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Vicar's Landing construction continues

By William J. Haley

Work continues apace on the Vicar's Landing at Oakbridge project with important updates for Sawgrass Players Club homeowners, as well as the community at large.

From a scheduling point of view, despite all of the confusion occasioned by the relentless construction activity, there is tangible progress being made against the construction schedule. The Vicar's project management team has advised the Transition Committee of the Master Board that its new clubhouse will be operational in late July, subject to final inspections. As reported in previous Players Journals, this is key since it is the nerve center of the new development. Once the clubhouse is complete, residents will begin to move into the new community. To ensure proper security protocols are in place, a new 24/7 gatehouse along A1A will become operational at the same time as the clubhouse.

Along the western border of the development, Parcel A-1 will be where the Vicar's Cottages are situated. This is land adjacent to the new county lift station and there are a series of berms and landscaping protocols that are being applied, per the Development Agreement, to shield Sawgrass Players Club residents. Work will continue on these berms and landscaping between now and July/ August to coincide with the scheduled arrival of the first group of Vicar's residents. Sales of Cottages have been brisk with 88 sales reported out of 109 available units. On Parcel A-2, Vicar's anticipates that Phase One of its higher rise Flats will be available in early December for occupancy followed by Phase Two in late December/ early January.

Now that the county lift station is complete, that portion of Parcel C bordering the Caballos del Mar neighborhood in

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Photo courtesy Vicar's Landing

Construction progress as of March 28, 2022.

President's Comments

By TJ Welsh
Master Board President

As we close the books on this year's weather-challenged PLAYERS Championship, I would like to personally thank all residents and the 16 distinct sub-association HOAs for putting our collective best foot forward in showcasing the beauty that is our home, the Sawgrass Players Club. I would also like to congratulate our partners with the PGA TOUR, who did a magnificent job of hosting the tournament under some of the most formidable conditions seen outside of a British Open. I would also like to thank the members of the Master Board and all committees for their outstanding oversight as well. It was truly a team effort in which everyone should be proud.

The current real estate market has continued to showcase the desirability of homes within the Sawgrass Players Club and is reflected in the sales and realized home prices sellers continue to get for their homes within our gates. This is achieved by active associations and committees' efforts to maintain the distinct feel of each community within Sawgrass. For many of our new homeowners, this is their first time living under the auspices of a homeowners association or restricted access community. I continue to urge each association to utilize a welcome committee to facilitate this transition for helping new homeowners understand their responsibilities and restrictions that come from joining our community, and to receive a copy of their respective guidelines. Experience has shown that this effort helps reinforce the sense of community in each neighborhood and prevents potential conflicts that arise when new homeowners want to make changes to their homes and yards.

With the recent passage by the homeowners of the capital asset fee, the Master Association and sub-associations will begin accumulating those fees to be realized in next year and ensuing years' financials. Those fees will allow us to continue to successfully manage the myriad capital assets owned by the Master Association and the sub-associations as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each member of the Master Board for all their hard work and the individual committees whose hard work and diligence continue the improvement process and never-ending maintenance within the entire Sawgrass Players Club HOA. This small army of unpaid volunteers makes it possible for all of us to enjoy the Sawgrass Players Club. The Yards redevelopment will be nearing its finish soon with the pickleball courts and new maintenance building in the next few months. The new Nina Court lift station is online and the old one dismantled. The Vicar's Landing expansion continues with the clubhouse and Phase One coming online in the coming months. The diligent work of many people will ensure that these projects will bring this process to a successful completion within the next few years. We will strive to communicate pertinent milestones that will impact homeowners through email blasts and updates on the Sawgrass Players Club website (sawgrassplayersclub.org). For those who have not done so, please register online to receive the most up to date information

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regarding this and all activities with our community.

Several major paving projects will begin in the next few months on Alta Mar and the entire Salt Creek association. I urge all residents to be extra aware during these evolutions and cognizant of changing traffic conditions and unavoidable traffic delays. Most of these major projects only happen around every 15 years (the ballpark estimate of residential asphalt road life); however with 16 sub-associations there is an ongoing revolving schedule. I urge all our sub-association presidents to keep open the lines of communication to the Master Board, as many other communities will begin planning repaving projects within the next couple of years. The ideal scenario is that the more communities that schedule this major project at the same time can result in significant cost savings — as the cost of equipment mobilization is one of the single largest components of any major re-paving project. I am tasking our in-house operations manager, Tripp Richland, to keep a master schedule to help the various communities with this project coordination.

And now for my ongoing soapbox moment: traffic safety and pedestrian safety are two of my primary touchstones. Folks, we need to continue to observe speed limits and stop signs within Sawgrass before someone becomes seriously injured or worse. Just within the last month I have personally witnessed a road rage incident within our gates, stop signs being run without hesitation, and the worst was someone cutting through a resident's circular driveway to avoid stopping behind a stopped school bus with its flashers on. There is nothing so important that we cannot observe speed limits, traffic signs, school bus loading zones, etc. I am going to urge our controlled access personnel to step up traffic monitoring, increase the use of the unmanned Traffic Hawk, and finally I am going to ask for the assistance from every homeowner to report violators (take pictures or get license plate numbers). We are not going to allow someone's callousness or self-importance put the lives of other homeowners and children at risk anymore.

