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Welcome a new year **and** 'Committee Blast', a section that features reports by Community Association Committee Chairs. They've made time in their schedules to keep you informed of the work they do, and we owe each our thanks for adding to their commitment to our community! And special thanks to Steve Witham for the suggestion. **Pages 4-6.**

The Yard of the Quarter has been awarded! The Landscape & Irrigation Committee has selected Melissa and Doug Millar's home at 3428 Castle Pine Court see **pages 8-10.**

Nowhere are nature's gifts here more plain than on the branches of the citrus trees in our yards. And nowhere can the need for food be greater sometimes than in our own backyards. Now you can help. Donate your surplus citrus, right from your trees directly to area food banks. And UF/IFAS Clay County Master Gardeners will arrange to pick it for you! **Pages 12-13.**

'Interiors' this month proves you're never too young to be remodeled, which is what Tom DiMattina did to a newer home near the back gate on Medinah, **see page 14.**

Becky's at it again on **page 16** with a favorite photo we call 'The Mother and Child Reunion'. And check out the Canada Geese landing on **page 23.**

The Contract Bridge Club thanks **Roy Gulick** for his years of selfless service, and Susan Mitchell documents his endless contributions to the community in so many other ways on **page 27.**

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Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday with their families. Thank you to all of the volunteers that spent countless hours decorating the community with Christmas lights, decorations, seasonal flowers and poinsettias. Several homeowners went above and beyond with their Christmas lights and décor as well! Many residents have commented that the community looked the best it ever has for the holiday.

Landscaping Update:

As we kick off the new year, the Landscaping Irrigation Committee will continue to enhance areas with new sod and replace old overgrown plants, trees and hedges to problematic areas. There are also plans to start the road resurfacing project, which will be completed in five phases. Please visit our association website (www.magpt.com) to review the highlighted phase map.

Golf Cart Registration Reminder:

Recently, the Magnolia Point Community Association agreed to changes in golf cart registration that will affect all registered carts in the community. This update will attempt to cover the changes and what you can expect.

Beginning January 2, letters from May Management will be sent to Cart Owners #500 thru #650 asking for current verification of liability insurance. No insurance paperwork will be required at this time. Hopefully we will have responses from these owners by February 1st. We know that many of these owners

have moved or passed since 2017. Golf carts numbered #651 thru #800 can expect to be verified in early 2024.

In early January the carts originally registered by the golf club on an annual basis will be transitioned to the HOA so that we have a single data base for the community. These carts will retain their same number and will likely not reverify until 2025.

The Golf Club announced that effective immediately any registered cart may be used for golf play assuming they check-in at the Pro Shop and pay the going rate for golf. Carts with aggressive treads may be used but will be closely monitored to minimize turf damage especially during rainy periods.

All new golf cart registrations will be processed thru the Pro Shop. They have forms available and will arrange the installation of the appropriate numbers. Just as a reminder, 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 these three seats are open to anyone qualified. There are only two qualifications to apply: be an adult resident and be in good standing with HOA fees. This is your chance to make a difference and the application can be found on our association website, under "forms". The call for volunteers for the Board will be out shortly, please stay tuned for updates.

Cheers to 2023!

- NEIL KENNEDY





COMMITTEE BLAST



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REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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ACCESS CONTROL



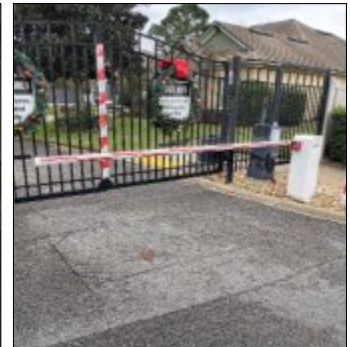
- We completed a Street Light improvement plan for 2022 based on the many inputs from home owners. The plan included the installation of 4 new light poles and the upgrade of 8 light poles to new Visionaire LED light fixtures. The new street light poles were installed the last week of November and the upgraded light fixtures were installed mid-December.

- The electronic video equipment at the front gate was 8+ years old and was in need of replacing. We had been having video problems with our front gate Network Video Recorder (NVR) and over the summer two of our five front gate video cameras stopped working. Three of the cameras and the NVR were replaced during the month of December and the last two cameras will be replaced shortly after the new year. This upgrade will significantly improve the performance of the monitoring capabilities at the front gate.

- At the November Board Meeting money for the Flock Safety camera system was approved. The Flock camera system is a camera that can read a license plate and notify local law enforcement of suspicious vehicles. This system will increase the safety within the neighborhood.

