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Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge progress continues; grand opening ceremony held

By William J. Haley

On Dec. 7, 2022, Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge hosted a grand opening ceremony attended by more than 200 people. The ceremony was held in the new modern clubhouse, which has been erected as the central hub of the new development. Guests included residents moving into the new campus, existing residents from the legacy Sawgrass campus, and a collection of other interested parties. The ceremony marked the continued progress and evolution of the new Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge project and how it will integrate with existing services already offered to Vicar's Landing residents under its "Two Campus/ One Community" slogan. It also served to note where the development project lies on its timeline and what to expect going forward.

As reported in earlier editions of "Player's Journal," residents are starting to move into the development in increasing numbers. Phase 1 of the project includes the aforementioned clubhouse where all of the utilities coalesce, combining with a multitude of dining, meeting and recreational options. Security features are now in place to protect the new campus, including a secure gatehouse and strategic fencing. Perimeter fencing provides privacy and security, not just for Vicar's residents, but also for Sawgrass Players Club Association residents as well. This was a point of interest in the Development Agreement executed in 2018 with the Sawgrass Players Club Association Master Board.

Phase 1 of the Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge development includes 43 single-family cottages which are all sold out. Presently, 27 of those cottages are occupied with new owners moving in at a pace of one per day. Phase 1 also includes two of three flats, which are 33-unit multi-family dwellings. Flat 1 is now complete and sold out, with size options between 1400 and 2150 square feet. Model units are now complete so that interested parties can visualize their purchase options. Flat 2 is in the final stages of construction with a move-in date set for late February/ early March 2023. Flat 2 has 23 out of its 33 units sold. Rock pilings for a third flat,

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Photos courtesy Dale Pirkle

President's Comments

By Marc Stearns, Master Board President

As I write this message to the Sawgrass Players Club Association (SPCA) community, we are expecting a cold front to hit us tomorrow evening, with expected low temperatures of 27 degrees … in Ponte Vedra, really? Anyway, one concern we have is that the very low temperatures will cause a fish kill in our shallow waterways. Hopefully, we can avoid extended low temperatures that cause so much harm to our fish population. Our waterway management contractor has alerted us of the concern and will do what they can to minimize the effects on the community throughout these winter months.

I hope you all have seen the two new fountains that the Operations, Maintenance and Waterways Committee (OMW) had installed in the lake immediately on the right-hand side as you come in through the main gate to the community. These are two 5-horse-power fountains that will provide considerable aeration to this body of water along with being a really good-looking feature at our entrance. The added dissolved oxygen in the water column will improve water quality significantly. This will keep algae growth down, improve the water environment for fish, and help make the water clearer, among other things. Residents should note that as these 5-horse-power pumps draw water through them, vegetation debris from the surrounding area initially clogs the water intake screens. Our contractor tells us that we will have to go through a few cleaning cycles before these pumps will have cleaned up the local area of debris and are no longer affected by partially clogged intakes.

I mentioned to you in the previous "Players Journal" that we are continuing to monitor the progress of the Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge development, as well as the maintenance of Parcel C, including the new Vicar's Lake and berm structure. We have been doing weekly inspections of the entire Parcel C and the property where the residential structures adjoin Parcel C. Following each inspection, we have issued a short report to the SPCA board members and to the Vicar's and Yards representatives. We note items that need improvement or to be repaired, items that have been corrected, and what items are looking good. The Vicar's and Yards representa-

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2022 ends on a positive note for our financial positions

By Maurice Dettmer, Treasurer

As we wrapped up our financial positions, several mid- to long-term situations came to conclusion, allowing the Finance Committee and board to plan for the future. We completed nine months of our capital improvements account with a balance of $121,000 of which $97,000 is available for new and existing reserve funding improvements at the master association and the remainder is in the process of being distributed to the sub-associations for reserve improvements under their control or saved for future projects.

Our emergency contingency account balance is now at $237,000 which increases our comfort level to handle unpredictable emergency situations. Finally, we completed a reserve study increasing our funds available for future asset replacements by $200,000. What these actions did was to generate third-party verifications of our financial positions now and in the future and allowed us to refocus our asset positions.

