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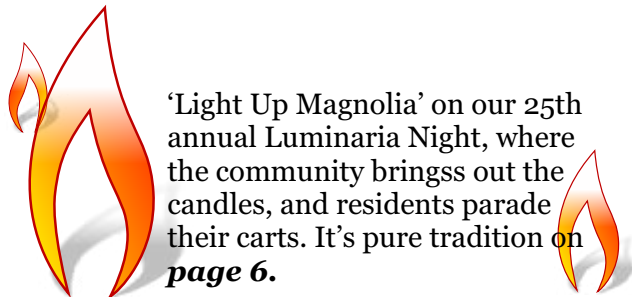


SNOOP DOGS



## Welcome December!

*Ah, yes, the last but not least, the most magical, enchanted month of the year, stirring fond memories and grand plans and wishes for family and friends. Best of the holidays to you and yours, and make time to share the joy!*



'Light Up Magnolia' on our 25th annual Luminaria Night, where the community brings out the candles, and residents parade their carts. It's pure tradition on **page 6.**

Bede Johnson is 'The Professor's Daughter' in this reminiscence of family, golf, and tradition, on **pages 22-23.**



Be sure to check out our coverage of this year's 'Rock the Reindeer' and the adventures of 'The Merry Magnolia' neighborhood decorators, **pages 11-13.**



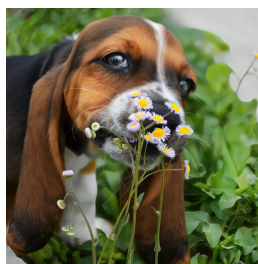
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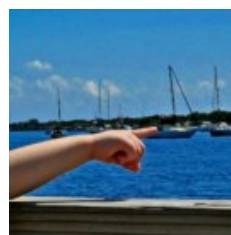
'Snoop Dogs', is that a 'thing'?! What are they doing in our neighborhood? **Pages 15-16.**



Just can't resist silly names for drinks? There! You were warned! It's 'Eggnolia' on **page 25.**



Followed by Becky's own 'Snoops', her favorite canines this month, **pages 17-19.**



Mother and son are front and center, joined at the hip, in this snapshot of Spring Park life, **page 26.**

No, 'Baba Ganoush' was **not** a character Yul Brynner played; Bill's recipe for an eggplant, and a little time in the kitchen will set you straight, **page 21.**



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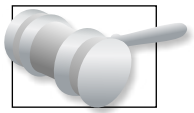
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I can't help but notice all the decorations and mentions of Thanksgiving and Christmas that surround us when we turn on our large screen Ultra HD TVs, enter a grocery store or do any web browsing. One needs a time machine to visit the past to understand some of the references used. Black Friday? Pilgrims? Football Friday? I certainly hope that we do not lose the meaning of being Thankful or celebrating one of the most powerful events in Christian history, Christmas.

In my first career, I spent 16 years as a Certified Mall Manager. I was in Super Regional and Regional malls in suburban Kansas, Missouri, Florida and Pennsylvania. I remember back in 1977 when I first heard the term "Black Friday" mentioned by the Macy's store manager in a Merchants Association meeting in Overland Park, Kansas at Oak Park Mall. It was not used outside of retail much but represented the day after Thanksgiving, The Biggest and Most important sales event in Retail. I had never thought about the fiscal affect to retailers during the holidays or the operational issues that came with it. The department store managers had to predict sales in each department, approve local advertising campaigns and deal with the public when they are packed cheek to cheek on Friday morning by 7 AM.

The stories that each manager shared were both funny and frightening, as anything involving the public can be. For me it meant reviewing our operational and evacuation plans during emergencies. Inspecting the property for tripping hazards, lighting issues, etc, etc. We geared up by adding more uniformed and plain clothes police to our security force. Yes, there was a time when shoplifters were arrested and sent to a holding cell. (That's what happened when you stole something in the good old days!) For me it meant getting off Thanksgiving day at 4 PM to enjoy thanksgiving at home with my family and then being at the mall from 7 AM until ?? Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Today, Black Friday occurs earlier and earlier to draw more customers to spend more money. Enough reminiscing.

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I still enjoy the time to pause and think about all that I have to be thankful for. My family, my run in with cancer when I was 39 and the father of a 2 year old. Looking back, I cannot believe how lucky I am. I hope my luck holds over for the next 4 months and I can make a positive impact on our HOA, the residents and my neighbors. My sincere hope is that you too will take time to reflect on all that you have to be thankful for and continue to enjoy the friends and neighbors that you have met here at Magnolia Point!

More important, Christmas to me represents Joy and Hope. Two things that we all see too little of today. Again, when I was a kid my folks would bundle us up (it was cold in KC!) and we would drive down to the Countryside Plaza to watch the Christmas Lights turned on. After they came on, we would walk around the Plaza looking into all the store front windows with Lionel trains running under plastic rock tunnels, little spurts of steam coming out of their stacks (you could buy little pills that you dropped into the smoke stack of model trains in those days and they looked just like the were steaming down the track!) It was absolutely straight out of a Christmas Story. My two brothers and all my friends fantasized about our Christmas presents and debated which was better, the older, larger Lionel train sets

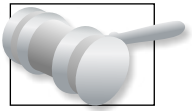
compared to the newer HO sets that became popular after the mid 60s. It was a magical time. For many of us as we matured and began to understand that there was a deeper meaning to the Christmas season. Sure, it included joy and celebration and visiting "Santa" at Emory, Bird,

Thayer on the Plaza but it also gave us a perfect way to end the old year and welcome in the New Year; Steeped in Joy, Wonderment and Hope, knowing that our faith in a greater power can and will carry us through the rest of our lives.