- Also included in my 2023 budget, which was approved at the November Board Meeting, is money to hire an access control consultant. This consultant will analyze our community access control and safety protocols, gate equipment, Securitas procedures and effectiveness, community fencing, etc., and develop an overall access control and safety plan with a recommendation for improvements.

- I know those of you who use the back gate realize that the entrance gate arm was down for a few months. The gear box that needed to be replaced (probably damaged due to the many times that gate arm has been hit) took a while to acquire but we finally received it the 2nd



week of December. While we were replacing the gearbox, we also replaced the entrance gate arm. We are also going to be replacing the exit gate arm once we receive the LED lights for it. This new gate arm is on hand but since the old gate arm was so severely damaged, we could not get the LED lights out of it (which we normally do) and had to order a new set.

- PAUL WERRING

RULES ENFORCEMENT

I suggest anyone that can join any committee please do. There's a committee for everyone, some are physical, but all are mental. I was on the Rules Enforcement Committee (REC) for six months and asked many questions. I thought the REC needed more committee members, so I signed up and have been volunteering since April 2022. There is never a good time to receive a violation, but with the revised letter now being used, I hope that everyone knows

that the Board and the committees are working to make Magnolia Point and Country Club the best it can be.

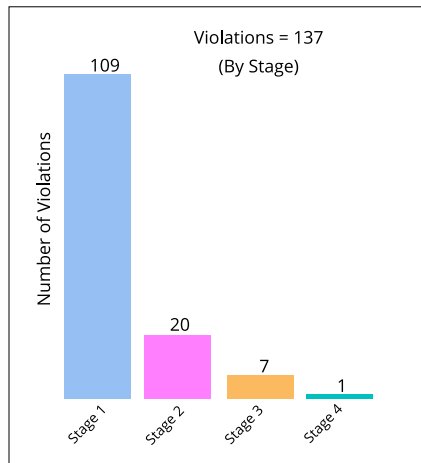
I wanted to share a brief explanation of how the rules process works with the hope of clearing any potential confusion and explain the process. If a rules violation is reported to the committee, you'll receive the first letter (a notice of violation in the mail). Please know that these first letters are just reminders and, typically, the violations are something you may have



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overlooked. Just respond with acknowledgement and action to satisfy. If you do not respond to the first letter, know a second letter will follow, again just respond with an action to satisfy. Hopefully, by the second letter, you will have

responded. But if for some reason you have not, you will receive the third and final letter - this is known as the 'intent to fine'. The letter informs the recipient that the REC chair is now



involved. From there, I'll personally send out an email to the owner of the property, notice/invitation for a hearing. This is the final stage; the REC committee will hear both sides of the violation and decide: fine or not to fine. When you receive the intent to fine (3rd letter) a clock starts, the owner may be fined \$100 per day for the next 10 days or a maximum of \$1,000, for not rectifying the violation. Keep in mind that most of these violations never reach the intent to fine, but some do.

The process is why we volunteer our time to hear cases, we're committed to ensuring fair and equal treatment for all residents. I hope this explains part of what the REC does for the community, and all the committees are looking for volunteers. Please think about joining a committee and helping MAGPT continue to be a great place to live.

- RICK CARLSON

ROADS, DRAINAGE AND WATERWAYS

As a private Association, we own and maintain 11.4 miles of roads and approximately 30 miles of stormwater drainage infrastructure to include 38 retention ponds. Ownership of the ponds is divided between the Association, individual lot owners and the golf club.

In order to maintain the infrastructure, the Association has a Reserve Fund to provide the funding necessary to execute emergent repairs and long term capital improvements. Overall reserve funding requirements are based on a bi-annual Reserve Study that takes into account the useful life of the various components of the infrastructure over a 30 year period, forecasts future expenses, and estimates the annual cash contributions necessary to keep the fund solvent. A new reserve study is underway to capture and update all components of the infrastructure, planned improvements and future funding requirements. In addition to roads, drainage and waterways, the study also includes: phased maintenance of street lighting, access control components at the front and back gates, the gate



house, Tower Park, irrigation systems, mail kiosks and signage.

Every month, a portion of the quarterly assessments (\$21,000 in 2022; \$26,000 in 2023) is transferred to the Reserve Fund which has a current balance of \$1,285,811.74 as of

September 30, 2022.