Additionally, electric bikes do not belong on sidewalks. I personally own one of these and it has the potential for speeds of more than 25 mph. Sidewalks are for pedestrians and runners, not golf carts and electric bikes. Please be mindful of your neighbors. Bikes that are on the sidewalk, please use your horns or bells to announce your presence to those of us with slower reflexes or hearing impairments. I have now retreated off my lofty soapbox.

I look forward to continuing to serve this community where my wife and I have lived for almost 32 years now. Please feel free to call me or email me with your questions and comments. I am one of 10 kids and am a retired Naval officer and construction executive; I can take constructive criticism and the occasional opportunity when someone needs to vent. More than a few took advantage of this last year; hopefully I answered many of their questions and/or got the problem resolved to some level of satisfaction. I'll admit, not every problem can be resolved, but I can promise you that we will attempt to do so in a manner that benefits all concerned parties. If you see something, please speak up to anyone on your Board of Directors, as we are here to serve you. For those Board Members and committee members who are leaving this year, I would like to thank every one of you for your diligence, hard work and selfless dedication to the task. I wish you all, "Fair Winds and Following Seas!"

Although I said the following in most of my columns, I will reiterate here for our new and existing homeowners. Many of you will invest in major renovations on your homes within Sawgrass. I urge all residents to work with their local ARB (Architectural Review Board) to make the approval process easier. Ask questions beforehand if you are unsure of your local ARB guidelines. Even long-time residents are not aware of all the guidelines unless they were the original owner of your home. I would also urge residents to take advantage of the online construction documents that will ensure you have a safe and successful project. Take advantage of the wealth of experience that is available from local and Master Board members with construction experience. Also, talk to your neighbors about their experiences with local contractors, and finally check out your contractor's licensing and credentials online at (www.myfloridalicense.com), prior to beginning any project.

To all the new homeowners who have moved in recently, I extend a heartfelt welcome to you and your entire family. You have made a wise choice in joining us here in Sawgrass Players Club. Please feel free to contact any of your local sub-association HOAs or anyone on the Master Board HOA, if we can answer any questions you may have in your new community.

Be safe and have a happy-healthy Spring 2022!

Call for Candidates!

By Kristy Richland

Are you interested in donating your time on behalf of the Master Association by serving as a director?

The Annual Members Meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2022, and three board seats are expiring. All board members have a fiduciary relationship to all the members of the Master Association and shall discharge his or her duties as Director for the sole benefit of all members of the Master Association. They work with the management company in day-to-day operations, must serve on a standing committee as appointed by the board, attend all board meetings, and abide by best practices and Florida Statutes for the overall betterment of the community.

There is one vacant seat on the board and two board members whose terms are expiring: Derek Sprague (Class C member) and Maury Dettmer of Cypress Creek.

Current board members whose terms continue are TJ Welsh of Salt Creek; John Flynn, Class A member appointed by Vicars Landing ownership; Gerry Klingman of Hammock Cove; Adam Guillette of Bridgewater Island; Marc Stearns of Seven Mile Drive; and Bill Haley of Water Oak.

In 2022, the board may receive nominations from residents of Bermuda Court, Cypress Bridge, Cypress Creek, Lake Side, North Cove, Oakbridge, Players Club Villas, Sawgrass Island, Turtleback Crossing, and Water's Edge. Per the Association's documents, no more than one person from a subassociation or Class C representative may serve on the board at the same time.

All business conducted by the board shall be performed in accordance with the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants for the Players Club at Sawgrass, the Governing Documents and Chapter 720, Florida Statutes.

To place your name on the ballot for election to your Board of Directors, please contact Kristy Richland at krichland@marshlanding.org no later than April 24, 2022.

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Capital contribution passes

By Maury Dettmer, Master Board Treasurer

The capital contribution amendment was recently approved by the homeowners — with a resounding 90 percent of the votes cast to approve this new policy. This will provide funds for future improvements that may not have been affordable.

The new policy will require new residents to pay 150 percent of the annual assessment fee on a one-time basis when they close on new purchases. Currently, this fee would be $2,253 and based on the last several years, would generate about $170,000 per year. These funds will be held in a separate bank account with 20 percent available to the subassociations where the residence was located. This account will appear on the balance sheet and a separate ledger will detail how much is available to each homeowner's association. These funds do not have to be used annually, so one benefit is that they can be accumulated over several years and be used for larger capital improvements.

The Master Association is potentially going to use some of these funds to improve the parking facilities at Players Park and continue to explore stormwater improvements. These, and other projects, would not be possible without these new funds. All our normal expense categories have risen this year and will probably continue to go higher. We are pondering using the emergency contingency account as a cushion so that our financial position remains strong through these inflationary times.

The Master Board of Directors is committed to maintaining our property values and our excellent facilities by continuing to seek ways to improve the excellent lifestyle of the Sawgrass Players Club. This new policy is a good example of sound forward thinking and the residents should be commended for their overwhelming support for this policy change.

Join the Finance Committee!

By Adam Guillette
Sawgrass Players Club Association Master Board member

Do you have a background in finance? I sure don't. My "finance" skills began with Microsoft Excel and ended with the TI-85 calculator.