I sincerely hope that your holidays bring you many warm memories and lead us all into a brighter future here at Magnolia Point!

- DAVID SPRINKLE





## ACCESS CONTROL

There was one significant equipment failure this past month. The main entrance, residence-side barrier arm would not open via the remotes. This resulted in several days of it being inoperable. Parts have been ordered for the repair, but have been delayed. In the interim, a temporary workaround was put in place. Resolution is expected within the next week or so.



TEKControl App

The **TEKControl App** for the Visitor Management System (VMS) was recently updated. Many of you may have discovered it while attempting to add a visitor. We did not receive any prior notice that the upgrade was taking place. We have requested that TEKWave provide notice in the event of another change like this one so that we can give everyone a heads-up. If you experience issues with the updated app, please contact May Management for resolution.

Many of you have noticed long lines of vehicles at the front gate (visitor side) waiting to be processed in, especially at peak hours during the week. You may have also heard complaints from some of your guests regarding the wait time they had at the front gate. This has been a problem for some time and does not seem to be getting better. The primary reason for such delays is that residents are not pre-registering their visitors ahead of time. This results in the guard attempting to contact the resident for permission to allow them in. Additionally, many visitors come to the gate not knowing the address they are going to visit. This can also cause delays, especially if it is a common name with others in the neighborhood.

Whether it be contractor or guest, please register them using the VMS app. It really improves the processing time at the gate. You have the option of sending your guests a pass (QR code) which is quickly scanned by the guard at the front gate or can also be used at the rear gate visitor kiosk. If you need assistance using the app, contact May Management or Access Control at [access.control@magpt.com](mailto:access.control@magpt.com), and someone will assist you. Calling the guard to have them input your visitor information for you is not the right way, it only results in more delays as it will likely take you several tries to get through. So please, use the VMS, we are all paying for it.

- CHUCK COX

## LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION

In addition to their regular contributions, many members of the committee also volunteered for the Holiday Decorations Committee and have been working on decoration projects such as the Medinah gate, the Magnolia Point Boulevard gate, the reindeer, the elf hats and bollards, and the tree lighting display at the main entrance. Our November activities included:

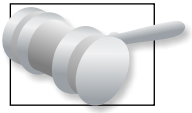
### **Landscaping:**

- Removed the coleus in the gatehouse bed that were killed off by the recent October cold snap and planted cold tolerant red and white snap dragons.
- Planted yellow snap dragons at the Constancia median at the intersection with Magnolia Point Boulevard.
- At the Magnolia Point sign, we washed the sign, cleaned out the dead purslane and replanted with multicolored snap dragons.
- Cleaned out the raised bed and other surrounding beds at the Magnolia Point entrance sign.
- Two of the three islands on the Constancia/RedHawk/Magnolia Point Boulevard were cleaned out.

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- Had the beds and hedgerows at the Magnolia Point entrance cleaned, debris removed and mulched.
- A vinyl wrap design that incorporates native pink muhly grass and hydrangeas in a natural setting was chosen by the Committee for the large electric utility box at Constancia and Magnolia Point Boulevard. It was presented to the Board for their approval at the November meeting and sent to the Green Cove Springs Electric Utility as well. The Committee has begun installation of ornamental native grasses around the adjacent smaller utility box to coordinate with the design.



### **Irrigation:**

The new bluetooth irrigation system continues to operate well.

### **Next up:**

- Replace the dying/dead jack frost ligustrum and other plants in the community owned property in front of Exit Realty.
- Installation of the vinyl wrap on the large electric utility box at the corner.
- Removal of 4 dead shrubs at end of hedgerow in front of the pond on Colonial and replacement with 4 coppertop viburnum.
- Trim and limb up trees that are encroaching on the roads throughout the community.
- Pruning the trees in the medians and sides of Magnolia Point Boulevard.
- Continue replacing the flowers in the beds at the Harbor Road sign and at the Medinah entrances.
- Continue our fall/winter planting along the shadow box fence on the entrance side of Magnolia Point Boulevard.
- Installation of mulch on the recently renovated islands/medians at the Constancia /Red Hawk/Magnolia Point Boulevard intersection.
- Mulching the Medinah gate beds and possibly adding two holly trees.

### **DEC. 2025 Planting Tips:**

Planting recommendations are pretty much the same as the November suggestions for our USDA growth zone (zone 9b): petunia, pansy, snapdragon, lobelia, alyssum, and viola add color and can be planted in zone 9b in winter. Certain shrubs, such as Camellias, Hollies, gardenias and pittosporum can be planted as well.

Cool weather herbs such as cilantro, dill, fennel, parsley, sage, and thyme and vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, kale, and lettuce should do well. Lawns will be going into dormancy and do not require as much watering. Do not fertilize your lawn this month as the grass will not be able to use it.

