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Meet Master Board member, Nancy Gormley

By Martie Thompson

Nancy Gormley is a new addition to the Sawgrass Players Club Master Board, joining in June 2023 for a two-year term. She has previous board experience, as she has served on the Oakbridge Architectural Review Board for the past five years and previously served on the Oakbridge sub association board, including a year as president.

Gormley and her husband, Art (a member of the Operations, Waterways and Maintenance Committee) have lived in the same home in Oakbridge since 1977, although there have been updates and additions to the house through the years.

"We were the fourth home built in the neighborhood, which at the time was known as Innlet Beach," Gormley said. "It was before Sawgrass Players Club was even built."

Gormley said she decided to run for the Master Board this year because of how well she felt the board was run and how impressed she was that the board kept up the standards that residents have come to expect in the community.

"I thought, 'I could help with that,'" Gormley said. "Also, I bring to the board institutional knowledge since I've lived here so long."

She also pointed out that Oakbridge is the oldest neighborhood in the Sawgrass Players Club and she felt it was important for the neighborhood to have representation on the Master Board.

Gormley was born in St. Louis, Missouri and moved with her family to Deland, Florida, when she was in ninth grade. She stayed close to home for college and attended Stetson University on a full scholarship. She earned a degree in mathematics and added a teaching certification since she realized that although she loved math, she didn't want to be "stuck in a room all day" by herself doing math problems. She went on to earn a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Florida State University and has taught in pretty much all grades over her multi-decade teaching career.

The Gormleys moved to northeast Florida in the late 1970s when Art Gormley, who worked with juvenile detention facilities, took a job that supplied a home for the couple. Before long, Nancy Gormley was pregnant and that's when they found their home in Innlet Beach/Oakbridge. She took a job at the "new" high school, Nease, which opened in 1981, as head of the math department and then was part of the team that opened Ponte Vedra High School in 2008. Again, she served as Math Department chair. When her now-grown

Photo courtesy Nancy Gormley

Nancy and Art Gormley

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President's Comments

By Marc Stearns, Master Board President

The latter part of September brings us the Jacksonville Jaguars with a record of one win and two losses, but we continue to be very hopeful for a successful season. It also brings us to the latter part of the hurricane season for Sawgrass Players Club, with a little over a month to go in the normal season.

Ponte Vedra has only had one significant storm event so far this season and it wasn't a named storm. On July 28, we had approximately nine inches of rain in less than 15 hours, depending on what part of the community you live in. We had localized flooding that was worrisome to many residents. The Operations, Maintenance and Waterways Committee (OMW) did not perform a draw-down of our waterway system in advance of the rain event, because there were no predictions that it would be such a strong event. Our pump system kicked on early in the rainstorm as water levels began to rise, which started about 1 a.m. on July 28 and they functioned properly throughout the rain event. We opened the Water Oak weir gates, along with other weirs, in the late morning when it became evident that we had some localized flooding upstream of that weir in Oak Bridge. Fortunately, there was no

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Master ACC seeks to adopt a rule

At the Dec. 7 master board meeting to be held in person at Marsh Landing Management Company and by Zoom at 3 p.m., the board of directors will consider and vote upon a proposed form Acknowledgment as recommended by the Master Architectural Control Committee. If approved, the proposed Acknowledgment will be required to be signed by owners and their contractors when they are performing roof or home construction or tree removal work, and specifies requirements for use of dumpsters and heavy equipment. The proposed Acknowledgement is set forth below:

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Bylaw revisions required by changes to statutes

By Kristy Richland

By now you should have received notice of the approved bylaw changes voted on by the board of directors at its August meeting. These changes were made to comply with new Florida Statute changes that govern all homeowner associations, and it updated committee names and consolidated two prior amendments into one document.

The main edit was within Article VII and the new wording is captured below. Double lines indicate new language and a strike-through shows a deletion.

ARTICLE VII

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS AND MEETINGS OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES

1. The first meeting of the Board of Directors after the annual meeting of Members shall constitute the annual meeting and organizational meeting of the Board of Directors.

2. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall normally be held monthly and usually on the same day of the week and at such time and place as provided by law or by appropriate resolution of the Board of Directors.

3. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by a majority of the Board of Directors after not less than three (3) days' notice to each Director.

4. Notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be delivered and posted as required by law from time to time. Notice of regular meetings of the Board of Directors and committees that are required by law to provide notice, shall be posted on the reader boards near the entry gates without agendas. Such notices with the applicable agendas shall be posted on the Association's website and electronic mail notices with a link to the website containing the notices and applicable agendas shall be provided to those members who have authorized receipt of notice by electronic mail.

Please note that to receive electronic notices referenced in the above bylaws, you must be registered on the website. Visit https://sawgrassplayersclub.org/services/ to view a full set of the bylaws.

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water intrusion to the first floor of any residents reported to us, although we had close calls.

Members of the OMW and the Marsh Landing Management Operations Manager inspected several sites during and following the storm. We decided to modify some canal cleaning work we had previously planned to also include clogged canals that were found because of the July 28 event. Because of budget restrictions for the current fiscal year, we changed our plan to remove built up muck and vegetation debris in the canals (that were creating the flow restrictions) and trucking it many miles away to a disposal facility. We, instead, chose to side-cast the muck material to the sides of the canal, so we could create a minimum of a flow path eight-feet wide and approximately 24-inches deep. This change in methodology created significant cost savings that allowed us to be able to clean many hundreds of feet of additional canals, opening a clear flow path to the pump station. Canal cleaning was done in Oakbridge and Bridgewater. The contractor was asked to install a geofabric over the side-cast muck material along the canal banks to help stabilize it and then seed it.

We have increased our coming year budget for canal cleaning and plan a continuous yearly program of cleaning and improving our storm water flow paths along our entire waterway system. Here, I want to ask again for the help of every resident who lives along one of our canals or lakes. Please keep the vegetation along the banks trimmed on a regular basis. Do not allow yard mowing contractors to blow or discharge grass cuttings into the canals or lakes. When palm fronds or tree limbs or other vegetation debris falls in the water, please remove it and dispose of it. We need the entire community to assist in keeping our waterways clear and functioning well during the significant rainstorm events we continue to experience.

The board has been notified of some significant increases in our insurance costs for the community. Coupled with the recent increases we have experienced in contract services labor costs and costs of materials, we believe we will have to increase Master Association annual fees. We are in the analysis process to determine possible savings in our existing budget items and carefully analyze the additional costs we believe we will incur, so we can decide on exactly what increase to residents will be necessary. This analysis process will be conducted with the Finance Committee, the Master Board, and Marsh Landing Management Company.

The volunteer members that serve on the various committees and Master Board will continue to work hard to continuously improve our community and keep it the beautiful place that we are all so blessed to live in. And, yes, we continue to hope that the Jaguars can turn things around and go on to a winning season.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF DUMPSTERS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR ROOF/HOME CONSTRUCTION AND TREE REMOVAL

For all projects (regardless of whether prior architectural approval is required), the use of a dumpster or heavy equipment must be registered with Marsh Landing Management Company (**"MLMC**") in advance. Failure to do so before beginning a project may result in the applicable contractor and subcontractors being denied entry into the Sawgrass Players Club.

This acknowledges that the undersigned homeowner and contractor/service provider for the project located at _____, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida within the _____ community will abide by the following policies. Failure to do so will result in fines and the cost of any necessary repairs being charged to the homeowner.

1. Prior to commencement of work the contractor will provide to MLMC a copy of their insurance certificate confirming comprehensive liability insurance coverage naming both The Sawgrass Players Club Association Inc. **("SPCA") AND** the applicable sub-association as additionally insured parties. Placement of any dumpster or heavy equipment at a jobsite shall be prohibited until such proof of insurance is provided.

2. The contractor is responsible for all subcontractors and the damage they may cause to property owner or maintained by SPCA or any sub-association.

3. Dumpsters or similar containers must be provided within 24 hours of the beginning of the project and must be removed 5 days after the completion of the project, except that for driveway resurfacing projects, such dumpsters or similar containers shall be removed within 24 hours of the removal of the existing driveway surface,

4. Dumpsters and similar containers are **NOT ALLOWED** on any roads, except in connection with driveway resurfacing projects. Even in connection with driveway resurfacing projects dumpsters and similar containers should be placed in the homeowner's yard versus the road if possible, as the homeowner will be responsible for the repair of any impacted roadways.

5. If a dumpster or similar container must be placed in the road, it must have a minimum 3/4" width board/plywood at all points where the container contacts the road surface.

6.Trash and debris, such as paper products and roofing material, must be completely cleaned up at the end of each workday.

7. In the event of any damages resulting from a project, damage claims will be filed with the homeowner and the contractor and their respective insurance providers.

WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

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daughter, who lives locally, became pregnant with triplets, Gormley retired in 2013 to help with their care. The Gormleys also have a son, who lives in Atlanta, and a total of six grandchildren.

Both Gormleys are retired and enjoying spending time with their grandchildren and doing things they want to do. Gormley likes to read, take walks and travel, as well as serve her community. As a member of the Master Board, she is on the Recreation Committee, which she calls a perfect fit for her.

"I have always enjoyed doing things to get people out and into their community," Gormley said. "When we first moved to Innlet Beach, we had a neighborhood party once a month so we could get to know each other. That's what I hope to continue with the Recreation Committee … offering events that everyone is invited to attend. Otherwise, we become 1,800 homeowners who don't know each other."

Gormley said she has been very pleased to see that her initial impression that the Master Board was efficient and worked well together was proven true.

"All the committees are very strong and do due diligence in their areas," she said. "The Master Board meetings are very results-oriented. I'm very confident that all the committees and board members are doing what they're supposed to be doing."

Committee liaison assignments announced

By Adam Guillette

At its July board meeting, the directors confirmed committee liaison assignments. In addition to attending Master Board meetings, these directors attend committee meetings where they serve as standing members. Accordingly, the committee liaisons give pertinent updates to the board on the committee's behalf and request approval for any projects or proposals that require full board approval.

The purpose of assigning committee liaisons is to keep the board fully informed of all committees. Assignments were as follows:

- Adam Guillette: Communications
- Derek Sprague: Controlled Access
- Gerry Klingman: Long Range Planning (formerly Community Appearance)
- John Flynn: Civic Liaison (and Transition ad hoc)
- Marc Stearns: Operations, Maintenance and Waterways (OMW)
- Maury Dettmer: Finance
- Nancy Gormley: Recreation
- Teri Mathes: Landscape
- TJ Welsh: Architectural Control

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Canal clearing in Sawgrass Players Club underway

By Tripp Richland

Many of you have had the opportunity to see excavators performing construction on the side of a highway, or perhaps even digging your pool, but have you seen a floating excavator?

The Operations Maintenance and Waterways committee has contracted Future Horizons, a company that specializes in aquatic systems including aeration, lake treatment, and canal cleanup. The canal clearing project taking place this year is being performed by a floating excavator.

The committee began budgeting and planning to strategically clean the worst canals in the system that needed sediment removal. Naturally, the older the canal, the more likely the need for work. The accumulated sediments are from bank erosion, leaf litter from overhanging trees, and yard debris. The work began at the start of the second quarter of 2023 and included canals in Oakbridge. Beginning in the third quarter, the committee authorized additional canals in Oakbridge as well as some in Bridgewater that had prematurely become congested.

Photo courtesy Debbie McWade

The committee has budgeted additional funds for the years to come and will be reviewing all bodies of water to make the system as efficient as possible.

As a member of the community, you can help by keeping the shoreline clear of tree branches overhanging the water as well as making sure landscapers know not to blow their clippings into the ponds. This will not only help for the additional sediment accumulation but also the overall health of the pond.

How about that rainstorm on July 28? Wow!

By Paul Rushton

All of a sudden, nine inches of rain fell — TPC has a high-tech rain gauge in the agronomy area toward the southern end of Sawgrass Players Club that confirmed it. I suspect the northern section of the community may have gotten even more rain based on what I saw on July 28 and what I have seen before during Matthew and Irma. Most of this rain fell within a span of about 15 hours.

Just so you know, the design of our storm water management system is to withstand a 25-year storm which is defined as 9.1 inches of rain within a 24-hour period. This is a little bit of apples to oranges, so it's hard to make a direct comparison — but suffice to say, we exceeded our design rainfall. Our pumping system responded well. Pumps sequenced on per the installed programming and ran continuously throughout. It took well into the following night to get water levels back close to normal. Our past investments paid off.

Pond and canal bank maintenance reminder

By John Flynn, OMW Chair

Please accept your responsibility in keeping the pond/canal bank on your property completely free of debris and tree branches or shrubs that are hanging low over the water. Fallen leaf litter and tree limbs can prevent the OMW Committee from improving the flow of water to the two pump stations prior to any known storm events.

2024 Draft budget has been assembled

By Maurice Dettmer, Treasurer

The proposed budget for next year will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and then the Master Board at the Oct. 26 meeting. It includes an assessment increase of $80 to $112 per billing period or between $13 and $19 per month. This increase is dictated by increases in most of our expense categories especially insurance, legal costs, vendor contracts, gate access personnel payroll rates, and landscaping.