Fortunately, there's a group of knowledgeable, talented folks in our community who serve on the Finance Committee. Unfortunately, the committee is slightly short on members.

Specifically, they're looking for one or two new committee members with a financial background and willingness to help. The committee meets once a month to discuss the numbers of the master association, review the annual budget and share best practices with the 16 sub-association entities. It's an important position and our neighborhood benefits quite a bit from what they do.

I've attended several different committee meetings over the years and it really is exciting to see that they're made up of experienced people who are willing to volunteer their time to improve our community.

Please consider emailing Kristy Richland at KRichland@marshlanding.org if you're interested in joining this committee. You might also want to send her a little bit about your financial experience. Hopefully you're more experienced than me and my TI-85 calculator.

End of Year of financials available for residents

The Marsh Landing Master Association has engaged an independent Certified Public Accountant to perform the Audit of the financial records of the Association for the year ended December 31, 2022. Once financial statements and the Accountant's report are accepted by the Board of Directors, they will be posted on the website at www.sawgrassplayersclub.org and available upon request to:

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Covenant Violation Hearing Committee members needed

By Kristy Richland

The Florida Statutes 720 govern the policies and procedures for homeowners associations. In accordance with these laws, the Master Board is responsible for levying fines and/or suspension of RFID privileges for non-compliance of the Master Association Covenants and the Players Club Property Owner and Resident Guide.

The Master Board can levy fines and suspend RFID privileges for various traffic and parking violations, failure to submit to the Architectural Review Board or to abide by Architectural Review Board approval, interference with gate operations including harassment of officers at the gate, dumping in waterways, home-based commercial activity without written approval, dogs off leash and not under control of their owner, failure to comply with worker hours and noise violations of county ordinances as documented by First Coast Security or the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

After the Master Board levies a fine, all owners have an opportunity to appeal the board decision at a Covenant Violation Hearing Committee (CVHC) meeting. Such committees must be comprised of three or more members in good standing, and those members may not serve on the Master Board or be the spouse or partner of any Master Board member.

The CVHC renders a final decision on the Master Board fine or RFID suspension. The homeowner or First Coast may attend and supply information to the CVHC Committee. Based upon information provided at the CVHC meeting, the CVHC members will uphold the fine as levied, suspend the fine and allow the homeowner a reasonable time frame to cure the violation before fining is imposed, or dismiss the fine. The CVHC decision is final, and no further appeals can be made following the CVHC meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the CVHC committee, please email krichland@marshlanding.org. Experience with HOAs and the Master Association governing documents is encouraged.

Collection Policy and Property Owner Guide updates are coming

By Kristy Richland

At the Master Association Board meeting in March, the Master Board of Directors (the board) agreed to update their adopted Collections Policy in accordance with recent statute changes and its Property Owner and Resident Guide, last updated in 2020.

The board has engaged the support of the Finance Committee and its collection attorney, Ed Ronsman, to support with Collection Policy updates. Additionally, the board has tasked Tom Jenks, general counsel, to review the existing Property Owner and Resident Guide and make suggested updates based on any statute changes or case law findings.

The board will at the same time provide any additional edits to counsel for review. Two proposed changes to the Property Owner and Resident Guide thus far include establishing policies for lake bank cleaning and parking of guests at Players Park.

Owners will receive a notice of the proposed changes when all edits are complete. Please look for the notice of proposed changes in the July Players Journal and on the website.

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Oakbridge has remediation work going on as mandated by the Development Agreement. Presently, Maccurrach Golf Construction is installing irrigation equipment and bermuda grass on the remnants of the 11th fairway. There is an old cart path there that will be remediated to remove broken up asphalt and debris. A new cart path will be constructed with more natural materials.

Vicar's Landing engineers have been coordinating with St Johns County engineers who are constructing a new force main along the southern border of the Vicar's development adjacent to Sawgrass Village. The new force main is a county improvement project that replaces a decrepit force main that used to run between the Bridgewater and Water Oak neighborhoods. The old force main will be decommissioned and new piping will run along the southern border of the Vicar's development adjacent to the office buildings in Sawgrass Village on its way to its ultimate egress point. Alert residents will have already noticed the excavation project on the southwest edge of A1A past Publix down to ATP Boulevard. The new force main is a win-win project for all of our communities and it will connect to the new lift station that was constructed inside of Parcel C. On the border along Sawgrass Village, a buffer will be constructed and a dozen oak trees are in the selection process to create a more natural transition along that property line.

The new water retention facility, which was completed several months ago, is beginning to take shape and is filling up with water. Sod has been laid along the banks and some maintenance has begun to improve the appearance of that portion of Parcel C nestled between Water Oak, Oakbridge and Cypress Creek. Eventually, water will be aerated and professionally maintained. There will also be a new weir constructed that will allow water to transverse between the new water retention facility and the Water Oak lagoon. Readers will recall that the water retention facility has been built to new and more exacting 100-year county storm protocols to provide higher levels of structural protection against hurricane storm surges. The new weir adds another layer of flood protection since it allows neighborhood Operations, Maintenance and Waterway (OMW) personnel to reduce water levels ahead of a storm in a coordinated fashion. Once the weir and some diversionary piping are installed, water levels in the new water retention facility will rise even further creating a more attractive finished appearance.

