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# Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge construction continues; some cottages and clubhouse complete

By William J. Haley

Things are moving apace at the Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge site but it is probably fair to say that Sawgrass Players Club Association residents will be glad when this long construction saga finally comes to an end. If you live along the southeastern border of our neighborhood, it has been several years of construction noise and disruption to deal with and an ever-changing landscape. Fortunately, some of the promised pieces are starting to come together in a manner designed to yield a long-term improvement as we adjust to our new neighbors to the southeast. Continued focus and diligence is still needed to turn this work into a neighborhood asset.

As of Aug. 22, residents have begun to move into the Oak Bridge cottages. In total, there are 43 cottages, all of which have been sold with full occupancy expected by early 2023. The cottages themselves are mostly adjacent to the Hidden Hill neighborhood, but they also border Oakbridge by the new county lift station and are visible to Water Oak across the new water retention lake. The flats (apartment buildings) are also under construction presently and are visible to both Bridgewater and Sawgrass Village owners. Each flat has 33 apartments. Flat number 1 is sold out with occupancy expected in December 2022. The second flat is not too far behind and should welcome residents by January 2023. The third flat has attracted financing and should be completed by late 2023. After that, construction will begin on an 18-unit memory care center and a 42-unit assisted living facility. Because there are now residents sharing the property with construction crews, an entrance gate has been activated along A1A to secure the property.

As per the Development Agreement, a series of berms have been constructed to shield Sawgrass Players Club Association residents from the new construction. The berms themselves only provide partial cover and have been designed to work in tandem with an extensive landscaping plan to create a more natural vista in all directions. In the beginning, the landscaping has been installed in fits and starts, befitting any massively complex undertaking, but after a couple of false

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Photo courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association

Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge construction continues.

## President's Comments

By Marc Stearns, Master Board President

This is my first time writing to the community as president of the Sawgrass Players Club Association Master Board. First, I want to thank our immediate past president, TJ Welsh, for his remarkable service to the community. TJ has done a tremendous amount of work in various capacities, including work on committees, as well as serving as our president for the last two years. I admire his ability to assess issues and make good decisions towards solving problems. He has been a very good leader and the entire board is thankful we were able to work with him. We are very fortunate that he is continuing his service on the board as vice president.

My primary focus in the community in recent years has been our stormwater management system and working on the Operations, Maintenance, and Waterways Committee (OMW). As our community has aged, our waterways and pump stations have needed more and more attention, both in maintenance and in making necessary improvements to our ability to reliably pump storm water out of our system and on to the Intracoastal Waterway. With the very large floodplain that feeds our lakes, the only way we can prevent flooding of houses and golf facility assets during a major rain event is to pump the water out of the system.

With this ability to efficiently pump water in mind, I want to ask the help of the entire community to assist with the maintenance of our waterways. Our ability to pump storm water out of our waterways is very dependent on our canals and channels being relatively clean to allow efficient conveyance of water to our pump stations. If the waterways are clogged with vegetation debris, water flow will be negatively affected. We need to keep plants, shrubs, and trees along the waterway trimmed and not allowed to drop debris into the waterway. We need to make sure that when lawns adjacent to the waterways are mowed, that the cuttings are

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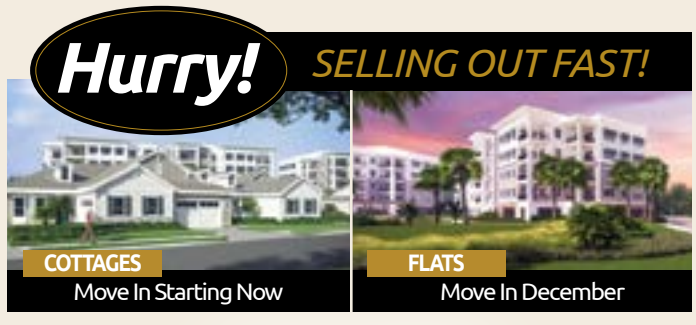


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# Financial solvency bodes well for future

By Maurice Dettmer, Treasurer

As we approach closing out our books for 2022, a quick review reflects that we are in excellent shape. Several new items initiated in recent years provide us with the stability needed to fend off escalating costs and deal with any emergency situations in a timely manner. Our capital contributions account established in April has generated $58,578 and our emergency contingency account is at $227,625. Neither existed four years ago. We also just got a $400,000 line of credit approved as an insurance plan to quickly return to normal in an emergency and avoid raising your annual assessment or having to initiate a special assessment.