The board just approved a $50,000 transfer out of our capital contribution account to cover deficiencies in our reserve accounts, pursuant to our most recent reserve study. We are fortunate to have a reserve study performed every year since it allows us to stay current on the analysis of increased costs to major asset replacements and not be placed in a position of routine assessment increases.

We also recently deactivated RFID entry accounts on 35 residents who hadn't taken any action to remit late assessment fees. This was highly unusual, but once the action was taken almost all of them have either paid the fees or are in that process. Also on the income side, mortgage rates have hit a 23 year high and we do not know how that will affect capital contribution revenue.

Our goal is to maintain financial diligence and to continue to provide a high quality of life for our residents. We still have resources available for unusual situations — emergency contingency account, capital contributions, and a line of credit — but hopefully access to these are minimized. Most of our future reserve funds are invested in CDs generating significant interest, reducing the effects of this inflationary environment. Residents will be notified when the budget is approved and available.

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Financials Q & A

Each October the Master Board, in collaboration with its committees and the management company, approves an annual budget. This budget is thoroughly reviewed by the Finance Committee who are comprised of resident volunteers with financial backgrounds donating their time and talents to the benefit of the Association. Below are some common owner questions about the budget and line items contained in it:

Q: What is the Reserve Study?

A: The Reserve Study is a tool used to obtain an unbiased and professional assessment of the condition of the existing physical infrastructure. The study ensures we are properly funded for preventive maintenance and repairs of existing infrastructure items, and it offers guidance for replacement timing and expected cost. As part of the Reserve Study, an analysis also is performed on the adequacy of current and expected future reserve levels to ensure we can meet future financial obligations over a 30-year period. The Reserve Study is conducted by an independent Engineer, Reserve Advisors, for the Association.

Q: What does the Master Association budget cover?

A: The Master Association budget funds the reserve accounts, any planned capital improvements, Controlled Access, General and Administration, Landscape, Operations, Maintenance and Waterways, and Recreation costs. Each subassociation HOA also has a budget to cover expenditures within their Association.

Q: What is the Emergency Contingency?

A: The Emergency Contingency was set up by the board at the recommendation of the Finance Committee to supply a "savings account" for unforeseen expenses that are not covered in the budget, but which require immediate attention. An example would be storm damage expenses or legal expenses. In 2020, the Finance Committee met with the Association's independent auditing firm to review best practices for the emergency contingency account so that the Association could evaluate the target funding goal. The Association cannot use the emergency contingency for committee overruns or to pay for desired capital improvements.

Q: What are capital Improvements?

A: Capital improvements are new assets that are funded through the operating budget. An example would be if the Recreation Committee received Finance and board approval to add a new amenity to the park. Once a capital improvement is completed, it becomes an asset that is placed into the Reserve for future replacements based on its estimated useful life.

Q: What expenditures are included in the Controlled Access Budget?

A: The Controlled Access budget primarily funds the 24/7 Gate Access Contract with First Coast Security, including a total of 18 employees, their gate access software, and their roving patrol vehicle. Additionally, the budget funds RFID administration costs, gatehouse supplies, gatehouse repairs, gate arm maintenance, camera surveillance, and cleaning and pest control of the gatehouses.

Q: What expenditures are included in the General and Administration Budget?

A: The General and Administration budget funds legal expenses for litigation advice and general counsel, a reserve for bad debts (past due accounts in collections), postage and printing for resident mail outs, "Players Journal," website administration, new owner materials, the Association's insurance policies, general office supplies, the annual audit, and the Master Association's management contract with Marsh Landing Management Company. The management contract provides for accounting and general administrative support to the board and its committees.

Q: What expenditures are included in the Landscape budget?

A: The Landscape budget funds the common area landscape contract with Precision Turf including landscape maintenance of the parks, sod replacement, annual flowers, pine straw and mulch, tree removals, irrigation repairs, new plantings, and tree trimming and care.

Q: What expenditures are in the Operations, Maintenance and Waterway Budget?

A: The OMW budget funds lake treatments and aeration repairs performed by Clear Waters, drainage improvement projects, catch basin and canal clean outs, ongoing maintenance of Master common property including labor, sidewalk and minor asphalt repairs, fences, and signs. Importantly the OMW budget also funds all costs associated with the two pump stations including fuel, internet, preventive equipment inspections and repair costs.

