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Board member spotlight



Photo courtesy Danny Cash. **Danny Cash on a Rhine River cruise he took with wife Marge a couple of years ago.**

Warm weather lured Danny Cash and his wife Marge to Ponte Vedra Beach upon their retirement, but the beauty of Sawgrass Players Club and the friendliness of the residents are what make him call his neighborhood “a special place.”

Cash was familiar with the Northeast Florida area since he grew up in Jacksonville. His parents met here when his dad, a military man, was stationed in Green Cove Springs and met and married his mom. As a young adult, Cash followed in his father’s footsteps and joined the Navy. After his enlistment, he settled in suburban Chicago, where he met and married

Meet Danny Cash, Controlled Access Committee Chairman

By Martie Thompson

Marge. It was the second marriage for both; Danny Cash has three daughters from his first marriage.

Marge Cash was an elementary school principal and Danny Cash was finance administrator for a public school district in suburban Chicago when it came time for them to retire. They bought their home on Seven Mile Drive in 2002 and made it their permanent residence in 2003.

“I knew I wanted to live in warm weather and fortunately my wife did, too,” Cash said. “So this became our retirement location and we have loved living here ever since.”

It wasn’t long before Danny Cash decided to become active in his new community. He said he first got involved with the THE PLAYERS golf tournament which led to joining the Controlled Access Committee in 2006. This was his first indoctrination into the Sawgrass Players Club homeowners association. He next served a three-year term on the Master Board beginning in about 2009 and had roles as treasurer, vice president

and president. He also became a member of the Seven Mile Drive subassociation and has served off and on throughout the years on the Controlled Access Committee. Presently, he is chairman of the Controlled Access Committee, president of the Seven Mile Drive subassociation and in the middle of his second three-year term on the Master Board.

He considers the gatehouse project to be a signature project undertaken during his current tenure, along with the Sawgrass Village renovation that was undertaken during his previous term on the Master Board.

“The gatehouse building was the original Arvida sales office, and then became the main gatehouse,” Cash said. “Once the TPC Clubhouse was torn down and rebuilt in a different style, followed by the Sawgrass Village renovation, it changed everything. The main gatehouse was out of sync architecturally.”

So the gatehouse project that began last fall and will be finished this spring was envisioned to more closely match the

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President's Comments

By Gerard J. Klingman

Greetings, Sawgrass Players Club residents! In reviewing our 2017 year, the master board has been a part of several significant events:

The Development Agreement between Sawgrass Players Club Association and Alta Mar Holdings was recorded as a result of the February member vote.

Planning, bidding and funding were completed for the A1A gatehouse rebuild.

Hurricane Irma produced record-breaking rainfall amounts, and the Tropical Storm Ad Hoc Committee began collecting data and planning for continued improvements to the stormwater operations system.

The Controlled Access management contract with First Coast Security was renewed for another three years.

The 2018 reserve study was completed with some substantial funding changes to the storm water reserve.

Players Park and drainage improvements continued.

The 2018 budget was finalized and due to combined committee reduction efforts, the 2018 assessment rates were maintained.

In the first half of 2018 the master board will begin addressing some financial challenges and work to improve Sawgrass Players Club. The emergency reserve was depleted as a result of Hurricane Irma, and infrastructure repairs continue to be identified. The master board has opened a \$243,000 line of credit at Fifth Third Bank to provide for an additional level of protection until the emergency reserve is replenished. Our collection attorney will continue to address the aged receivables due to the recent raise in delinquent payments. Early financial planning will begin for the 2019 year to address the forecasted operating loss. The Tropical Storm Committee will continue to

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Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association. **Last year, kids had a ball in the snow!**

Sawgrass Players Club’s popular annual festival offers fun for kids (and kids at heart) of all ages. It will take place at the Players Club Tundra (aka Park) on Alta Mar Drive on Jan. 28 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

This year, Winterfest will feature snow, a penguin-shaped dual lane glacier falls slide, and face painting.

