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Welcome to the first-ever **themed** issue of The Magnolia! Who doesn't love ice cream? Which helps explain the **jumbo** size of this issue. Like the jumbo carton of vanilla Paul Werring's contemplating in his Committee Blast on **page 5**.

It was a fun assignment getting the down-low on David Sprinkle's 1936 Chevy Coupe 'Restomod' ('Restored/Modified) our 'Chrome' feature, and it's what 'hot rodding' is all about, **pages 10-11**.

Followed by three pages of sheer ice-cream hi-jinx, two of which are devoted to our advertisers, the very important 'special sauce' that helps hold The News together, **pages 12-14.** 

Three more past presidents of the MPWC are profiled inside, along with two more Women's Club Scholarship Winners, Janiyah Stevens and Savannah Green. Since 2003, the MPWC has given out \$161,100 in scholarships. They started with \$1,500 the first year and this year, gave out \$15,000 in scholarships. They can only do this with the support of the residents of Magnolia Point, and they thank you for your support! **Pages 16-18.** 

Speaking of fun, a visit to the Triay's for a feature, our third highlighting them in as many years, is always a treat. Congratulations for 'Yard of the Quarter', Cindy! *Pages 19-21*.

Already on the plate: this fine pineapple just one more juicy homegorwn edible on the menu at the Triay's.





Got Turmeric? Cindy does; this popular supplement and spice is no stranger to the Triay's yard.

Say hello to Jola & Albert Greiner, beating the heat in 'Faces' on *pages 22-23*.

Featured in this month's 'OutSide' is the '2 + 1' (2 outdoor kitchens, 1 pool) project recently completed by the Clarks of Oglebay Drive. Great job! I watched one summer as the pond behind their house was built, then all the homes on that street, one after another. I first met the Clarks while campaigning for a Board seat, and they were, and still are, a wonderful, welcoming couple with a great family. And are they enjoying their latest accomplishment! **Pages 24-26.** 

More ice cream silliness appears thanks to Ann Burden for her priceless photo 'Ann's Brain Freeze. Next to that, a compliant gator I photographed more than 15 years ago at at popular zoological park, and the sad picture I shot of a cone out of harm's way, *page 27*; and it's a cold tongue-in-cheek report 'An Ice Cream Headache' that appearts on *page 30*.

The 9 and 18 Hole Leagues had fun with their reports on *pages 31-32*.

Sorry for the buzz-kill of 'An Accident Going to Happen'. It's just been a concern of mine for many years now, and since the CAM has announced a limb-trimming initiative for the roads in Magnolia Point, I wanted to make sure that we got our two cents in for what is a life-threatening concentration of limbs overhanging our east entrance, *page 34*.

Finally, pure Becky Hinson graces our back cover!

### THE MAGNOLIA NEWS

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# ASSOCIATION NEWS



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REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AUGUST 2023

Hello Magnolia Point! My first contribution to the Magnolia News is almost like an Ice Cream Headache. Literally, I developed a total sense of "brain freeze."! Hopefully what follows will create the pleasant, sweet sensation of a cold ice cream on a hot day without any of the headache. As the newest member of the board I admit I am eating the ice cream as quickly as possible to catch up before it melts. There is a huge learning curve joining an existing board and hopefully I haven't stepped on too many toes.

A little about me - My favorite ice cream is chocolate with fresh strawberries and pecans served in a chocolate dipped waffle bowl from



Cold Stone. Sometimes that is my dinner because life is short and I wouldn't want to miss dessert. I have been known to actually get dressed in the evening after thinking I wouldn't be going out again to go pick up this delicious cold treat. My other pleasure, although shared by many, are my amazing dogs, a Springer Spaniel affectionately known as Freckles and a Dachshund, Ollie, known

for his friendly bark when people walk dogs past my yard. I enjoy yard work although gardening isn't my thing. I prefer the solitude of the mower because it gives me uninterrupted time to think. I grew up in a Navy family and my Dad was stationed at Cecil Field when it was an active Navy base that boasted some of the best A-4 and A-7 squadrons around. I guess I liked the lifestyle because I also married Navy and again hit the road living in places like San Diego, New Orleans, Washington D.C. and back to Jacksonville. I've maintained my Florida home since the mid nineties and now have six grandchildren to keep me here.

I really enjoy the lifestyle of Magnolia Point. I feel safe in the community and like the convenience of the clubhouse and pool. I have sincere appreciation for the Rothfels and their work ethic. I have seen so much progress since moving here nearly eight years ago. Having watched the decline of the Ravines has given me real respect for the effort it takes to manage a community like Magnolia. My personal interests include community cohesiveness and seeing projects to completion. I am supportive of Mike Boucher and his efforts to open the back gate thereby relieving some of the congestion at the front gate and making school traffic to the new elementary school move effortlessly. I am also hopeful the community will come together to revise our covenants into a body of work more reflective of our current residents. To this end I ask all of you to consider volunteering for a committee. A community only improves when everyone has a voice and we aren't hearing from many of you. My Dad used to say,"You can't complain if you aren't willing to step up and do the job." Please reach out to any board or committee member for additional information. We'd love to have your input. I guess that is enough about me. Writing this sitting at the Magnolia pool and it occurs to me - they have an amazing chocolate milkshake that must be calling my name. I'll risk the brain freeze for the taste of that chocolate ice cream with syrup.

- SHARON CRAIN



# COMMITTEE BLAST



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REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

AUGUST 2023

# LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION

In July, our weather has been wet and very hot and humid. We have been struggling with intermittent irrigation in some areas caused by the antiquated and poorly maintained irrigation system we have in the front entrance area. We are continuing the diagnosis and repair process as our irrigation provider systematically works through the zones on the various clocks at the front entrance area.