A good example of why this long-term planning is important is that we recently received the complete review of our reserve accounts. This review states that we need to increase our general reserve account by $170,000 and our stormwater reserve by $27,000. This is due to the escalation of expenses for parts and labor in these major improvements. Because of the accounts referred to in the previous paragraph, we not only can fund these increases but also continue with several capital improvement projects at Palmera Park, Players Park and the A1A gate. All this while not having to seek additional revenue. This means we move ahead without assessment increases or special assessments.

The only potential negative balance sheet item is the increase in unpaid assessments of about $100,000. Hopefully, this is due to summer travel plans and not a reflection of future problems to deal with. Remember if assessments reach the 60 days late category, the homeowner receives a notice of their RFID being discontinued.

As an aside, the bank that approved our line of credit was very impressed with our financial position, which contributed to receiving very favorable terms and an increased amount. In summary, we have been in the position of preparing for the future rather than dealing with any financial quagmires that would have prevented these initiatives.

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## All residents encouraged to sign up for community emails

Sawgrass Players Club cannot email you if you have not registered on the website since its conversion in 2020. To Register:

1. Go to www.sawgrassplayersclub.org
2. Select Resident Login / Register
3. The Login / Register page will be displayed
4. Select the Register button
5. The Registration Form will be displayed
6. Complete the form and select Submit
7. You will be notified via the email address you provided once your registration is verified and approved. This should take two to three days.

# Paying master dues is easy with Truist

By Marsh Landing Management Company

Your Master Association assessments are mailed out semiannually to all lot owners within the Players Club. Payments are due in January and July.

Master association dues can be paid by check made payable to the Sawgrass Players Club Association, Inc. (SPCA) or residents can easily visit Truist to make online payments. Visit www.truist.com/payments. On the Truist home page under Homeowner Payment Options, click the box "Pay now or enroll."

Please note your Master Association assessments are separate from your subassociation.

# Highlights of recent rule changes

By Kristy Richland, Senior Property Manager to the Master Board

Recently you received a letter about rule changes made to the Property Owner and Resident Guide. The rule changes were recommended to the board by its legal counsel due to Florida Statute changes and case law. Most of the changes provided additional clarity or limited enforcement authority to ensure consistency as the Master Board cannot intervene in neighbor-to-neighbor disputes or be more restrictive than any subassociation. Key changes were:

• Requiring residents to follow St. Johns County noise ordinances. Note: First Coast Security personnel will contact SJSO to verify non-compliance before issuing a citation.

• Expanding contractor and commercial vendor work hours (including lawn services) on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Subassociations, such as Cypress Creek, Oakbridge and Sawgrass Island, have more stringent rules and their property manager may issue citations on behalf of their boards)

• Requiring residents to maintain all shrubs and trees so they do not encroach into any waterway located within the Sawgrass Players Club. Note: All owners are responsible for maintenance and erosion control to the water's edge regardless of lot lines.

• Requiring residents to receive prior written approval by the Master Board before operating any home based business to ensure traffic and parking is no greater in volume than would normally be expected at a similar residence where no business is conducted and that as viewed from the street, the use of the residence is consistent with other residences.

• Prohibiting parking that obstructs emergency access or creates a hazardous situation along roadways or on any grassed area.

If you wish to receive a new Property Owner and Resident Guide, visit www.sawgrassplayersclub.org or stop by Marsh Landing Management Company offices to pick up a hard copy. Lastly, please remember that as a homeowner you are also subject to neighborhood subassociation rules as enforced through your subassociation boards.