Photo courtesy Vicar's Landing

Construction progress as of March 28, 2022.

Know your evacuation route for storm season

By Debbie McWade

Hurricane season officially begins on June 1 and officially ends Nov. 30. As we have found in the past, Mother Nature dictates the weather and can ignore the calendar, so it's important to be prepared early.

According to a recent hurricane survival guide, keywords to keep in mind are: Plan, Prepare, and Protect.

As noted in the Alert St. Johns article in this issue of Players Journal, Sawgrass Players Club is now in Evacuation Zone A. Our Evacuation Zone is different from Evacuation Route.

We strongly urge you to sign up for Alert St. Johns (sjcemergencymanagement.com), where you will be provided a wealth of information including evacuation routes, shelters, assistance programs and maps.

If an evacuation order is issued it is recommended to do so as soon as possible. Have a plan, know your evacuation route and be safe.

Sign up for Alert St. Johns

By Debbie McWade
Recreation Committee Chair
and Communications Committee Member

In February 2020, St. Johns County launched a new notification system to provide residents with critical information during emergency situations. The system replaced the old "Code Red" alert system.

The website is easy to access: sjcemergencymanagement.com. The St. Johns County Emergency Management page will come up. The left column indicates links for evacuation information such as assistance programs, routes, zones, maps, and shelter locations. The right column provides the link to Alert St. Johns. This link will enable you to sign up (which will take you to a page with a form to complete) or you may sign in for the latest information.

We hope you will sign up for this valuable tool to assist in an emergency situation.

[Author's Note: While researching this article, it was learned that the Sawgrass Players Club Evacuation Zone has changed from Zone B to Zone A.]

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Wow, Wonderful Winterfest!

Sunday, Jan. 30, was sunny and cool — a perfect day for the Sawgrass Players Club Recreation Committee's annual Winterfest held at Players Park. Around 300 families arrived throughout the afternoon to partake of the fun activities.

Children lined up for the always popular rides — the dual lane slide, the train and rock-climbing wall along with our newest attraction, the monkey/bungee jump.

Children waited patiently to have their faces painted and transformed into delightful creatures. All of this while DJ Ed played fun and entertaining music. Food trucks Pizza Brigade and Big Blue Bistro provided delicious meals and snacks. One unfortunate disappointment, Dunkin' Donuts was unable to attend at the last minute.

It's abundantly clear that, shown by these photos, smiles and a great time were had by all!

Our next big event, Spring Fling, will be occurring on Sunday, April 10, too late for this publication; so please be sure to look for our write up in the next Players Journal.

OMW Committee: Storm Water Report

By Marc Stearns
Vice President of Master Board and OMW Member

The Operations, Maintenance and Waterway (OMW) Committee has been working on several fronts to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season. We have made several moves recently to improve our pumping system, some of which we have reported to you previously. The engineering study we are having done to assess whether we can benefit from larger pumps at the Seven Mile Drive (SMD) pumping station continues.

We worked with the John Deere technical staff to properly size a new diesel engine for the Salt Creek pump station and the engine has been ordered. It is anticipated that it will be installed in June or July. This is later than we hoped, but supply and labor issues have caused the delay in availability of the engine.

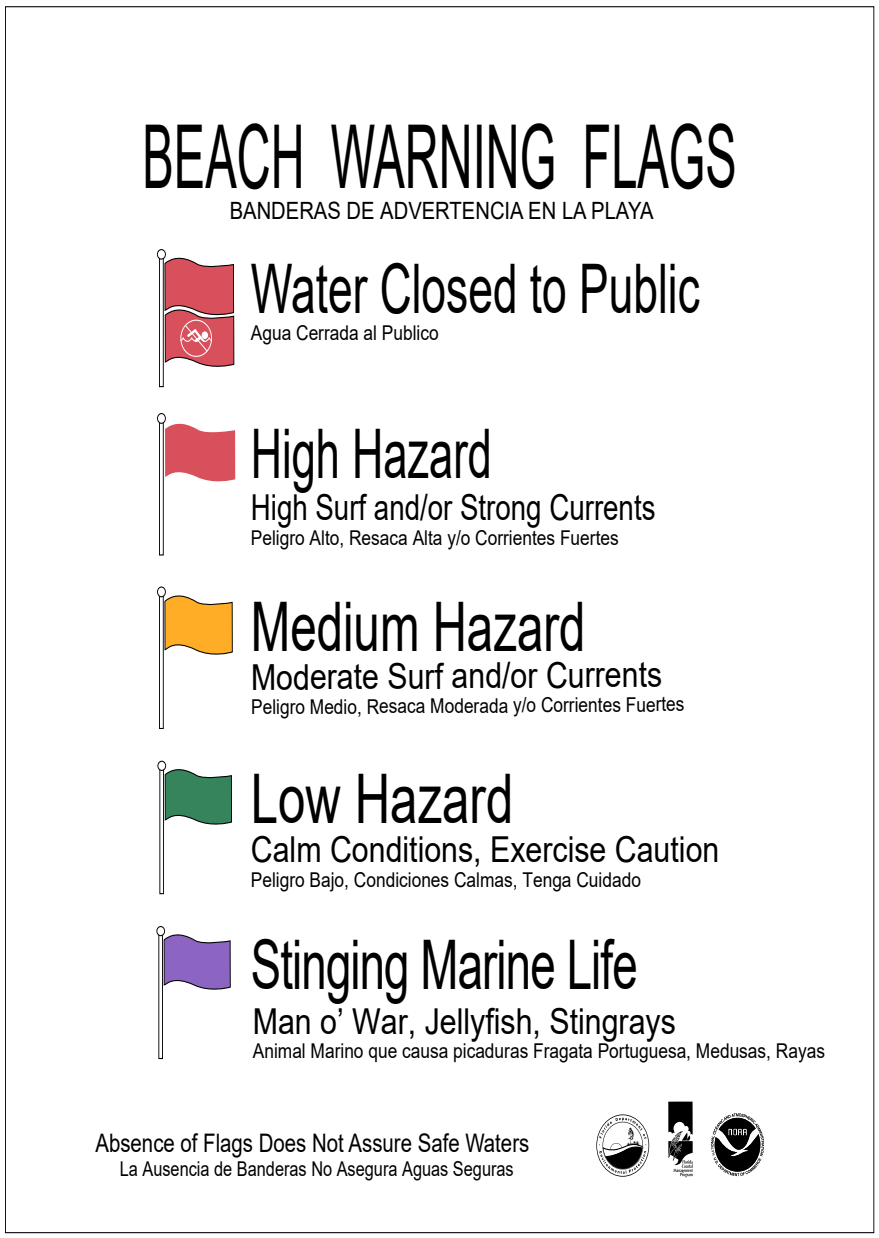
As previously reported, we completed the bidding process and have placed an order for a 300 KW diesel generator set for the Salt Creek pump station. This back-up power unit will be delivered and installed in the June time frame.

