

Meet Joe Adiutori

By Martie Thompson

Board member spotlight

New master board member Joe Adiutori once had the opportunity with his career to live anywhere in the country that he wanted. He chose Ponte Vedra Beach.

“We had family — our daughter and husband and three grandchildren — who lived here,” Adiutori said. “But we had lived here previously and were familiar with and enjoyed the area.”

Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Adiutori became a salesman for Procter and Gamble after a three year stint in the Army. It was while he was in the Army that he met his wife Florie via some friends at a disco in Queens. They needed a ride home that night and asked him. The Adiuturis have been married for 55 years.

His career with Procter and Gamble was lengthy and varied. He lived all over the country as he moved up the corporate ladder.

“The highlight of my career was a special assignment where I led a six month test market in Minneapolis for the introduction of Liquid Tide,” Adiutori said. “It’s now a \$3 billion brand.”

He and Florie lived at one time in Sawgrass Country Club for five years before moving on to Chapel Hill, NC for another position with Procter and Gamble. Then he was presented with a national opportunity with the company which would allow him to live anywhere — and

15 years and over time held the positions of president, vice president and treasurer.

Adiutori said that in 2016, the couple felt it was time to downsize and that’s when they found their current home in Cypress Creek. Soon after, he found himself again on a homeowners association board.

“The Cypress Creek HOA needed a director,” Adiutori said. “I enjoy being a part of the community and I like to serve my community.”

When the Sawgrass Players Club Master Board needed a new member in January, he put his name in and was elected. He said he thinks the biggest challenge facing the board is the aging infrastructure of the community.

“I applaud the board for the steps they have already taken to maintain the infrastructure and I want to continue that,”



Photos courtesy Joe Adiutori
Joe and Florie Adiutori at their 50th anniversary marriage renewal ceremony aboard a cruise.

it was at this point, in 1997, that the family moved back to Ponte Vedra Beach. They built a home in Marsh Landing and lived there for 18 years. Adiutori served on the homeowners association board for

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President's Comments

By TJ Welsh

Your master board of directors has been working diligently on our budget for next year’s fiscal year. We have a lot of work earmarked in conjunction with the Oak Bridge Golf Course redesign and redevelopment. As work will begin shortly on the course itself, the Transition Committee will be working with the course owners to ensure adherence with the agreement that was voted on and approved by the entire Players Club Association.

While this work is going on, it offers us a unique opportunity to address some major drainage issues on several key waterways, dams and weirs. Golf course reconstruction enables us to perform work that otherwise would have been considerably more difficult and more expensive. Other projects have been identified in conjunction with both the Salt Creek and Seven Mile Drive pump houses.

Like the Sword of Damocles, the potential for great damage is always possible with hurricanes in our part of North Florida. The Operations, Maintenance and Waterways (OM&W) Committee put together a special ad hoc committee to identify areas from a long-range perspective that will add to the reliability and increase our ability to pump water. None of these projects come without a high cost and, as such, we need to begin saving for them in our strategic planning reserves. All will be key to preserving our homes and the TPC golf course. The PGA TOUR will jointly pay for those projects directly tied to the course and home protection, as they did with the main gate house and other projects that are conducted as maintenance.

The Landscape Committee has rebid the landscaping contract and Precision Turf will be retained for another year with no increase for the next two years, and a 1 percent increase in year three. The management contract is also being renegotiated, and I believe will be done so without an increase — and may re-

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Understanding operating and reserve funds

Our homeowners association keeps two separate “funds” for expenses associated with maintaining the common areas of the community.

The operating fund is used for keeping up with day-to-day expenses and maintenance of SPCA’s assets. This includes items such as landscaping, general maintenance of common areas, property management, access control services, insurance, taxes, utility expenses, accounting and legal fees. This is where the most transactions take place.

The reserve fund is essentially a savings account where the association saves money for large and infrequent costly repairs and replacements that will occur over longer periods of time. The Sawgrass Players Club Association actually has three separate reserve funds: general reserve fund for items such as roadways, bridges, signs, pool house, pool and recreation areas; stormwater management reserve fund for items related to the pumps and pump stations; and emergency reserve fund for unanticipated expenses due to major storms, hurricanes or other catastrophes.