Q: What expenditures are included in the Recreation Budget?

A: The Recreation budget funds annual holiday decorations along the Master common property and ongoing maintenance costs, supplies and repairs for the pool and parks. The Recreation budget also covers the costs of six community events for the benefit and enjoyment of all residents.

Controlled Access Committee provides safety reminders

By Gerry Klingman, CAC Chair and Board Member

The Controlled Access Committee works with First Coast to promote safety awareness within the Players Club in addition to their primary duties to facilitate gate access and perform roving patrol. They would like to continually provide the following reminders:

• Unlicensed drivers are not permitted to drive golf carts. Please make sure your children have a valid Florida driver's license if they are operating a golf cart. Do not overcrowd golf carts and follow property owner guidelines. First Coast is authorized to issue citations if residents do not adhere to golf cart rules.

• Parents, please remind your children that all electric bikes and scooters that exceed 15 mph cannot be on any sidewalk and must be driven on roadways. Please make sure your children always wear helmets and proper padding.

• Please pay attention to sidewalks; although sidewalks are continually inspected and repaired, sections of sidewalk can lift quickly due to root intrusion after heavy rains.

• When exercising, please wear visible clothes, avoid walking side by side, use only one earbud, and refrain from texting.

As always, contact the SJSO non-emergency number, (904) 824-8304, if you see an unusual or suspicious activity.

Pond and waterway update

By Joe Lawton, Clear Waters

Fall is in the air. The warm weather is starting to fade and the daylight hours are getting noticeably shorter. Clear Waters technicians are finishing with any remaining algae and submersed weed applications. We will also be treating torpedo grass and broadleaf weeds to neaten up the shorelines as the vegetation goes dormant. We will continue to manage the duckweed and azolla throughout the fall and winter, because they do not slow down their growth during the cooler months.

The midge flies will not be present like we normally see in the warmer months. We will apply Bio Zyme in the known areas to help break down the muck layer that larvae reside in. We cannot eradicate them but we can help cut down on the population that will return next spring.

Clear Waters will be performing remedial treatments on the waterways that had the highest concentrations of algae to sequester excess nutrients from the water column.

As always, please be vigilant in the management of your lawn and landscapers by asking them to direct their chutes away from the water to keep the clippings from entering the waterway. Remember, excess clippings and other organic debris add nutrients to the water column as they break down and sink to the bottom. Make sure fertilizers and pesticides are kept back from the shoreline so it does not enter the water. Any clippings or debris on driveways, sidewalks and streets should be blown onto the lawn or swept up and discarded with landscape pick up. The common goal is that when the water is discharged into the salt marsh and Intracoastal Waterway, it is as clean as possible.

Stay informed and get involved!

If you did not receive an email in September about upcoming Recreation Committee events, then you are probably not signed up on the Sawgrass Players Club website. The Sawgrass Players Club website is managed by a third-party website administrator, Fischer Agency, who works with the Communications liaison of the board to send emails and post all official Master Association information.

To register:

• Go to www.sawgrassplayersclub.org

• Select RESIDENT LOGIN / REGISTER

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Recreation Committee Page

Music Night: Friday, October 13 at Players Park, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

They say timing is everything — and by the time you receive this edition of "Players Journal," 5 O'Clock Shadow will have rocked the park on Oct. 13 and another fun music night is in the history books. Or, if we had to use the rain date, it will be happening on Friday, Oct. 20. Gates open at 6 p.m. with food trucks and cash bar. Music begins at 7 p.m. and is over at 9 p.m. Look for photos and a write up in the next "Players Journal," the Winter edition. Remember parking is very limited at Players Park, so please plan accordingly.

Flicks in the Field: Saturday, November 11, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Grab the kids, the lawn chairs and blankets and join us on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Players Park for our annual Flick in the Field. We'll be there beginning at 6 p.m. and we'll have a pre-showing of Looney Tunes cartoons beginning around 6:30 p.m.

Our feature film is "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile," a story of the Primm family moving to New York City and their young son Josh struggling to adapt to his new school and make friends. All of that changes when he discovers Lyle — a singing crocodile who loves baths, caviar, and great music living in the attic of his new home. The two become fast friends. Come find out the rest of the story!

Our feature film should begin around 7 p.m. or so. A food truck will be on hand to purchase snacks and meals. Don't forget the popcorn is on us!

Remember parking is limited at Players Park, so please plan accordingly. See you there!

