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**In other words, Merry Christmas!**

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*"In a Green Cove. A favorite place" - Anon*

ASSOCIATION

# NEWS

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS NEIGHBORS!

As the holidays are rapidly upon us, I'd like to say thank you to all the neighbors that give of their free time to try to improve the neighborhood.

This year the Architectural Review Committee has grown and been very busy looking over the various renovations and improvements that our residents want to do and thanks to their diligence the community standards are maintained, and we continue to have a community to be proud of.

The Rules Enforcement Committee is busy watching the neighborhood to ensure those same standards are met and issues that could cause the neighborhood to become run down or shabby are corrected before that happens.

Landscape & Irrigation has tackled a number of projects to beautify both the Magnolia Point Boulevard area and the Medinah back gate to enhance everyone's initial impressions of the neighborhood. The group are all talented gardeners and enjoy getting their hands dirty and cleaning up, weeding and replanting some of the smaller areas themselves.

The Roads, Drainage and Waterways Committee is busy trying to maintain the aging infrastructure and helping people that are impacted by drains that become plugged, piping that leak, and roads that need filling or resmoothing. Additionally, sinkholes appear and need to be addressed before they become bigger problems.

The Community Liaison Committee is supposed to be our primary method of communicating with the Country Club. Several situations have impacted our ability to complete that function, but we hope to see the committee reenergized soon.

Access Control is always busy replacing gate crossarms that people somehow seem to not see, and have put forth initiatives to try to improve our safety and the smoothness of entry to the community.

The Block Captain Committee has already shown itself to be extremely valuable in our efforts to get the

word out to residents. Many people seem too busy to read email notices but having Block Captains improves our ability to communicate with residents.

The Communications Committee ensures information that is necessary to inform the residents is sent out and/or available on our website.

The Strategic Planning Committee provided a superb guideline of many of our resident's desires and gave the board a great place to work from to meet those desires and goals.

Lastly, I'd like to give a shoutout to **Helen DiGuardia** who stepped up when we needed and took the lead of a holiday decorating committee and did a magnificent job of building a plan and finding "helpers" to make it happen. Magnolia Point has never looked better for the holidays!

Many people are necessary to meet all the requirements of keeping the neighborhood as the premier place to live in Clay County. If you have any spare time, please consider volunteering to support any of the committees that may interest you and you can be part of the solution!

Speaking of volunteering, the Board of Directors has three members that are completing their two-year terms in the beginning of 2023. Some may apply to return to the board but each of the three seats is open to anyone qualified. Qualifications? Two: each board member must be an adult resident and must be in good standing with HOA fees. If you are worried about not knowing the ins and outs, there are training classes available and experienced members are happy to share their knowledge. Board members oversee and decide the budget, interpret rules, and generally try to keep the neighborhood neighborly. This can be your chance to move the neighborhood in a direction you would like to see it go and to make it an even better place to live.

The call for volunteers for the board will be out shortly and the application to fill out is available on the website. This can be your chance to make a difference!

- LARRY FRANCISCO

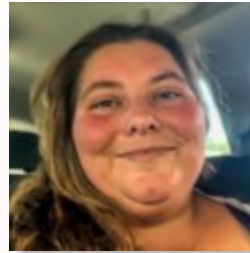




# Thank You!

**Clay County Rescue Mission** would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our **2022 Magnolia Point Supporters!** It is an honor, and a blessing to receive support from our local community. The support we received in 2022 from Magnolia Point is so greatly appreciated, and helps us to provide for the elderly, and individuals, who are facing adversity.

With growing inflation, the lack of affordable housing, and rising food costs, so many of these families are living in their cars, with their children, while trying to sleep and eat in an unfavorable environment. Your support helps to place these families, and individuals in a warm temporary environment so they can shower and get some much needed rest.



The support you provide gives the elderly and families a temporary environment they can compose themselves in. They can apply for jobs, they can get their affairs in order, they can contact relatives, and they can feel loved from you, the supporters in our community.

You, the Magnolia Supporters, have provided **48 nights of stay for the elderly and families**. This equates to providing **shelter to 98-144 individuals**. Wow! The love and joy they feel is indescribable.

It is an Honor to personally thank each and everyone you for your continued support:

**Steven Anderson**  
**Rosalind Arnold**  
**John Cardinell**  
**Thomas DiMattina**  
**Cheryl Kennedy**  
**Pam Mason**  
**Bert Royal**

Clay County Rescue Mission will continue to stay faithful, and remain dedicated to the Clay County community.