We conducted a weeding session and are waiting for the black mulch to be installed. The three crapemyrtles donated by Trevor and Deneen Rothfels that we planted next to the sign on Florida's Arbor Day last January are doing well and have bloomed. It turns out that only one of the three is white. We contacted the tree farm where they were purchased when they were dormant and they have agreed to replace them with 2 white crapemyrtles. Further, we can keep the pink /purple ones and plan to transplant them to other areas that we have identified in the fall.

At the front entrance, we are monitoring and weeding the bed in front of the gatehouse as needed. We are waiting until fall to remove the category 1 invasive tuberous sword fern behind the gatehouse and replace them with either another non-invasive variety or another shade tolerant shrub or plant.

The area near the wood fence along the entrance side of Magnolia Blvd is scheduled to be cleaned out. The shrubs will be trimmed, the crapemyrtles will be cut back and shaped and the trees overhanging the cart path will be trimmed. The approved sodding project has been postponed due to the heat wave we have been experiencing.

One work session was held and another session is scheduled to continue the bed cleanout and the renovation of the flower bed. The plans for this area include moving the irises, adding more flax grass, another muhly grass plant, mulching it, and sodding along the cartpath behind it.

The hedgerow at the entrance across from the sign on Harbor Rd. has been cleaned out. The die-off has not advanced. In addition, we have been having trouble keeping bedding plants alive in this area and initially thought it was the amount of sun the area was receiving. Cissy Burnette learned and reported back to the committee that Magnolia trees are allelopathic to some other plants. They produce compounds that inhibit the germination of seeds and the growth of

some plants. The compounds are found in the leaves, twigs and flowers as well as the roots.

The plants we installed this Spring are doing well. We conducted a work session and weeded the beds and are waiting for black mulch to be installed.

Our first Medinah gate project sought and received support and approval from the MPCA Board to continue working on cleaning the fences. The current plan is to use the volunteers to contact the individual homeowners who own the fences along our part of the road leading to the Medinah entrance to power wash our side of the fences and get approval to clean them. A release form for the homeowners to sign will be needed. Once the canvasing/approval process is completed, we will schedule the actual cleaning of the fences. It was decided that we we look into getting estimates from commercial power washing companies rather than risk having community members hurting themselves or getting bitten by the water moccasins known to inhabit the drainage ditches along the road. We will be contacting the Magnolia West HOA to ask who they used to clean the fence area between 315 and the Magnolia West intersection. If you would like to participate, please contact Raymond Ferrara at raymondferrara@live.com or 772-293-6133.

Other projects the committee is currently working on are: refurbishment and expansion of the community-owned and Exit Realty-owned property at the front gate, and renovating and replanting shrubs in our beds in front of the Exit Realty Building; doing a test project vinyl wrap of the large utility box at the intersection of Constancia and Magnolia Point Blvd. with a vinyl wrap of either plant leaves or a wildlife scene for community comments and evaluation; installing park benches on community property at the front entrance area and possibly throughout the Magnolia Point neighborhood.

We would like to extend an invitation to our community members to help with finding homes with gardens that the community feels deserve recognition in it's Yard-of-the Quarter Award., Please contact Cindy Francisco at <a href="mailto:pltluvr44@aol.com">pltluvr44@aol.com</a> with your yard suggestions.

We would also like to invite our fellow Magnolia Point community members to join the committee and help us move forward on our various renovation and beautification projects. Please contact Cindy Francisco (above) or any L & I Committee member listed on the MPCA website under committees.

# COMMITTEE BLAST • II

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Other community news- every 4th Monday of the month at 11:30 a, to 12:30 pm, the Clay County UF-IFAS extension provides a Free Horticulture Advice Series for Clay County residents at the extension facility adjacent to the fairgrounds on route 16, the program for August 28th is "How to Attract Bees, Butterflies and Birds".

Don't miss the Clay County UF-IFAS plant sale Saturday, Aug. 5th at 7:30 am to noon at the extension grounds on Rte 16 next to the Fairgrounds. Proceeds are used to fund community projects in Clay County.

- CINDY FRANCISCO



C. Francisco

# **ACCESS CONTROL**



I don't know what's giving me a bigger headache, this ice cream brain freeze or the gate arms!

While no final decision has been made, based on the recommendations of the Access Control consultant and some resident's desires, Board Members Jon Bastress and Mike Boucher, along with myself, met with a Securitas representative on June 29th to discuss ways the back gate could be opened to non-residents. The general concept is to put a kiosk at the visitor's lane that will give us different options for allowing access to visitors and contractors. Also requested to be included in the proposal was the cost to replace the cameras (which are old and working intermittently) and updating the wiring and hardware at the back gate. We have received an initial proposal from Securitas which we are evaluating and asking for clarification on some of the ideas.

# COMMITTEE BLAST • III

## VOLUME 4 ISSUE 8 REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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On July 18th Board President Jon Bastress and I met with the new Securitas District Manager along with their area Vice President to discuss issues we have been seeing with the both the guards and the systems associated with their company. While all present think the Securitas guards are doing a good job overall both members of the Securitas leadership agreed they need to do better.



Old kiosk, cameras, and equipment box that would be replaced or updated.



We have finally fixed the back pedestrian gate which had not been working for a few months. To use this gate all you need to do is enter your five-digit TR code that you can find on the back of your remote clicker and then enter the # symbol. Thank you for your patience while we worked through this issue.

Pedestrian Back Gate

As I mentioned last month, we received a bad batch of remote clickers that are used by residents to gain access to Magnolia Point. That fact and the turnover at May Management had caused us to have a gap in the availability to issue new remote clickers. We finally have received additional clickers and they are now available to be issued. If you received a bad clicker, please return it to the gatehouse so we can issue you a new remote. We plan to send the bad clickers back to the supplier to either get them repaired or to receive a refund. We apologize for this inconvenience and thank everyone for their patience while we worked through this issue.