# Sawgrass Players Club stormwater update

By Paul Rushton

After three years of comprehensive and exhaustive study the Operations, Waterways and Maintenance committee (OMW) has decided to discontinue efforts to increase our pumping capacity. We concluded that the cost/benefit just isn't there. The project would have been very costly and complicated and just didn't give enough improvement in storm peak water level to justify going further.

Nevertheless, we still get ready. The OMW is continuing the rest of the long-range capital improvement plan that we outlined four years ago. We have just installed a new diesel generator at the Salt Creek pumping station. This is the second of two diesel generators to be installed. The vendor is doing final setup and testing over the next week and will then turn it over to us. It was a 10-month lead time to get it — surprise. These diesel generators (one each at our two pump stations) allow us to power a large electric motor when Beaches Energy goes out of service as happened during both Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. This is a significant improvement in our ability to pump continuously during a storm. We have also just completed installing the second of four replacement diesel engines — a new John Deere, also part of our long-term strategic plan.

**Photo courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association**

Stormwater generator.

There's been plenty of smaller changes and minor improvements too. Instead of the capacity increase I mentioned above, we are focusing on equipment reliability and keeping our pond system and canals clear. We have made great strides in reliability over the last few years, but we still have a way to go. For example, one of our smaller pumps failed recently and is currently out of commission. To put it in perspective this pump represents about 6 percent of our pumping capacity. We have recently changed to a different pump and equipment service company due to too many poor performance issues with the former vendor. We expect this pump to be back in service by the end of September. All other equipment is in good working order.

# Hurricane Ian follow up

By John Flynn Jr., Chairman of Operations, Maintenance and Waterways Committee

Thankfully Hurricane Ian decided to turn east into the Atlantic before wreaking havoc as he did in so many other parts of Florida. But if he had decided to pay us a visit, we were ready.

The Tropical Storm Committee of the Operations, Maintenance, and Waterways Committee (OM&W) held several planning meetings in anticipation of his arrival. Their decisions were based on real time data from the National Hurricane Center and the results were clear: Timely and successful drawdown, excellent pump operation supervision and constant monitoring of water levels in the many ponds in our community. Now, Ian's gone and our ponds are back to their normal level.

That said, and on behalf of the entire Sawgrass Players Club Community, I want to extend our sincere thanks to Andy McClausin and Matt Colfett of Marsh Landing Management, volunteers Paul Rushton and Marc Stearns of the OM&W and Josh White from the PGA.

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starts, there are signs that it is coming together according to plan with more to come. One area that is filling out nicely is the border that Bridgewater shares with the Vicar's Landing Clubhouse. The clubhouse is fully complete and is designed to serve as the nerve center of the Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge complex. The building itself is attractive and the enlarged berm with new landscaping is starting to serve its purpose as a shield for Bridgewater residents.

In other areas, there is still work to be done. The berm complex around the new lift station has had to be reimagined after the first round of landscaping didn't take. Work is now being done to remediate that area and it has been a major focus, not just of the Cabellos del Mar residents, but also the Transition Committee established five years ago to look after Sawgrass Players Club Association concerns.

Another challenging issue has been the maintenance of the berms around the new water retention lake. The lake itself has taken shape and will eventually be an attractive addition to the neighborhood. Massive rainfall and poor drainage, however, has created logistical challenges that will require additional remediation and a clear understanding of the maintenance schedule. The Transition Committee has been in close communication with The Yards golf course personnel who have begun the process of cleaning up the berms. This work needs to be done in tandem with Vicar's Landing construction personnel that still need to complete grading work to allow lawn mowing equipment to enter the area without damaging the underlying berms. There is also drainage work that needs to be done to guard against unplanned runoff. The lake has experienced some unsightly undergrowth, but will be actively maintained by Vicar's Landing to improve its appearance over time.

One aspect of the new water retention lake that will benefit the entire neighborhood in an extreme weather situation is the fact that it has been extensively studied by the Sawgrass Players Club Association Operations, Maintenance and Waterways Committee to make sure that it does not create a flooding hazard. The lake has been extensively modeled and is designed as an improvement over the old 16th fairway that was subject to water saturation and lowland flooding. The new facility is seven acres of lake connected to our neighborhood lagoon system through a weir that will allow neighborhood personnel to lower water levels ahead of a major storm pumping that excess water into the Intracoastal through an established pumping system.