In an effort to cost effectively plan and execute infrastructure repairs, the Association has retained a licensed professional engineer to design and oversee all repairs. At present, we have five (5) drainage repair projects underway and we are developing a



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road repaving plan to mill and resurface all Association roads.

A list of past, present and future projects (see RDW Reports) along with maps depicting the road repaving plan are available [here](#) and, you can contact the Committee at ***rdw@magpt.com***.

- BILL NISLEY *Acting Chair*

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Welcome to the first installment of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) monthly update.

Since this is the first edition of the corner, I would like to communicate to everyone the ARC's mission. We are tasked with maintaining the community standards in relation to building structure, paint color, roofing color, driveways, trees, fencing, landscaping and other related areas. The standards are specified in the community guidelines, which are approved by the HOA board and handed down to the ARC.

The ARC group is staffed by volunteers from the community and we strive to review and respond to applications in a timely manner. There are instances where applications may take longer than we and the applicant would like but in these cases more work is typically required. For example, an application to construct a new home or an addition must be reviewed and approved by a licensed architect prior to ARC approval. In addition we prefer, when possible, to work with the homeowners to "tweak" an application to meet the community profile rather than



reject an application outright. These situations can take time, but also mean that the acceptance rate is higher and homeowner's are happier. To be honest, sometimes we don't always get it right.

Also in this monthly report we will highlight areas of concern that are meant to inform Magnolia Point homeowners of specific guidelines and areas where people may not realize an application is required and some that are not required.

So for the month of November, the ARC received 14 new applications; 13 were approved:

- 5 New Roof
- 4 Other
- 2 Paint
- 2 Landscaping

1 was rejected (addition did not meet community standards)

This information is presented each month at the HOA Board meeting and published on the meeting minutes.

- DAVID MILLER



January



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Featured Listings

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For Sale



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For Sale



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YARD OF THE QUARTER



MELISSA & DOUG MILLAR

Why do the Millars cross the road?

To get their mail.

A truly unique Magnolia Point address, half of their property is across their own traffic circle from their front yard.

“After 22 years in the Navy, we chose Magnolia Point as our “forever” home, in January of 2018,” Melissa Millar says of 3428 Castle Pine Court. “During the past

five years, we have been planting and

replenishing our half-acre on Castle Pine Court, including the area that borders Olympic Drive that we refer to as “the peninsula”. It’s home to a bumper crop of Boston Ferns, Crepe Myrtles, azaleas, and knock-out roses, and a “secret garden” that we chose to plant Impatiens and Australian Ferns.”

They heap credit on each other, abundantly and equally, for the dedication that goes into keeping the place up.

“Doug is at it four days a week,” she says, while he insists nothing can happen without her designs and knowledge.

Their gardening surrounds the house, with a natural yet manicured feel. The ornamentation is plentiful, yet reposes



unstructured; some statuary seem to have been there for millennia.

“Each spring, we plant daisies, colorful geraniums and heather along our entry walkway,” she says, noting that they buy their flowers and plants locally.

“On our daily golf cart rides through our lovely neighborhood, we sometimes discover some great ideas on how to enhance our property, by observing how other homeowners have landscaped and beautified their property. Tending to our many garden areas has become a labor of love, helping to create our own little piece of Heaven.”





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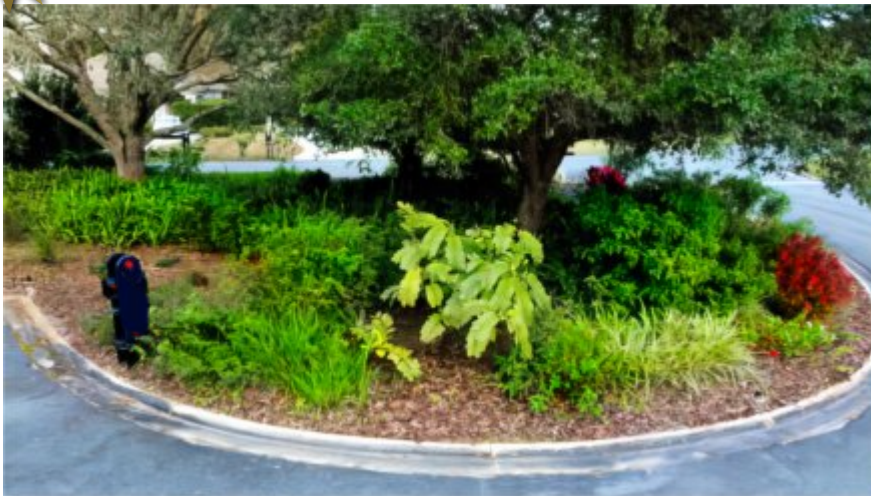