- PAUL WERRING







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# PLAYING THROUGH



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# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational Therapy (OT) is a field of healthcare that focuses on helping individuals of all ages improve their ability to engage in activities of daily living (ADLs) and regain independence following injury, illness, or surgery. Occupational Therapy can provide benefits to a multitude of patients, but two primary treatment areas include orthopedics (including post-operative care) and Neurological conditions (Stroke, Parkinson's, Dementia, etc).

## 1. Common Orthopedic Conditions:

a. Carpal Tunnel Syndrome: Occupational therapists can provide interventions to alleviate pain and edema in the wrist/hand and restore hand function. Treatments may include therapeutic exercises, pain modalities, and ergonomic and activity modification strategies to enable individuals to perform ADLs with minimal discomfort. Splinting may be recommended to reduce aggravation to the nerves in the wrist.

b. Medial/Lateral Epicondylitis: Often caused by overuse/repetitive trauma, OT will focus on reducing pain and inflammation in the affected tendons, increasing range of motion, and improving grip strength. Therapists may utilize modalities such as ice, heat, and ultrasound, along with therapeutic exercises and manual techniques to facilitate healing and functional recovery.

c. Shoulder Injuries: Occupational therapy plays a crucial role in rehabilitating shoulder injuries, such as rotator cuff tears, shoulder impingement syndrome, or arthritis-related degeneration. Therapists may employ a combination of exercises, manual therapy techniques, and functional training to restore shoulder strength, range of motion, and stability. They can also provide guidance on

adapting ADLs to minimize strain on the shoulder joint during the healing process.

d. Post-operative Conditions: OT assists with post-operative care across the spectrum of surgical procedures. When not directly providing care to the upper extremity (shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand repairs), OT's routinely assist with adaptive equipment education and training to maximize safety and functional abilities during the rehabilitation process. This can include, but is not limited to showering, dressing, self-feeding, and personal hygiene tasks.

## 2. Neurological Conditions:

<u>a. CVA – Cerebrovascular Accident (Stroke),</u> Parkinson's, Dementia:

With neurological rehab, OT assists with safety education and training, adaptive equipment recommendations and training to maximize functional abilities (showering, dressing, feeding, personal hygiene), and specific neurological treatments to regain/maximize lost extremity functions. Therapeutic exercises may include gross and fine motor coordination to improve dexterity throughout the upper extremity, combined with cognitive retraining to maximize safety and independence with necessary mobility and ADL's.

In all these conditions, occupational therapists assess the individual's specific functional limitations, develop personalized treatment plans, and collaborate with the patient to set realistic goals. The interventions are designed to improve the individual's ability to perform ADLs, enhance independence, and optimize overall quality of life. Additionally, occupational therapists provide guidance to caregivers and family members to ensure a supportive environment for the individual's recovery and functional improvement.

- with Cody Walker, PT, DPT, OTW/L for The Magnolia News









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### What year and make is your car, and what attracted you to it?



It's a 1936 Chevrolet Master Deluxe. I first saw an ad on a collector car web page and was attracted to the overall look of the car, the modified front end with Mini Cooper headlights molded into the front fenders, and the custom grill and the paint. The car was located in Neptune City, New Jersey. When I saw the car in person, it was obvious that someone had spent a lot of time and money rebuilding it.

Can you tell us about the history and original use of your car?

The original builder received a call from a friend in 2005 who'd just purchased an old warehouse, and found an old car in it, which was all original with almost no rust. He bought it started on it almost immediately.

Have you restored or customized the car, and if so, can you tell us about the process?

The car was 95% complete when I bought it from the builder. The front apron had been reshaped, the rear fenders sectioned and widened, and custom running boards added to match both front and rear fenders. All of the trim and outside handles had been shaved and replaced with remote door openers and an electric trunk lift. The front hood levers were replaced with specialty push button releases. The suspension was highly modified; including a boxed frame with independent front suspension with air bags on the front, leaf springs

with coil over shocks on the back. It has power disc brakes on all four corners. The original drivetrain was replaced with a 383 Chevrolet small block with 452 HP and 468 ft lbs of torque, matched to a 700 R4 automatic transmission connected to a Lokar shifter and 9" Ford with a Tru Lock differential and 3:70 gears. The interior was also completely customized. Hot Rod Air AC was added and it has an Ididit tilt steering column, Glide Engineering front seat with driver and passenger tilt back seats in black leather diamond stitching, matching rear seat, suede leather headliner and suede and leather rear seat, suede leather headliner and suede and leather door panels. The instruments are mounted in a Zebra wood panel surrounded by black suede leather. When I bought it, the car was not drivable. A good friend and I drove to Neptune City in January, 2020 with a trailer and hauled it back to my garage where I spent 6 months completing the car. Most work was focused on completing the headlight, tail light and engine wiring and changing out the transmission and changing out the transmission.



How often do you drive your classic, and where do you take it for drives?

Most of the time I drive it to local car cruise-ins. I have

driven it to car shows in Hiawassee and Blairsville, Georgia, and last year drove it to Dawsonville, Georgia.



# MAGNOLIA

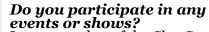
What do you do to maintain it and keep it running well?
Great Question!! I am always tweaking things and

making changes to improve the car's performance. I changed the intake manifold to a single four barrel

manifold (It gets about 12 mpg in town and 15-16 on the highway now), fixed the brakes, repaired some electrical issues, and recently repainted the car. With an 87 year old car, you have to treat it kindly!

Are there any unique features or quirks about the car that you enjoy? And ones you don't?

Keeping up with an 87 year old car with major modifications can be a chore at times, but I love the fact that I am driving a car that my father had seen as a young teenager. People generally like the car and I get a lot of thumbs up from drivers and pedestrians.