A Reserve Study, prepared by an outside company, estimates the cost and timing of the repairs and replacements to the common areas that will likely be needed over the next 20 to 30 years. Based on this information, a determination is made of the appropriate amount to put in the reserve fund.

Assessment increase anticipated

By Barbara Prochaska, SPCA Treasurer

The Sawgrass Players Club Association (SPCA) budget for 2020 is being finalized. This past year the SPCA board of directors and supporting committees have worked diligently to manage the spending of association funds, while remaining cognizant of protecting our properties from storm flooding and increasing our property values. Nonetheless, the board is anticipating an increase in assessments primarily due to increasing costs, the need to accelerate scheduled pump station repairs and replacements, and capital improvements.

The specific increase amount has not yet been determined. The 2020 budget will be discussed and finalized at the board of directors meeting on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 3 p.m. at the TPC Clubhouse. All homeowners are invited to attend to learn more about the proposed increase and budget.

The following summarizes the major factors driving the assessment increase:

Increased Asphalt Pricing: One contributor to the assessment change is the increased cost of asphalt. The Sawgrass Players Club Association is responsible for about 16 acres of roadways in our community. The cost of asphalt per square foot has increased since the last reserve study was done. This is an overall increase in cost of \$16,300. Although the roads do not get paved every year, money has to be set aside annually in the general reserve fund in order to pay for

the paving when it is scheduled to be done in the future.

Stormwater Management: A required contribution of approximately \$64,000 to the



Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association
New gatehouse



Old gatehouse

harm SPCA assets or the quality of life in our community if not addressed. An example use is to clean up storm damage and repair or replace damaged or destroyed assets after a major storm or hurricane.

Capital Improvements: A new quarter-mile six-foot wide sidewalk around Players Park along with an extended 10-foot wide parking pad is proposed.

There will be fitness stations installed along the sidewalk. In an effort to reduce overall costs, it may be possible for the work to be done at a reduced rate by a contractor that would already be onsite during the Oak Bridge Golf Course renovations. Sponsors will be found to donate the fitness stations. The work is part of the overall park improvement

plan and will allow for food truck events, adult-themed events, improved access overall and increased park use for all residents.

Some homeowners often ask, “What are other associations paying for HOA assessments?” Our assessments continue to remain lower than many of the other gated communities in the area. But this isn’t always a meaningful comparison, since similar communities often have different financial requirements at any period in time. Some may

have higher insurance premiums due to prior claims. Some haven’t funded their reserves appropriately. Some take care of repairs on a proactive basis, and some have deferred maintenance that may not be readily noticeable. In other words, the assessment amount doesn’t represent the same costs in each community. Our assessments are based on our specific needs and not on other communities’ needs.

stormwater reserve fund is another factor driving the assessment increase. The funding plan for the trash racks needs to be accelerated since they require replacement earlier than anticipated. The trash racks prevent water-borne debris (such as tree limbs, trash, eelgrass, etc.) from entering the intake of the pumping station. Additionally, in order to improve our pumping capability prior to and during a major storm, it is necessary to increase the size (i.e., diameter) of the discharge pipes. The current pipes are leaking, which has caused the replacement timeline to be accelerated. The cost of the larger pipes increases the overall reserve funding since the pipes will have to be upgraded at the time they are replaced.

Emergency Funding: Approximately \$20,000 still needs to be contributed to the emergency reserve fund in order to maintain the required minimum balance. The fund was depleted due to hurricanes Matthew and Irma. Emergency reserve funds are used in the event of significant unplanned developments that would



New poolhouse



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Security issues are always a concern

By Irene Lombardo

Emergencies happen. When they do, residents should call 911 first and First Coast Security second. Our security personnel work with first responders and the St. Johns County Sheriff's office. They provide written incident reports to the master board and, if applicable, camera surveillance to law officers.

Our director of security, Ralph Sylvester, supervises 19 officers who do more than man the gates and issue traffic citations.

Roving patrols perform house checks for residents who are away and street-light checks, escort large trucks through the community, and respond to resident complaints. Examples of issues security officers deal with include incidents such as a teen jumping the fence after hours at Players Pool, stolen items from yards, neighbor to neighbor complaints, dogs barking or off the leash and speeding.