# Reminder: Electric bicycles not allowed on sidewalks

By Barbara Prochaska

As most of us are probably aware, bicycling has become extremely popular this past year. In addition, the interest and sales of electric bicycles, or e-bikes, surged during the pandemic. They may be called bicycles, but there is a huge difference in the speeds they can achieve. An e-bike can reach speeds in excess of 20 miles per hour.

Because of these speeds, electric bikes are not allowed on the sidewalks. Any vehicle that exceeds 15 mph must be driven on the roadway. You can ride your regular bicycle (or any other vehicle powered by a human) on the sidewalk as long as you are going less than 15 mph. First Coast Security is apprised of these rules and will write citations to offenders.

As a reminder, golf carts are never allowed to be driven on sidewalks. They may only be ridden on the right-hand side of the roadway with the flow of the traffic.

Parents are asked to share this information with their children and remind them of the electric bike and golf cart policies.

## New resident?

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not allowed to go into the waterways. When yard maintenance is done, blowers should not be directed at blowing cuttings and debris into the waterways. When vegetation cuttings, branches, and other debris are left at the curb for weekly pickup, make sure it is not left in the gutters at the street edge that feed our storm water drains. If this debris then goes into these street storm drains, either they clog the drain and culvert pipe, or the debris is washed into our waterway where the drain discharges. When canal or channel blockage is noticed, it should be reported to Marsh Landing Management so that the operations team and the OMW can take the necessary steps to clear the blockage.

The OMW and Marsh Landing Management operations team have an ongoing effort to periodically inspect waterways and to clear shallow areas or obstructions. We have had contractors clear several areas in the main channels leading to our pump stations and will continue to do so as necessary. Marsh Landing Management and members of the OMW are working to have a system of inspecting every section of our waterways (at least annually) to look for and clear blockage, or do necessary trimming of trees and bushes that are impeding water flow.

The other major topic I want to address in this first column is the work of members of the board and Transition Committee and the new Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge development management team. We are very aware of the concerns that have been expressed by residents about the construction process, the look of the project as construction has proceeded, and whether the final product will be "in line" with what the residents were told about the development when it was initially presented to the community for their support. The board and Transition Committee members have been very clear that we want and expect that the final product of the development will meet the guidelines that were agreed and committed to in writing in the "Oak Bridge Development Agreement," dated May 25, 2017.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the efforts of other standing committees that continue to serve for the benefit of the community and address various issues with their purview. I encourage all residents to read all the articles in "Players Journal" to stay informed of committee efforts.

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# Master Association and Subassociations: What's the difference?

By Barbara Prochaska

Moving into and living in a community governed by a homeowners association (and in this case, two associations!) can be confusing, especially for those who have never interacted with a homeowners association (HOA). As a homeowner in Sawgrass Players Club, you are a member of your neighborhood HOA, known as your subassociation. And you are also a member of the Sawgrass Players Club Association, which is commonly referred to as the master association.

Each of the 16 neighborhoods within the Sawgrass Players Club has a subassociation with its own governing documents. The various neighborhood associations appoint their own board of directors and property management company to oversee neighborhood issues and to enforce neighborhood rules. The subassociations charge assessments for maintenance of their owned common areas, along with administrative and general operating costs for their neighborhoods.

The master association has its own governing documents, board of directors, property management company and HOA assessments, all of which are independent from the subassociations'. The board of directors is elected by all Sawgrass Players Club homeowners and the master association is responsible for all Sawgrass Players Club common areas and facilities.

Master association dues are the same for every homeowner in Sawgrass Players Club. These dues help fund master association roadway replacements, master association landscaping, controlled access and gatehouse operations, the community pool and park, as well as master owned sidewalks, signage, bridges and lighting, community infrastructure, and waterway and pump house operations.