I am a member of the Clay County Cruzers and attend all of our shows and many other local shows.



What is your favorite memory or experience with your car? Driving the car to Dawsonville in October 2022 was beautiful. We were at a car show there and my grandkids, our son and daughter in law came up from Atlanta to see us, as well as a good friend whose son lives in Dawsonville. I also love owning a piece of automotive history and telling people about cars of the 1030's. people about cars of the 1930's.







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Mike Boucher holds meeting with staff.







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# PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMEN'S CLUB • III

In continuing with the spotlight of the past presidents, three more former women share their thoughts:

## **Dotti Curry 2010-2011**

Before and after her stint as President, Dotti also served in many other volunteer positions with the Club until she relocated.

What was your greatest accomplishment as President? My presidency was the first to have established bylaws and guidelines to go by. It was a learning year for sure as we tried to incorporate everything together.

What are the biggest changes you have seen in the Women's Club? It was a great year with lots of wonderful program's and giving back to the community.

What are your hopes for the Club? I moved away in 2015 but I'm still a member of one of the best communities I've ever lived in

## Kathie Cardon 2001-2004

As the very first Women's Club president, Kathie also served as Charles E. Bennett leader for many years as well, was instrumental in many of the programs the community did for the school, that are still active today.

What was your greatest accomplishment as President? I'd have to say, without a doubt, that my greatest accomplishment as President of the Magnolia Point Women's Club was having a meeting with Barbara



Szymanski, Jackie McCann, Marylee Thompson and Gisela Ferrell on my lanai in 2001 to discuss the need and viability of a Women's Club in Magnolia Point. Gisela moved here from Deer Creek Golf & Country Club and being a non-golfer, wanted to see it if would be possible to start a social organization that would provide her and others the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends within the community.

After brainstorming and developing a plan moving forward, we decided to announce a meeting to test the interest. I must say that walking in we had the feelings of a young child on the first day of school. You can just imagine how excited we were to see the number of interested ladies in attendance. On that day, the dream of the Magnolia Point Women's Club began and I had the honor of serving as the first President.

What are the biggest changes you have seen in the Women's Club? What started out as an organization evolved into a charitable venture to help many local groups. I remember when we decided that luminary night would be a good way to bring the

community together to celebrate the holidays. We purchased the kits with my credit card and had a very enjoyable night. Over the years, this event has turned into a festive weekend that helps fund scholarships for Clay High School girls, and it is named after Gisela Ferrell, who passed away from breast cancer. The support from community has provided many young ladies some needed money to start their education.

Charles E. Bennett Elementary School has always been a focal point of our charitable endeavors. We held an annual charity drive to raise funds for the students, and due to the extreme generosity of the community, we were able to purchase books, school supplies, clothing, and a Christmas drive to provide a Merry Christmas







many underprivileged children. The ladies were always quick to volunteer to shop and compared this experience to shopping for their grandkids. As a former teacher for 25 years, I must admit that despite how much time and effort went into coordinating this, I looked forward to it every year. This has now evolved into helping all four schools in Green Cove Schools. These are just two of the many ways that the Women's Club has expanded their horizons to address the needs of others.

What are your hopes for the Club? It has been such a pleasure to be such a small part of the Women's Club. Over the years, I have met so many people and developed friendships. The beauty of this community,

which makes it so unique, is that in good times and bad, people are there to support each other. We have come so far as an organization and I hope that we will always have an influx of new members and ideas, but never lose sight of the original concept of a social organization. I think we currently have established a good blend and I hope this will continue with the future leadership.

### Shirley Orvosh 2013-2014

Shirley continued her service work heading up the fundraising aspect of the Club and other volunteer positions.

What was your greatest accomplishment as President? Getting through the year! I had just finished chemotherapy and was still going through radiation for part of my year. I hope I inspired other women that they can get through such obstacles and still continue to be successful. I had a good year and enjoyed being President of such a good group of ladies.

What are the biggest changes you have seen in the Women's Club? I would like to see the Women's Club continue to grow and more new people taking on leadership roles.

What are your hopes for the Club? As far as changes go, I think we have learned to expand our resources to different areas instead of limiting ourselves to one particular area. So we are helping make a difference in the community as a whole. I hope we continue in this direction.



# CLAY HIGH BOYS GOLF CHARITY CLASSIC

At its member meeting on Wednesday, July 12, the Women's Club presented a check for \$250.00 to Coach Jon Love, Coach Ernie Young and the Clay High Boys Golf Team. The golf team will be hosting the Clay High Boys Golf Charity Classic on August 13 at the Magnolia Point Golf Club, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The format is a 4-person team scramble. In addition to a new Cadillac for a hole in one, great raffle prizes are also available including a round of golf at TPC Sawgrass. Spots and sponsorships are available by contacting the Pro Shop.



From left to right: Robert Young, Drew Ross, Coach Ernie Young, Women's Club President Lorna Broughton, Coach Jon Love, Women's Club Member Marlene Jacobs, and Will Guy.



# JANIYAH STEVENS



Who has been a role model for you? My parents. I have been blessed to be surrounded by a mother and father who are hard-working, diligent, sacrificial, and have grit. Whether it be for work, tending to house responsibilities, running errands, or simply just parenting, they always put all of their efforts into all tasks. I will always aspire to be just as amazing and dedicated as my parents.

# Tell us about a personal achievement during high school of which you are especially proud.

A personal achievement that I am especially proud of is becoming a 2021-22 and 2022-23 FHSAA Girls Weightlifting State Champion. I learned valuable lessons through weightlifting, such as persistence, which carried into my personal life and educational career. Stepping onto the three-tiered podium was a dream come true and something that I worked towards since freshman year. The camaraderie and relationships that I formed with teammates and my coaches were essential to making my high school experience memorable!