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# December



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# REINDEER

*The chainsaw howls, the chopsaw  
shreiks, drills wail, the axes chop a  
beat. It's a Rockin' Reindeer Dawn!*

# R•O•C•K

Things were hoppin' one November morning at the Greiner Ranch with Reindeer rockin' to life at the hands of Magnolia Point volunteers. Following on the tradition Al, Jola, and a corp of volunteers started just one Christmas past, the neighborhoods 'round these parts are seeing an explosion of holiday spirit. But first, all those parts have to be chased down, rendered up, and put together one leg, antler, tail and red nose at a time...



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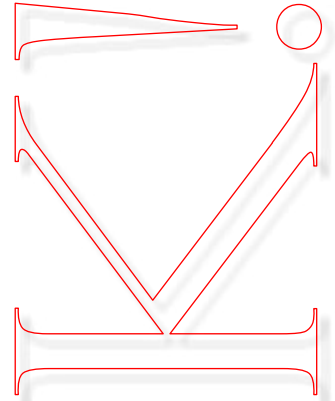






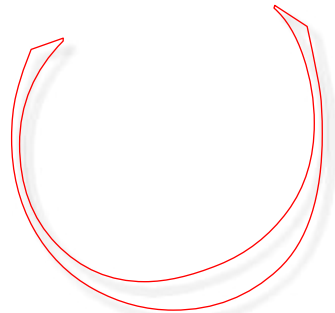
*Squad Up!*

Jola and Al Greiner have been making Rustic Reindeer for years. All that's needed is a good eye, a steady hand, some power tools, and a creative take on Reindeer anatomy. And some wood. Some scrap firewood will do, but if you have plans to conquer an entire neighborhood, you'll need **lots of it!**

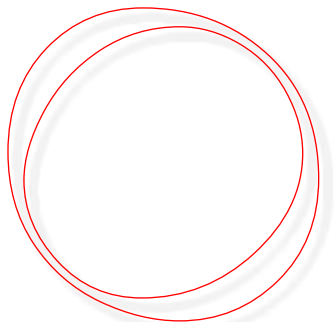


*Skylar nails a nose.*

*"Ros Arnold had some big branches down in her back yard she let us harvest," Jola says, "Ed Poucher brought crepe myrtle trimmings that make great reindeer legs & necks but most of the wood was from windfalls on the red nine that Trevor kindly allowed me to drive to, cut up and haul out."*



The finished product does display a dizzying array of specially-sized pieces. To Jola this is the fun part, *"With lots of branches to choose from and a bit of imagination it's fun to try to use what you have to get a little personality and attitude into the final results."*



*A leg up.*

Plenty of volunteers made pretty quick work of the 40 critters produced for 2022, averaging one completed **every 4 minutes!** After their time in the community, all are promised homes, *"The folks that helped put them together get first pick after the holidays. It is not recommended to bring the deer inside your home. Quite interesting critters live in dead wood. They will emerge and go exploring for moisture as the wood dries out!"*





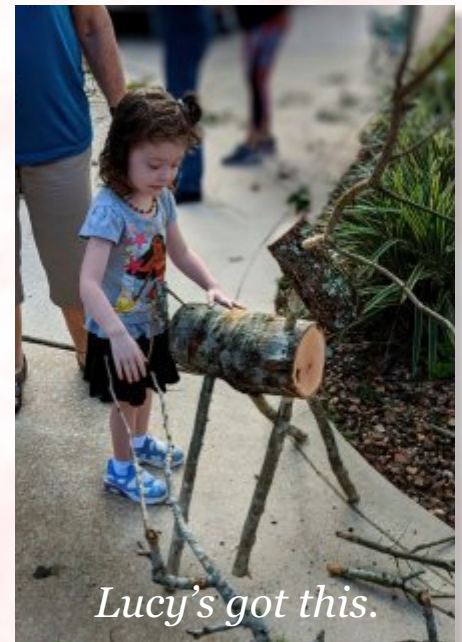
## “CHAINSAWS WANTED” - Instructions Not Required

They have the wood. A lot, maybe half a ton, between all the logs and branches. An a box of donuts. Fresh coffee. Cordless drills, batteries charged, loppers and drill bits.

Head scratching, nervous laughter. And then like a silent starting gun going off, heads went down and the work got underway. Rare was the volunteer who paused to look up. The pace was brisk. *How did so many know so well how to do all that there was to do?*

Untutored, unblinking, suddenly skilled in a deceptively elaborate anatomy of hand-fitted, rendered limbs, it all just *happened*.