The OMW received a quote to clean the Salt Creek pumping discharge channel to a minimum depth of 24-inches below the low tide level in the channel. We want to make sure that our discharge water will flow properly at low tides. There is a lot of overhanging vegetation that continues to drop debris into the canal. The contractor took soundings over this entire stretch of the discharge canal and has quantified the amount of material that will have to be moved. The OMW will be considering this bid at our next meeting.

We have completed a significant amount of work at the Seven Mile Drive pump station recently. We had a contractor install discharge pipe supports and one main pump support under the pump house. In addition, the contractor fabricated and installed spool pieces between the pump and the discharge pipe on the two pumps we increased the size of the discharge line on. These tapered spool pieces are needed to improve the water flow characteristics out of the pump and to allow ease of pump removal for maintenance.

At Seven Mile Drive, the No. 2 main pump was removed for servicing and is at the machine shop having necessary repairs done. It will be reinstalled soon, and the No. 1 main pump will then be removed and serviced.

Finally, we have a quote to replace severely corroded bolts in our trash rack support wooden pier structures. We will also be applying an epoxy-based coating to the tops of the wooden piling to prevent further wood rot and insect damage to the piles. This quote is being considered by the OMW.



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Alta Mar repaving delayed but soon underway

By Tripp Richland
Director of Operations for OMW Committee

While the Master Board anticipated a first quarter start, Sawgrass Players Club Master Association isn't immune to contractor delays. The Operations Maintenance and Waterway (OMW) Committee of the Master Association is continuing to work with the contractor to get us on the schedule.

The project will consist of milling and resurfacing Alta Mar and Salt Creek Drive, as well as having the striping redone on the Master Association-owned roads. Currently the committee anticipates being able to get the project moving around the end of April.

While there will be no full lane closures, please be aware that there will be times when the contractors are directing traffic. Please use caution when driving near the work areas.

Water Flow — A community effort

By John Flynn
Master Board Member and OMW Committee Chair

It has long been held that the Master Association has the legal responsibility to perform that level of maintenance required to keep the drainage areas functioning from the standpoint of (i) maintaining adequate storage capacity, (ii) preserving the flow of water throughout the system, and (iii) maintaining acceptable water quality at the master system's discharge points.

Since Hurricanes Mathew and Irma, your OMW Committee has worked diligently on improving the flow of water from our more than 70 ponds and waterways to our Seven Mile Drive and Salt Creek pumping stations.

Without proper flow, our ability to draw down the water in anticipation of a major tropical storm or rainfall event and to pump the system down during a storm to the Intracoastal Waterway is not as effective. Simply put, the system would not be able to operate to its full capacity.

Aside from performing channel improvement work, we have done waterway bank clearing from Master Association common property. This involved removing dead wood from the water and cutting overhanging branches from Master Association property that impeded the water flow.

In addition, we have enlisted and received the cooperation in this endeavor from the PGA TOUR/TPC, The Yards, the Marriott and Vicar's Landing to clean lake banks abutting their property. The results are noticeable and appreciated.

Now it is time to ask for your help. To inform you as to what we expect from any owner that is abutting a body of water, the OMW Committee will draft lake bank clearing responsibility language for the Property Owner Guide. We will then request that the Master Board formally vote in a duly noticed meeting to add the language to the Property Owner Guide to ensure compliance. The board will publish the guidelines and rules in advance of any enforcement.

Lastly, we appreciate your continued cooperation in minimizing the amount of grass clippings, leaves and fertilizer that get into our waterways. The health of our waterways is related to preventing this "stuff" from getting onto the water. Thanks!

