Large breeds, small breeds, boy breeds and girl breeds. Herders and birders that live for a swim, a stick or a Frisbee, but not for a trim. Dogs that tug your sleeve, whose eyes you believe; who pull on sleds, spit out their meds, or sleep all afternoon in our beds. Pups that point, or work, or wait where you stood, then pull their Peep through the 'Noliahood!

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THE MAILBOX PLANT



Above: 'Mailbox Plant' in feeding state.

The 'Nuntius arca' var. Magnolius, or 'Message Box', is a rare member of the pineapple family, a perennial found only in the environs of Magnolia Point.

It is a short herbaceous perennial with 90-180 trough-shaped pointed leaves 30-100 cm long, surrounding a thick stem. The boxlike structure that crowns it is an inflorescence that develops from an apical meristem, supporting the utilitarian woody penduncle, that can last many years, or until a car comes too close.



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So, that's just some of what we do, and we hope to hear from you soon for your next project or handyman job. All of our work is absolutely guaranteed.

Our Community Seniors and Military Personnel all receive a 10% LaborDiscount.

Thank You, and being a veteran myself, *Happy Coast Guard Day - August 4th!!!!*

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BECKY'S

YOUNG HEARTS

Canada Geese, no one's favorite! I'll make an exception when mom and dad bring the babies to my yard. I sat in the grass with them and eventually they were comfortable enough with me and the camera to take a nap in my yard on Olympic.

These siblings are regular visitors, and come running when I step outside I'm happy to watch them grow up!



Turkeys are extremely difficult to photograph. They usually run straight for the brush before I can react. I hid behind a tree and was able to watch mom and dad take the little ones out for breakfast. (Pond by Blackstone.)



The urgent call from **Sara Spurrier** had me running, camera in hand. Two fawns had taken up residence in her backyard, and wound up spending most of the day. From their calm manner, they simply appeared to be waiting for their mama, and chilling a bit off-grid. Since, one or the other has returned to nibble at Sara's cracked corn, though mama has yet to be seen.



MAGNOLIA'S *next*

MATTHEW WRIGHT



Our son, Matthew Wright is 17 years old, starting his senior year at Clay High School. He has always been very athletic. In his younger years he excelled in many

sports, he was especially proficient at Tae Kwon Do, where he achieved the rank of 2nd degree black belt and won numerous State and District titles. He played defensive back on the football team his first two years at Clay, but decided that he would rather focus on the weightlifting team, (He's a real gym rat) where he advanced to the regionals this past season.

He is also a well-rounded student, maintains a 3.5+ GPA, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He has expressed an interest in becoming a lawyer, but he still has plenty of time to change his mind, and almost certainly will. He has always given freely of his time doing volunteer work around the county, working at various church and sports camps, and this past year, worked many hours with the Special Olympics Golf program that Cindy Triay runs here at our course.

He can be found most days working around the clubhouse, fetching carts and shagging balls, and is really enjoying his new found financial independence. (Mom and I like it too) Matthew

is a quiet young man, but he looks you right in the eye when he talks to you, and always speaks from the heart. The fact that he will soon be off to college is starting to become very real with his mother and



I, sad and excited all at the same time. We are comfortable in the fact that where ever he goes to school, whatever path in life he chooses, he is going to make a real difference in this world.



GATOR WATCH

REPORT AND PHOTOS: BECKY HINSON



DEATH OF A GATOR



Alligators are more active in Florida from April through June. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) the females build a mound nest of soil, vegetation or debris and deposit anywhere from 32 to 46 eggs in late June or early July. Incubation is approximately 63-68 days, and hatching occurs from mid-August through early September. About a third of all gator nests are destroyed by predators or flooding.

I spend most of my time outside looking for wildlife to photograph and while I've seen a lot of alligators, I've never seen a nest. We do see many gators passing through our pond on Olympic Drive and recently had to contact a trapper because the largest gator had become aggressive. He was in excess of 6 feet and would follow us around the edge of the lake. He came out of the water, on more than one occasion, approaching people taking his picture. It got to the point where I wasn't comfortable sitting in our yard so we made the decision to have him removed.

I called Mary Marchiano of May Management at 904-940-1002 and she made arrangements for a trapper to contact me. He called me for a photo of the alligator then obtained a permit to remove him. 'Mike' made a couple of attempts during daylight hours without success but managed to locate him around nine o'clock at night. He texted me letting me know they had successfully removed him. They didn't trap the four foot alligator so, if you fish or visit our pond, please don't approach him. Alligators are naturally afraid of humans but can grow accustomed to us if they are fed. They're opportunistic feeders and once they lose that fear, they become a real and serious threat to us.



WE NEED YOU!

The Magnolia Point Community Association Landscape and Irrigation Committee is looking for more members / volunteers. Whether you are interested in planning or would just like to volunteer to work on a project such as weeding and planting a specific area, we can really use your help!

We have ideas for future projects such as planting trees throughout the community and at the back gate entrance that need research, weeding projects such as the hedgerow on Colonial near Turkey Creek and the front and back gate planting beds that could use volunteers interested in working in the garden.

You can work as little or as much as your schedule allows. Hope you will come join us soon!

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 LANDSCAPE
& IRRIGATION

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BLOODY MARY POPS

- 2 cups tomato juice
- 1/2 cup vodka
- 1 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 clove garlic, roughly chopped
- 2 1/2 tsp. prepared horseradish
- 1/2 tsp. Tabasco sauce
- 1/4 tsp. celery salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 2 Tbsp. chopped pimento-stuffed green olives

Blend tomato juice, vodka, lime juice, Worcestershire, garlic, horseradish, Tabasco, celery salt, and pepper in a blender; let stand 20 minutes, then strain through a fine-mesh sieve.

Divide tomato mixture and olives among six (3-oz.) paper cups, cover each with foil, then cut a small slit in the center of the foil and slide in a popsicle stick. Freeze pops until firm, at least 4 hours.

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