Fourth and final fitness station installed

The fourth and final fitness station has been installed at Players Park: a Fit-Rider. It's an ideal activity for a full-body cardio workout.

The Fit-Rider joins our other three fitness stations: Leg Press, Sit-Up Bench and Rowing Machine. Try them out!

Photo courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association

The new Fit-Rider.

New event! Food Truck Tuesday — October 24, 5 p.m. – 7p.m.

Residents have suggested that they would like to see a Food Truck event … So here we go! Give Mom a break from the kitchen and come join us at Players Pool at the Coves parking lot on Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. for our first Food Truck event. Two food trucks will be on hand: Empanada Lady, featuring fresh empanadas with a menu that may include beef, chicken, spinach and dessert empanadas and Big Blue's Bistro, whose menu includes tacos, wraps, burgers, sandwiches, fish or shrimp baskets.

We'll be at the Players Pool at the Coves parking lot; we sure hope to see you there!

Restroom access at Players Park and Players Pool

By Debbie McWade

Restrooms are always locked and can only be accessed by a card key. It is a swipe card.

Each household can obtain one card free of charge on request to the Access Control office at Marsh Landing Management Company. One additional card can be requested for a nominal fee of $5. These cards are rendered unusable when the park and pool are closed.

Lighting installed at Players Park

Lighting has been installed at Players Park. These lights will only be used at the Recreation Committee's nighttime events.

We had a safety concern and the committee thought it best to install lighting. The lights will be locked the rest of the time; Players Park closes at dusk.

Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association

Fall into something new with Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association

By Marcy Fiacco, SPCWA

Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association members love something new! Our new Outdoor Group went biking on the Baldwin Rail Trail, and took a hike in the Timucuan Preserve. In September, a new group interested in creative activities like painting, and crafts was formed and another new group, the Alchemy Club, will debut in October. A Sunshine Committee, chaired by Michele Morton, was also launched to provide encouragement or support to members experiencing a loss or serious illness.

Our Ladies Night Out, Ladies Lunch Out, and Mix n Mingle also took our members to new places. We enjoyed great food and comradery at Argyle, Jax Spice, Jekyll Brewing, Anejo Cocina, JJ's Liberty Bistro, The Bearded Pig, Poppy's Italiano, McFlamingo and Trasca. Get out with us to dine somewhere you have never been before.

Do you want to stay active and learn something new? Come play pickleball, golf, garden, or try yoga with us. Keep your mind sharp! Join us for Mahjong, Bridge, Scrabble, and Canasta. Several of our Book Clubs and Canasta groups are looking for members.

If you are new to the community, have been away, or let your membership lapse, consider renewing your membership in SPCWA. Membership forms and a full list of our activities are available on our website: www.spcwa.org.

Dues are still only $30 per year, and membership is open to all women residing within TPC Sawgrass Players Club. Copies of our monthly newsletter "Connect!" are accessible at www.sawgrassplayersclub.org. Email info@SPCWA.org with any other questions regarding membership.

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Neighborhood News

Oakbridge to consider 2024 budget

The Oakbridge board of directors will discuss and approve the Oakbridge 2024 budget at its monthly board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 5 p.m. at Marsh Landing Management Company offices. At this point in time, the board anticipates an increase in the annual assessment primarily due to increased costs for operations, infrastructure maintenance, and repairs as well as ensuring our Reserves are fully funded.

The Oakbridge board of directors was asked to review the existing Oakbridge Fence Policy to see if any changes are necessary. In order to have a policy that is reflective of homeowner thought, the board is in the process of creating a Fence Survey to get input from the Oakbridge community. Homeowners will receive a postcard in the mail before the end of October notifying them when the survey is available.

Book Exchange scheduled for November 11

All Sawgrass Players Club residents are invited to come out to a Book Exchange on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The event will be held at Palmera Park, located at the intersection of Palmera and Alta Mar drives in the Oakbridge neighborhood.

You may donate or exchange up to 10 books. Adult and children's books are welcome.

Award-winning author and Oakbridge homeowner, Vic DiGenti, will be making an appearance. DiGenti is published under his own name as well as his pen name, Parker Francis.

This event is courtesy of Oakbridge Homeowners Association and planned and hosted by the Oakbridge Community Liaison Committee. We hope to see you there! (Rain Date: Saturday, Nov. 18, 11a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Neighborhood lakes are not for swimming

Although our lakes and canals may look refreshing, these lakes and canals are part of the stormwater system. The stormwater system is designed to act as a filtration system and treat and collect runoff and stormwater before the water moves into the Intracoastal Waterway. As such, the sediment in these lakes can contain contaminants such as fertilization and pest control. Additionally, our waterways are often a natural habitat for Florida wildlife including poisonous water snakes and alligators.