We recently opened a new account with a brokerage firm and placed $500,000 into a money market account of which $450,000 was immediately placed in certificates earning more than 4.5 percent in interest. The certificates are staggered for a six-, nine-, and twelve-month periods to allow access to the funds if the need arises. Also, the interest income from this account will be about $17,500 annually, which can also be used to handle unexpected necessary expenses or go into our emergency contingency account. Again, these steps have been carefully activated and provide us with further financial stability.

Master Board of Directors meetings in 2023

By Kristy Richland, Marsh Landing Management Company

The Master Association is governed by a nine-member board of directors who are volunteer residents and Class C members of Players Club. Together directors serve for rotating three-year terms to donate their time and talents to carry out policies and supervise activities of the various committees they appoint.

Master Board meetings are held at Marsh Landing Management Company and a Zoom link is posted on the website at www.sawgrassplayersclub.org each month, so residents can even join from the comfort of their homes if they wish. Each May or June, an Annual Members Meeting is held to elect three new directors.

The Master Board dates for 2023 are: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, and Dec. 7.

As a resident within Players Club, you are welcome to attend Master Association board meetings and your neighborhood homeowner's association board meetings (also known as a subassociation board).

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tives have been very responsive and helpful by taking immediate action on the items we point out that need improvement. We have been impressed with what a beautiful space this Parcel C has already become. We were also able to test the Vicar's Lake weir with the approach of Tropical Storm Nicole. We did a drawdown of the entire waterway system to add capacity for the approaching anticipated rain amount. The Vicar's Lake drains directly into the Water Oak lakes area, which is behind the Water Oak weir structure. This weir was also opened. When we do a full drawdown of the water behind these two weirs, we gain millions of gallons of rainwater capacity, which adds significant flooding protection to the adjacent communities. The 6.5-feet elevation berms around the Lake were set to meet the St. Johns River Water Management District and US Army Corps of Engineers' 100-year storm design requirements. Please know that we will continue to make regular inspections of this Parcel C and adjoining property and report on the conditions as appropriate.

The Master Association is continuing to receive new revenue from the Capital Contribution created by residential property sales. That account, that the Association approved last year, is becoming a sizable amount which will be used to fund capital improvements to the community. Recall that 20 percent of the revenue will be distributed to the sub-associations and the balance will stay with the Master Association.

I close with a wish that you all have a fun and safe New Year, and that you get to fully enjoy this beautiful community we are all blessed to live in.

Sign up now!

Don't forget to sign up as a resident on the Players Club website at www.sawgrassplayersclub.org to receive emails, review board and committee minutes and view important announcements!

Boundary issues for Parcel C

By William J. Haley

For Sawgrass Players Club Association residents who live adjacent to Parcel C and the new water retention facility, please be advised that those areas are still private property — exactly as it was when the property operated as a commercial golf course.

It is not the intention of Vicar's Landing to restrict access to the property for walking, as this is what was envisioned in the Development Agreement executed with our Master Board; however, that access is not unrestricted. Parcel C is designed to provide an attractive vista, but should not be confused with a public park. Residents who enter the property do so at their own risk and should be careful to stay on established pathways.

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which are part of Phase 2, have already been laid and 15 of the eventual 33 units have been sold.

Phase 3, which has not yet commenced, will include an 18-bed memory care center which will be a two story facility close to A1A combining living space with commercial space for businesses related to senior living services. There will also be a 42-bed assisted living facility that will be part of Phase 3, all of which is expected to be completed sometime in 2025.

One aspect of the project that has been of keen interest to Sawgrass Players Club Association residents, dating back to the Town Hall meetings held in 2018, is the buffer being constructed to protect the neighborhood from much of the new development. These buffers occupied a considerable amount of focus in the original conception of the project and are central to the Development Agreement negotiated by the Transition Committee of the Master Board.