We would like to invite our fellow Magnolia Point community residents to join the committee and help us move forward on our various renovation and beautification projects. Please contact Cindy Francisco at [pltlvr44@aol.com](mailto:pltlvr44@aol.com) or any L & I Committee member listed on the MPCA website under committees.

FREE community programs for Clay County gardeners from the Clay UF-IFAS Extension: Every 4th Monday of the month at 11:30 am 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. This month, on Dec. 15, 2025 is Compost Basics from Kitchen to Garden

- CINDY FRANCISCO



# SATURDAY - DECEMBER 13

## *Magnolia Point Women's Club: 25th Annual 'Light Up Magnolia'*

The Magnolia Point Women's Club is delighted to announce the 25th annual luminary night, known as "Light Up Magnolia", scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025. This cherished tradition is often described as the most beautiful night of the year for our neighborhood. During this event, the streets are gently illuminated by glowing white paper lanterns, lovingly purchased and displayed by residents. The evening becomes even more memorable as neighbors stroll through the community, visiting one another at various outdoor street gatherings.

## LIGHT UP MAGNOLIA!

### Supporting Education and Community

For a quarter of a century, this event has served as a fundraiser for the Magnolia Point Women's Club. All proceeds from the luminary night go directly toward scholarships for young women at Clay High School, making this celebration both a festive and meaningful occasion.

### Luminaria Kit Information



Starting November 9th, volunteer block captains from the Women's Club will deliver Luminaria pamphlets to every household in the community. Residents can buy Luminaria kits with cash, check, or online credit card payment using the QR code provided on pamphlets. Residents can also conveniently place and securely pay for their orders via the Magnolia Point Women's Club website [here](#). Each Luminaria kit is priced at \$8 and contains supplies for 10 luminaries: 10 white bags, 10 cups, and 10 candles. It is recommended to place a luminary every three feet, allowing one kit to cover approximately 30 feet of street frontage. Many residents also choose to line their driveways for an even more spectacular display. For those who prefer, donations can

be made instead of purchasing kits. All donations directly benefit the scholarship fund.

### Kicking Off the Holiday Season

The event also marks the beginning of the holiday season for Magnolia Point residents. In addition to the enchanting luminaria lighting, starting around 5:00 PM, the Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club will host a golf cart parade. Residents interested in participating are invited to decorate their golf carts and join the parade along a designated neighborhood route. Prior to the parade, a golf cart decorating contest will be held. Additional details about the parade route will be provided by the Country Club as Luminary Night approaches.



### Community Appreciation and Involvement

Sincere thanks go out to everyone who takes part in this special event, which not only brings the community together but also supports the education of senior girls at Clay High School. Residents are encouraged to welcome newcomers and invite them to join in the celebration.

### Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the Luminaria event, please contact me at [mills27801@comcast.net](mailto:mills27801@comcast.net) or by phone or text at 904-891-3807.



- NANCY MILLS  
Chair, Luminaria Committee





It bears repeating! December 13 is just around the corner! Women's Club volunteer block captains have delivered brochures and order forms to residents throughout the neighborhood. Orders are being fulfilled as quickly as they come in. If you have any questions, please refer to the brochure or contact Luminaria Chair **Nancy Mills** at mills72801@comcast.net.



*The Manevals*

## Outreach: Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Most everyone recognizes the “ringing” of the bell at various shops and stores during the holiday that marks the Salvation Army's Red Kettle fundraising drive. Women's Club members have once again volunteered to “ring the bell” at the local Winn Dixie in Green Cove Springs. Members will be present from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1; Tuesday, December 2; and Thursday, December 4, so be sure to add Winn Dixie on your shopping outing, say “hello” to their smiling faces and support a wonderful cause. A special thanks to Outreach Chair **Jackie Maneval** for organizing the event again this year.

## Volunteer Readers Go Back to School

Schools Director Judy Sessions has been working with the principals and librarians at Charles E. Bennett and Spring Park Elementary to reinstitute a reading program with Women's Club volunteers and students at both schools. Women's Club members had participated in the past when the program was absorbed by another agency, but is now

once again back in the hands of each school. Members **Marsha Fields, Clara Gilbert, Bobbe Marion, Judy Sessions** and **Pam Young** volunteer at Charles E. Bennett. Members **Dianne Dearth, Kimberly LaPorte, Adele Murphy, Judy Sessions** and **Sandy Waldrup** volunteer at Spring Park Elementary. The volunteer member makes direct contact with each school's librarian to set up their time preference and then let the librarians know when they will be able to attend. The librarians pick several books for the volunteers to read from, and the members have had great fun engaging with the classes.



*Judy*



*Dianne & Sandy*

## Cougar Cash – Green Cove Springs Junior High School

**Barbara Szymanski**, liaison for Green Cove Springs Junior High School, has been assisting with the Assistant Principal and guidance counselors with the school's Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS). PBIS is a way the school rewards students who engage in good behavior on their campus. Students earn “cougar cash” as a currency that allows them to buy something, like a trinket or snack, at the Cougar Store each Friday after lunch. The Women's Club, through Barbara's assistance, has sent items from Amazon for the store and students have been enjoying their purchases.

