

# FACES & NAMES



## ***How long have you lived in Magnolia Point?***

We've been living in our remote pond here in Magnolia Point for years, before most human residents moved in. We appreciate that the neighbors here enjoy the variety of wildlife in their backyards, which allows us to live and swim in peace.

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

It's just the two of us, I'm Biff, I'm an 11-footer, and my darling Betty, just over 9 feet, along with our multitude of hatchlings. We are raising our young in privacy, away from the golf course and the busy roads.

## ***Do you have any pets?***

We do, from time to time; but they don't last very long! But we do keep a very close eye on the local fish, frogs, and the occasional water bird that visits our pond.

## ***What was your passion at 16?***

**Biff:** Basking on the muddy banks and perfecting my stealthy glide through the duckweed. **Betty:** Finding the absolute best sunning spots and practicing my 'SNAP'!

## ***And now?***

Our passions are our family and spending time in the water. We enjoy our daily peregrinations around the banks, floating like logs, and keeping the local ecosystem in perfect balance. **Betty:** 'Sometimes we go to the beach at night, and leave behind sand sculptures just to freak out the humans!'

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

Stay patient in the reeds, grow at your own pace, never rush to snap at the first thing that crosses your path. Keep a low profile, always respect the humans who share this beautiful community with us. **Betty:** 'And don't get too close to the edge!'

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

We love the quiet privacy of our remote pond, the majestic thunderstorms, the warm Florida sun that heats our favorite basking logs. The sheer spaciousness of the water gives everyone in our multitude of young their own space to swim. **Biff:** 'And hide from me!'

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

We're always expanding our nesting mound and digging out deeper mud holes to stay cool during these extreme summer temps.

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

Sure, as long as we can stay under the radar! We couldn't ask for a better pond! **Biff:** 'Who else would have us?!'