Parcel C begins at the northern edge of the development and runs through several Sawgrass Players Association neighborhoods including Bridgewater, Oakbridge, Water Oak and Cypress Creek. On one part of Parcel C is the seven-acre water retention lake designed to catch run-off from the newly developed acreage. The OMW Committee of the Master Board has been very focused throughout construction to make sure that the engineering was meticulously reviewed and tested to protect our neighborhoods in the event of a serious storm. There is a new weir structure that connects the new lake with the Sawgrass Player Club Association's extensive lagoon system. During the most recent Hurricane Nicole, OMW personnel were able to coordinate water level reduction, as per plan, with the new lake prior to the arrival of the storm. Additionally, a new walking path with benches has been laid down along one bank of the water retention facility.

Another large part of Parcel C runs adjacent to Caballos del Mar and is protected by fencing and a berm. That area includes a large expanse of land which has been cleared and planted with Bermuda grass. An old cart path has been reconditioned for walking and golf cart traffic.

Recently, there has been some unauthorized use by commercial vehicles servicing the new lift station. Signs prohibiting those incursions have been posted and there will be continued vigilance between both Sawgrass Players Club Association and Vicar's Landing to discourage prohibited usage.

Finally, there has been a considerable amount of young landscaping work that has been installed by Vicar's Landing for the enjoyment of its residents and surrounding Sawgrass Players Association neighbors. The Development Agreement has been very focused on these plantings both as a shield and for their esthetic value. As the plantings mature, it is expected to provide considerable shielding for the benefit of Sawgrass Players Club Association residents.

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Dates and reminders for THE PLAYERS

By Derek Sprague

Please take a moment to review the following guidelines established for Tournament Week, beginning Monday, March 6. Please also notify all your guests, employees, service providers, and contractors.

For Sawgrass Pointe (known as Players Club West), Sawgrass Island and Seven Mile Drive:

• No exterior construction activity is allowed during the entire week.

• From Monday – Wednesday deliveries, light interior construction, commercial service providers (including lawn and pool service) and resident guests with advance approval are permitted.

• Starting Thursday, March 9, only interior service providers (i.e. caterers, dry cleaning, pet sitters) and resident guests with advance approval are permitted.

• Please make sure you email tpcsup@fcssecurity.us or call the main gate at (904) 543-0043 to place arrivals on the list for admission.

For all other neighborhoods in Sawgrass Players Club:

• From Monday to Wednesday, neighborhoods outside of Sawgrass Pointe, Sawgrass Island and Seven Mile Drive may continue normal operations including exterior construction.

• On Thursday, March 9 and Friday, March 10, only deliveries, light interior construction, non-noise producing service providers (such as pool cleaning) and resident guests are permitted. Heavy deliveries, exterior construction or gasoline powered exterior equipment including yard/lawn equipment will not be allowed through the entry gates.

• On Saturday and Sunday, construction activity of any kind is not permitted.

• Please make sure you notify the gate of all arrivals in advance for the week.

Controlled Access Committee: Traffic and pedestrian safety reminders

By Derek Sprague and Gerry Klingman

One of the main priorities of the Controlled Access Committee is to keep our residents safe. In addition to adding more traffic control equipment, and working closely with our security company, First Coast Security, we would like to remind our residents of a few other things that have been reported by concerned members of our community.

When walking, jogging, or cycling, please wear reflective and/or light-colored clothing, especially in darkness. When dark, it's a good idea to use flashlights or strobe lights to alert vehicular traffic. In the days of distracted drivers, don't assume they see you and be vigilant when vehicular traffic is coming.

Please pay attention to your children when they are playing in the yard or driveway in case they wander into the street.

Please be careful when driving your golf carts on the streets in the community. Again, reflectors and lights help drivers of vehicles see you better.

Please make sure your children are of a responsible age to operate a golf cart and remind them to drive carefully in our community.

Slow down and observe speed limits and stop signs.

We wish you all a healthy and safe 2023!