What is one thing you liked most about Clay High and your time there? The family-oriented atmosphere. Being a smaller school allowed all students to interact and get to know each other well. Everyone had so much school spirit, and it gave me a warm feeling when the community was involved in all school functions. The Green Cove Springs community always welcomed the Blue Devils with open arms.

What advice would you give a freshman there today? Get involved! It sounds cliche, but high school is what you make it. Your experience depends on your exploration, interests, and finding your niche. Sometimes entering high school can be exhilarating yet nerve-racking. It is important to build a strong close support group and try new things! You never know what you are missing out on, so just be open-minded. Your four years of high school will fly by, so enjoy and embrace it.

# SAVANNAH GREEN

Who has been a role model for you? Katie Davis, a Christian American missionary and author who, at the age of 18, moved to Uganda and established a non-profit to help the people there in 2007.

What is one thing you liked most about Clay High and your time there? A personal achievement during high school was making the varsity soccer team as a freshman.

What advice would you give a freshman there today? Being on the soccer and flag football team. Coach Waugh and Coach Moe are both amazing people who had such a big influence on my life, and I met some of my best friends while playing!

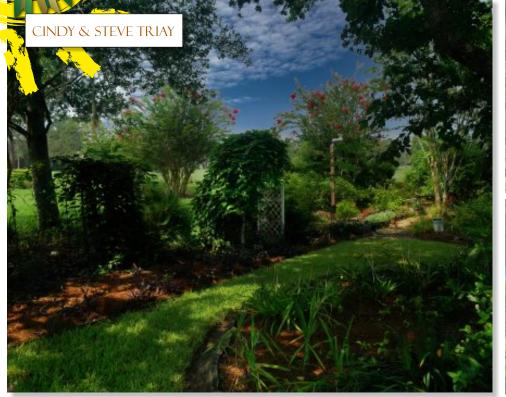
What advice would you give a freshman there today? Never conform to be like anyone else, and to stay clear of the drama! I had the

best 4 years of my life all because I stayed clear of the drama and really connected with such great people who also just wanted to stay clear of drama. I would also say enjoy high school and cherish it because it trul does go by so fast!



THE MPC<mark>ALANDS</mark>CAPE AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE 2ND QUARTER 2023 YARD OF THE QUARTER AWARD

# ARD OF QUARTER 1919 MEDINAH LANE







At the July 10 Board of Directors meeting, the Magnolia Point Community Association Landscape and Irrigation Committee presented Cindy and Steve Triay a Certificate for '3rd Quarter 2023 Yard of the Quarter' for their residence located at 1919 Medinah Lane. Cindy and Steve moved into their beautiful home in 2005. They are the third owners. Cindy became certified as a UF-IFAS Master Gardener Volunteer. She decided she wanted to make her yard a refuge for the wildlife that was being displaced by the ever increasing development and urbanization of Clay County. The Triays reduced the lawn area and created large garden areas designed to attract birds, pollinators and other wildlife. Their yard has been certified a National Wildlife Federation Habitat and a Florida Friendly Landscape.

The front yard has a magnificent, towering Bald Cypress on one side of the driveway and a very large Canary Date Palm on the other. In place of grass around the cypress, a carpet-like bed of perennial peanuts covers the ground, hiding the "knees" or vertical outcroppings of the roots on the cypress, attracting pollinators and, as a "nitrogen fixer", it adds nitrogen to the soil for surrounding plants to utilize.

Throughout the yard, the emphasis is on caring for wildlife and hummingbirds and butterflies in particular, with host plants for butterfly larva and nectar plants for adults. In the front beds along the front path beneath the date palm, there are various bromeliad species in bloom, along with an enormous staghorn fern attached to an oak tree. The ground cover in this area is peacock ginger with beautiful variegated leaves and small pink or white flowers. The plant is edible and has medicinal uses.

When you turn the corner, a bed of native Goldenrod that flowers in the fall, attracts pollinators and beneficial insects and has been used for medicinal purposes. Passion plant vines with different colored blooms are found in several places throughout the garden areas and in the backyard there is a milkweed patch. Both these plants are host plants for butterfly larva. The garden areas are filled with several species of butterflies such as the monarch, the zebra wing, the orange fritillary and the pipevine swallowtail.

In addition, there are specimen plants such as blue bananas, the native Simpson's stopper, turks cap mallow, loquats, citrus and various varieties of ferns such as the rabbit's paw, kangaroo and autumn that are not often seen in our neighborhood gardens.

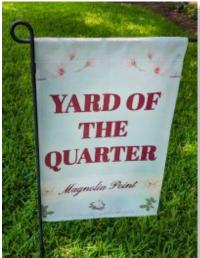
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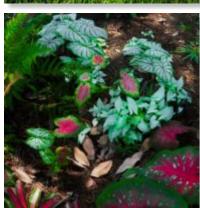
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### What are some of the main improvements you've done to the yard?

As to improvements, Steve said I will never be done! My yard is a work in progress!! We added a water feature and grasses to the front entrance.

#### What do you enjoy most about your yard?

We recently added a purple Martin house and have at least 2 families already! So much fun to watch. I took out the rest of the hedges by the fire pit and moved the fountain that was in the front to the back (crazy me did it myself) and planted a flower garden which I already plan to change next year. This is becoming my favorite part of my yard. Watching the birds and just enjoying nature.



### What are your plans, if any, for the yard?

I plan to plant natives to attract birds and Butterflies. I also plan on making changes to my vegetable garden. Make it into one long garden instead of three.

### Tell us about fertilizing and care of the lawn.

I only fertilize 2 times a year, April 1 and September 1 with a 15-0-15 Lesco slow release fertilizer. I use no pesticides!!!! I pull most of my weeds by hand; I do not use weed killer on my lawn. Mowing St. Augustine: keep to at least 3 or 4 inches, never cut off more than 1/3 of the blade, and keep the blades of the mower sharp. This means mowing every 5 days. Never water in the evening in the summer as you can get a fungus. St. Augustine needs 3/4 to 1 inch of water a week. And never, ever scalp a southern lawn, you are asking for trouble.