Some examples of subassociation and master association areas of responsibility can be found on this page. It is not an all-inclusive list, but serves as a guideline for homeowners in determining who to contact.

Owners with concerns about areas within their subassociation, violation concerns or questions on subassociation assessments should contact their local property manager. Contact information can be found on this page.

Marsh Landing Management Company manages the master association. The senior manager is Kristy Richland (krichland@marshlanding.org) supported by property manager Noelle Salomon (nsalomon@marshlanding.org).

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**Example Master and Subassociation Areas of Responsibility**

| Master Association oversight | Subassociation oversight |
|---|---|
| • Master owned roadways, sidewalks and right of ways:<br>– TPC Blvd from A1A to Solano Road<br>– Alta Mar Drive<br>– Palmera Drive<br>– Players Club Villas Road from PGA Tour Blvd to the Players Club entrance (including the bridge)<br>– Salt Creek Drive from Alta Mar Drive to the bridge<br>– Hammock Cove Drive from PGA Tour Blvd to the island immediately beyond the Players Pool<br>• The Coves and Oakbridge community signs on PGA Tour Blvd<br>• Players Pool<br>• Players Park<br>• The park at the end of Alta Mar Drive known as "Palmera Park"<br>• Pump stations and associated equipment and operations<br>• Gatehouses and access control operations | • Neighborhood roadways, sidewalks and right of ways<br>• Neighborhood common landscaped areas<br>• Neighborhood pedestrian and vehicular bridges<br>• Neighborhood entrance signs<br>• Homeowner compliance<br><br>Note: See information under Master Association responsibilities for exceptions to the above. |

# Board Member Spotlight Meet Paul Delaney

By Martie Thompson

Sawgrass Players Club Association's new master board member, Paul Delaney, is also a relatively new resident — he and his wife Kathy just moved into their home in Water's Edge in January of this year.

A New York native, Paul grew up in Long Island and lived in Manhattan for many years for his job as an investment banker. He worked for Bear Stearns and currently is with Griffin Financial Group. Paul and Kathy moved with their two children to New Jersey and remained there until the children were grown. They had friends in Ponte Vedra Beach and a cousin who also lived in the area, so they visited northeast Florida frequently. When it came time to sell their home in New Jersey, this area was a natural fit.

Paul and Kathy Delaney in Paris.

"We actually bought our house on FaceTime," Paul said. "Last fall the housing market was crazy. We looked at houses on the Country Club side and on the Players Club side. This home in Water's Edge was the one that we bid on that we won."

Paul wasted little time getting involved in his new community. He first applied for the Water's Edge sub association and that marked his first foray into service. He remains on that board, but felt the desire to get more involved.

"I wanted to stay close to what is happening in the community and be able to offer my input," he said.

Then he noticed the vacancy on the master board and decided to give it a go. He was elected over the summer.

"I feel like I'm now involved on the micro level and the macro level," he said.

Paul has two master board meetings under his belt so far; the first was the annual meeting where he was elected and the second was a board meeting, where he said board members had a good discussion about a number of items. He's the liaison to the Landscape Committee, so he attends those meetings as well.

**Photos courtesy Paul Delaney**

Paul Delaney.

"I'm happy to learn more about my fellow board members," Paul said. "I'm also excited to learn over time how to offer my expertise and my assistance."

He cited maintaining the great quality of life enjoyed by Sawgrass Players Club members as the overall biggest issue facing the board.

"I also think it's important to stay on top of things as we progress through hurricane season," he said. "My plan is to be a helpful voice as we face many different issues."

In his spare time, Paul enjoys spending time with friends and family. He and Kathy also enjoy traveling; they still have an apartment in New York City that they visit and are looking forward to taking some more trips out of the country as the pandemic winds down and travel becomes more normal. Locally, he and Kathy are enjoying getting to know all the Ponte Vedra area restaurants.

Finally, he said he's a big New York sports fan — his teams are the Mets, the Jets, and the Knicks, as well as Penn State football and Georgetown basketball.