Winterfest is almost here! Along with SNOW!

By Heather Schatz

To help keep attendees warm, there will be free hot chocolate and coffee, courtesy of Dunkin’ Donuts. Free donuts will also be available.

There will be two food trucks – Hot Diggity Dawgs and More, and Joyshtick – onsite, as well.

Last but certainly not least, Winterfest will also include a raffle, featuring fabulous prizes from local establishments.

So, dig out your hats, gloves and boots (unless the cold never bothered you anyway) and come join in the festivities!

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Come see Players Park improvements during Winterfest

By Pat Gilberto

Here we go again! Yes, it is true— we are guaranteeing there will be snow on Jan. 29. Come see for yourself from noon to 3 p.m. during our fourth annual Winterfest celebration.

Join the hundreds of other community residents of all ages and their guests for a fun-filled afternoon and check out the upgrades that have been made to the park. They include enclosing the pavilion ceiling, lights and beams, and replacing the concrete flooring with brick pavers. Soccer netting has been replaced, as well as sail shades in the Tot Lot.



Photo courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association. **The improved pavilion at Players Park.**

At the Players Pool in The Coves, the lock on the outer gate has been removed and locks are being added this month to the restrooms. You will need a key card to enter the facilities. It is the same key card currently needed for the restrooms at Players Park. Each homeowner is eligible to receive one key card at no cost. Additional key cards are \$5 each. If you do not have a key card or would like an additional one, contact Deedra Phillips at dphillips@marshlanding.org.

Looking forward into 2018, the Recreation Facilities Committee is considering a possible fundraising golf outing and a 5k race inside our gates. If you are a runner and have contacts with a race management company, please contact our property manager, Kristy Richland, at krichland@marshlanding.org.

We are happy to welcome Matt McCarthy of Bermuda Court, who has volunteered to serve on the Recreation Facilities Committee. Of course, we are always looking for additional volunteers to help on the day of our events and for one or two new members to join the committee. Consider yourself asked. Let Kristy Richland know if you are interested.

Pat Gilberto is Chairman of the Recreation Facilities Committee.

Park planner wanted

By Irene Lombardo

The Recreation Facilities Committee is seeking a professional recreational facilities consultant/park planner to review current Players Park facilities and provide direction to the committee for future capital improvement planning.

The committee is seeking advice regarding space planning, equipment layout and design for the park. Under consideration are construction of an additional covered pavilion, extension of the current walkway, the future of the softball field and additional recreational amenities. The committee's goal is to create highly valued, well-used facilities for our residents.

Consulting firms/park planners who are interested should contact Sawgrass Players Club's property manager, Kristy Richland, at krichland@marshlanding.org or 904-373-5601.

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Who is spending your money?

By Carol Liittschwager

Who is spending your money? It could be you, if you become a member of the Sawgrass Players Club master board.

Our professional team at Marsh Landing Management does the heavy lifting, but the direction and responsibility sits with us, via our votes annually for board members. Our neighbors are the volunteers who continue to improve the excellence of our community and we need three volunteers to replace this year's retirees.

Homeowners from the following communities are qualified to run for a three-year term in the 2018 spring election: Bermuda Court, Bridgewater Island, Cypress Bridge, Hammock Cove, Lakeside, North Cove, Oakbridge, Players Club Villas, Salt Creek, Sawgrass Island, and Water's Edge.

Oakbridge homeowner Jessica Graham, our board's sole female representative, was recently appointed to fill a vacancy. Therefore, she is eligible to run for a full term.

Want to know with whom you'll be working if you win a seat? Danny Cash (Seven Mile Drive), Maury Dettmer (Cypress Creek), Bill Haley (Water Oak), Dan MacDonald (Vicar's Landing), Ray Navidi (Turtleback Crossing), and Class C Member Brian Vahey (Marriott) are the continuing members.