Photo: The Millars

Doug and Melissa chose the Pine Castle residence here because of the yard. Castle Pine is a very short cul-de-sac located off Olympic Drive. Some of their property is between their home and Olympic Drive which gives them a lot of privacy. It also gave them the opportunity to design a garden that has the feel of an English cottage style yard, complete with billowy ornamental grasses, and a relaxed, meandering mix of perennials and shrubs and of course roses along with brick and stone walkways and whimsical hardscape touches such as the birdhouse totem-like structure, and stone sculptures and birdbaths interspersed in the garden.

As you walk along the paths, through the gardens and around the yard, there are towering **ligustrum**, **Ti plants**, **assorted ornamental grasses**, **crepe myrtles**, **encore azaleas**, **nandina**, **loquats** and **holly hedges** with their red berries.

In addition, there are specimen plants such as **bananas**, a lovely **pygmy date palm**, **Firestorm copperleaf**, a variety of **Senna** that is in the candlestick family and several gorgeous yellow flowering bushes, the yellow bush daisy, originally from Africa.

The emphasis is on caring for wildlife. There is a large planting of **ferns** that serves as a bunny refuge, **nandinas** and **hollies** for the birds, and a now inactive **milkweed** patch for butterflies. And of course, the birdhouses!

Doug has offered to provide young **loquat** plants that have sprouted to anyone who would like one. He and Melissa, like so many gardeners, hate to throw a healthy plant away. The garden has been damaged by the record cold temperatures like nearly everyone, but the Millars are hopeful that they will be able to restore it in the Spring!

- CINDY FRANCISCO

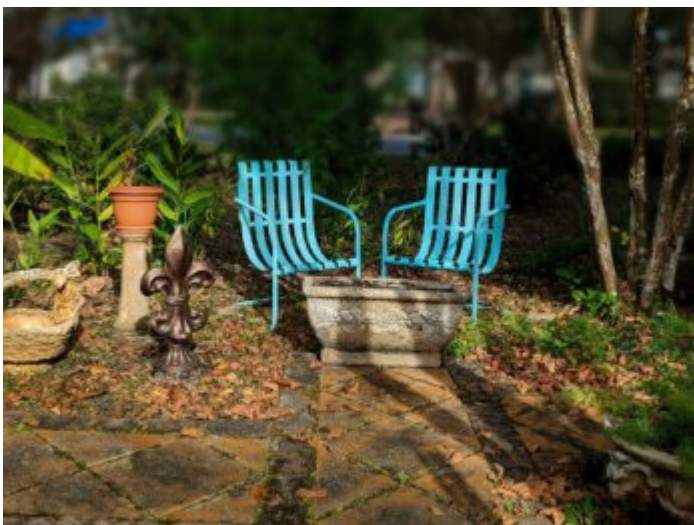


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MELISSA & DOUG MILLAR
3428 CASTLE PINE COURT

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LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE - CINDY FRANCISCO, CISSY BURNETTE,
BARBARA COKER, HELEN DIGLIARDIA, RAYMOND & RAMONA FERRARA,
AND STEVE FIERO

Photos: Editor



FACES & NAMES 1658 PEBBLE BEACH



NANCY &
KEVIN
FLOYD

How long have you lived at Magnolia Point?

12 plus years.

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

Kevin & Nancy / Drew & Morgan / Grandchildren Carter & Harleigh.

Do you have any pets?

Our Beloved Marvin cat passed this year and we now have 2 rehomed cats Niko and Koko, a Mainecoon.

What was your passion at 16?

Photography, Mathematics & Bible Study.

And now?

Portrait Photography, Mathematics, Bible Study & Ballroom Dancing.

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

The future belongs to those who are prepared.

What do you like most about your home?

It's paid off.

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

We LOVE our home.

Do you see yourself living here in 5 years?

Absolutely.



SET A PICKING DATE!

It's winter and the temperatures are dropping, and citrus across the state is ripening on the trees. In this season of giving, have you ever noticed your backyard orange trees produce just too much fruit for you to eat? If that's the case, consider having the UF/IFAS Clay County Master Gardeners help by gleaning your extra fruit and giving it to charity.