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## New Members

We welcomed three new members the past month – **Pamela Hernon**, **Nancy Petillo** and **Sue Tucker** (a “new” old member). Many know Pamela, residing on Wedge Court, is member Joanne LaBeouf’s daughter and her daughter, also Pamela, volunteered as part of the Clay High School team at the recent holiday arts & craft fairs. Nancy resides on Oglebay Drive with her husband **Pat**, has been a resident since 2014 and plays Thursday bridge at the Clubhouse on a regular basis. Sue, residing on Cypress Point Court, has rejoined the Club; Nancy and her husband, Pat, have lived on Oglebay Drive since 2014 and



Pam



Nancy



Sue

Nancy plays Thursday bridge.

New members are always welcome. Any woman who is a Magnolia Point resident or property owner, or a member of the Country Club, can become a member. If you know of someone who would like to become a Women’s Club member, please have them contact **Diane Lochner**, Membership Director, at [diane.scorpio@gmail.com](mailto:diane.scorpio@gmail.com). The Membership Committee, under Diane’s leadership is a very busy group; **Dee Butler** delivers hospitality bags to all new residents, **Barbara Adams** assists member by providing helping hands to those in need, be it a meal or help with transportation; and **Stephanie Sessions** delivers “sunshine” to members who have experienced a loss, are ill or have been hospitalized.



Dee, Diane, Barbara, Stephanie





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## THE REINDEER

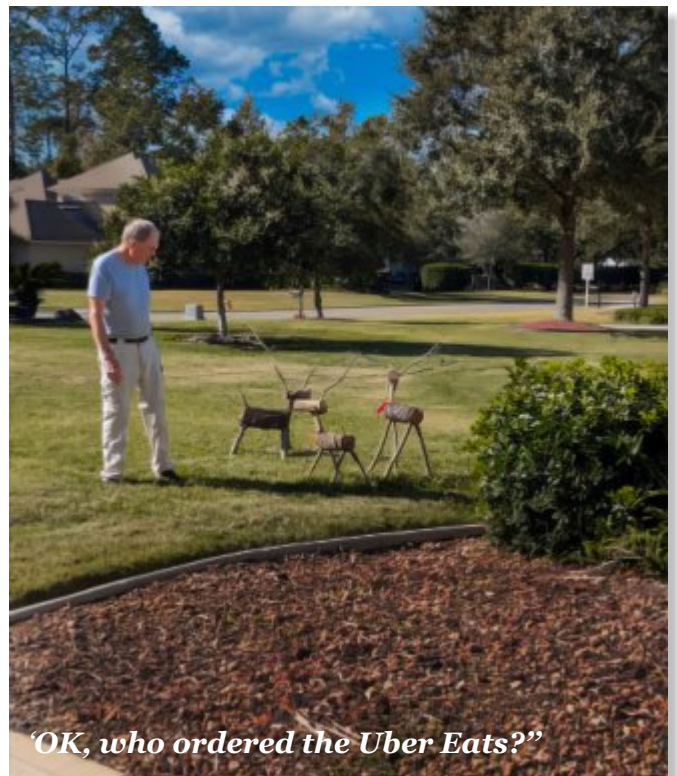


Photos: Editor

The Annual 'Rock the Reindeer' (as we know it) build was held at the home of Jola and Albert Greiner on Saturday, November 15, starting at 10AM. This was the 4th year of the event, in which **50** critters were brought to 'life' by a dedicated team of volunteers. A scrappy and diverse crew of Magnolia Point residents pitched in to help the community look its finest for the holidays.



*'Noses? Check!'*



*'OK, who ordered the Uber Eats?'*

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*Thank You, Jola and Albert!*





# LOOKING A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!



## *The volunteers turned out en masse to deck the neighborhood with Christmas cheer!*

Has everyone seen the Christmas trees, wreaths on stop signs, elf hats on fire hydrants, covered bollards and reindeer throughout the neighborhood? It definitely takes a crew known as 'The Merry Magnolias' and maybe even a few elves, to make Magnolia Point come alive at the holidays. A special thanks goes to **Jola Greiner**, on behalf of the HOA, for organizing the many volunteers needed to decorate.

The new herd of reindeer were built by **Jola, Albert and Tony Greiner, Monty Murphy, Cindy and Larry Francisco, Larry and Judy Sessions, Anne Bastress, Dave Petraglia, Suzanne Foster and Mike, and Bonnie Sprinkle**. The trees throughout Magnolia Point were decorated by **Kim Belcher, Eloise Burman, Nancy Catudal, Susie Comer, Laura Emery, Suzanne Foster, Diane Gove, Susan Hanline, Fran Jackson, Pat Jolly, Lori Miller, Adele Murphy, Sharon and Monty Murphy, Lynn Powers, Cheryl Smith, Susie Snow, Bonnie Sprinkle and Cindy Triay**.

**Jim Cardoza, Dianne Dearth and Vito Pasquale** were responsible for hanging the wreaths on the backs of the stop signs.

The front marquee was decorated by **Cissy Burnett, Jean Caulfield, Chuck Cox, Mary DeClure, Cindy and Larry Francisco, Jola and Albert Greiner, Lori and David Miller, Richard Stein and Paul Werring**.

The Medinah gates were decorated by **Jean Caulfield, Chuck Cox, Mary DeClure, Karen Espinosa, Suzanne Foster, Cindy and Larry Francisco, Jola and Tony Greiner, Jane Myrick, Judy and Larry Sessions, and Paul Werring**.