Paul said he welcomes ideas and comments from his neighbors — especially if they are also fans of his favorite teams!

# Recreation Committee Page

## Flick in the Field set for November 5!

Grab the kids, the chairs and blankets — it's our annual Flick in the Field on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Players Park from 6:30 p.m. – 9 pm.

We'll have cartoons starting at 7 p.m. with our feature presentation, "Minions," beginning at approximately 7:20 p.m.

There will be a food truck on hand to purchase snacks or meals.

Oh, and don't forget the popcorn is on us!

Come join us for what is always a fun-filled evening.

## Stage is coming to Players Park!

By Debbie McWade, Recreation Committee Chair

The Recreation Committee is moving closer to the construction of our permanent stage at Players Park. Electrical work has begun along with the re-grading of the grounds and beginning the foundation.

As we have reported in previous issues of "Players Journal," the stage will be 20 feet by 30 feet and raised one to two feet off of the ground. The plan also includes a canopy over the stage in the form of a shade sail, which will be about 15 feet above ground.

This addition to Players Park will support our Music Nights and Flick in the Field — and we are hopeful that this addition will open other avenues of entertainment that will appeal to residents of all ages, such as concerts or plays.

Please be assured that the Recreation Committee is extremely mindful of the evening curfew at Players Park and has always and will continue to end all events by 9 p.m.

## Wanted: Volunteers!

By Debbie McWade, Recreation Committee Chair

The Recreation Committee is looking for a few volunteers. The committee meets usually once a month.

We plan for our annual favorites: Winterfest, Spring Fling and our Flick in the Field along with planning our latest activity of our three Music Nights per year. We are also responsible for Players Park and Players Pool. Needless to say, it is always a fun-filled, action packed meeting.

Be sure to check on the Sawgrass Players Club website for our next meeting in October. We would love to have you join us!

## The Nose Knows

By Debbie McWade

I recently had the opportunity to speak with Lynn Sickinger of Cypress Creek. She noted that the Recreation Committee offered activities for kids and adults, but not for people with dogs. Lynn and her border collie, Reacher, have become involved with Nosework for dogs and hoped that others in the community would like to participate.

Nosework is a scent puzzle game for dogs. Inspired by professional scent detection training (search and rescue, explosive, and narcotics sniffing dogs, etc.), the originators of the K9 Nosework created a recreational sport version so pet dogs of all ages and abilities can enjoy using their nose. Due to its popularity, it is now one of the fastest growing competitive dog sports available.

In the game of Nosework, dogs are taught to search and locate a particular target odor. Scented cotton swabs are placed in a container or vessel and hidden for the dog to find. Once the dog locates the target odor, he has to communicate the "find" to his handler.

If there is community interest, we hope to schedule a demo. Experienced Nosework trainers would be available to show us how it is done and how to get started.

This is a fun activity for dogs and a great way to make new friends.

If interested, please contact Lynn Sickinger and Reacher at sickinger@comcast.net.

## Recreation Committee's final Music Event of the year

By Debbie McWade

I had hoped I would be submitting an article about what a fabulous music night we had on Sept. 9 or on Sept. 16. It appears that Mother Nature was against us holding a music night in September.

We were not discouraged and rescheduled the event for Friday, Oct. 14 at Players Park from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. with musical guests Hired Guns featuring Don Moore performing new and classic country along with Southern rock. Wine and beer by Trasca and two food trucks will be on hand to provide refreshments.

They say timing is everything — and depending on the delivery of this issue of "Players Journal," you may be reading this after Oct. 14. If so, you'll have to wait until our Winter "Players Journal" to read all about it.

But, if you are reading this on or before Oct. 14, music begins at 7 p.m. — so grab your partner, lawn chairs and blankets and come join us! Keep in mind that parking is very limited, so plan accordingly.