Every year, the UF/IFAS Clay County Master Gardeners get their picking poles and baskets and go into the community to glean citrus for local charities. Oranges, grapefruits, tangerines, anything will work; just as long as you have extra that you are willing to share, we are willing to come pick it and distribute it. If you are interested and a resident of Clay County, contact the UF/IFAS Extension Clay County Office at **(904)284-6355** and we will have a Master Gardener contact you to schedule a date and time that works for you.

- Wayne Hobbs, UF-IFAS

- *January is the time to pick most of our citrus fruit from Navels, Satsumas, Key Limes, Grapefruit, etc. To be sure that your fruit is ready, pick a couple and taste.*

- *If they are nice and sweet, pick away, if not leave them on the tree a while longer. Citrus fruit will not ripen once picked.*

- *Once picked, wash only when ready to eat. This keeps the natural wax on the fruit and will keep it from drying out.*

- *Last days for Master Gardeners to schedule and pick: **the end of March.***

Clay Master Gardner with Citrus Harvest



Next: Get Picked!



PICK ME!

Preparations for the Magnolia Point Homeowner:

- Decide which trees to pick if there are multiple trees and want to have some left for your use.
- If you have dogs, they should be on leash or inside the house to protect the citrus pickers.
- Arrange with the front gate or via Securitas for entry of citrus pickers.

A Master Gardner lead may contact you to arrange to check the trees to be picked, get familiar with your property, and discuss with you any issues or concerns. Program leads make an effort to group visits to the same

neighborhood as much as possible, which may affect your place on the schedule; please be patient.

The volunteers normally pack the fruit in 10lb sacks, and deliver to the food pantries or senior facilities in the county on the same day.

Take Care of Your Trees by Connie Gladding, President - Clay County Master Gardeners

The yield per citrus tree will vary depending upon the type of fruit tree, its age, and growing conditions: whether it has been watered and fertilized appropriately.

- Young trees should be fertilized with light but frequent doses throughout the growing season. Apply fertilizer in a three-foot-diameter circle around the tree.
- Apply the fertilizer to the entire rooting area which extends from the trunk out to several feet beyond the drip line of the tree.
- Spread the fertilizer evenly and don't ever mound it against the trunk.

For mature citrus trees fertilize three times per year: February, June, and November at the rate of one pound per year of the tree's age with a maximum of thirty pounds per year per application. A 6-6-6 or 4-6-8 citrus special with minor elements or trace elements is the recommended analysis.



(Not Citrus!)



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INTERIORS 2031 MEDINAH LANE



It's a relatively young home, recently purchased by Thomas DiMattina with plans to make the house more to his and girlfriend Tina's liking. With 39 years' experience, Tom is a licensed general contractor *and* plumbing contractor *and* a state licensed home inspector, even certified to do mold remediation. He's the owner of Pines Handyman Services here.

The first job was to repurpose the dining room at the front of the house. "We wouldn't be using our dining room much so we decided it could be used as a guest room so I closed in the wall and added double barn doors to dress up the area."

The Master Bathroom was next, "I removed the old master bath to modernize the space and make room for a free standing tub and new free standing vanities. We also went with a newer modern walk in shower without a door and with 60 inch porcelain tiles." He updated the suite's walk-in closet, and built custom shelving for Tina's shoes.



"We didn't feel the need to change the kitchen cabinet layout and we opted to paint the cabinets and add handles. We wanted a farmhouse sink so the granite and sink was changed and reworked the cabinet doors to fit the 13 inch deep apron on the sink."



We changed all the light fixtures, and added new flooring thru out the whole house. The laundry room was redone with wainscoting on one wall and added shelving, cabinets and a sink base with granite and a sink and faucet.

If I would give someone advice on remodeling what ever your budget is plan on spending more. We kept adding things and almost doubled our budget. Get 3 estimates ask for references and make sure they are licensed and insured. In today's market it is harder to get materials and supplies so give yourself more time to complete the project.



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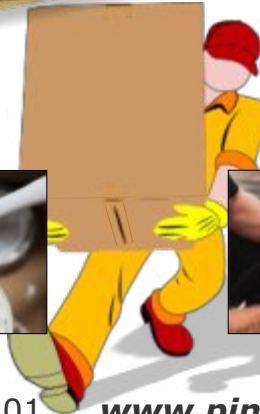
Hello Magnolia!