**Jane Myrick** placed all the elf hats on the fire hydrants, as well as covering all the bollards.

The children's playground was decorated by **Jane Myrick, Mary DeClure and Laura Burgess**.

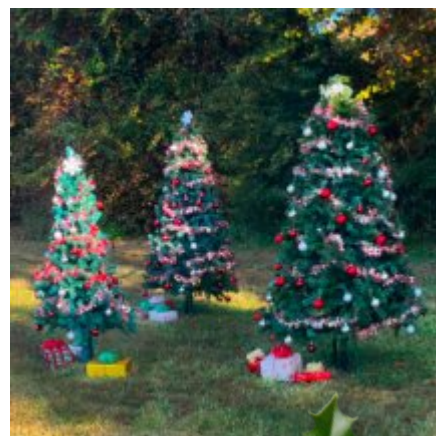
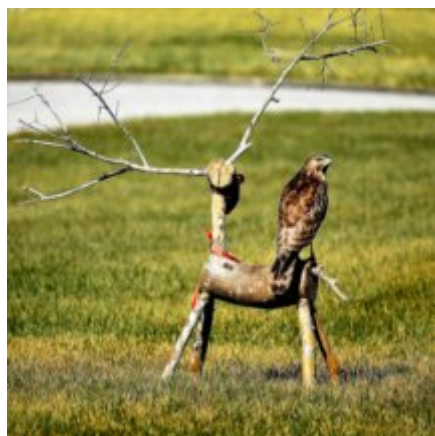
Thanks again to all the volunteers who helped decorate Magnolia Point for the holiday season!







# *Merry Magnolia Christmas!*







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## SNOOP DOGS: MAGNOLIA POINT'S NEW ENFORCERS



### **1. The Pomeranian: Sniffer of Unauthorized Garden Gnomes**

*Specialty: Detecting ceramic statuary violations*

Tiny, indignant, and perpetually overreacting, just like certain someones we all know. The Pomeranian, equipped with a nose like a surveillance drone and the bark of a malfunctioning smoke alarm, is the ideal candidate to root out rogue gnomes, flamingos, or solar-powered butterflies. One yip and you've got a violation notice stapled to your azaleas before the garden gnome even finishes winking.

### **2. The Bloodhound: Tracker of Unapproved Exterior Paint Colors**

*Specialty: Olfactory forensics for "Seaside Sand" vs. "Wheat Whisper"*

With 230 million scent receptors and a nose more accurate than a paint chip reader, the Bloodhound can detect that scandalous shade of beige from six blocks away. No MPCA covenants are safe from this somber-eyed detective who can track Sherwin-Williams' sins across time and stucco.

### **3. The Siberian Husky: Detector Cold War-Grade Passive-Aggression**

*Specialty: Locating icy resentment at meetings*

Huskies thrive in frosty conditions, perfect for navigating the chilling stares and the occasional indecorous remarks said to have occasion Association meetings. If there's a dispute about mailbox uniformity, roof stains or hedge height, the Husky will find it, and its 'Howl Protocol' is activated upon detecting sarcasm levels above 70%. Despite its size, the Husky can crawl along under the meeting room tables undetected, untying the shoelaces of the offending skallywags, all while offering its luxurious coat up for petting by the unsuspecting attendees.

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#### 4. The Beagle: Unlicensed Grilling Detector

*Specialty: Sniffing out illicit bratwursts*

These jolly little snout-rockets are the TSA of meats. If someone's firing up a charcoal grill within 30 feet of a shared fence line, the Beagle will locate it, sit beside it lovingly, and emit a judgmental, low-frequency bay until the homeowner is publicly shamed into compliance. Note: Also detects secret bacon on porches during vegan HOA potlucks.

#### 5. The Basset Hound: Detector of Forgotten Holiday Decorations

*Specialty: Scent-tracking inflatables left up well past their prime*

Low to the ground and long of ear, the Basset hound is drawn to flattened, forgotten inflatable snowman vinyl and faded witches clinging to window panes in July. Its mournful eyes are nature's way of expressing community-wide embarrassment. This breed does not bark, it sighs loudly and fills out violation slips in triplicate with its floppy ears.



#### 6. The Chihuahua: Emotional Support Snitch

*Specialty: Micro-aggression amplification and drama detection*

No grievance too small. No incident is too irrelevant. Chihuahuas vibrate on a frequency known only to petty grievances. They will unearth grumbles about recycling bin placement, dog poop bag color clashes, and eye contact made too aggressively on the Red 9. Where no one should be, anyway! A single yap translates to, "You parked one inch over your driveway line, Janet."



#### 7. The Golden Retriever: Pond Purity Patrol Officer

*Specialty: Detecting illegal pond activities and unauthorized aquatic enthusiasm*

Bred for retrieval and born with a soul made of sunshine and tennis balls, the Golden is the ideal candidate to patrol the community retention ponds. Whether it's kids fishing with bread balls, retirees releasing koi "just to see what happens," or rebellious ducks loitering without a permit, the Golden Retriever will find them. Then probably jump in and enthusiastically join whatever is

happening. Despite being utterly useless as an enforcer because who could take that tail-wagging smile seriously? The Golden's mere presence gently shames pond violators into submission. That, and it tracks wet footprints all the way to the violator's lanai. Case closed.