Please be sure to explain to your children that not only is swimming a violation of the rules, but it is also a dangerous activity.

Turtleback Crossing improvements

The residents of Turtleback Crossing will soon get some much needed improvements in their neighborhood. New street lights are scheduled to be installed by Beaches Energy Service and Franklin Electric over the next two to three weeks. Residents can expect the trucks and cranes needed to complete this job to create minor traffic disruptions starting on or about the third week of October. These 10 new Granville light poles will be exactly like the ones found in the Master Association common areas and along TPC Boulevard. The new lights will also provide additional safety during the night hours.

About the same time, the second or third week of October, Turtleback Crossing residents can expect trenching and installation of upgraded wiring for their irrigation system. Much of this activity will take place in the backyards of residents and there may be some daytime noise associated with the trenching. This will be a rewiring of the entire property and will include an upgraded Weathermatic information system, making future servicing of the system much more streamline and cost effective. After taking bids for this work, the job was awarded to Koehn Outdoors irrigation team.

Turtleback Crossing Association provides lawn, landscape and irrigation services for residents of these townhomes. This neighborhood is one of only two Sawgrass Players Club neighborhoods that also provides a private pool for its residents. Covenants, restrictions, rules and regulations are in place so that townhomes are well kept to insure home values are always trending upwards.

For questions or further information about Turtleback Crossing, contact Noelle Salomon at Marsh Landing Management Company, nsalomon@marshlanding.org.

SenioRITA auction and tennis tournament to raise funds to fight breast cancer

The SenioRITAs have been working with Mayo Clinic and Baptist Beaches Hospital for 23 years to fight breast cancer through research and services for breast cancer victims. This year's auction party was scheduled for Oct. 10 at The Yards in Oak Bridge with dinner supplied by Carrabbas. The event was to include golf activities and auctions, all to benefit the fight to end all types of cancer. The tennis tournament was scheduled for the following weekend, Oct. 13 – 15, at Sawgrass Country Club. Three hundred ladies from all over the United States were scheduled to compete in a doubles tournament in a show of support.

This all volunteer organization, headed by Chuck Jantz of the RITA Foundation, has donated more than $2.5 million to the fight. With matching funds from Mayo and Baptist Beaches the total is $5 million. You can help also. Visit www.the-rita-foundation.org/senioritas for more information or to donate. Our mailing address is: SenioRITAS at Sawgrass Country Club, P.O. Box 1293, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004

Photos courtesy SenioRITAs

Volunteer opportunities to consider

Provided by TPC Storytellers

The Storytellers at TPC Sawgrass is a volunteer organization that takes guests on tours of the clubhouse and holes 16, 17, and 18 of The Stadium Course, home of THE PLAYERS Championship. These tours are free, but the guests will often give a gratuity at the end of the tour. All the Storytellers pool their tips and at the end of the year give to smaller, local charities where a few thousand dollars can make a difference.

There is a committee of seven Storytellers each year which nominates charities that meet the criteria — all must be 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations. After presentations from each organization, the committee usually selects four recipients and presents a check at a luncheon in December.

These organizations not only need money, but also need volunteers. So, if anyone is interested in volunteer opportunities to help a small organization, the list of nominees for this year that could use your help are:

1. V for Victory Fighting Cancer: Mission is to cultivate relationships with local businesses and community groups in order to provide everyday services and support, at no cost, to local families battling cancer. Visit vforvictory.org and email info@vforvictory.org.

2. Hopeful Handbags: Mission is to assist survivors of domestic abuse, and their children, on their journey from abuse to health, wellness, and long-term sustainability. Visit Hopefulhandbags.org or contact (904) 383-7158 or info@hopefullhandbags.org.

3. St. Gerard Campus: Mission is to provide compassion and hope to pregnant and/or parenting teens, empowering them through education, support, and healing. Call Brittany at (904) 377-5211.

4. Forgotten Angels: Mission is to focus on the elderly in nursing homes who have no family support to provide gifts at Christmas and items that help improve their daily lives by working closely with Activity Directors.

Contact Sandi King at (904) 504-0725 or visit Forgottenangelsjax.com.