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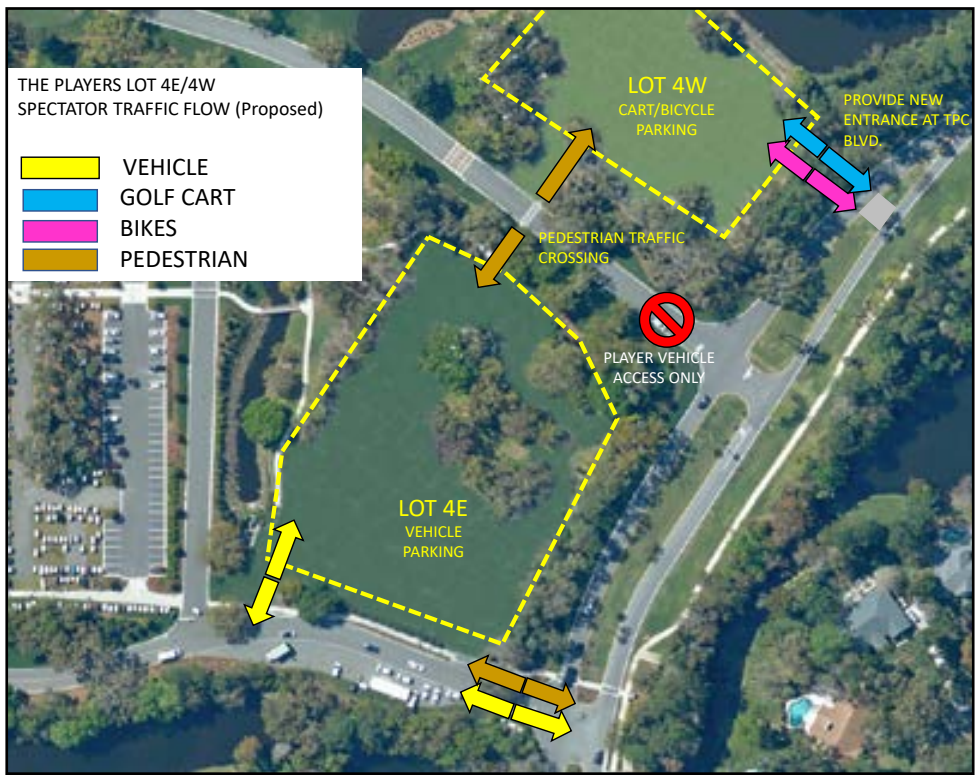
New parking plans for PLAYERS Championship week

By Derek Sprague

Happy New Year from all of us at TPC Sawgrass and the PGA TOUR! We hope each of you enjoyed a safe and healthy holiday season and are excited for THE PLAYERS Championship to return to our community in just over a month.

PLAYERS Championship week will begin Saturday, March 4 and run through Sunday, March 12. Community residents will begin to see tournament parking signs along TPC Boulevard in February, and in a continued effort to manage traffic flow and parking for the nearby residents and fans alike, the PGA TOUR is offering expanded parking and entry points for THE PLAYERS. There will be a new parking area for golf carts and bicycles on Championship Way where the TOUR's West Building was formerly located, as well as a new opening in the median on TPC Boulevard to allow for left hand golf cart and bicycle turns for westbound traffic.

We thank each of you in advance for your patience and understanding, as well as your unwavering support through the years. Please be on the lookout for more PLAYERS Championship announcements and updates in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming the residents and fans from around the globe to THE PLAYERS Championship!



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Lake bank maintenance reminder

The Operations Maintenance and Waterways Committee (OM&W) continues to perform lake bank cleaning along master common areas and address sediment in the waterways on a priority basis. The committee will remove low hanging limbs and vegetation along lake banks to prevent leaf litter and limbs from falling into waterways and prioritize areas where sediment has accumulated over time.

To support these efforts in the fall of 2022, the Master Board adopted a rule requiring all residents to keep all limbs and vegetation out of the waterways. The goal is to reduce sediment build up in the channels and make sure limbs do not fall in the waterways causing obstructions to our two pump stations. If your lot backs up to a waterway, please remember to perform such maintenance all the way to the water's edge. Together residents and the OMW Committee can ensure our stormwater system continues to function to the best of its ability.