#### 8. The Springer Spaniel: Invasive Flora Intervention Unit

*Specialty: Sniffing out invasive species in neighborhood flower beds and plantings.*

Energetic, obsessive, and born to frolic through foliage, the Springer Spaniel lives for sniffing stuff in flower beds. It can distinguish between community-sanctioned Encore Azaleas and renegade Mexican Petunias. If it gets a whiff of Air Potato Vine, Caesar Weed, or the unholy Wedelia (which sounds like a Shakespearean villain and behaves like one too), the dog will alert by digging a shallow but expressive hole and bark and howl without pause. Also on the lookout for the dreaded Murder Fern, Stinkmint, and Bobblehead Lettuce.

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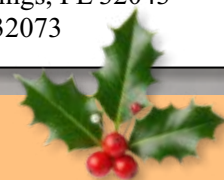


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# THE Traveling Fork

- BILL BLACKWELL

## INGREDIENTS

21 oz.+/- of Eggplant  
3 oz. Tahini paste  
2 tbsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil  
1 tbsp minced garlic  
2 tbsp lemon or lime juice  
1 ½ tsp cumin  
Salt and black pepper to taste



This month's TRAVELING FORK offering is another recipe from the kitchen on board a cruise ship where I attended their cooking class with the Head Chef and his various assistants. There are several more of those recipes that will be brought to you by the TRAVELING FORK in the future. This one is for the dish, Baba Ganoush, which has Arabic origins and is found in most of the Mediterranean countries. This recipe yields four servings—metric to US conversions by the writer.

## DIRECTIONS

Pierce the eggplant with a knife in several places. Place it on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake until it is very soft in a pre-heated oven at 375 degrees F for 25-30 minutes (until very tender).

Remove from the oven and let cool slightly; peel off and discard the skin. Place the eggplant flesh in a bowl. Using a food processor (with pulse button), mash the eggplant to a paste. Add the Tahini, garlic, lemon juice, and the cumin and mix well. Season to taste with salt, olive oil, and pepper. Add more Tahini and/or lemon juice if needed.

Prep time: 20 minutes; chill time: 2-24 hrs.; cook time: 1 ½ hours, 30 mins; makes 4 servings. ENJOY!



## BABAGANOUSH



**\*Bede Johnson's** dad, Fred 'Stoney' Taylor, wrote the book. He was, to some after all, 'the world's greatest putter'. The book arrived in Bede's family home in 1968, and was titled, *'Three Hacks Plus One Putt Equals 4'*.

**Do you recall your dad writing the book?** Dad wrote the book around 1965 while recovering from heart issues. Golf was a big part of my family. I mostly remember hanging around our stone mill in Bradenton or his shop where he made clubs. One of my brothers also made clubs with him. We had access to all of his tools, shafts, heads, inserts and the like,

*Yes, that's me!*



## THE PROFESSOR'S DAUGHTER

and as a kid it was so much fun for me to just be able to use all of his tools and machines. My kids still get a kick out of the fact that he used mercury to weight clubs and we always had that to play with.

**What was life like in a "golfing household" then? Were there golf clubs in every corner, or was it more about the mindset and conversations around the game?** Golf was a constant in our house growing up. I don't remember a day without golf every round was replayed at the dinner table. Often with guests like Tommy Bolt, Joe Horlyn, Henry Shakespeare were included. There were clubs, prototypes always. I am the only member of the family that did not play golf. I took it up after retirement.

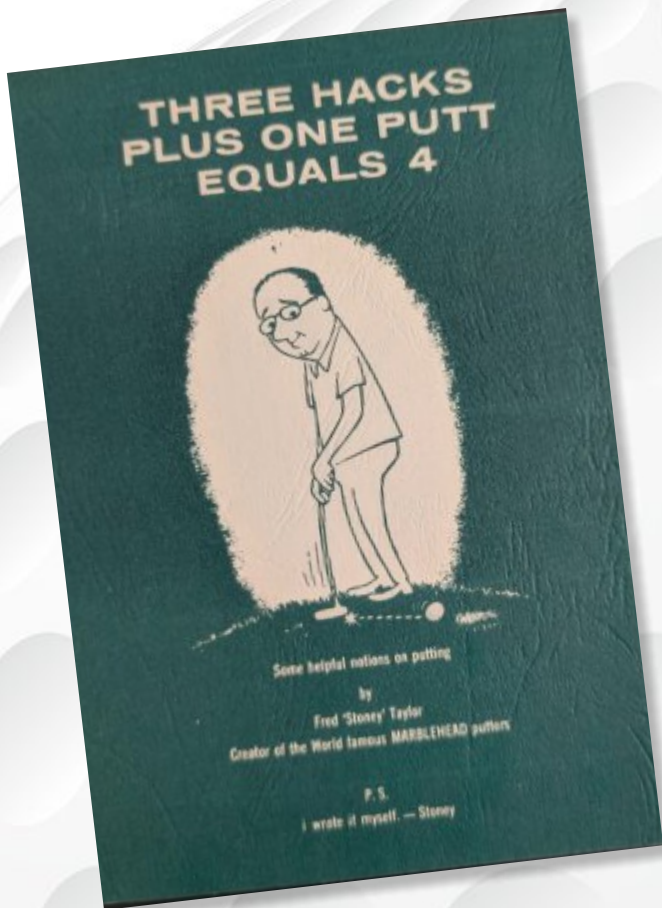
**Did your father test ideas from his book at home? For instance, were family members ever recruited to "test putts" in the living room or backyard?** There was always someone putting, swinging a club inside and out or on a course. I swam competitively so I was in the pool until dinner. Then, many nights and weekends were spent at the club or on a course.