Watch the mail for more information or contact property manager, Kristy Richland, at KRichland@marshlanding.org if you have any questions.

Are you a runner?

By Irene Lombardo

Sawgrass Players Club residents who participate in 5Ks and other running events, listen up!

The Recreation Facilities Committee is considering holding a 5K run through our communities. We are seeking a professional race coordination company to manage the event.

If you have contacts, we want to hear from you. Email our property manager, Kristy Richland, at krichland@marshlanding.org or call (904) 373-5601 with information.



Photo by Metro Creative.

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new style of the community's architecture, while also updating its functionality.

In their spare time, the Cashes enjoy visiting children and grandchildren, golfing and travelling. They have visited Ireland, Italy and France and have a special fondness for Hawaii. Danny Cash also takes an interest in professional sports, especially the Chicago Cubs and New York Yankees as well as the Dallas Cowboys and the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"We actually gave up our Jaguars season tickets and then the team started winning," Cash said. "But we are very pleased they are having such a great season."

Cash couldn't be happier with their decision to move to Ponte Vedra Beach.

"We enjoy living here and want to maintain the community," Cash said. "Sawgrass is a special place to live."

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evaluate the stormwater system.

Some upcoming improvements include new Players Pool restroom locks, new benches at Palmera Park and continued waterway cleanup efforts resulting from Hurricane Irma damage. The remaining master-owned roadways will receive new lane stripes and signage. Most notably, the A1A gatehouse will be completed. The board is looking forward to the significant enhancement the new gatehouse will provide to the controlled access officers and to the overall entrance appeal of the community.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that the annual members' meeting will be held in May to elect three new directors to the master board for three-year terms. The master board continues to need volunteers, and I would encourage you to get involved.

I wish each of you a Happy New Year!

Gerard J. Klingman is President of the Sawgrass Players Club Association.

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New gatehouse to be ready for TPC

By Irene Lombardo



Gatehouse elevations.

The A1A gatehouse was turned to rubble on Dec. 5, 2017 as demolition crews made way for the new building to come.

DOS Constructors won the bid for the construction work. Stuebben Architecture and the engineering firm of Connelly Wicker are providing oversight and management during the project. The building materials will be the same as those used for the TPC Clubhouse to provide a consistent look to visitors. Both the PGA TOUR and The Oak Bridge Club are sharing the cost for the rebuild with the homeowners association.

The gatehouse was originally a temporary modular sales office that was relocated



Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association. Gerry Klingman, Sawgrass Players Club president, was on hand as the CAT excavator took down the gatehouse.

to the entrance site to serve controlled access needs; however, no foundation or gutter system was installed, and the site area was never graded. All were contributing factors to the collapse of the floor in January 2016 and the pooling of water under the building, necessitating an evaluation of replacing the building.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held once the new building is completed. The anticipated completion date is April 20.



Rubble on Dec. 5, 2017.

Improvements planned ahead of hurricane season

By Paul Rushton

Over the months since Hurricane Irma, the Tropical Storm Ad Hoc Committee has been hard at work. In 2018, we will add a gate to the Bermuda Court dam, which will add an additional 35 acres to the pond system area subject to be drawn down. We also will add a gate to the Water Oak weir to allow more water to be removed from this part of the pond system.

In addition, we are revising our procedures so that when a big storm is approaching, we will draw down the waterways to the maximum extent possible. Keep in mind, though, that the pre-storm drawdown does not give us the capacity to hold all the rainfall that a major storm produces, but it does give us a running start ahead of the worst rainfall.

We also will be replacing the flapper gates on the discharge lines at the Salt Creek pump station. At present, these leaky gates allow backwards flow of water into the Salt Creek ponds area. The flap gates at the Seven Mile Drive pump station were replaced in 2017.

Committee members have a number of ideas to improve equipment reliability and enable us to pump more water during the critical window when the rainfall is the hardest. Some of these ideas are conceptual at this point and some require county or state permit modifications. We are exploring these ideas and trying to get as many in place as we can before the 2018 hurricane season.