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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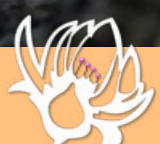
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MP WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE

- SUSAN MITCHELL



Holiday Luncheon

The Magnolia Point Women's Club annual Holiday Luncheon was held December 14th at Sacred Heart's Activity Center. Sixty women attended and shared in the food, fun and entertainment. It was great to see members who we have not seen in a while and those that some of us have never met.

In the true spirit of the season, members brought donations for causes MPWC sponsored in December. We collected 135 pounds of food for the Food Pantry and items needed by the GCS Head Start and Early Start Programs, run by the Episcopal Children's Services. Leftover items were given to Way Free Medical Clinic.

The luncheon festivities began with a welcome by President **Joanne LaBeouf**. Fifteen lucky ladies discovered bows under their chairs and they won the poinsettia plants used as table decorations. Lunch followed, with the Club providing the main entree and members bringing all the "fixin's" including dessert.

Following lunch, Marty Essex led us in a game of Christmas Trivia. Winners included **Grace Barber**, first place, and **Barbara Adams** and **Lorna Broughton**, who tied for second place. Following was a



Holiday Luncheon Committee - Debbie Shvetzov, Joanne LaBeouf, Nancy Catudal, Lorna Broughton, Anne Bastress, Jackie Maneval, Marty Essex





Christmas Chaos Gift Exchange which did prove to be chaotic! We ended the day by singing Christmas Carols. We look forward to seeing everyone again more frequently at Club meetings.

A special thank you to the Holiday Luncheon Committee for making this nice gathering possible.

January Meeting

Following our January 11th meeting, our guest speaker will be a Certified Personal Trainer and Rehabilitation and Weight Loss Specialist. The topic will be Fitness and Wellness for Mature Women.

Luminary Night Provides Scholarships

A big thank you to Chairman **Sarah McWhorter** and all her volunteers for another wonderful Luminary Night. Our residents deserve a big thank you also for supporting our scholarship fund. 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.

Upcoming Member Activities

Jan 04 – Hand, Knee & Foot

Jan 04 – Board of Directors Meeting

Jan 11 – Members General Meeting

Feb 01 – Hand, Knee & Foot

Feb 01 – Board of Directors Meeting

Feb 08 – Members General Meeting

Hand, Knee & Foot at the Club

Thank you **Jola Greiner** and **Susan Hanline** for hosting last month's game. The winners include:

Barbara Szymanski, 29,880 pts

Nancy Wiesinger, 29,265 pts

Denise Beauchamp, 29,165pts

Patricia Nisley, 27,965 pts

Beth Leykamm, 25,875 pts

Susan Mitchell, 25,570

Alice Lodge and **Kathryn Kossuth** will host the game on January 4th, 2023.

HOW TO JOIN THE WOMEN'S CLUB?

If you are interested in joining the women's club, email Membership Director Marguerite Martin at Mem6550@bellsouth.net. You can find our membership form on our website at www.mpwc.org. To join the club, you must either be a Magnolia Point resident or property owner or be a member of the country club. Annual dues are \$30 for May 1 through April 30. If you join after December 31st, the dues are \$15.00 from now until April 30th

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





CHAIR'S REPORT

On December 10, "Light Up Magnolia Point!" took place, and what a night it was! Through the generosity of residents purchasing luminary kits and/or making donations, over \$9,000 was raised this year to help further education goals of girls at Clay High School! Since 2003, we've awarded a total of \$146,000 through June of this year. *Thank you so much for your help!*

LUMINARY NIGHT '22

I have experienced five Luminary Nights since moving here, and my participation in and

enthusiasm for the event has grown each year, leading me to chair the project for the Magnolia Point Women's Club this year. I was not always as appreciative of this event as I currently am; maybe some of you can relate.

I had not experienced a Luminary Night as an adult until I moved to Magnolia Point in December 2018. The ink had barely dried on my closing contract when Luminary Night took place my first year and I missed it entirely. It was a total non-event to me.

My second Luminary Night, I flat out did not participate. I was distracted, misplaced my paperwork, and did not pay attention to the details, plus I did not realize it was such a big deal for the neighborhood. The next morning, when I saw the bags on the street, I felt like a real party-pooper. I swore I would not let myself or my neighbors down again.

I participated in my third Luminary Night, but the experience for my poor block captain was akin to herding cats because she had to track me down at least three, maybe four times before she finally had my order and money. I remember being at home that night, thinking how lovely my street looked but how lonely I felt experiencing it all by myself. At that moment, I realized I needed to know more than my immediate neighbors so I could truly share in this communal experience. The onus was on me to make a change.