There are security cameras throughout the community. They continuously surveil the gates, Players Park, Players Pool and the pump stations, among others, and the Traffic Hawk provides camera evidence of speeding and stop sign violations. Unfortunately, per legal counsel, Sawgrass Players Club cannot fine violators going to public venues, like TPC, or Marsh Landing residents with an RFID.

From a computer on his desk, Sylvester can see everything the cameras are

catching in real time. The cameras also record audio and tag license plates at the gates.

"If someone comes in and says they are going to TPC, we can't stop them," he said.

But when an incident is under investigation, the surveillance is critical. Even the Traffic Hawk can be used as evidence. If individuals say they are going to TPC

and a camera shows they ended up at a residence, Sylvester said that shows intent for the prosecution.

Vandalism had been an issue at one time.

However, Sylvester said,

"Vandalism is down since we started prosecuting offenders." During times like Halloween, he doubles up on the roving patrols.

As of June 1 of this year, all contractors and vendors must enter Sawgrass Players Club through the main gate off A1A. This change is designed to eliminate backups on Solana Road.

"You don't have much clearance from the light to the gate on Solana," Sylvester said. He urges residents to use the automated system to call visitors in to speed them through.

"When we have to call residents, it backs up the line at the gate," he said.

In addition, residents who are moving should call the roving patrol, Sylveste

"Vandalism is down since we started prosecuting offenders."

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said, because large trucks can't fit in all areas, such as certain cul de sacs. "We need to know the size of the truck," he said.

Residents are also asked not to piggyback on a vehicle in front of them when coming through the gate. Piggybacking is usually the reason the gate arm hits a vehicle. On occasion the arm comes down if an RFID does not work. The gate arms have been padded in an effort to prevent major damage to vehicles.

Some residents who remained during Hurricane Dorian have asked why security gates were left unmanned in Sawgrass Players Club while Marsh Landing Country Club's gates were covered. Sylvester explained that everyone in the area was under a mandatory evacuation. We cannot put personnel in peril. Despite the change in direction taking the hurricane away from the coast, the mandatory evacuation orders remained in place. The supervisor at Marsh Landing made the decision to stay. While hindsight is 20-20, that decision could have placed personnel in danger if the storm suddenly turned again.

"We came back early," Sylvester said, but he believes the decision to evacuate was the right one for the staff.

Solana gatehouse to get facelift

Work has begun on the Solana gatehouse. It is designed to give the building a consistent look with the main gatehouse, which was demolished and rebuilt in 2018.

The Solana gate will not be rebuilt, but it will get the benefit of a new roof with copper gutters, as well as new exterior lights, stone, siding, and exterior doors



Rendering courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association
Current Solana gatehouse



Rendering of upgrades to Solana gatehouse

and windows. Also being added are staggering gate arms as currently designed at the main gatehouse.

The work is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving.

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sult in an actual decrease without a drop in service.

The bottom line is that your board is working hard to control costs and at the same time enhance our community and protect it and all our homes. I anticipate an increase of around 7 percent to our annual dues to pay for the aforementioned projects and to provide a sufficient shield against rising costs for asphalt to pay for those road projects which are also looming on our horizon.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their literally hundreds of hours of dedication that allow for the smooth operation and enhancement of the entire Players Club.

Be safe and have a happy Fall!

TJ Welsh is president of the Sawgrass Players Club Association.

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Witches and ghosts and goblins, oh my! Keep kids safe this Halloween

By Barbara Prochaska

“What are you going to be for Halloween?” That’s the question kids of all ages are asking each other this time of year. How about being a safe trick-or-treater or a careful adult? It’s a scary fact, but on average, children are four times more likely to be struck by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other night of the year.

There are several easy and effective tips and behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury. Some of these start at home before they ever walk out the door:

Avoid masks and use face paint instead.

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers.

Make sure costumes don’t drag on the ground to avoid tripping.

Give kids glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

Consider pinning a piece of paper with your child’s name, address and phone

number inside their pocket in case they get separated from you or their group.

Children under the age of 12 should have adult supervision. Encourage older kids to trick or treat with a group of friends, parents or older siblings and have them communicate where they will be going.

Once they head out to trick or treat, they need to have more on their minds than getting the most candy. Teach your children to cross the street at corners using crosswalks, look left, right, and left again before crossing, do not dart out into the street, watch out for cars that are turning or backing up, use sidewalks and pathways when possible, put away electronic devices and keep heads up when walking (don’t run!) across the street.