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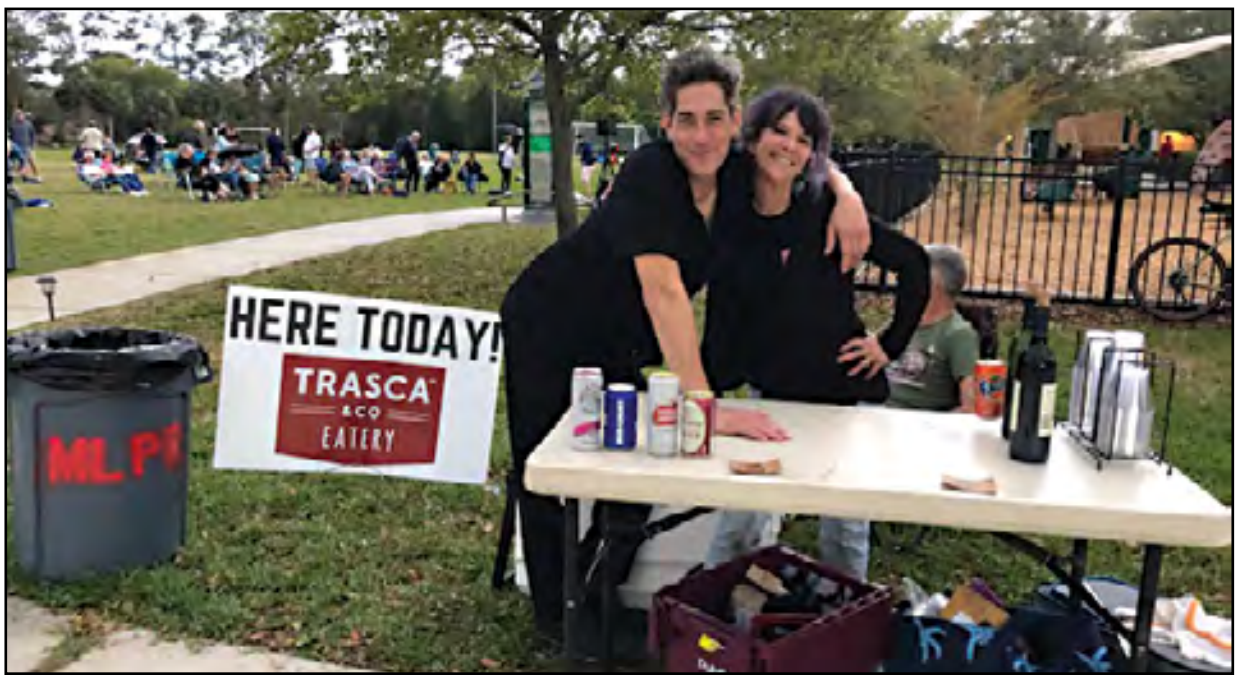
Country Music Jamboree — a wash out

By Debbie McWade, Recreation Committee Chair and Communications Committee Member

The stage was set, the band Hired Guns was set, food trucks Hook 'em Up Seafood and Faye's BBQ along with wine and beer provider Trasca & Co. were ready and serving — all systems were go. But Mother Nature had something different in mind.

As the clouds built up, the sky turned dark, the wind began to blow and as the band began their third song, the rain came pouring down. So around 7:15 p.m., we surrendered to Mother Nature and canceled the event.

The Recreation Committee is not discouraged and is looking forward to our next Music Event on May 6. For more details, please refer to the article in this publication.



Moms with tots — Be ready!

By Pat Gilberto

A refreshed new look is coming to the wading pool at Players Pool later this spring — just in time to cool little feet from the heat of summer.

Through funds grown in the Sawgrass Players Club Association reserve study, your Sawgrass Players Club Recreation Committee has contracted to provide a total new look to the tot pool.

So, tot moms and grannies, get ready to bring your little ones to a splashing good time! See you at Players Pool.

You don't want to miss this event! Mandalla to play at Sawgrass

By Debbie McWade, Recreation Committee Chair and Communications Committee Member

The Sawgrass Players Club Recreation Committee is all set for our next Adult Music Event: we'll be celebrating Cinco de Mayo on Seis de Mayo (May 6) with the award-winning sounds of Mandalla.

This amazing group has been voted best local band in Jacksonville two years in a row, 2019 and 2020. Also, they recently won the 2021 WeddingWire Couple's Choice award.

We'll have food trucks and a cash bar for beer and wine. So, grab your socio/socia (partner), your lawn chairs and blanket and join us on Friday, May 6, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Music will begin at 7 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

Communities' Recreation Committees working together

By Debbie McWade, Recreation Committee Chair and Communications Committee Member

The Sawgrass Players Club Recreation Committee and the Marsh Landing Recreation Committee met briefly earlier this year and are exploring ways to enhance the experiences for both of our communities, including the possibility of having mutual events.

You've probably noticed the posting of events happening at Marsh Landing on our sandwich boards as you exit our community. We have a reciprocal covenant agreement between Sawgrass Players Club Association and Marsh Landing Management Association, which affords access between communities. Due to limited parking, residents are strongly encouraged to use their golf carts or bike when participating in events and of course if you use a vehicle, your RFID will need to be programmed for access to Marsh Landing.