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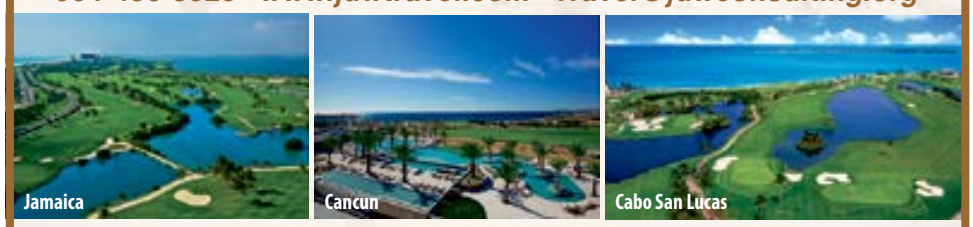

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Stormwater update: Long-range capital improvement plan continues

By Paul Rushton

Looking back at 2022, it was one of the easiest years in recent history for hurricanes in our area. Southwest Florida really took a beating though. I know people on a barrier island just outside of Fort Myers. The people are all ok, but the structures are demolished. The Operations, Waterways, and Maintenance Committee (OMW) continues its efforts to provide the greatest security possible for protection of our communities from the potential devastating effects of these storms. We did draw down the pond system twice in 2022 for Ian and Nicole. Both of these storms diverted away from us and we ended up barely getting enough rain to fill the system back up — so, pretty mild hurricane season for us.

The OMW will continue to follow the long-range capital improvement plan that we outlined several years ago. In 2022, we installed a new diesel generator at the Salt Creek pumping station. This is the second of two diesel generators to be installed. 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 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. This upcoming year, we are planning to purchase another replacement diesel engine. Eventually, all four of the more than 25-year-old engines will get replaced. There's been plenty of smaller changes and minor improvements too.

At present we are also refurbishing the six electric motors. These motors have been real troopers since they were installed in 2014. We found an unacceptable level of moisture in the motors, so we are having them dried out, cleaned, reassembled with new bearings and painted. While we're at it, we are getting some motor heaters installed so that we can keep the motor warm when it's not running. Basically, something the size of an incandescent bulb inside the motor housing to keep the motor windings dry; after all, the motors sit over top of a basin of water.

After three years of comprehensive and exhaustive study the OMW 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. Instead of the capacity increase, we are focusing on equipment reliability and keeping our pond system and canals clear.

Report any sidewalk deficiencies

By Tripp Richland, Marsh Landing Management Company

The Sawgrass Players Club Master Association regularly inspects master owned sidewalks along Salt Creek Drive to the vehicular bridge, TPC Boulevard, Alta Mar Drive and Palmera Drive for new cracks and lifts. The deficiencies are then repaired by level of importance and are paid through the Reserves and operating accounts.

While we try to have the sidewalks remain as navigable as possible, the benefits of living in Florida are also a hindrance. The trees along the sidewalks create the possibility for new lifts in between the regular inspections and the shade also promotes algae growth. Additionally, contractors and vendors with large equipment can damage the sidewalks in certain situations.

Contact Marsh Landing Management Company at Trichland@marshlanding.org If you see areas in need of repair.

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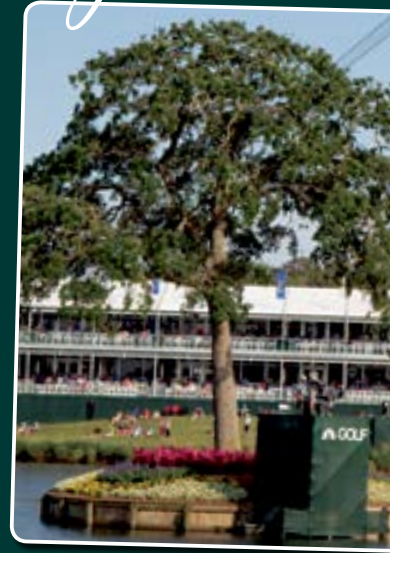

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Robert R. Ordelli's New Year's Resolutions

(From the mind of the busiest body in Sawgrass)

• I resolve to stop playing on my iPhone while waiting for the light to turn green when I'm making a left turn onto A1A. Also I apologize to all the cars that honked at me when I was reading my Twitters.

• At the request of my neighbors, I resolve to start picking up the dog waste from my schnauzer. Personally, I considered the waste to be excellent fertilizer, but my wife Martha has reminded me that the sidewalk doesn't need to be fertilized.

• In the New Year I also resolve to stop spreading untrue gossip. I guess the Sawgrass HOA isn't actually planning on building a 10,000 seat amphitheater in Players Park. Sorry about that one.