## We are looking for news tidbits for

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**Contact Kristy Richland at krichland@marshlanding.org to submit your news.**

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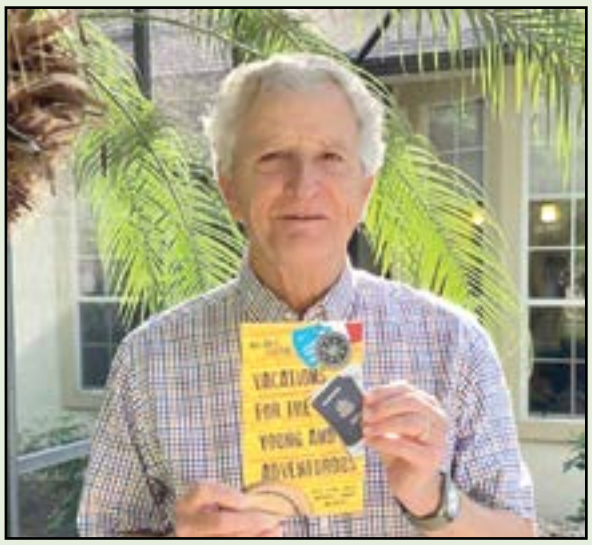
# Players People

## Congratulations to our own Willie Schepens!

By Terry Witt Green,
Salt Creek board president



The 2022 Florida Authors and Publishers Association President's Book Awards recognized "Vacations for the Young and Adventurous," by William E. Schepens, in the category of Young Adult Fiction as a silver medal winner.

Hosted by the Florida Authors and Publishers Association, this prestigious national award is open to books published between 2020 and 2022. The judges for this national competition are librarians, educators and publishing professionals.

"Vacations for the Young and Adventurous" consists of six fictional short stories published by William Schepens that will stir the imagination of every young person and make them desire vacations with adventure and excitement. Readers will go with Grace, Will and John as they travel the world and experience tsunamis, fire-breathing sea monsters, man-eating alligators, talking monkeys, plane crashes, pirates in the Bermuda Triangle, high-speed snakes in the Sahara and terrorists. Every vacation is an adventure.

Willie and his wife Patti live in the Salt Creek community and have been residents since 2015.

## Sidewalk sharing and safety reminders

By Barbara Prochaska

The sidewalks around Sawgrass Players Club are for all residents to utilize and enjoy, whether you are just walking, jogging, dog walking or riding your bicycle. We can all share the sidewalks courteously.

You can ride your bicycle (or any other vehicle powered by a human) on the sidewalk as long as you are going less than 15 mph. All bicycles ridden at or in excess of 15 mph must be ridden on the roadway. Once on the street they are considered vehicles and you must obey traffic signs and the rules of the road.

When ridden on the sidewalk a cyclist has all the same rights and responsibilities as pedestrians. Cyclists should remember to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians when using the sidewalk and to announce their presence with an audible signal (i.e., ringing a bike bell, announcing "on your left") when coming up behind or passing pedestrians.

As a reminder, golf carts are never allowed to be driven on sidewalks. They may only be ridden on the right-hand side of the roadway with the flow of the traffic.

Please be vigilant and mindful of your surroundings when using the sidewalks. And don't forget to wear reflectors in the morning and at dusk, especially if you use the roadways and crosswalks. You must also keep your dog leashed and under your control.

Parents are asked to share this information with their children and remind them of the sidewalk use guidelines.

Please remember to be respectful of everyone using the sidewalks, and most of all, stay safe!

Report any safety concerns or potential sidewalk issues to property manager Kristy Richland at krichland@marshlanding.org.

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## Players Pool parking lot to be temporary home for UPS PODS

It won't be long before the holiday shopping season will be upon us. As in previous years, UPS will be placing one of its delivery PODS at the Players Pool parking log beginning Thanksgiving week through the week following New Years. The PODS are loaded with packages that are delivered by UPS drivers via golf cart.

Average daily volume nearly doubles during the holiday season. According to UPS, storing packages in the neighborhood and using golf carts with a trailer to deliver them enables the company to make deliveries faster and more economically.

# Neighborhood News

## What are your neighbors thinking?

**What's your favorite thing about living in Sawgrass?**

"Ponte Vedra is everything that's right with America, and Sawgrass is everything that's right with Ponte Vedra. It didn't 'just happen.' We as residents made it happen."