Semiannual assessments due

The board of directors ratified the 2018 budget keeping semi annual assessments at \$548 effective Jan. 1, 2018.

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Join us!



Neighborhood News



Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association.
Luminaries in Hammock Cove.



Santa sighting in Cypress Creek



Water Oak luminaries

Players Club communities light up the night

Luminaries were everywhere in Players Club last month, as communities like Water Oak and neighbors in Cypress Creek, Hammock Cove and others celebrated the holiday season.

Salt Creek, master board share inlet cleaning costs

Salt Creek and the master board of directors have signed a cost-sharing agreement for inlet cleaning within the Salt Creek community.

Each subassociation is responsible for cleaning its inlets and maintaining them in a manner that prevents debris accumulation, while the master association is responsible for operating the overall storm water system. Salt Creek includes approximately 32 bodies of water, 14 of which are part the storm water piping system connecting two or more bodies of water and impact the overall storm water system.

Salt Creek and the master association each has agreed to pay 50 percent of the cost of inlet cleanings where the inlet is part of the storm water piping system. The master association will be responsible for contracting with mutually agreed upon vendors, monitoring the progress

of the cleaning and making payment to contractors.

Oakbridge proposes covenant changes

At a town hall meeting Oct. 26, 2017, the Oakbridge Homeowners Association presented five proposals to change their subassociation's covenants:

1. Give Oakbridge authorization to fine for covenant violations.
2. Put rental regulations in place.
3. Update subordination of lien to make this section consistent with current Florida statutes.
4. Correct typographical errors, misspellings and remove obsolete text.
5. Approve the Second Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants for Oakbridge for recording that incorporates the Approved Amendments.

Proposal 5 basically creates a new document incorporating any proposals that pass vs. filing amendments to the existing document.

Proxies went out before the Oakbridge annual homeowners meeting on Dec. 11, 2017 and are good for 90 days.

"We did not get the required 51 percent approval for any of the proposals," said Oakbridge board member Barbara Prochaska, "but we still have time to get more votes."

Oakbridge homeowners who have not cast their proxies are encouraged to do so before the proxy expires.

Golf Cart Operators Take Note!



Safety is everyone's concern.

A reminder from the Sawgrass Players Club Association

All golf cart operators must carry a valid driver's license. Parents are responsible to ensure their underage children do not drive golf carts. Citations will be issued to parents of underage children found violating this requirement. Additionally, each person in the golf cart must be seated, and children may not ride in the lap of a driver.

New year, new leadership and new friends

By Carol Liittschwager

A great way to add new, interesting friends and fun things to do in 2018 is to join the Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association.

More than 150 women from our neighborhoods are active in the group, which offers a monthly menu of activities and events for members (and sometimes spouses). There are Senior and Junior membership groups, with 50 as the stage of life break, although that's flexible and most events are open to all.

And you choose what you like to do and sign up. On the list are lunches, day trip excursions, book clubs, Bridge, art shows, home tours, Mah Jongg, cocktail parties, golf, Scrabble, Canasta, dinners out and more. Do only what you want to do. Don't see something on the list? Just ask - new interest groups begin all the time.

The only obligation that's a must is paying your dues: \$30 per year. What's not to like?

Leading this year's Management Committee is Irene Lombardo as chairman. Other officers are Ann George, Joanie Ewalt, Barbara Prochaska and Pam Hesterlee, plus last year's chairman, Carol Zehil, who is heading up membership.

At SPCWA's annual meeting and luncheon in December, Kim McCammack and Jennifer Sandler-Steinshouer were thanked for their work in developing the Junior Group for the past several years. Kim served as the Junior Group chairman and Jen headed up Junior membership.

Contact Carol Zehil at carolannzehil@gmail.com (or any member you know) for additional information if you are interested in joining.



Junior members held their annual White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange at Vernon's.