• To make peace with my neighbor, I resolve to buy him a Nest doorbell cam. Evidently my grandson Jeffrey was playing "ding dong ditch" throughout the neighborhood. This way my neighbor can capture video to share with the authorities if Jeffrey's friends ever peer pressure him to do this again.

• I resolve to stop creating imaginary stop-signs on PGA Tour Boulevard. I thought I was doing a favor by stopping my car on a 35 mph road so that someone could make a left turn. Judging by the response from the vehicles behind me, I would be doing a greater favor by sticking to the rules of the road.

• Based on repeated requests from my neighbors, I resolve to stop blowing yard waste into the waterway behind my home. Evidently it clogs the fancy pump system that prevents our community from flooding during a storm.

• I resolve to stop treating the golf course and the land near "Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge" as my own personal park. Turns out it's private property, as the police officer politely explained to me.

Help your "Nextdoor" neighbor

By Adam Guillette

I like Nextdoor, you like Nextdoor, we all like Nextdoor! It's full of helpful information, entertaining misinformation, and amusing neighborhood drama. But there's a social media site that is even more relevant to Sawgrass Players Club residents. It's the Sawgrass Players Club Homeowners Facebook page.

The Sawgrass Players Club Homeowners Facebook page isn't for everyone … literally. To join you must be a resident of Sawgrass. And therein lies the challenge. When someone requests to join the page they are prompted to provide their address. If they provide a Sawgrass address we usually approve them right away. Nearly half of the requests we receive are from residents of Sawgrass Country Club, so it really is essential to ask them what neighborhood they live in.

Unfortunately, the overwhelming majority of people do not provide an address. That means the admins have to message them and ask where they live. Since we're not usually Facebook friends with these folks, our messages often go to their spam folder. As such, they don't get approved.

That's where you can help. If you have a new neighbor we'd appreciate it if you told them about the Facebook page. And naturally, please tell them to provide their address when they request to join!

Recreation Committee seeking additional members

By Kristy Richland, Marsh Landing Management Company

The Recreation Committee is looking for residents willing to donate their time and talents by serving on their committee. The committee meets usually once a month at 8:30 a.m. and volunteers at community events.

They are tasked by the master board to plan the annual Winterfest, Spring Fling, Flick in the Field, and Music Nights. Additionally, the committee is responsible for the operations and improvements at Players Park and Players Pool.

If you are interested in serving, please contact the property manager Kristy Richland at krichland@marshlanding.org to attend the next meeting

Neighborhood News

Santa visits Oakbridge

On Christmas Eve, Santa and his driver, along with Santa's elves, visited Oakbridge. Although the firetruck could not accompany Santa this year, more than 50 children, parents and Oakbridge residents met Santa as he drove throughout the neighborhood. Santa gave out candy canes while his elves were busy distributing Christmas bags of treats for the children.

Many thanks to the Oakbridge resident volunteers who made Santa's visit possible, including Rick Mansfield (Santa), John Machnic (Santa's driver), Lorelei and Gavin Garrow (Santa's elves), Natalie Garrow (Santa's elves' driver companion) and Joe Tavares (Santa's elves' driver and Oakbridge Community Liaison Chairman).

Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association

Who was that masked man?

By Maurice Dettmer

This year like most years, residents within the Cypress Creek Association organized and operated neighborhood events. This year's events were done on Independence day in July, Halloween in October, and the Christmas parade in December. On behalf of all residents, I would like to thank them for these efforts that make our lifestyle more enjoyable.

I did notice during the recent parade that there was someone who resembled the Grinch that stole Christmas. Noticing the decorated golf cart with all the packages, I became suspicious and contacted some officers at the AG office. That is the anti-grinch squad. They informed me that this individual was one of them in an undercover capacity who was making sure that there was no Grinch around to ruin anybody's holiday.

Hopefully, all of our residents had an enjoyable holiday season as we look forward to another year in our wonderful community.

Photo courtesy Maurice Dettmer

Neighbors celebrate Festival of Lights with parade

Residents from various neighborhoods throughout the Sawgrass Players Club community came together on Friday, Dec. 16 to celebrate the holidays in the third annual Festival of Lights Parade. Special guests included the Grinch, Cindy-Lou Who, Santa on a motorcycle and elves. There were decorated golf carts, bikes, wagons and scooters.