Like the look on Lucy's face, when, plopped down just behind a newly-sturdy Reindeer, happy-slapped the critter's rump to the untimed yelp of some personal carol, her own ode to Christmas Present. Corny, but true: *magic*.

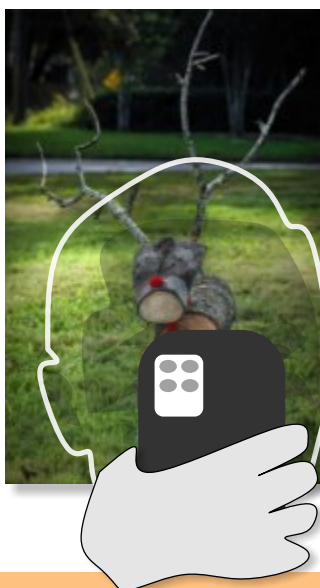


*Lucy's got this.*

Everyone there had that Lucy smile, powerless to avoid showing it off to each other, at regular intervals. To free from the rough wood the essence of an icon of the Season, giddy with the prospect of reproducing rustic little symbols of the Season that caught the community's imagination the year before. To do their part: channeling their inner Rudolfs with a child's eye.



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Carlton Page • Daniel Glassman • *And with regrets for a name we missed, but know we remember everything else about you!*



### HOLIDAY SELFIE FEST!

*Your time to shine! Take a selfie with your favorite Magnolia Point Reindeer, Elf-hatted Hydrant, Wreath, Bow, Lighted Tree, Luminary or Parade Cart and send to:*  
*davepetraglia@gmail.com*







## CHRISTMAS CHEER

Members of the **Landscape & Irrigation Committee** recently planted 78 poinsettias in the bed in front of the gatehouse after the dead, dying and overgrown shrubs were removed, and the area graded, planted with new shrubs and mulched.

They were going for colorful, relatively low maintenance shrubs in the design.

The members shown are **Natalaie Mathews, Steve Fiero, Barbara Coker, Helen DiGuardia** and **Cindy Francisco**. Missing but not forgotten are our very dear colleagues **Cissy Burnette, Raymond** and **Ramona Ferrara, and Suzanne Foster!**



## CHRISTMAS DEER (& MORE)

The Holiday Decorations Committee is an ad hoc MPCA committee and is independent of the Landscape and Irrigation Committee. Some members volunteer on both. **Helen** and **Andrew DiGuardia, Cindy** and **Larry Francisco, Patricia Nisely, Albert** and **Jola Greiner, Paul Werring, Dave** and **Lori Miller** and **Suzanne Foster** were the "elves to decorate". In addition, we had a crew of reindeer makers at the Greiner home on Dec 12 (see "**Reindeer Rock**", pages 6-8.)

My goal this year was to create "holiday cheer" throughout Magnolia Point. As my family has not lived here for Christmas, I was starting from scratch. I was blessed to receive notes and have questions answered by **Jola Greiner** as I began, familiarizing me with what decorating happened in past years. My main goal was to create decorations that can be used for years to come. We began with lighting. We lit many of the trees coming in the front gate between the main sign and the guardhouse, with both white and colored

lights. We hung icicle lights on guardhouse gutters, outlined all windows with lights and hung a large wreath on center window of the guardhouse. Inside, we hung lights around center window and added a lit and decorated tabletop tree for some cheer for the guards of all shifts to enjoy.

We were on to the wreaths and teardrop swags next, with large bows hung on the four pillars, four wreaths on both sides of the "Magnolia Point" sign.

Reindeer gather on the lawn greeting you as you enter and continue to greet you as you drive through Magnolia Point to the back gate.

At the back gate we had our group with **Suzanne Foster** and **Lori** and **David Miller** joining us for wreath hanging fun. The back gate displays eight wreaths hung double sided going four across the gate again with big red bows. Bushes are lit on both sides of the gates.

A major accomplishment was that we were able to build an infrastructure of electricity!! We now have receptacles on either side of back gate that did not exist previously and can be used going forward.

- HELEN DIGUARDIA







# OUTSIDE

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When we introduced 'OutSide' in the August issue of The News, it was to highlight the 'Pools, Patios and Porches of Magnolia Point homes. Choosing among any of those 3 architectural elements, we were sure, would assure a steady supply of candidates for the feature.