SPCWA members enjoyed the Holiday Homes Tour on Amelia Island in December.



Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association. **Betty Smallridge of Sawgrass Island coordinated SPCWA's annual U.S. Marines Toys for Tots donation campaign.**

Citizens Traffic Task Force releases traffic study results

By Irene Lombardo

The Citizens Traffic Task Force (CTTF) last month released results of the online surveys posted this fall to solicit public feedback on proposed recommendations to improve traffic flow and safety.

A summary of the results from the two surveys shows:

- A clear majority favor the intersection improvement recommendations.
- Near two out of three (64 percent) oppose the widening of State Road AIA from four to six lanes, while a slight majority (54 percent) favor the widening of State Road AIA (two to four lanes) from Mickler Road to Sawgrass Country Club's south gate.
- A slight majority (50.3 percent) oppose removing the roundabout at County Road 210 and Mickler Road.
- A slight majority (52 percent) favor the
 - widening of County Road 210 (from two to four lanes) from the Palm Valley Bridge to State Road AIA.
- Additional work will be required to fully understand the community's preferences around the closely contended changes.

The recommendations were proposed in a study commissioned by St. Johns County and the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization. The CTTF received more than 1,500 responses to each of the two surveys that covered short- and long-term solutions to Ponte Vedra Beach's growing traffic concerns.

Citizens Traffic Task Force board member Duncan Thomas said, "The CTTF board is appreciative of the level of engagement shown by the large number of community members who responded to the two surveys. The completion of the Ponte Vedra-Palm Valley Traffic Survey does not, however, mean the end of the work of the CTTF board. The group is committed to continuing its work until meaningful roadway improvements in Northeastern St. Johns County have been achieved."

In addition to providing the survey results to St. Johns County staff, the CTTF



Photo by Metro Creative.

board plans to meet with the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization and the Florida Department of Transportation this month to present the survey results and discuss the steps necessary to achieve funding for the most critically needed improvements.

The CTTF board consists of representatives from the Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition, the Ponte Vedra Community Association, the Palm Valley Community Association, the Ponte Vedra Municipal Service District, the North Ponte Vedra Beach Coalition, and from the Sawgrass, Marsh Landing, Plantation and Sawgrass Players Club homeowners associations.

Don't pay a fine!

By Carol Liittschwager

Follow the overnight parking rules listed below to avoid paying a fine:

Your guests may stay later, but any car parked on our streets between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. will be ticketed.

And the homeowner is the one who pays.

The good news is that you can solve the parking problem: Get prior permission for the overstay. Simply contact gate security at (904) 370-4875 to request the overnight parking form.

You must do this for your own vehicles as well. Maybe you're having your driveway redone. Or packing a vehicle for travel. Or your kids are home from school. Just ask for the overnight parking form so First Coast Security knows the car is legal and known to you.

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Proposed golf course development clears PZA hurdle

By Barbara Prochaska

On Dec. 7, 2017, the St. Johns County Planning and Zoning Agency (PZA) unanimously recommended approval of the applications made by Alta Mar Holdings, Inc., owner of The Oak Bridge Club, to amend the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) and to make a major modification to the Players Club at Sawgrass PUD (Planned Unit Development). It allows approximately 40 acres of the golf course property to be sold, assigns 330 vested, age-restricted residential units and allows 15,000 square feet of commercial uses in lieu of golf course uses.

The proposed development agreement is the same one approved by Sawgrass Players Club homeowners on Feb. 6, 2017. Parcels A and A2 will consist of age-restricted residences, and Parcel B may consist of aged restricted residential or 15,000 commercial or civic space. Parcel C will not be developed and will provide a lake or green space view. Parcel D will not be developed and will be buffer. All future buildings in the developed area must be approved by the Sawgrass Players Club Architectural Control Committee (ACC). As part of the agreement with Alta Mar Holdings, the remainder of the property is to be used as a golf course and related recreational facilities until 2057.