By my fourth Luminary Night, I had finally joined the Magnolia Point Women's Club to meet people and get involved in our community. I joined the luminary committee when I learned 100% of the profits of the event funds scholarships for girls at our Clay High. I knew I would be out of town on the actual night of the event, so I asked my neighbors if I could pay their son a few dollars to set up and tear down my luminary kits – it would be a win/win for both of us. They fortunately agreed, so while I was physically not there, my house was present in the moment, and I felt good about the outcome.

Finally, this year, my fifth Luminary Night, I went "whole hog" as the expression goes. I continued meeting new neighbors through the women's club and selling luminary kits, assisted neighbors in setting their lanterns up, invited family over, and even rented two golf carts from the golf shop to participate in the parade. It will be a precious memory for me, long after my 90-year old dad is gone, to remember him in the cart with me, yelling, "Ho! Ho! Ho!" to the neighbors as we passed. We finished our amazing evening ride at the clubhouse where truly delicious food was served from the food tents, then collapsed back at my house, laughing at our memories of the night.

So, what's my point? I am not sure, except to say that participating in "Light Up Magnolia Point!" is so much better than NOT participating in it. I've done both! For me, our luminary event this year was a celebration of life, hope, fun, charity, community, beauty, family, and memory, and I hope it was for you, too. Let's do it again next year!

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SO MANY TO THANK...



A heartfelt thank-you also goes to the Rothfels and the staff of Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club for putting on a fantastic Luminary Golf Cart Parade and providing Luminary Food Tents with specialty themed items for the event. The parade was great fun and the food creations clever and delicious. Your assistance and leadership in spreading cheer and enthusiasm for the evening's events is very much appreciated.

Volunteers are at the heart of this event because without them, it would not take place. Thank you, members of the Magnolia Point Women's Club (and spouses, in some cases), for your time and dedication to making the event so fun and enjoyable. From preparing the luminary kits to selling and distributing them, your passion for our fundraiser was evident and your enthusiasm contagious. This year's block captains were:

Marguerite Martin • Marilyn Forbes • Nancy Nettuno • Melody Johnson • Barbara Phelps • Patricia Nisley • Dee Butler • Dianne Dearth • Nancy Seago • Kathleen Crook • Debi Austin • Marcia Blackwell • Jackie Maneval • Shirley Orvosh • Anita King • Sue Tucker • Bonnie Sprinkle • Lori Miller • Carrie Cardascia • Kathie Cardon • Sandy Waldrup • Joanne Montzka • Cheryl Kennedy • Nancy Zavislak • Brenda Frey • Alecia Dixon • Debbie Shvetzov • Donna Habing • Janine O'Connor • Barbara Coker • Susan Mitchell • Patricia Jolly • Kimberly LaPorte • Marty Essex • Sue Dake • Eloise Burman • Marlene Melton Jacobs • Cissy Burnette • Joan Braatz • Sara Spurrier

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LADIES 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

BY SANDY WALDRUP

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December 1 - Stableford

The 2nd round of Stableford competition was played and the score separating the 2 teams remains tight. The top 3 scores from each team counted towards the season long-competition points. The Blue Team was the leader in this round's points, earning 44 points on **Taunya Vise's** 16 points, **Val Flemming's** 15 points and **Sharon Sprott's** 13 points. The Red Team scored 41 points, led by **Dianne Dearth** with 16 points, **Sandy Waldrup** with 13 points and **Bede Johnson** with 12 points.

Overall, the Red Team still holds a 3-point lead over the Blue Team – 78 versus 75 points for the season. We hope that it will be a close competition all season long, unlike last year's blow-out when the competition was over by February.

The team of **Sandy Waldrup, Val Flemming, Sharon Sprott** and **Taunya Vise** were the winners of the day's team Stableford competition, scoring 57 points for a team total. There were no chip-ins, so the pot will roll over to our next play day.

December 8 – Annual Holiday Scramble with the 18-Hole League

Many thanks to the 18-hole ladies for hosting a wonderful event. Seven golfers from the 9-hole ladies joined the 18-hole ladies: **Val Flemming, Donna Hirsch, Bede Johnson, Janine O'Connor, Barbara Shinn, Sandy Waldrup** and **Marian Zanetti**. Donna, Bede, Barbara and Marian were all in the money. Next year, our group will host the scramble.

December 15 – Rained Out

The weather took a turn for the worse and play was cancelled play for the day. Organized play will resume on January 5, 2023.