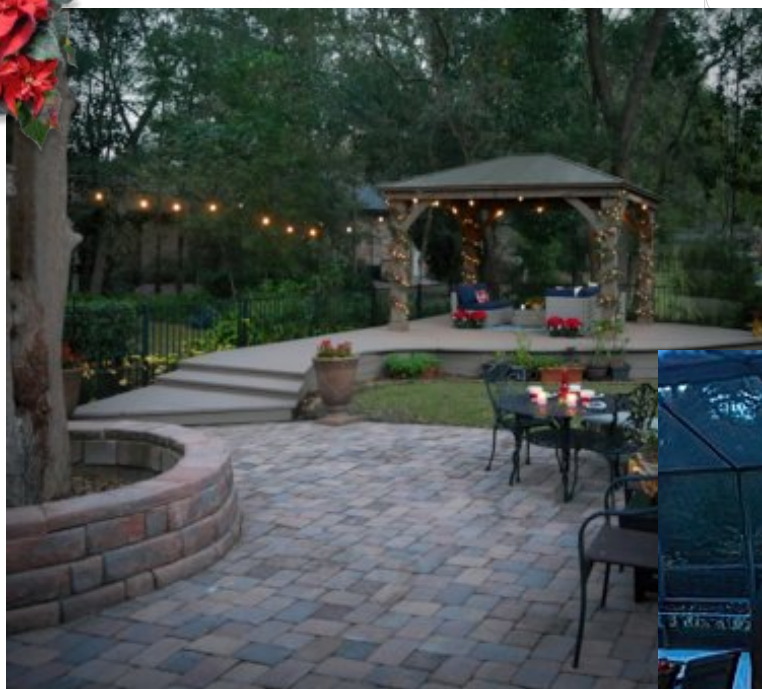
We never expected *one home* would have a shining example of each...and more.



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**How long have you lived at Magnolia Point?**  
21 years.

**Was the porch an important factor in the design?** *The porch was part of the "low country" look.*

**Did you have a use in mind, or was it more for a 'look'?** *Both. We love the style and love to sit out front, especially during the Christmas season.*

**What do you like best about your porch?** *Sitting out on the porch during the fall season and visiting with our neighbors as they come by.*



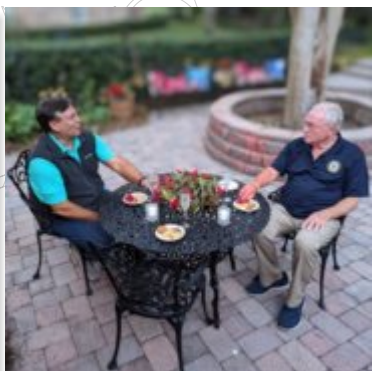
**What have you put into decorating the space?**  
*We hope for warmth and curb appeal. We always enjoy decorating the porch with seasonal themes.*

**Do you entertain, relax, or otherwise enjoy your porch?** *We enjoy the porch very much! It gives us a place to relax and talk.*

**How did your outdoor kitchen come about?** *We spend a lot of time outside especially during summer, football season, and the holidays. We wanted a place that was functional and big enough to enjoy with family and friends. No better way than with food, drink, and a TV.*

**Nice pool!** *Thank you. We worked with the pool company on the free-form design and stone waterfall. We wanted something different and have been very happy with it. Over the years, the pool has been used a lot by our two daughters and their friends, family, and generally a place where everyone has loved hanging out.*

**The gazebo is a stunning feature, with an entire entry patio of its own, surrounding a tree with pavers. How did all this come about?** *The patio came about first, centered around a tree "two twigs at a time", received from our father. The two twigs were twisted and babied for about a year until they turned into a beautiful inter-twined tree which is the focal point of what we now call our "park". Then the gazebo and deck came about, by accident. We'd just built a dock at our beach house in the Panhandle prior to hurricane Michael. We brought the remains of the dock back here. We decided to build an elevated deck and place a gazebo on it. This is one of our favorite places to gather and has a good view green on 16.*



Photos: Editor







### *Hello Magnolia!*

For over 30 years, service has been our focus. When you are a family-run company that is honest and reliable and that puts attention to detail into every project, people notice that and we're thankful to our customers who have allowed us to continue as a successful business that supports our community. Now we're proud to include Magnolia Point as a community of our own, as we have recently moved here!