The DRI modification and PUD Major Modification is scheduled to go before the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners on Jan. 16, 2018, for a final decision.

At the PZA public hearing, Alta Mar Holdings' legal representative, Ellen Avery-Smith of Rogers Towers, P.A., reiterated the modification request was not changing the land use as defined in the DRI. It is simply allocating the existing development rights. The proposed change makes use of vested, unbuilt and unallocated residential and commercial entitlements. There will be no reduction in open spaces or increments in development rights within the DRI. Avery-Smith also stated no one is under contract at this time to purchase the 40 acres. She mentioned the land could potentially be bought by more than one developer. Nothing in the proposal rules out that possibility.

In addition to the DRI and PUD modifications, PZA members were asked to consider seven waivers as outlined below. The Palm Valley Architectural Review Committee (PVARC) previously recommended approval for waivers as they pertain to the Palm Valley Overlay.

Maximum building length of 150 feet along A1A in lieu of the Land Development Code (LDC) specified maximum of 120 feet.

Flat roofs on buildings or portions of buildings greater than three stories instead of the LDC-required 5/12 pitched roofs.

Minimum setback from the street an average of 50 feet with a minimum of 30 feet. Per the LDC, any residential building greater than three stories requires a minimum 30-foot setback.

Extend the phasing of development by allowing project commencement within 20 years of PUD Major Modification approval and completion within 25 years. Most development approvals within St. Johns County typically have five to 10-year phasing. The lengthened phasing period was requested since more than one developer is possible (e.g., one commercial entity and one residential entity). Twenty years provides more flexibility for the eventual possibility that the project area may be developed in multiple phases.

No detailed site plan illustration on the Master Development Plan (MDP) Map. This is not an uncommon occurrence. St. Johns County previously reviewed and approved several MDP Maps with conceptual "bubble" plans.

Maximum building height of 58 feet, which is significantly lower than the 100-foot maximum height allowed by the Players Club PUD.

Reduction in off-street parking to one space per residential unit rather than the LDC requirement of two spaces per single- and two-family dwellings. The LDC also requires one space for each three beds in a nursing facility.

David Miller, co-owner of Alta Mar Holdings, provided the board with a brief history of the acquisition of the property and the evolution of development concepts. The terrible condition of the golf course and facilities along with the desire to raise capital to offset excessive expenditures necessitated a plan that could salvage the property and make it viable again. He equated it to "carving off the arm of the patient to save the whole patient."

Miller noted that the recorded Development Agreement executed between Alta Mar Holdings and Sawgrass Players Club places additional restrictions beyond what was presented to the county as a result of town hall meetings and member vote, such as landscape screening and buffers ahead of construction. The proposed development plan, Miller said, was a "win-win-situation" and was best for the whole community considering the dire and grim alternative.

Several Sawgrass Players Club board members were in attendance along with the property manager and assistant property manager from Marsh Landing Management Company. Association Board President Gerry Klingman initiated public comment by expressing support for the plan and reporting the development proposal vote received more responses than any past initiative impacting the Sawgrass Players Club community. Of the 72 percent of homeowner responses received, the proposal received

an overwhelming 75 percent approval. The agreement is a "win-win for the Sawgrass Players Club," Klingman said.

Also present were approximately a dozen Sawgrass Players Club homeowners and several homeowners from Hidden Oaks, a community that lies adjacent to the golf course property. Most of the opposition to the proposed plan revolved around the potential for increased traffic and decreased property values. Mike Borns, a Sawgrass Players Club resident, expressed worries about traffic generated by the proposed residential units, especially considering the current traffic problems in Ponte Vedra Beach. He said the location is one of the most congested parts along A1A, and the development will increase traffic. He asked the PZA board to look at the recently completed Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley Citizens Traffic Task Force (CTTF) Traffic Study.