Contact Pat McInerney (pmcinerney@marshlanding.org) for any inquiries. The committees hope to meet at a later date to discuss possibilities. The Sawgrass Players Club Association Recreation Committee will keep you posted!

Players People

Congratulations Class of 2022
The Sawgrass Players Club Board of Directors wishes to send congratulations to all our upcoming graduates. Here's to your exciting new future and all the happiness that comes with it.

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

~ Henry David Thoreau

Articles wanted!
Do you have a neighbor or friend who has an inspiring or interesting story? Or perhaps your neighborhood did something fun or newsworthy such as hosting a block party or adopting a rule change. The Communications Committee wants to hear from you! Please consider emailing Kristy Richland at krichland@marshlanding.org to help draft articles for Neighborhood News and Players People.

Pickleball courts soon to open

By Mike Miles

We are in the final stages of finishing our state of the art Pickle Garden at The Yards and look forward to having courts open so everyone can play pickleball soon.

If you would like to secure your spots to play, we are now accepting applications for Pickleball Memberships.

Email maria@playtheyards.com to apply or learn more.

The Yards has quickly become the place to play and party. Watch for the release of The Yards Summer Social Calendar containing all the upcoming happenings, like our famous Friday skins games and Saturday parties. Email membership@playtheyards.com to be added to our mailing list.

Bicyclists should ride WITH traffic

Walkers should walk FACING traffic

The Pantry Raiders

Pecans give these cookies extra appeal

By NewsLine Staff
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Cookies may never be considered "health food," but there are ways to make them more nutritious. The addition of beneficial ingredients like pecans can do just that. This recipe for "Cowboy Cookies" from "Live Well, Bake Cookies" (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye includes oats, pecans and coconut in the mixture, adding flavor and nutritional appeal.

Photo courtesy MetroCreative
Cowboy Cookies

Cowboy Cookies
Makes 50 to 52 cookies
2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1 cup packed light brown sugar
⅔ cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs, at room temperature
2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
1 ½ cups semisweet chocolate chips
¾ cup sweetened shredded coconut
1 cup chopped pecans

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, ground cinnamon, and salt until well combined. Stir in the old-fashioned rolled oats and set aside.
2. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar together for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well combined.
3. Mix in the eggs, one at a time, then mix in the vanilla extract until fully combined, making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.
4. Mix in the dry ingredients until just combined, then mix in the chocolate chips, shredded coconut and chopped pecans on low speed until fully incorporated.
5. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
6. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.
7. Using a 1½ tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one. Gently press each ball of cookie dough down to slightly flatten it.
8. Bake for 10 to 13 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set and the edges are lightly browned. Remove from the oven, and allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheets for 5 to 10 minutes, then carefully transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

Neighborhood News

THE PLAYERS 2022 celebrates successful return to normal capacity

By Derek Sprague, General Manager TPC Sawgrass and Class C member of Sawgrass Players Club Master Board

THE PLAYERS 2022 produced one of the most memorable championships in recent memory, with Mother Nature forcing the first Monday finish since 2005. The suspension of play and re-convergence of fans to the gates required extensive coordination and flexibility from all parties, including residents in this community.

While these unprecedented weather circumstances significantly impacted traffic patterns at times, please know we will continue to work on processes to make traffic flows as seamless as possible for everyone involved. We asked our Players Club neighbors for patience, cooperation and support throughout the week, and simply can't thank you enough for your willingness to help the PGA TOUR deliver a tremendous experience for all tournament attendees and stakeholders. It was great to welcome our fans back without capacity restrictions this year, and we are eager to build on those efforts leading into 2023 and beyond.

With Cameron Smith winning, it marked three straight years that a top 10 player in the world proved victorious at THE PLAYERS — a stat made even more special by the fact he resides right here in Ponte Vedra Beach. This community has embraced a wonderful influx of PGA TOUR players who call Northeast Florida home, and it's fantastic to see these same players have success at TPC Sawgrass each year. We are so proud to call this community the home of THE PLAYERS, and hope you take tremendous pride in the role you play as ambassadors and supporters of the TOUR's flagship event that shines a global spotlight on our beautiful home.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at THE PLAYERS next March.

Sawgrass Players Women's Club Association springs ahead

By Susan Winkler

Spring is the time of plans and projects…
~ Tolstoy

Welcoming everyone to Sawgrass Players Women's Club Association (SPCWA), the association proudly added several new activities to its 2022 calendar to foster various interests of the members. With the addition of a Walking Group that meets on the first and third Fridays of the month, women combine a brisk workout with the camaraderie of friends. A Ladies Golf Group is scheduled for the last Monday of the month and invites all levels of players to The Yards golf course. For those vinophiles who enjoy sampling wines from around the world, a Wine Tasting Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month.

Who enjoys special events? To honor all SPCWA women, a free Members Appreciation Night is scheduled for April 20 at Valley Smoke Restaurant. The Beaches Museum tour was a success in February, while an upcoming Cumberland Island cruise from Amelia Island is planned for May. Future events include a tour of the TPC Clubhouse as well as a tour of the Lightner Museum in St. Augustine. Cocktail parties are on the horizon for both members and spouses/significant others.