The parade started at Players Park and made two loops around Cypress Creek, where fellow neighbors sat out and cheered on the parade from their driveways. Participants in the parade enjoyed seeing all of the wonderful decorations that lit up the neighborhood. Thank you to everyone who came out; you helped make this year's parade another fun success!

Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association

Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association News

By Ann George

Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association has had the best year ever in 2022! We now have 173 members and are adding more almost daily.

We had our Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Marsh Landing Country Club on Dec. 1. Marsh Landing did a spectacular job on the beautifully decorated tree in our ballroom, as well as great luncheon food, table decorations, and ambiance.

An election was held for the Managing Committee officers for 2023 – 2024. The following members will serve: Ann George, Chairman; Carol Zehil, Membership; Courtney Lanza, Treasurer; Chrissy Bennett, Activities; Nancy Bauer, Secretary; and Marcy Fiacco, Publicity. We also have two new Members-at-Large: Cynthia Van Triest and Leesa Ingalls.

We again donated a very generous number of toys for the Toys for Tots Christmas drive. We were joined by two U. S. Marines representing the Toys for Tots drive.

On Dec. 3, we went on our annual Nights of Lights cruise with Florida Water Tours out of Comanche Cove Marina. What an awesome sight the lights in downtown St. Augustine are — particularly from the water. Snacks and drinks were enjoyed by our members.

So many great activities have been added this year as well: Pickleball, Yoga, Pinochle, Bunco, Walking Group, and A Recipe Club. We are about to run out of days of the week for the many activities our members attend and love. A Book Swap is planned for late January with all six Book Clubs participating.

Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association is open to all women who reside in the Players Club. Email Carol Zehil at carolannzehil@gmail.com for lots more great information. Dues are just $30 a year – what a bargain!

Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association

From the Sawgrass Players Club Homeowners Facebook page...

What's one improvement that could make Sawgrass so much better for you?

• "Bring back the farmers market" Jane Hern, Cypress Creek

• "More street lights and brighter bulbs in the ones we have!" Wendy Allen Patton, Oakbridge

• "A dog park, our furry friends are happy with room to run" Angie Smith, Seven Mile Drive

• "A community clubhouse" Nancy Ziolkowski, Salt Creek

• "Public pickleball courts" Mary Masulli Derrico, Seven Mile Drive

• "Open walking/biking path via Oakbridge to the beach" Jorge Estevez, Salt Creek

Be a considerate dog owner

By Barbara Prochaska

We all love our pets, but it is important to be respectful of our neighbors when visiting the community's common areas, including the recreation field at the park.

Please follow these regulations so that the common areas may be enjoyed by everyone.

• Keep pets on a leash at all times, as required by St. Johns County ordinance.

•Clean up after your pet. Doggy bags are available at the park entrances.

•Throw away used doggy bags; do not leave them on the ground. Trash cans are available in the parks and along the sidewalks.

•No animals are allowed in the Tot Lot or inside the Players Pool enclosure, in accordance with Sawgrass Players Club Association Rules and Regulations.

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Recreation Committee Page

The stage is set — Almost!

By Debbie McWade

As we've reported in previous issues of "Players Journal," a permanent stage is replacing what had been the unused softball/baseball field at Players Park. We're nearing completion and we are in our final stages of a finished product.

The 20-foot by 30-foot stage is raised close to two feet off of the ground and will provide maximum viewing from any angle. A canopy in the form of a shade sail will be installed approximately 15 feet above the stage.

In addition to supporting our three music nights and our annual Flick in the Field, 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.

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

Minions ruled for Flick in the Field

On Saturday, Nov. 5, close to 150 kids and parents gathered at Players Park for the Recreation Committee's annual Flick in the Field. Classic cartoons featuring Tweety and Sylvester began around 7 p.m., which warmed up the crowd for our feature film, "Minions."

The food truck EATS provided delicious meals and snacks and as always, the popcorn was provided by the Recreation Committee. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Photo courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association

January = Winterfest!