Subsequent to public comments, both Avery-Smith and Miller addressed expressed concerns. Avery-Smith said the proposed development does not result in an increase of external vehicle trips generated by the DRI above that which was projected during the original DRI review and mitigated for by the master developer. She acknowledged access into the development would be right in and right out requiring a U-turn to go north on A1A. Additional access points are proposed and currently under investigation. They would require acquisition of easements or land.

Miller stated the most probable buyer is Vicar's Landing, whose residents have an average age of 87. He continued by saying average 87-year-old traffic does not equal average 55-year-old traffic. With regard to statements on lack of planning detail, Avery-Smith noted that "bubble" plans exist for most of St. Johns County PUDs. Miller added a "bubble" plan is necessary in the event Vicar's Landing cannot get their board approval, which would then require a different developer.

Prior to the vote, PZA board members reaffirmed the existence of vested development rights within the DRI and that the traffic and roads have already been mitigated based on the original DRI plan. PZA board member Jon Woodward understood homeowners' decreased property value concerns but noted the lack of specific study data defining the actual impact. Board member David Rice said the Millers completed their due diligence and noted that he didn't recall any applicant before the board going to the same extent. Overall the PZA board felt the proposed development agreement was the best solution in the effort to overcome potential golf course property blight.

Detailed information on the Development of Regional Impact Modification Request (DRI MOD 2017-03) can be found at http://www.sjcf.us/Agenda/PZA/2017/120717/Item4_DRI-MOD2017-03.pdf

What is a DRI?

By Irene Lombardo

In 1972, the Florida Legislature adopted two land-use programs to address the subject of growth management and comprehensive planning. The Development of Regional Impacts (DRI) Program was created to provide a process to identify regional impacts stemming from large developments and appropriate provisions to mitigate these impacts. A DRI is defined as any development that would have a substantial impact on the health, safety or welfare of citizens in more than one county. Florida statutes require a proposed change to a previously approved DRI must be submitted to the local government, the regional planning agency, and the state planning agency.

The Oak Bridge Club property is within the Caballos Del Mar DRI, which was approved by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners in 1975 and has been modified at least 18 times since its inception. When the DRI was approved, it included development rights for 8,296 residential units, 91.66 acres of commercial uses, 785.82 acres of recreation, 53.51 acres of community support, 21.49 acres of resort villas, and 817.53 acres of roads, creeks and preserve. In 1978, the DRI's density and uses were modified to include a total of 8,200 residential dwelling units, 135.83 acres of commercial uses, 1,487.73 acres of active and passive recreational, 64.61 acres of community support and 337.96 acres of miscellaneous uses. The DRI was modified again in 1993, and the overall number of dwelling units was reduced to 7,576.

The original DRI's development entitlements were allocated between two separate PUDs, Marsh Landing and Sawgrass Players Club. Within the Players Club portion of the DRI, 12.4 commercial acres of its 98 commercial acres were never allocated to a parcel on the Proposed Master Plan Map. There is very little vacant land within the DRI available for development at present, and it is likely that the DRI's density will never rise to the level that was originally reviewed, approved and mitigated for by the master developer. The plan submitted by Alta Mar Holdings requests the assignment of 330 of the remaining 952 unallocated and vested residential units and four commercial acres from the remaining 12.8 unassigned acres to the Development Parcel. The balance of the property will remain golf course and other recreational uses.

Detailed information on the Planned Unit Development Major Modification Request (MAJMOD 2017-10) can be found at http://www.sjcf.us/Agenda/PZA/2017/120717/Item5_MAJMOD2017-10.pdf

EFW Sports Tennis happenings

By Ed Weiner

EFW Sports Tennis of Sawgrass Players Club is entering its fourth year as a provider of professional tennis instruction for the community. Our group has been newly designated as a Net Generation USTA provider of junior team tennis and officials training. Meeting their criteria sanctions us as a safe sporting facility.