At the end of the evening’s adventures, closely examine all treats your child received and throw away anything that’s a possible choking hazard, not sealed, has torn packaging or looks suspicious (and of course, you may have to confiscate your favorite candy in the process). If your child has food allergies, check

labels carefully. Even hard candies may be manufactured in facilities that process nuts, milk, soy, wheat or eggs.

Adults need to be careful, too. As you drive through the community on Halloween, don’t forget to slow down. Keep an eye out for little ghosts and goblins (and superheroes) crossing streets and walking through neighborhoods. Be especially alert for kids during the popular trick-or-treating hours of 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways. Take extra time to look for trick-or-treaters at intersections, on medians and on curbs. Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.

If you plan to stay home and give out treats, make the outside of your home safe for trick-or-treaters coming to your door. Turn on exterior lights, remove anything from the porch or yard that can be tripped over and restrain your pets.

Be safe. Happy Halloween!



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It’s clear as glass.
Pool enemy #1 is glass.
Tender tootsies?
Blood in the pool?
Please, no glass inside the pool gate.
Other common hazards that do not belong in the pool:
Pets (not even a turtle!) and food. Yuck!
Your rubber ducky is OK.
Keep our Players Pool clean and safe.

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AIA entrance before



Landscaped AIA entrance after

Other homeowners ask, “But what have I really gotten for the money I pay each year?” Sometimes it is difficult to remember what the community looked like before improvements were made. Our community was aging and needed revitalization in several areas. Over the past few years, several projects were undertaken to enhance property values and ensure our community continues to be a desirable place to live.

Landscaping and irrigation were improved and upgraded throughout the community. Capital improvements were made, including the Players Park pavilion roof and restroom, upgrades to the Players Pool building, the new front entrance gatehouse, sidewalks to Cypress Bridge,

Vicar’s Landing, Players Club Villas and A1A, and the RFID conversion project. Additional investments were made in order to protect our property values, such as the electric motors to operate the pumps and the new diesel generator at the Seven Mile Drive pump station. While many of the projects are tangible improvements, many of the others, such as the pump station projects, are not visible day-to-day.

With all that being said, the board’s sworn fiduciary duty is to the homeowners of the association. The board is obligated to set the SPCA assessments at a level that are adequate to cover both operating expenses and reserve funds.

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Children and golf carts can prove dangerous

By Barbara Prochaska

Everyone likes tooling around the community in a golf cart. It's convenient to just jump in and off you go. People don't tend to think of them as vehicles, but they are. When you are driving a golf cart on our roadways, you are competing with cars on the road and you don't have airbags. You should use all of the same safety procedures when driving a golf cart that you use when driving a car.

No one should be driving a golf cart unless they are old enough to have a driver's license. Parents are responsible to ensure their underage children do not drive golf carts. Citations and subsequent fines will be issued to parents of underage children found violating this requirement.

But this is really a safety issue. New research has confirmed previous studies that golf cart accidents involving children can result in serious injuries, and are usually the result of not enforcing safety rules or age restrictions. About a quarter of the cases from the study involved time spent in the intensive care unit. The most common cause of injury was being thrown off or overturning the cart. This information is not intended

to scare parents, but serves as a reminder that golf carts are not toys.

The same "rules of the road" that apply to golf carts also apply to dirt bikes, mini bikes and motorized scooters. They should be ridden on the right-hand side of the roadway with the flow of traffic and are not allowed on sidewalks. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their underage children do not operate them and to ensure their older children follow the rules. Parents can receive citations and fines for not adhering to these regulations.

Motorized scooters may not seem dangerous, but helmets should be worn for the child's safety. Simply put, if you fall off a motorized scooter, you are going to get hurt. The most common injuries are cuts,

fractures and head injuries. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children who are too young to have a driver's license should not operate or ride on motorized scooters. Another study found the majority of patients injured while riding electric scooters were male, with most of them being children between the ages of six and 12 years old.

Golf Cart Policy

- Golf carts may only be ridden on the right-hand side of the roadway with the flow of traffic; they are not allowed on sidewalks.
- All golf cart operators must carry a valid driver's license.
- Underage children may not drive golf carts.
- Each person in the golf cart must be seated.
- Children may not ride in the lap of a driver.
- Golf carts driven between sunset and sunrise must have headlights and tail lights.