*"There was always someone swinging a club in the house or out on a course."*

Continued







***How did growing up with a father so passionate about golf influence your own relationship with the game?***

I chose not to play as I beat one of my brothers in a contest when I was about 6 and my Dad was livid with him for not winning. How words affect you!

***How did he share his enthusiasm for golf with others?***

He was a very passionate man. Also an inventor, artistic and a visionary. Sarasota where I grew up was a melting pot of inventors, artists and writers. Dad worked on many projects, patents. So being around creatives was normal for us.

***When you step onto the green today, do you ever think of him? What moment or image best sums up what golf meant to your family?***

I do think of him, and my brothers sister and Mother. Golf still runs deep in our family. My nephew is a golf coach in Indiana. Those of us still here today all play.

***Can you tell us what you remember about the connection with Gary Player in 1966 that you mentioned?***

He had a relationship with Gary Player prior 1966. I was very young so I do not have a lot of memories. Dad made the woods he used to win the U.S. Open in 1965. I just remember him as always in black and just a genuine nice man. Dad created Marblehead Putters, and woods, later Taylormade and had a relationship with Henry Shakespeare.



*Dad, left, with Henry Shakespeare*

***\*Bede is a nickname that I have been called since birth. My brother David started it from the first time he saw me. I never use my legal name. It is only used if I'm in some kind of trouble! If you called out my legal name, I wouldn't even turn around.\****







## NINE HOLE LEAGUE

**November 23** - Fantastic weather to play Florida golf! A great turnout for our first play day of Couples Golf 9 Hole League for the new season! We had a tie of 37 for 1st place! It was broken by a score card tie breaker. Afterwards we had yummy food and drinks and all voiced they enjoyed the event!

1st Place - **Jeanne & Bruce Gorman, and Rita Altman & Pat O'Neil**

2nd Place - **Bob & Diane Gove, and Rick Koenig and Gail Larson**

*Coming in January:  
Baxter & Piper in a  
league of their own.*





# MIXmagie HOT CHOCOLATE EGGNOLIA

## Ingredients (For 6 Servings)

### For the Base:

- 3 cups (24 oz) whole milk
- 1 1/2 cups (12 oz) good quality, full-fat eggnog (pre-made)
- 6 tablespoons (or 1/4 cup + 2 tbsp) unsweetened cocoa powder (dark/Dutch-processed)
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar (adjust to taste)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

### Optional Spices (For deeper holiday flavor):

- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice or ground cloves

### For Garnish:

- Whipped cream
- Freshly grated nutmeg
- Chocolate shavings or small marshmallows

## Recipe

**Combine Dry Ingredients:** In a large saucepan or pot, whisk together the cocoa powder, sugar, salt, and any optional ground spices until well combined.

**Make the Slurry:** Pour in approximately 1/4 cup of the whole milk and whisk vigorously until a smooth, thick paste forms. Ensure there are no lumps of cocoa powder remaining.

**Add Liquids:** Pour in the remaining 2 3/4 cups of milk and the 1 1/2 cups of eggnog.

**Heat Gently:** Place the pot over medium-low heat. Stir frequently to prevent scorching on the bottom. Heat the mixture until it is steaming hot and small bubbles just begin to form around the edges. **Do not boil!**

**Finish:** Remove the pot from the heat and stir in the vanilla extract. Taste and adjust for sweetness if needed. Serve immediately or keep warm.

**Immediate Serving:** Ladle the mixture into mugs.

**Keeping Warm:** Transfer the finished beverage to a slow cooker (crockpot) set to the "Keep Warm" setting. This is ideal for a party, allowing guests to serve themselves. Stir occasionally.

## Alcoholic Option

It's best to let your guests spike their own mugs to control strength and accommodate non-drinkers. Set up a "Spike Station" next to the beverage pot with a jigger or shot glass) and bottles of: Aged Rum, Bourbon (or Whisky), Brandy (Optional)

Instruct guests to add 1.5 ounces of their preferred spirit to the mug before the hot **Eggnolia**.

## Flavor Profile:

This drink is a rich, creamy, and spiced holiday indulgence. It balances the comforting bitterness of dark chocolate with the sweet, nutmeg-forward character of traditional eggnog. The steam milk adds light, airy texture, making it less heavy than pure eggnog but far richer than plain hot chocolate.





# HIP

A gentle breeze ruffled the mother's long hair and brought a sense of calm, carrying with it the faint, funk and freshness of the River.

"Mommy, boats! *Big!*" the boy pointed to the moorings near the Pier.

"Yes, darling, all fine yachts," she smiled, adjusting him on her hip.

"Can we go on them?" His eyes widened.

"Sure, as soon as we inherit a small fortune," she giggled, to his delight.

"Mommy, we live *large!*"

"Yes, honey! I see you've been talking to Uncle Ted again!"