5: Jacksonville Naval Historical Ship Association (USS Orleck): Seeking support for developing their STEAM+H program for school-age children (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math + History). Visit www.jaxnavalmuseum.org/volunteer/

6. Bit of Faith Ranch: A community where individuals and families impacted by autism and related disabilities can experience belonging, growth, and relationships through horseback riding, recreation, and respite.

Call Tammy Romanczuk at (904) 373-0195 office or visit www.bitoffaithranch.org.

7. Sisters in Arms: A non-profit helping to empower young ladies aging out of foster care to achieve economic independence and acquire personal development skills so they can thrive and break the cycle of poverty to live a fulfilling and successful life. Visit sisters-in-arms.org or contact Mary Lourdes Saenz at mary@sisters-in-arms.org.

8. Mission House: Primary service provider for homeless and the uninsured at the beach, providing meals, showers, clothing, case management and a free clinic for the benefit of the Beaches communities. Call (904) 241-6767

9. Blessings in a Backpack: A national non-profit organization whose mission is to provide food on the weekends for elementary-aged school children who might otherwise go hungry. Contact Brentg@blessingsinabackpack.org or email lseilhymer@missionhousejax.org.

Gardening for fall

By Trey Lineberger, Precision Turf

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer as we look forward to some cooler weather with the fall season. As you may have noticed in the community, we changed our annuals to have a fall color theme. That is something that you might want to consider doing at your home. There are some beautiful yellow and orange marigolds that give a nice fall look.

At this time of year, I'd recommend doing some cutbacks of some hedges or grasses that have grown past their optimal height and shape through the growing season. Also, one might want to consider freshening up their pine straw beds or have fresh mulch down for the holiday season.

We at Precision Turf are continually honored to serve Sawgrass Players Club and wish everyone a wonderful fall and holiday season.

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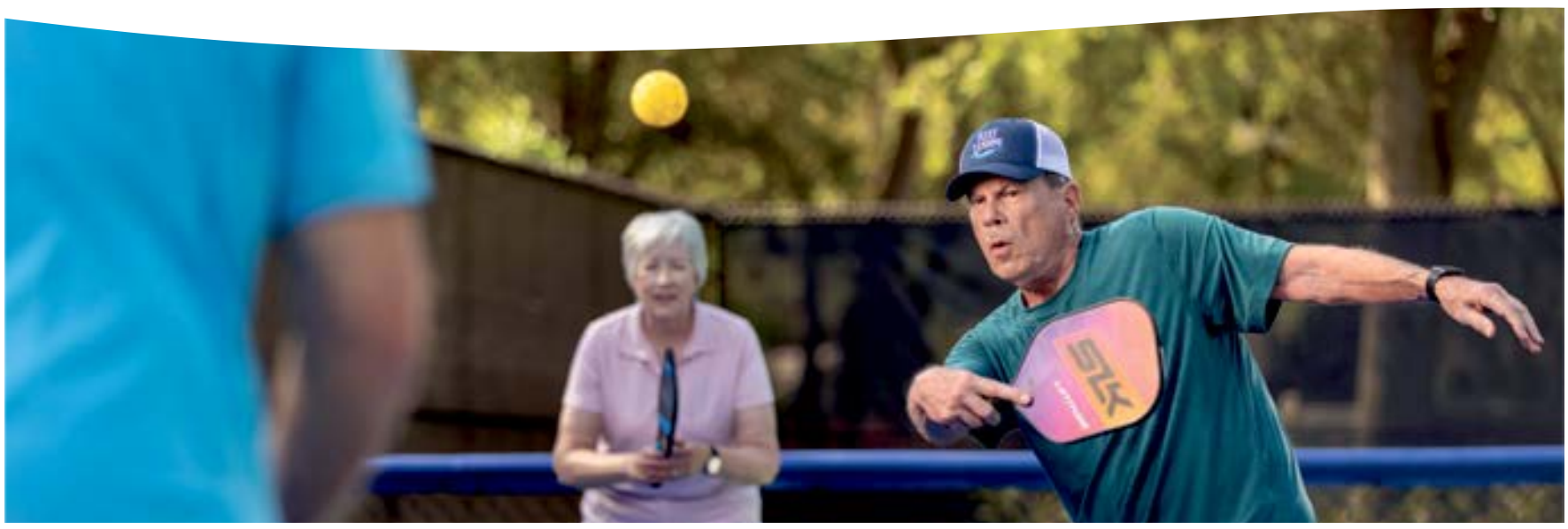

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