Photo courtesy Susan Winkler

Sawgrass Players Women's Club Association believes in giving back, thus three benches for relaxation were purchased and placed throughout the community. Whether walking along TPC Boulevard or relaxing in the tot lot in Players Park, everyone deserves a break once in a while! One recent member joined because she enjoyed our bench on one of her walks.

Since many people have recently moved into Sawgrass, we welcome new members who would like to network with neighbors and meet new friends. For membership information, please contact Carol Zehil at carolannzehil@gmail.com or any of the Board members listed below:

SPCWA Board of Directors:

- Chairman: Ann George
- Vice-Chairman: Susan Winkler
- Secretary: Chrissy Bennett
- Treasurer: Jan Horne
- Activities Coordinator: Susan Winkler
- Special Events: Ann George
- Publicity: Barbara Prochaska
- Member-at-large: Marcy Fiacco
- Member-at-large: Courtney Lanza

Summer lawn maintenance tips

By Trey Lineberger
Precision Turf

Here are some tips to help your lawn succeed all summer long!

- Mowing
- Sharpen the mower blades. (A sharp cut will help grass stay healthy.)
- Set the mower height to four inches. (Longer blades in the summer will help protect the stolons.)
- Mow a consistent repeatable pattern for a month, then change directions. (This will keep the neighbors jealous with a beautiful pattern and changing directions will eliminate problematic tire tracks.)

- Flowers
- If you're going to plant flowers, I would highly recommend Pentas. (They handle the summer stress extremely well and come in a variety of colors.)

- Fertilization
- The grass is growing now and needs food
- Feed the grass with a low nitrogen fertilizer. (This will keep the grass from growing too fast, while giving the turf needed nutrients to stay strong and healthy.)

- Insect Control
- Keep an eye for areas that struggle in the heat by turning colors. (Chinch bugs go after stressed turf first.)
- At the end of the summer, keep an eye out for sod webworms, as they show up when the tropics start showing action. (White moths are a sign of infestation.)

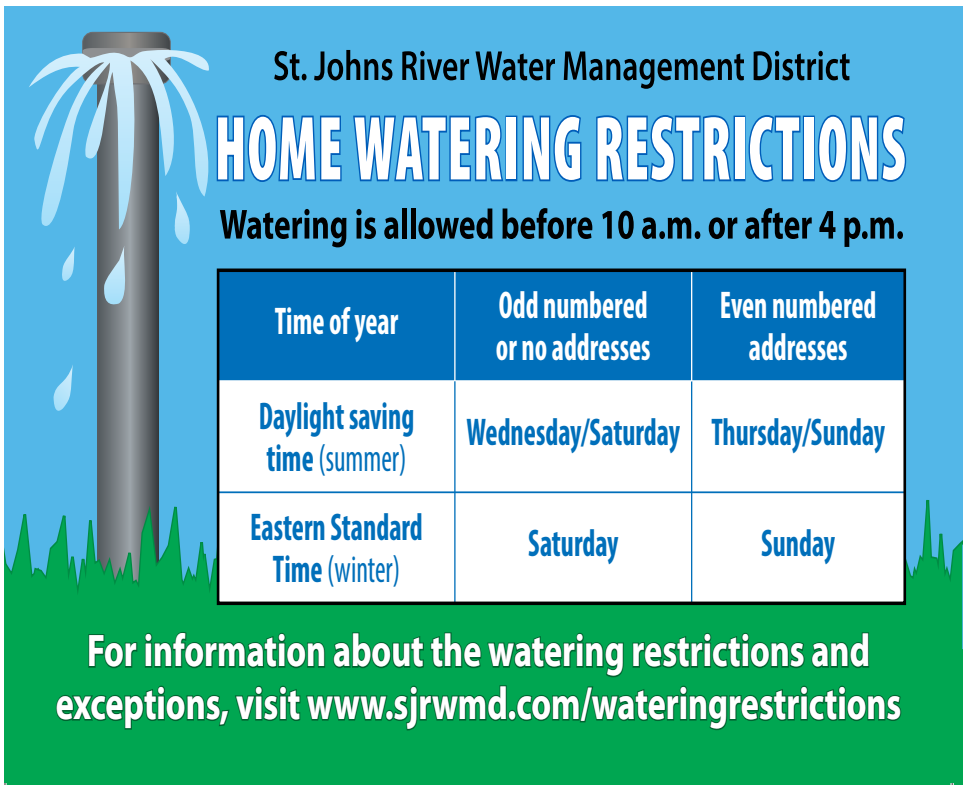
- Irrigation
- Set your system to run in the early morning. This will help keep excess water from sitting all night creating fungus; however, if your turf looks especially dry after a hot afternoon, flip on the system for a minute to give it a drink.
- Monitor the irrigation zones based on weather conditions. Irrigation is meant to supplement rain; if we have a dry summer, change zone times to run longer
- If taking a summer vacation, make sure the system is set to run

- Have a great summer!

Are you traveling out of town?

If you are traveling out of town for an extended period, First Coast roving patrol — as part of their Controlled Access contract to the Master Association — can provide a house check.

To make a request with First Coast, please visit the Sawgrass Players Club website at www.sawgrassplayersclub.org and log in as an owner. Look on the left-hand side of the screen and select the Online Forms tab. Once you are in the Online Forms, look for the form labeled "House Check."



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