*- Stanley G. Chapman Jr, Salt Creek*

"My favorite thing to do inside the gates is drive around on my golf cart and admire the way my neighbors love and care for their property. I always say to my husband and friends, 'Pinch me, we live here!'"

*- Carla DeJura Resetar, Cypress Creek*

"I am in constant appreciation of the beauty of the grounds and abundance of wildlife."

*- Janice Tucker, Waters Edge*

"I enjoy the Sawgrass Players Club Women Association, SPCWA. The group has many wonderful activities and members. There's always something to do. It's like living on a cruise ship."

*- Lucille Swinarton, Bridgewater*

"I like the sense of community and friendliness of our neighbors. I also enjoy the diversity."

*- Jane Hern, Cypress Creek*

"We have lived in Cypress Bridge for almost 35 years and have enjoyed watching the neighborhoods develop into this beautiful community. We just never tire of the relaxed, safe and beautiful surroundings."

*- Ceceille Durant Poole, Cypress Bridge*

# Halloween is big in Cypress Creek

By Bruce Barber, Cypress Creek board president

When people talk about their neighborhood, they usually mention safety, friendliness, and quality schools.

Cypress Creek has all those too, but it has something else — Cypress Creek has developed a deserved reputation for being the "Halloween Capital" of Ponte Vedra. Kids and families come from all the surrounding neighborhoods because Cypress Creek goes all out. The cul de sacs join with tents, load up on the treats, and often serve chili or other specialties. Water is provided to trick or treaters by several residents. Karaoke, games, music, and even adult treats are provided to parents.

Most houses put up tents or sit by the driveway to help the flow of kid traffic. Cars are discouraged from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Come and see what creativity and fun our neighborhood comes up with! (Cypress Creek also has a July 4th and a caroling Christmas parade. See you in October!)

# Residential guidelines: Garbage, Recycling, and Yard Waste

Republic Services services residents in the northern half of St. Johns County (north of the St. Johns River following County Road 208 and north of State Road 16 to the ocean) and can be reached at (904) 825-0991.

All garbage, recycling, and yard waste must be separated by residents and placed curbside by 6 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.

**Garbage:**

• Place all household garbage into trash cans or plastic trash bags and secure properly to prevent scattering by animals or wind.

• Place cans/bags curbside within three to five feet from the roadway.

• Loose (unbagged) garbage will not be collected in a garbage receptacle larger than 32 gallons. Excluding large item pick-up, no can or bag may exceed 50 lbs.

**Recyclables (empty and clean):**

• Paper and cardboard: Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, office paper, cereal/food boxes, and flattened cardboard.

• Plastic containers: Food and beverage containers, detergent bottles, jugs, and empty pill bottles.

• Metal: Aluminum and metal food and beverage containers only.

• Cartons: Milk Cartons, juice boxes, soup, broth, and wine cartons.

• Glass: Bottles and jars (Clear, green, and brown) only.

**Large item pickup:**

• Recycle appliances curbside by scheduling a collection with your service provider.

• Place large, bulky items out at the curb next to your regular garbage. This includes: couches, sectionals, mattresses, household furniture, etc.

• Place recyclable materials loose (unbagged) in your recycling carts provided by your service provider. Place the cart no more than three feet from the curb.

**Yard Waste:**

Include:

• Leaves, grass clippings, twigs, and small pieces of yard waste (Bagged, bundled, tied, or in a garbage receptacle no larger than 32 gallons and 50 lbs.)

• Branches, shrubs, and stumps less than six feet in length and lighter than 50 lbs. (Stacked in neat piles parallel to the curb)

• Palm fronds (Stacked in neat piles with the fan portion facing away from the curb.

Do not include:

• Whole trees, land clearing debris, yard waste heavier than 50 lbs. or more than 6 feet, unbagged or non-containerized small pieces of yard waste, fencing, landscape, timbers, garden hoses, planters and yard decorations.

• Never put yard waste in your recycling cart or in front of vacant lots.

Source: St. Johns County Solid Waste Division

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