"*In my big hat!*" The child wriggled in her arms, pointing at a passing seagull. "Mommy! *Looks like Unc!*"

She stifled a laugh, "Yes! Unc does have a similar... *mojo!*"

Their love needed no words. Her gentle hold and the boy's trusting embrace spoke as deep and enduring as the River before them. It was a moment in time, where the world outside ceased to exist, leaving only them together in their shared affection and serenity.

"Mommy, why is the water blue?"

"It's actually clear. It just reflects the sky," she explained.

"If the sky was green, the water would be green?" he asked, pondering this new information.

"Yes, and if the sky were plaid, we'd have a very interesting River," she replied with a grin.

"Mommy, what's plaid?"

"You'll have to ask Uncle Ted, darling. That's all he seems to wear when he's off from work!" They both laughed.

The pier was sleepy, though the air filled with the faint clanking of halyards and the distant call of gulls. Christmas was only a few days away, and you could almost sense the anticipation drifting over the water, the calm before the 'cranberry storm'.

"Mommy, will Uncle Ted come?" the boy asked.

"Oh yes," she said, smiling. "He's already texted twelve times to announce he's deep-frying the turkey this year."

"Like last year?!"

"He did. And the year before. And the fire department still has his picture on their bulletin board."

"Will he bring that *funny pie* again?"

"His 'Gourd Fusion Pie'? *I'm sure!* Remember how last year it *hissed* when we cut into it?!"

They laughed.

Here, at the water's edge, they found their peace, the kind that comes from family, love, and the comforting knowledge that, whatever chaos Thursday might bring, it would all end with laughter.

And Unc's pajamas.



- STORY, PHOTOS: EDITOR





## MAGNOLIA POINT BRIDGE

### *New Players Welcome!*

All games are friendly, and we welcome new players. Sign up with a partner or as a single. For social one prize is paid out for each table, i.e., if there are four tables, the top four scores win money. Duplicate pays first three winners NS and EW with Mitchell movement.

**Duplicate and Social Bridge** play on alternate Thursdays in the clubhouse dining room from 1:30 to 5:30PM. 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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**Duplicate:** Jon Bastress [JonBastress@gmail.com](mailto:JonBastress@gmail.com)

### **Duplicate Bridge, Thu Oct 02**

#### East/West Winners

1. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
2. Evie & Joe Ezzell
3. Jim Cardozo & Ed Hayes

#### North/South Winners

1. Marty Essex & Cindy Jennings
2. Kim Belcher & Ann Link
3. Connie & Michael Byers

### **Social Bridge, Thu Oct 09**

1. Connie & Michael Byers
2. Alice Lodge & Kaaren Tague
3. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
4. Marsha Parker & Sharon Sprott

### **Duplicate Bridge, Thu Oct 16**

#### East/West Winners

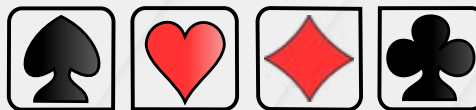
1. Connie & Michael Byers
2. Jon Bastress & Joe Thill
3. Marty Essex & Cindy Jennings

#### North/South Winners

1. Phyllis Boyed & Alice Lodge
2. Anne Porcello & Sandy Waldrup
3. Jola Greiner & Roy Gullick

### **Social Bridge, Thu Oct 23**

1. Jola Greiner & Sharon Sprott
2. Evie & Joe Ezell
3. Connie & Michael Byers
4. Marty Essex & Cindy Jennings
5. Jim Cordoza & Ed Hayes



- SHARON MURPHY

## LADIES 9 LEAGUE

- DIANNE DEARTH

**November 6** - We had 3-foursomes play Team Stableford. Tee time was on the chilly side, but Mother Nature came through and brought sunny skies and warmer temperatures. Team Stableford scores:

1st Place - **Cheryle Newman, Bede Johnson, Taunya Vise and Janine O'Connor** - 72

2nd Place - **Laurie Bracken, Barbara Shinn, Donna Hirsch and Karen Lioce** - 59

3rd Place - **Sandy Waldrup, Dianne Dearth, Anita O'Donnell and Val Fleming** - 54

**November 13** - Best of Both, a team game with 3-foursomes. Each hole the best gross and best net of the 4, became the team score for that hole. The weather started out chilly but turned into a beautiful warm day.

1st Place - **Sandy Waldrup, \*Bede Johnson, Karen Lioce and Sharon Sprott** - 84

2nd Place - **Cheryle Newman, Barbara Shinn, Janine O'Connor and Val Flemming** - 85

3rd Place - **Laurie Bracken, Dianne Dearth, Donna Hirsch and Taunya Vise** - 87

*\*Shout out to Bede for her net 35!*

**November 20** - A beautiful day for golf! Cool morning, warm afternoon. Perfect Florida winter weather! Welcome back Deb Elsea! The game was 'modified Flags with a blind'.

1st Place - **Cheryle Newman, Anita O'Donnell, Karen Lioce and Val Flemming** (blind) - 58

2nd Place - **Deb Elsea, Dianne Dearth, Donna Hirsch and Val Flemming** - 61

**Big News...** Chip-In Pot finally won! (last win 9/11/25)

Congratulations **Dianne Dearth** for her *chip-in on Hole #10 for \$49.25!*





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