### Do you and Steve do your own maintenance, and what does that entail?

Yes, we do all the maintenance on the yard. If you want to attract butterflies and bees you cannot use pesticides. I also keep my yard natural, giving the critters a place to be during inclement weather.



# COLONIAL DRIVE FACE JAMES

How long have you lived at Magnolia Point? We moved into Magnolia Point Christmas of 2017.

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

Our Son, Tony, lives with us here. Our daughters and families live in Melbourne Beach and Evansville, IN. We see them often.

### Do you have any pets?

We have rescue dog Annie, the world's hungriest dog. She loves to take walks, sleep and eat. Never have to eat alone at our house. She also never barks which is perfect when we are camping in our RV

## What was your passion at 16?

*Jola*: I was involved with school, clubs, family and friends, loved to read and and still do. *Albert*: Enjoying the freedom of a driver's license. I was a Florida boy, hunting, fishing and collecting snakes to sell to Ross Allan, the herptologist, for display and anti-venom production, occupied my weekends and summers. That outdoors time now haunts me with easily bruised skin and Mohs surgeries.

### And now?

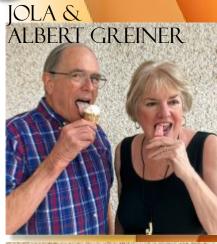
Jola: Still reading. I am also a serial volunteer, beginning with being room mother when the kids were little. I progressed to service clubs, community foundations, and most recently being part of the Magnoliaa Point Women's Club. I have found that volunteering is a wonderful way to meet people and can be a master class on where you live. Albert: I've gotten good at fishing but catching is still a stretch. A few years ago I got an elderly boat that had difficulty floating. Keeping it on top of the water is a passion. Following scientific progress, watching documentaries, taking care of financial matters, and maintaining the house and garden now occupies much of my time.

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

Jola: Be aware of the world around you and work to change what you don't like. Albert: Know that everything you do on-line will follow you forever. Learn how to make good decisions and good friends. Don't be certain you will follow one career path forever so educate yourself widely. Read for fun.

## What do you like most about your home?

Our view, which we think is one of the best in MP. I especially love to sit on the lanai in rainstorms. And after the rains the birds are out-ibis, whistling ducks, our resident lady Anhinga and the occasional Muscovy duck and Canada geese. Albert loves the garage, the reason we have the house: a place for cars and boats and tools and all guy stuff. I get a corner for my sewing area.









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

Jola: We always have little projects. Painting, repairs, tweaks, etc. We did a master bath renovation in 2018 and Albert did a lot of work in the garage, removing walls and putting in an AC unit. The next big project will be replacing the laundry room cabinetry. Not exciting but I will love it when it's finished. Albert: Being tied to one LP gas supplier through their one sided contract became intolerable so we're changing our gas stove top and water heater to an induction top and a hybrid water heater with all the contractors and cooking pot changes that entails is in the works.



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

J. Oh, yes. Can't imagine being anywhere else. We love our community. We had more friends here in six months than in 12 years in Washington State. This is an outstanding community of nice people. We'll be here until we can't.

Do you ever get an ice cream headache, and do you have any advice about that?

Jola: I never get them. I love ice cream and especially popsicles. Albert: I do get them. Lick your ice cream cone slowly, don't just gobble it. No headache!

Magnolia Roads at These Temperatures:
Outdoor Temp = 90° Road Temp = 103°
Outdoor Temp = 95° Road Temp = 140°





# SARAH & COREY CLARK 3630 OGLEBAY DRIVE



How long have you lived at Magnolia Point? We have lived in Magnolia Point since we built our house and moved in, Sept 2016.

This was obviously an ambitious project, a 'double' outdoor kitchen and inground pool. What was here when you started?

Just a backyard. We made the decision in April/May of 2022 to put in a pool. After 3 different quotes on the pool, we settled on our builder in June 2022 and they immediately pulled permits and after HOA approval, went to work right away. They started digging in July and slowly cruised through the whole process. After the pool was started, we worked on finding a company for the outdoor kitchen.







# 3630 OGLEBAY DRIVE



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threw some extra granite into the project to make it look just right. When we built the house, under our covered patio, we had planned for the future and already had plumbing stubs included so it was very easy for the enclosure contractor to add the sink, ice maker, and cool to the plumbing system.

### What do you like most about the space?

We sometimes have a hard time expressing our sheer fondness for our new backyard. Before, all we had was grass and we spent some time outside, but not a lot. We actually spent more time in the front yard with the kids and let the dogs run the backyard. Now, it is hard to tear ourselves away. All the kids spend their time in the back, we eat most of our dinners together under the patio, listening to the waterfall and for me, I don't have to wheel my grill in and out from the patio to keep it protected. We

have everything we need for ourselves and to entertain right out of the back door. We usually come home from work and school and immediately get in the pool or at least, spend time together on the patio. It's absolutely wonderful.

# What were the engineering, drainage, logistics, and permitting, obstacles that challenged the project?

Everything from the pool to the landscaping and the unique kitchen(s) was thought out and something I had drawn up in my head. The pool builder and enclosure contractor did a great job working with me in getting our design just right. Additionally, each project had a couple change orders in getting these implemented right away. For the pool, it was adding tile to the steps and hot tub, rebar and footers around the patio and extra concrete for a parking pad. The outdoor kitchen started as a small 10x10 covering but eventually grew to the unique shape and size that it is now. Additionally, we added lights, backsplash, and used extra pool tile left over to give a nice additive color to the kitchen to tie everything together. Even the granite contractor











# 3630 OGLEBAY DRIVE





# The seasons obviously can affect your use, how might you adapt to them?

Even with the different "seasons" we might experience here, we have a covered patio attached to the house that we can use anytime of the year. Whether it's raining, hot, cold or anything in between, the covered patio works great for eating or visiting with family and friends, watching TV or sports or just relaxing. The automated screen wall protects us from rain and bugs year around. The covered cooking area is perfect to shield from sun or rain and the exact placement of the roof provides plenty of shade anytime after 1pm.