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# INTERIORS

CINDY & STEVE TRIAY • 1919 MEDINAH LANE

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

*17 years.*

**What have you done to the interior since you've been here?**

*New flooring throughout, new energy efficient fans, new fixtures and hardware in the bathrooms. Oh, and replaced most of the windows in the house.*

**What motivated you and Steve to undertake this kitchen remodel?**

*When we moved in Steve promised me we would eventually update the kitchen. I decided it was time to take him up on that! We knew the kitchen had good bones, it just needed some design changes.*

**What were some specific items you included in your 'wish list'?**

*I love cooking with the gas, so a gas cooktop was in the plans, along with a double-oven for holiday cooking! And white cabinets, so 'Florida'!*

**How did you come to select a contractor(s) for the job?**

*We used Florida Home & Kitchen. They came highly recommended and, as you can see, they did a fantastic job.*

**Did you use your own or the contractor(s) layout/design tools?**

*The contractor's.*

**How did you source the fixtures?**

*Myself and some help from the contractor.*

**How did you choose the colors, paint and/or wall coverings, cabinet hardware?**

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*Working with their decorator.*

**What were some of the challenges of the project?**

*Venting out the cooktop through the roof for the exhaust fan and repairs to the ceiling.*

*Cooking out of the laundry room.*

**What advice can you offer someone planning a similar project?**

*If you are doing a major renovation, you can save money on other future projects by adding items to the major project. Since we were having plumbing done in the kitchen, we just went ahead and made these changes to our down stairs bathrooms. We also had extra electrical outlets added wherever we could.*

**What improvements to your home, if any, are you considering next?**

*We've done most everything. Always updating my yard. I would like to put new slip proof tile in the downstairs showers.*



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# INTERIORS

JOANNE & ALAN LABEOUF • 3392 OLYMPIC DRIVE



Our **North Pole Village** was started in 2000 when Joanne bought the first piece for me. I'd been admiring the handiwork of 'Department 56', a famous producer of miniature, hand-crafted lighted theme villages and their components. Over the next several years, as the village grew larger than their coffee table could handle, there was a need to make a display to accommodate the growing collection. I designed and built the layered and shelf display to house the village in a way that would allow all buildings to be seen. Each year another section was added somewhere to house the new buildings produced that year until the village area available in the room was maxed out a couple of years ago.

When the village had expanded to a larger size, there was room to incorporate the American Flyer trains that I'd kept from my childhood. The four trains you see date from the 1950s.

The village has **207** buildings, **27** large accessories (elves, santas, sleighs, animals, etc.), and **290** small accessories. It is populated by **22** Santas, but only **9** versions of Mrs. Claus. There are **452** elves: **336** men, **38** women, and **78** children. There are **648** trees, and **37** bushes plus the continuous line of round shrubs around the lower level.

The structure of the display is composed of **40** modular pieces that are put together each year with over **600** bolts and screws. There are **28** back modules holding **44** shelves. The display has **46** trap doors underneath, and **71** hatches on the tops and sides to allow access to all of the complex wiring to light the buildings and trees, and to set things in motion. Speaking of wiring, there is a total of **2,632 feet of wires**, which is a half mile! The whole display is held up by **60** legs on wheels. There are **33** street lights: gumdrops, snowflakes, and candy canes. **36** reindeer are located throughout the village, including Rudolph of course. There are also **18** polar bears, **11** penguins, and **17** snowmen, as well as various dogs, ducks, and other characters like Mickey and Scrooge McDuck. The snowflakes gently falling on all the backboards were all hand glued in place, and there are over **10,000** of those. Ask me how I know that!



Photos: Becky

- ALAN LABEOUF





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DRIVE

# FACES & NAMES

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

*We've lived in Magnolia Point for 4 and 1/2 years.*

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

*In our immediate family we have 5 children and 9 grandchildren.*

**Do you have any pets?**

*We have a 10 month old Belgian Malinois named Franky.*

**What was your passion at 16?**

*Marcia's passion at age 16 was hanging out with friends at the beach. Bill's passion at age 16 was hunting and fishing.*

**And now?**

*Now our passions are family and friends and spending time at our fishing cabin in the Everglades.*

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

*Advice today for a 16 year old would be not to rush too fast to be an adult. Enjoy your teenage years.*

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

*What we like most is being closer to family.*

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

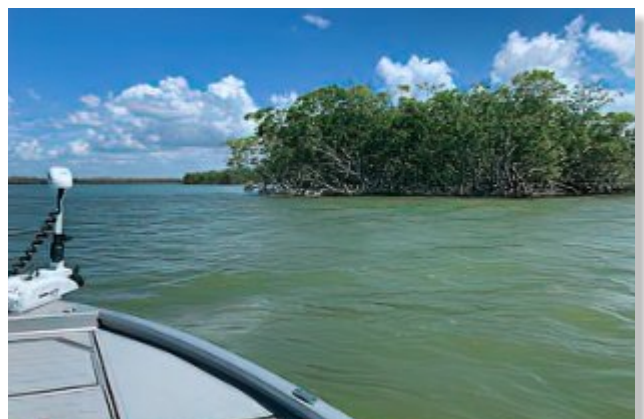
*We have no current household projects planned.*

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

*We are unsure about where we see ourselves in 5 years. We are always open to our next adventure. Something we just can't get enough of: Florida's 10,000 Islands!*



MARCIA &  
BILL BLACKWELL





# MAGNOLIA'S *next*

Some things you can suffer from that will ruin your chances of succeeding in business, as in life. A hostility towards hard work, long hours, attention to detail, and respect for people's property will do you in. Danny Ruiz III suffers from none of these.