In 2018, we are going to expand exposure of our six- to 16-year-old athletes to USTA and First Coast Tennis leagues and tournaments. Also this year we will continue to offer co-ed adult clinics for all levels with emphasis on improvement and fun.

Our spring adult cardio clinics will begin in February. Cardio classes are taught by certified cardio tennis instructors. Join the fun and pace for all levels of play!

EFW Sports will continue to provide low student-to-instructor ratios at the pay-as-you-play rate. There are no initiation or monthly dues payments for any participants. All levels of play are welcome and private group clinics are available.

Thank you to all Sawgrass Players Club community members and Head/Penn products for the support throughout the year.

Free fitness classes in the works

By Irene Lombardo

This spring, The Oak Bridge Club is planning to offer Players Club residents a free program entitled “Fitness and Recovery for All Ages,” under the aegis of fitness guru Gabe Lopez of Perform6 Fitness.

According to Lopez, “When it comes to improving health and performance, a one-size-fits-all approach fits no one well.”

The program is designed as a tailored approach to connect participants to strategies that are vital to health and performance.

“A big part of the future of The Oak Bridge Club is going to be health and wellness for all who live in the Players Club,” said Mike Miles, director of golf. “We have a new 55 and over community being built soon, a great tennis facility and a new golf course tailored to fit everyone from the aging community to the little golfers that show up every day. Gabe and his expertise will be a huge part of it all.”

Days and times are not yet set and more information will be available soon. If you would like to learn more, call (904) 234-3539 or email director@perform6.com.

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.

Be a
considerate
dog owner

- 1** Keep pets on a leash at all times, as required by St. Johns County ordinance.
- 2** Clean up after your pet. Doggy bags are available at the park entrances.
- 3** No animals are allowed in the Tot Lot or inside the Players Pool enclosure, in accordance with Sawgrass Players Club Association Rules and Regulations.



Bicyclists Take Note!

Safety is everyone's concern. Bicycles driven at or in excess of 15 mph must be driven on the roadway. When driven less than 15 mph, bicycles are permitted on Sawgrass Players Club sidewalks; however, pedestrians always have the right of way. Additionally, when coming up behind a walker or runner, bicyclists should give warning to those individuals on foot to avoid an accident.



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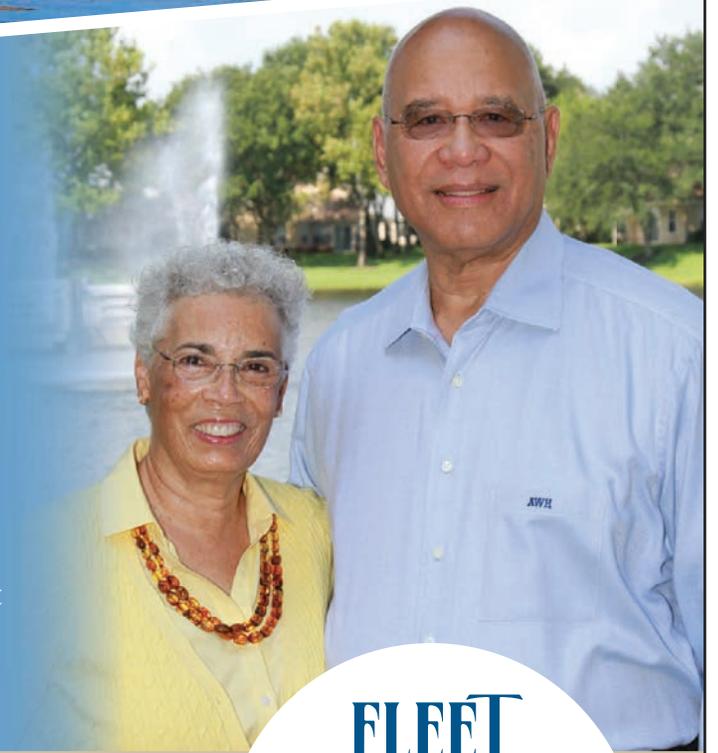
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