What might you want to add to your outdoor space, or change later? I can't imagine needing to change anything in the future. All the landscaping was designed to give privacy and remain green year round. We put down multiple layers of weed matting and covered everything in rock around the entire house so the landscaping is very low maintenance and user friendly. The back patio has everything we need with water, ice maker, fridge, trash receptacle, and a drop cooler for drinks plus plenty of storage. The cooking area has a built in ledge for my Big Green Egg, a side propane burner, and a gas grill with storage and another trash receptacle. With additional storage underneath the 6 person sit up bar, I

can't imagine needing anything else to our back patio oasis.

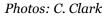


Additionally, our "Lettuce Grow" plant and herb garden has started to provide us with 36 different types of lettuce, vegetables, and herbs that we use for cooking on a regular basis. It is a self contained, low maintenance, and upright for easy pickin'!









# 'TAKE 2 ASPIRIN'





Photos above, Editor



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With our Summer Heat, Air Conditioning replacements, Roofing Replacements, don't forget other than our normal home repairs and upgrades, we also offer Consulting and Project Management on all your home remodeling and upgrading needs. I just completed a Roof Replacement Project Management for a Middle School in Syracuse, NY. On that roof, there was no warranty; now they have a 50-year Manufacturers warranty **and** a 3-year Contractor Workmanship Warranty including a 3-year 'Walk the Roof' clause.

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# AN ICE CREAM HEADACHE

With summer well underway, we're all familiar with what dangers posed by the ice cream headache, a.k.a. 'cold-stimulus headache' or 'brain freeze', the sudden cranial pain caused by the all-too-quick consumption of frozen desserts. We've all had them, and it's endured as a small price to pay for the bliss of by a bowl of gelato, frozen yogurt, sorbet or Creamsicle®

But did you know the dangers posed by other examples of the confectioner's arts? Feast on these maladies:

**Amaretto Forgetto** – The almond base of this spirit incites a selective memory loss, whereby the patron forgets the identities of his or her dining companions, the waiter's name, or the establishment's location. They may leave the premises and wander the neighborhood of the restaurant, drink in hand, and may attempt to sweeten gas tanks, windshield wiper reservoirs, parking meters, or potted plants with the liqueur.

**Baklavitis** – Infatuation with all things related to this layered pastry, most notably an obsession with using diaphanous sheets of baked phyllo dough as stationary for thank-you notes, Christmas and birthday cards. Which, of course, is just a mess.

**Brownie Bites** – When brownies bite back.

*Crème Flêsh* – Consumption of the rich, naturally soured cream results in an instant transformation of the diner's skin into a tangy, almost nutty flavored, smooth and velvety dermis, favored by dogs, cats and other house pets. (See also, 'Pralinenoma', below.)

*Crepe du Sweat* – Just one bite of Crêpe Suzette causes some to break out into a lather resembling the dessert's caramelized sauce of sugar, butter, and orange zest, with a distinct bouquet of Orange Curação. In extreme cases, diners have been known to burst into momentary, yet harmless flambés.

*Gelatomonia* – A variant of the 'ice cream headache', as gelato offers a much lower freezing point and higher viscosity, freezing greater areas of the mouth, sinuses, and throat and brainpan. Some 'Gelatomoniacs' seek out this excruciating pain as conditioning for alpine sports like free rock climbing and extreme skiing, prasing it's benefits as a method to improve avalanche survival skills.

*Lattè Intolerance* – An extreme form of indigestion incited by this espresso and steamed-milk drink, which causes some individuals to recite entire Starbucks menu boards on command.

**Lemon Harangue** – The taste of a pie of tart lemon curd causes in some a desire to erect a flimsy card table at the end of one's driveway, and harass neighbors into buying overpriced, cloyingly sweet and pitifully warm lemon-flavored beverages.

*Mochapause* – Gradual decrease of monthly urges to have any and all things chocolate. Can lead to extreme sentimentality expressed in 'Chocolatears'. Promising therapies include the surgical implant of a device or 'Mocha Chip' that controls these side effects.

**Moussecephaly** – Increase in the size of a diner's head caused by the tiny air bubbles in desserts whipped to light, airy textures. Can range from light and fluffy to creamy and thick, depending upon whisking techniques, and aids in styling of the hair.

**Pralinenoma** – This epidermal swelling, or in extreme cases, tumor, is a result of a scarcity of this confection in one's diet, causing sympathetic lumps resembling coated almonds to form on the skin.

*Tiramisnooze* – Occurs when decaffeinated coffee is substituted for the espresso used to soak the ladyfingers in this (Tiramisù = 'pick me up') dessert, leading to an unwelcome drowsiness in some diners.

D. Petraglia, **LOCO Magazine**, March 23, 2014

# THE SHOLE LEAGUE - ANN BURDEN

Our Jacksonville Summer Team League is in full swi<mark>ng despite</mark> the extraordinary heat and rain.

On **June 27** we travelled to The Plantation. Our A Team of **Bonnie Burkhart** and **Brenda Bailey** scored 7.5 to Plantation's 10.5. B Team of **Rebecca Goodwin** and **Jennifer Mathis** lost 8-10 and C Team 6.5 to 11.5 for a total of Magnolia Point 22 The Plantation 32. A hard loss but things improved from there.