We also thanked **Justin Myrick**, Golf Pro, for his help and assistance this year. Janine O'Connor, league president, and Sandy Waldrup, play day chair, presented Justin with a card and gift from our players on December 15.



Val Flemming, Sharon Sprott, Sandy Waldrup and Taunya Vise



Sandy Waldrup, Justin Myrick and Janine O'Connor





Taunya watches Val



Sharon is set



BECKY HINSON



THANK YOU, ROY

by Susan Mitchell



Roy and Leslie Gulick moved to Magnolia Point in 1996 and since that time, Roy has volunteered his time to Magnolia Point in so many ways, including:

- The first resident elected to serve on the MPCA Board of Directors while Montgomery Land was the developer and served as Secretary-Treasurer.
- In 2010, he co-chaired the Investment Opportunities Committee (IOC), an ad hoc committee formed to decide what steps the residents would like to take when a former club owner filed bankruptcy.
- Served on the Board of Governors for the country club, a committee that made recommendations to the club for improvements.
- Served on the Men's Golf Association's Board (MGA) for seven years, holding many positions.
- Designed and maintained the website for the MGA.
- Was the contact point with the Golf Editor, Gary Smits, of the Florida Times-Union.

More than 20 years ago, he became the Director of Duplicate Bridge and put the teams together.



Last month, Roy retired as the Director and the bridge players thanked him by treating him to a birthday dinner at the Ruth's Chris Steak House in Savannah as well as a Magnolia Point gift card. Volunteers did step forward to take Roy's place and it is taking five players to do it. The new Director of Duplicate Bridge is Marty Essex, Jon Bastress will organize the players and games and four will take over the scoring - Evie Ezzell, Kim Belcher, Joe Thill and Jon Bastress.

We all should be thanking Roy as he has been unbelievably valuable to the Magnolia Point community.

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, Fri, Dec 16

1. Jola Greiner
2. Phyllis Boyd
3. Barbara Barclay

Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Dec 01

1. Connie & Michael Byers
2. Leslie & Roy Gulick
3. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
4. Joanne Montzka & Ed Szymanski
5. Phyllis Boyd & Dottie Lunt
- Marty Essex & Jola Greiner (tie)

Social Bridge, Thu, Dec 08

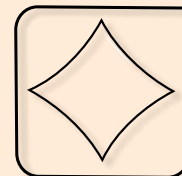
1. Val Flemming & Dottie Lunt
2. Nancy Ellis & Marty Essex
3. Connie & Michael Byers
4. Alice Lodge & Kaaren Tague
5. Jola Greiner & Joanne Montzka
6. Jim Cardozo & Rannel Westberry

Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Dec 15

1. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
2. Marty Essex & Jola Greiner
3. Phyllis Boyd & Alice Lodge
4. Brad Lucas & Rannel Westberry
5. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott

Social Bridge, Thu, Dec 22

1. Sondra Costa & Cindy Jennings
2. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott
3. Alice Lodge & Kaaren Tague
4. Connie & Michael Byers
5. Phyllis Boyd & Jola Greiner



LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

December 1

Our game was 2 Best Balls. The winning team was **Pat Burnell, Hyun Coffman, Connie Manning and Ann Burden**. Diane Gove's chip-in was more lucrative than usual since no one had chipped in the previous week.

December 8

Our Annual Christmas Scramble with the Nine Hole Ladies. This is always a fun time. Everyone wore Christmas colors and some had Santa hats, Rudolph noses or elf ears. It was a beautiful, sunny day but too warm for heavy Christmas sweaters. Most were removed once the "serious" golf began. The game was called "Gags and Giggles" and it lived up to its name. Each hole came with a different fun twist. For example, on one par three if 2 players hit their tee shots on the green you score a two for the team. On one par five the instructions for that hole were, "If two players hit the fairway on their tee shot then all advance to the 150-yard marker and hit their second shot from there". An advantage for all and lots of laughs too. After golf we enjoyed luncheon in the dining room with more laughs and awards. The winning team was **Diane Gove, Carolyn Harper and Fran Kinney** at 74. Second place went to **Donna Hirsch, Pat Burnell and Bonnie Burkhardt** with 77. **Connie Manning and Janine O'Connor** won prizes for their creative outfits.



December 15

We were scheduled to play Stableford but it was rained out. December 23 was also cancelled because of bad weather. We look forward to balmy weather, good health and fun golf in 2023!

- ANN BURDEN





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