Grab the kids — it's time for the Recreation Committee's annual Winterfest. See you on Sunday, Jan. 22 at Players Park, from noon to 3 p.m. We'll have many fun-filled activities including a bungee jump, rock climbing wall, train rides, a dual slide, face painting and an obstacle course. We'll have free munchkins, two food trucks will be available to provide meals and snacks and a DJ will round out and sound out the afternoon of fun.

Come join us! We'll see you there!

Don't Miss Out – Mark Your Calendar!

The Recreation Committee has set most of our schedule for our upcoming events for 2023 at Players Park. You don't want to miss these events:

Winterfest: Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Music Night: Friday, March 24, 2023, 6 p.m. Music begins at 7 p.m.

Spring Fling: Sunday, April 16, 2023, 12 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Music Night: Friday, May 12, 2023, 6 p.m. Music begins at 7 p.m.

Stay tuned for more information to come!

Third time's the charm for music event

Friday, Oct. 14 found at least 300 people at Players Park gathering to enjoy the sounds of Hired Guns – finally! We were rained out last March and had to reschedule due to approaching bad weather in September — but fair skies prevailed this time, and Hired Guns featuring Don Moore did not disappoint. It was a toe-tapping, foot stomping musical night featuring country, classic country with some Rolling Stones and ZZ Top thrown in for good measure. Food trucks Un Poco Loco and E and W Barbecue provided delicious meals and snacks.

Judging by the smiles as folks were leaving, a good time was had by all.

Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association

Landscape: Springtime prep

By Trey Lineberger, Precision Turf

Happy New Year! It's time to get your landscape prepped and ready for a successful 2023. The community has graciously asked me to provide some suggestions of things you can do in your own landscape at home to bring out the best.

There is a lot to do in prep for the springtime. There are some projects you may want to consider doing first, including cleaning out wood lines, vine removal, removing low tree limbs, and tree work. These heavy lifting projects will help get sunlight through trees or down wood lines so the grass gets as much sun as possible to grow.

Next project to consider is taking a close look at the hedges around the house. If they are getting too tall, covering up a window, or are starting to look thin and leggy, this is a great time to do a hard cut on your hedges. Many times just removing the top layer of growth and opening up the middle of the plant to sunlight will help the plant fill out and thicken up. The same cutbacks can be done to your roses and perennials.

Now is a good time to see how your irrigation system is working in case anything needs to be repaired before the warm weather arrives. Flip on your system and go through each zone. If you find any problems and can fix it yourself great, but some repairs you may want to leave to a professional. Once repaired, set your system to run two days per week. I would recommend 15 minutes for shrubs and 30 minutes for rotor turf zones. As the temperatures rise, continue to increase the time on your system. Also set your system to run first thing in the morning, it's the best time for your landscape.

By this time hopefully the oak trees have finished dropping their leaves, grab a rake and clean out all the beds around the house and trees. Rake them clean of debris and old mulch and pine straw. Once the bed is clean, find a pre-emergent herbicide to apply or spread. This will help tremendously with weeds growing in your beds later in the year. After this application, put down a granular fertilizer specifically for shrubs. A balanced diet (such as a 10-10-10) can be really good for the plants. If you have special plants like azaleas, camellias, or gardenias there is a special blend of fertilizer for them too.

Now that the beds are clean, it's time to come back with some pine straw or mulch. I can't really recommend one over the other, but you should choose based on the type of landscape you have in your yard. If you have pine trees on property then pine straw is usually the best choice.

Next focus is to take a look at your turf. This is the best time of year to replace any sod if you have bare or damaged areas. It's also time to fertilize your lawn. I would recommend using a professional for fertilization and lawn pest control. The last thing to recommend for your turf is sharp blades on your lawn mower. All of this will set up your turf for a successful year.

Now that your trees have been trimmed, hedges cutback, irrigation running, pine straw applied, sod replaced, fertilizer spread, and you've completed your first lawn cut of the year with freshly sharpened blades; it's time to kick back with a fresh glass of sweet tea and wait for your neighbors to be green with envy.

Have a great spring everyone! One last note is a sincere "Thank You" to the The Players Club community for all your support of Precision Turf. We love working for this community and truly appreciate your business.

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