On June 29 we played at Eagle Harbor. This was a makeup for a rainout, and we had some excellent scores notably Jeanne
Gorman's 92! The A team of Jeanne and Brenda won their match 11-7. B Team of Connie Manning and Marsha Fields
lost 7-11 and C Team Lynda Fawcett and Erin Lambert lost 8.5- 9.5 for a team total of Magnolia Point

26.5 to Eagle Harbor 27.5.

**Our next game was on** July 6 at St John's Golf and Country Club. It was brutally hot but our girls persevered and almost pulled it off. Magnolia Point 25 St. John's 29.

Our next game for July 11 was to be at home against Deerwood, but rain and course condition forced a postponement to July 27.

We were scheduled to play at home against Jacksonville Golf and Country Club on July 18 but course conditions forced us to play at Cimarrone. A team of **Bonnie** and **Donna Willard** scored 8 points to Jacksonville's 10 points. B team of **Jeanne** and **Fran Kinney** won 9.5 to 8.5 and C team of **Ann Brown** and **Casey Yeomans** won REALLY BIG! 12-6 for a total of 29.5 for us to 24.5 for them. Great playing, especially **Bonnie's** 85 and **Jeanne's** 90. We've got this now team!



# **UPDATED RESULTS\* Points** as Of July 21, 2023

<mark>Fans</mark> of Connie's Fan

Area 1		Area 2		Area 3		Area 4	
Fleming Island Amelia National	29.5 24.5	St. Johns Golf Club Deercreek CC.	28.5 25.5	Amelia River GC Sawgrass CC	30 24	Eagle Harbor Plantation	31.5 22.5
Hidden Hills GC S Hampton	27.5 26.5	Golf Club of Amelia Palencia	35 19	San Jose CC GC N Hampton	31 23	St. Johns GCC Deerwood CC	27 27
Jax Beach GC. Ponte Vedra IC.	28 26	Amelia Island LP Bye	27	Marsh/TPC King & Bear	33.5 20.5	Magnolia Pt. Jacksonville GCC. Played 7/20	29.5 24.5
Hidden Hills.	211	Palencia	201	San Jose CC.	205	The Plantation	207.5
GC S Hampton	195	GC of Amelia	193	Marsh/TPC	197.5	Jacksonville GCC	. 195
Jax Beach	188.5	Deercreek CC.	189.5	Sawgrass CC	193	Eagle Harbor GC	192.5
Ponte Vedra IC	185.5	St. Johns GC.	183	King & Bear	183	St. Johns GCC	181.5
Fleming Island Amelia National.	178 176	Amelia Long Pt.	178.5	GC N Hampton Amelia River GC	179.5 176	Missing 1Matches Magnolia Point Deerwood CC Will Play 7/27	156 147.5



# THE 9HOLE LEAGUE

9-Hole Ladies Golf League By Sandy Waldrup

### **Summer Play**

The weather has not been cooperating for the small group who are golfing during the summer. In addition to the very hot and humid weather, all the rain has made conditions muddy and cart path only. It is hard to believe that our new season will start up in September. If anyone is interested in joining our league, contact **Janine O'Connor**, the League President, **Cheryle Newman**, our Vice President, or the Pro Shop for more information.

### **Ice Cream Challenge**

The Editor challenged both golf leagues to be creative and capture photos of the golfers eating ice cream in honor of National Ice Cream Month. Needless to say, the weather did not cooperate for photo opportunities. We had a brilliant idea to get together to take pictures and catch up on summer activities.



Thanks to **Dianne** and **Don Dearth**, **Judy** and **Larry Sessions**, **Barbara Shinn**, **Sharon Sprott**, **Sandy Waldrup** and **Marian Zanetti** for getting together – it was a great way to end our weekend!





Membership: Contact Cheryle Newman, Vice President, with any questions fnewman@bellsouth.net



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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.

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#### Social Bridge, Thu, Jun 29

- 1. Connie & Michael Byers
- 2. David Miller & Jerry Ritchie
- 3. Roy Gulick & Brad Lucas
- 4. Sondra Costa & Marsha Parker
- 5. Marty Essex & Jola Greiner

#### Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Jul 06

- 1. Connie & Michael Byers
- 2. Kim Belcher & Evie Ezzell
- 3. Marty Essex & Jola Greiner
- Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott Jim Cardoza & Rannel Westberry (tie)

- Social Bridge, Thu, Jul 13
  1. Marty Essex & Cindy Jennings
- 2. Evie & Joe Ezzell
- 3. Roy Gulick & Brad Lucas
- 4. Susan Mitchell & Sharon Sprott
- 5. Connie & Michael Byers

#### Duplicate Bridge, Thu, Jul 20

- 1. Jim Cardoza & Rannel Westberry
- Phyllis Boyd & Alice Lodge
- 3. Connie & Michael Byers
- 4. Joan Sobanski & Carol Sutter
- 5. Mary Essex & Jola Greiner











# AN ACCIDENT GOING TO HAPPEN

My luck, like Mother Nature's patience, never lasts too long.

https://magnoliaresidents.com/accident-waiting-to-happen

Beginning in 2016, I have been warning of this impending disaster, and to date, I'm happy to report that this Editor is a miserable prognosticator. So, who feels lucky? Anyone who's lived here a while knows motorist deaths by falling tree limbs is not uncommon in Northern Florida; stories in recent memory have been simply horrific. So, I no longer call this an 'Accident Waiting to Happen', but one that is 'Going to Happen'. The Board consults a certified arborist when making trimming decisions. I encourage them to include Magnolia Point Boulevard in their planning, soon.

**Please keep in mind this is my opinion only**. I personally find the current look *charming*. How will the Boulevard look if we go ahead with trimming these limbs? To some, *hideous*, I'm sure. But it will certainly look brighter, more like a 'Boulevard' if you will. And for those who share this road with others of us who drive it now with one, or *both* eyes on the limbs above, a lot safer!





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