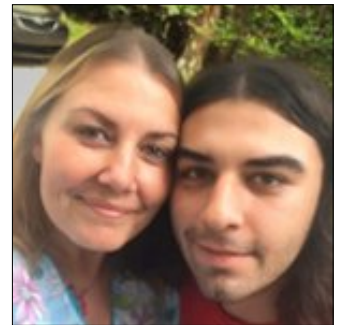
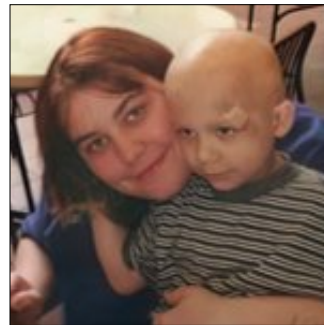
## DANNY RUIZ III

He graduated from Fleming island high school 2017. He grew up with his four siblings, one a twin sister, in Pennsylvania. The family moved to Florida after he was "done": finished with all the treatments and medications he needed to beat a life-threatening disease.

Danny is a cancer survivor who was diagnosed with leukemia before his 3rd birthday. With that behind him, the family moved to Fleming island then to Magnolia Point in 2015. He'd struggled through his school years with ADHD and late effects of chemotherapy. His unique learning needs required that he was on an Individualized Education Plan from an early age, which found him in smaller group settings, and extended study times. He feels he was fortunate to have a mother who fought for him and a few amazing teachers to guide him as well. He's a go-getter and not afraid of hard work. He's the first to tell you he's not good with the books and testing but quick with hands-on learning. He's recently started his own business that he feels fits in nicely with the latent OCD from his early years, and love of automobiles. 'OCD' to Danny is now 'Onsite Car Detailing'.

"I'm a car enthusiast and there's nothing better than a clean shining vehicle," he says. "I hope that in a few years my company will be bigger where I can

hire a few people and show that no matter what struggles you go through if you put your mind to something you can do it. Never give up and don't accept no."



Photos: Ruiz, Perez





# MP WWC

## MP WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE

- SUSAN MITCHELL



*Bring & Take - Donna Habing, Kathryn Kossuth, Shirley Orvosh, Anne Bastress*



*Christmas Quilt - Bonnie Sprinkle & Jackie Beck*



*Joanne LaBeouf, Susan Mitchell, Lorna Broughton*

### New Website for the Club

President **Joanne LaBeouf** was excited to announce the women's club new website that is now online and ready for you to review. Be sure to check it out at [mpwc.org](http://mpwc.org)

### November Meeting

Our program following the meeting included a "Bring and Take" event where members bring either a book or a piece of jewelry and gets to choose from another member's "bring." Fun was had by members while trying to decide on their favorite choice.

Members supported our Friends of the GCS Library by purchasing raffle tickets for their beautiful Christmas quilt. If anyone is interested in buying tickets, give **Bonnie Sprinkle** a call at 770-715-5438. Tickets are \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00.

Member **Susan Mitchell** received a retirement gift after serving as the treasurer for 17 years and newsletter editor for 21 years. Susan now has a one-of-a-kind golf hat embroidered with the Club's logo and her name. She also received a very clever PowerPoint presentation that brought back many memories.

### Holiday Luncheon Deadline

December 4th is the deadline for members to make reservations for the annual Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, December 14th at Sacred Heart's Activity Center. The Club is purchasing fried chicken and members will bring the side dishes. Because this is the season of giving, members may bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry or an item needed by the Episcopal Children's Head Start program.

### Luminary Assembly

Chairman **Sarah McWhorter** thanks all the members who volunteered to assemble the luminary kits that are now on sale. The youngest volunteer, **Beau Forbess**, used his math skills to count out the cups for each kit.

### Upcoming Member Activities

**Dec 02** – Deadline to Donate to the Cagle Store at CEB

**Dec 04** – Deadline for luncheon reservations

**Dec 07** – Board Meeting @3pm

**Dec 07** – Hand, Knee & Foot at the clubhouse

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**Dec 07** – Deadline to order luminary kits  
**Dec 10** – Luminary Night and Golf Cart Parade  
**Dec 14** - Holiday Luncheon at Sacred Heart

### AMIKids Donations

Members donated boys pants and belts to be given to the AMIKids charity. AMIKids Clay County is a private nonprofit, gender specific prevention program, which creates an environment that teaches boys incarceration is not their future and shows them how to prepare for the responsibilities that come from being a strong, positive male figure in their families and community.

### Scholarships

The new scholarship application is now online and is available for senior girls at Clay High School to apply for a 2023 scholarship. It is available through Clay's Google Classroom.

### Hand, Knee & Foot at the Club

A big thank you to Lori Miller for hosting the November game. Last month's winners include:

**Nancy Zavislak** 29,575 pts  
**Linda Werring** 28,785 pts  
**Linda Thill** 27,545 pts  
**Susan Mitchell** 25,600 pts  
**Kathie Cardon** 26,390 pts  
**Sharon Sprott** 25,340

**Jola Greiner** and **Susan Hanline** will host the game on December 7th.

## 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** 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.

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Ladies Bridge - Kaaren Tague [BobTague@comcast.net](mailto:BobTague@comcast.net)

### Ladies Bridge, Fri, Oct 28

1. Alice Lodge
2. Dottie Lunt

### Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Oct 27

1. Jon Bastress & David Miller
2. Joanne Montzka & Ed Szymanski
3. Connie & Michael Byers
4. Phyllis Boyd & Alice Lodge  
Jim Cardozo & Rannel Westberry<sup>(tie)</sup>
5. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott

### Social Bridge, Thu, Nov 03

1. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
2. Brad Lucas & Jerry Ritchie
3. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
4. Susan Mitchell Sharon Sprott
5. Anne Bastress & Sandy Waldrup

### Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Nov 10

1. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
2. Brad Lucas & Jerry Ritchie
3. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
4. Susan Mitchell Sharon Sprott
5. Anne Bastress & Sandy Waldrup

### Social Bridge, Thu, Nov 17

1. Brad Lucas & Jerry Ritchie
2. Val & Jef Fleming
3. Connie & Michael Byers
4. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott
5. Sondra Costa & Marsha Parker





# SATURDAY - DECEMBER 10

**Luminary Night** is a fundraiser that provides scholarships for young women at Clay High School. This annual event has grown each year and now serves as one of the largest fundraisers for the Women's Club.

For new residents, Luminary kits are sold to line the street frontage of your property. Volunteer Block Captains are currently taking orders, with a deadline of December 7th. If you need a form, contact Luminary Chairman **Sarah McWhorter** at [samcwhorter1@gmail.com](mailto:samcwhorter1@gmail.com) or call at **336-202-4413**. Forms are also available on the new website [mpwc.org](http://mpwc.org) and click on Fundraising Events.

Each kit costs \$7.50 and contains the supplies to make ten (10) luminaries, including candles, cups and bags. Residents supply the kitty litter, dirt or sand to weigh down the bag. On Saturday, December 11th, residents assemble and place their kits approximately three feet apart in front of their homes. Light your candles around dusk. If you store your candles in the freezer, they will burn for hours. Once you have your candles lit, join the fun at the clubhouse for the **Luminary Cart Parade** and decorating contest. Carts start lining up at 5:00 PM behind the Pub.

We thank our residents for their support of our scholarship fundraiser. If you are unable to participate in our Annual Luminary Night event, please consider making a cash donation to the Scholarship Fund when you are contacted by your Block Captain. MPWC is a not-for-profit charitable corporation designated as a 501(c)(3) by the IRS, so all donations are fully tax deductible. Make checks out to "MPWC Charities."

Our Block Captains are your neighbors who volunteer their time and we appreciate their hard work to make Luminary Night a success.

For more information, check our website at: [mpwc.org](http://mpwc.org)

- SUSAN MITCHELL

## LUMINARY NIGHT



*Light up your street!*



*Join the Cart Parade at the Club!*

## LIGHT UP MAGNOLIA POINT!





# LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

BY SANDY WALDRUP

## November 3 – Stableford

We began the season-long Stableford competition today. The golfers are divided into 2 teams, with **Barbara Shinn** and **Sharon Sprott** being captains. The teams try to score the most Stableford points each competition day and the team with the most points in May is declared the winning team. We also have an individual “team” Stableford on the day that Stableford is played.

The Blue Team is led by **Sharon Sprott** and includes **Val Flemming**, **Donna Hirsch**, **Susan Mitchell**, **Cheryle Newman** and **Taunya Vise**. The Red Team is led by **Barbara Shinn** and includes **Dianne Dearth**, **Bede Johnson**, **Janine O'Connor**, **Sandy Waldrup** and **Marian Zanetti**. Usually, the top 4 scores are added to the running total but since the Blue Team only had 4 players, it was agreed to take only the top 2 scores this week.

The Red Team took a slim lead over the Blue Team (37 to 31 points). The Red Team was led by **Janine O'Connor** with 21 points and **Sandy Waldrup** with 16 points, followed by **Barbara Shinn** with 11 points, **Dianne Dearth** with 9 points, **Bede Johnson** with 6 points, and **Marian Zanetti** with 5 points.

The Blue Team was led by its 2 top scorers of **Val Flemming** with 17 points and **Donna Hirsch** with 14 points, followed by **Cheryle Newman** with 13 points and **Sharon Sprott** with 10 points.

Of special note, **Janine O'Connor** is continuing where she left off last season with low gross scores and high points on Stableford play days – she had a gross score of 59 today. Way to go, Janine!

The day's team Stableford winners were **Sandy Waldrup**, **Donna Hirsch**, **Bede Johnson** and **Janine O'Connor**, with a team score of 57.

## November 10 – Cancelled/TS Nicole

## November 17 – Twisted Turkey

There were 3 three-somes in the field and we welcomed **Judy Sessions**. Twisted Turkey takes a team's high and low net of the group for the team score. The team of **Donna Hirsch**, **Dianne Dearth** and **Sharon Sprott** eked out a 1-point lead over the second-place team, scoring a team total of 88 points.

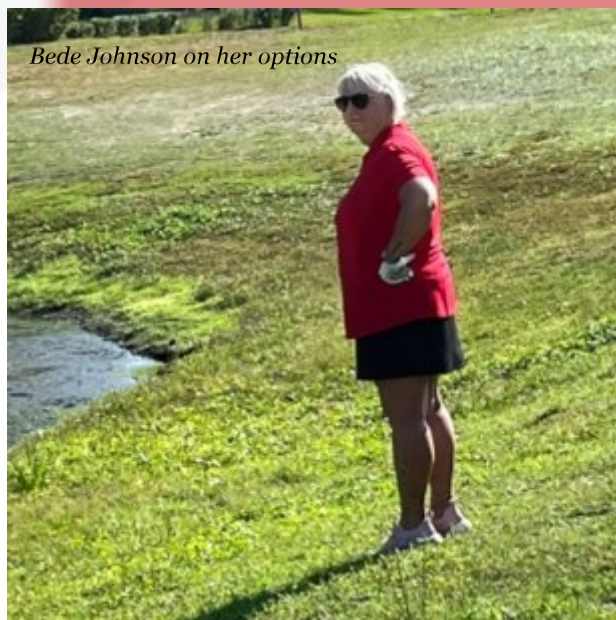
The group will not play again until Thursday, December 1, Round 2 of Stableford play.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Membership: Contact Diane Dearth - [dearth2@msn.com](mailto:dearth2@msn.com)



*Janine O'Connor on the ball*



*Bede Johnson on her options*



*Val Flemming on the pin*







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PET OF THE MONTH

MAMA KITTY



3714 GLYN COTTAGE

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# LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE



Connie Manning, Bonnie Burkhart & Diane Gove

We are getting into “sweater weather” the best season for golf here. Normally we have cool, dry sunny days but so far, we have had more rainy days and cancellations than most years.

On **November 3** we played 6-6-6. The first place team was **Hyun Coffman, Carolyn Harper** and **Shirley Orvosh**. Second place went to **Jeanne Gorman, Fran Kinney** and **Joanne Montzka**.

**November 10** had Stableford on the schedule, but a nasty wet, wind named **Nicole** forced a cancellation. Of course, that was the least of the problems she brought with her. Our area escaped with some downed trees but our neighbors on the river and ocean had significant flooding. We are thankful to have only missed a day of golf.

**November 17** turned out to be sunny and bright but with a chilly wind. This was our make-up day for the past week’s missed Stableford. That weather kept some golfers away. There were only four Golden Girls and three Honey Badgers participating. The weekly winners were the team of **Bonnie Burkhart, Diane Gove, Connie Manning** and **Joanne Montzka** as blind draw. The highlight of the day was Bonnie’s wonderful gross score of 81. Her great play led the Honey Badgers to eke out 96 points to Golden Girls 95 points. The season totals so far are Honey Badgers 297 and Golden Girls 282. Too close to call with 6 more rounds to play.

Of course, **November 24** was Thanksgiving and no scheduled play. Hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends!



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