Security is available 24/7

If you have a security issue, a First Coast Security patrol officer is always on duty.

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A link to a complete list of important phone numbers can be found on the resident home page of our website, www.sawgrassplayersclub.org, under the Events calendar, as well as in your Property Owner and Resident Guide.



Come join the fun with SPCWA

By Irene Lombardo, SPCWA chair

The holiday season will be upon us soon, and members of the Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association (SPCWA) can look forward to several special events planned for the coming months.

Later this month we will kick off the season with a cocktail party celebrating international cuisine. Guests are being asked to bring a dish representing their ethnic heritage. Our parties include spouses, significant others and friends, and they are always hugely popular.

Then in November we've scheduled a Book Swap at Pusser's Caribbean Grille for all the book lovers in our midst. The Sawgrass Players Club Women's Association has six book clubs! It's a chance to pick up the latest best seller for free, while enjoying cocktails and tidbits from the bar.

December is always a very special time of the year. We will celebrate the holidays with our annual luncheon at 3 Palms Grille. Due to the overwhelming response we had last year, we are once again bringing the Bridges of Harmony a capella group to entertain us. This magnificent, award-winning group has sung at Carnegie Hall and brought attendees at last year's luncheon to their feet, cheering. Once again, we also will be supporting the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots campaign. Attendees are asked to bring one toy as a donation.

No holiday would be complete without checking out the St. Augustine Nights of Lights. So this year we have planned a 90-minute evening cruise to view the

spectacle from Matanzas Bay. Imagine watching three million lights turn on and light up the city! We'll supply the food and attendees can imbibe from the cash bar that will be available.

Finally, we will be heading down to the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts to see the Holiday Pops spectacular show, which is an annual tradition. It is always an entertaining event and, of course, it boasts the only indoor "snow fall."

While all of these great special treats are scheduled, don't forget that we have a roster of regularly scheduled activities every month, including Bridge, Canasta, lunches, dinners out, Happy Hour and Mix & Mingle for singles and couples, Mah Jongg, Scrabble, Recipe Club, Trivia Night and more. One is sure to be of interest. Plus, we continually add new activities for our members.

SPCWA is all about community, conversation and conviviality. Come join us! Prospective members can attend two events or activities before making a commitment. So what are you waiting for? Fill out the membership form today or email info@spcwa.org for more information. As a special bonus, the \$30 membership dues women pay when joining during November and December are good for all of 2020, too.

Upcoming Special Events

- Oct. 26 Cocktail Party
- Nov. 11 Book Swap
- Dec. 04 Annual Holiday Luncheon
- Dec. 07 Nights of Lights Cruise
- Dec. 08 Holiday Pops Concert

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.



A reminder from the Sawgrass Players Club Association

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Be a considerate dog owner

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.

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.





Woody and Jessie Live made Flick in the Field a special treat



The annual Flick in the Field event sponsored by the Sawgrass Players Club Recreation Committee and held on Oct. 5 included two very special guests – Woody and Jessie from “Toy Story 3.” The kids enjoyed the Meet and Greet event and parents took lots of pics for the hour before the film ran.

Thomas Green of Cypress Bridge left the event happy. He was the winner of the door prize — the complete Toy Story DVD collection and some added goodies.





Neighborhood News

SenioRITAs tennis tournament is here!

The 20th annual SenioRITAs Doubles Tennis Tournament will be held starting at 8 a.m., Oct. 18 – 20, 2019, at Sawgrass Country Club. The tournament is a fundraising event of The RITA (Research Is The Answer) Foundation. Players in the charity tournament are women aged 40 and older, divided by age and levels of play. Each year more than 300 women come from all over the country to participate.

There is no charge to attend the events, which are open to the public. Grilled food and drinks will be available for purchase onsite. Due to the

construction of Sawgrass Country Club's new clubhouse, parking will be adjacent to PGA TOUR headquarters here in Players Club. Attendees are encouraged to carpool.

The SenioRITAs event is an all-volunteer team effort. All proceeds go to benefit breast cancer research at Mayo Clinic and patient services at Baptist Medi-

cal Center Beaches. To make a donation to the SenioRITAs and The Rita Foundation, you can use an online form at www.the-rita-foundation.org/donation-senioritas. Donations may also be made by personal or company check. A tax deduction letter will be sent to you for your records.



Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association
SenioRITAs playing on Stadium Court



SenioRITAs walkway to the court

Checks should be made payable to "The RITA Foundation" and mailed to the attention of The RITA Foundation, Inc., SenioRITAs at Sawgrass Country Club, P.O. Box 1293, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004.

Visit www.the-rita-foundation.org/senioritas for more information.

Oakbridge revitalizing covenants; no changes involved

The Oakbridge community is in the process of revitalizing its covenants in accordance with the Florida statute. If you live in Oakbridge and have not yet submitted your Agreement In Writing Form, please do so now. It is very important for homeowners to respond. Oakbridge homeowners are reminded that no changes are being made to the Oakbridge covenants or rules; this is a legal formality.

If you need a form or have any questions, contact property manager Rachel Day at rday@mayresort.com or (904) 273-9832, ext. 211.

Please return your completed form to Oakbridge Homeowners Association, Inc., c/o MAY Management, 240 Canal Boulevard, Suite 2, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.

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Protect pets from coyotes

By Irene Lombardo

Coyote sightings continue throughout Sawgrass Players Club. Don't let your pet — be it a small dog, cat or rabbit — become victim to a coyote attack.

While coyotes rarely pose a threat to people, they do prey on small animals. Coyotes are opportunistic, generalist feeders, and they have been known to feed on cute, furry pets. Most coyote attacks on pets occur at night or in the early evening and early morning hours.

According to experts, there is no known effective repellent or deterrent device to keep coyotes off a property. The best offense is a good defense. Coyotes are out looking for food:

- Don't allow your pets to roam freely, particularly at night, dusk or dawn.
- Don't leave pet food outside or leave food for other animals or fowl, like feral cats, raccoons or geese.
- Keep your garbage can closed; consider storing the trash can in your garage.



Photo courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association

You can report a coyote attack or encounter to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) Commission by calling the Wildlife Alert Hotline at (888) 404-3922.

Neither FWC nor St. Johns County Animal Control will remove coyotes from the area. Homeowners can, however, hire a professional trapper. The FWC provides a list of registered trappers at <https://public.myfwc.com/HGM/NWT/NWT-Search.aspx>. Residents can only place traps on their own property, not common property.

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he said. "It's important to maintain our property values and also uphold the community's rules and regulations."

Adiutori also said he was impressed with the upgrades to the community's park, including a new basketball surface and a new walking trail.

"Anything we can do to bring the community together, I'm in favor of," he said.

Adiutori volunteers at PVPV Rawlings, where he has taught art to kindergarteners for 15 years. He enjoys art and said he was originally an art major in college at the State University of New York, but realized he didn't have the talent and became a business major instead. Florie Adiutori also volunteers at the elementary school, where she is affectionately known as the "Bug Lady" since she teaches the children about insects.

In their spare time, the Adiutoris enjoy travelling. They particularly love taking cruises, with the longest one a 49-day cruise from Vancouver to Australia and New Zealand. Soon, they have a 30-day transatlantic cruise from Rome to Ft.

Lauderdale on their agenda.

A self-proclaimed history buff, Adiutori said a trip to Turkey was his personal favorite of their travels. He enjoyed the people, the food, the culture and most importantly, the history of the area.

"If I had it all to do over again, I'd be a history teacher," Adiutori said.

But as much as the Adiutoris love to travel, they also like coming home to Cypress Creek.

"The great thing about this community is that there are a lot of kids," Adiutori said. "I love that they're always out in the street playing and laughing."



Joe and Florie Adiutori with children Erika and Marc, and son-in-law, Cayce, and three grandchildren, Cameron, Harrison and Samantha.

If you see damage or vandalism to community areas please let us know!

Call Kristy Richland at 273-3033

Report suspicious activity to 543-0043 or 370-4875

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Drain - dump standing water from pails, flowerpot saucers, old tires, toys and other artificial containers.

All St. Johns County residents may contact the Anastasia Mosquito Control District if in need of a service request!

Service requests can be made on the website or by phone.

471-3107 www.amcdsjc.org

Players Pool parking lot to be temporary home for UPS PODS

It won't be long before the holiday shopping season will be upon us. As in previous years, UPS will be placing one of its delivery PODS at the Players Pool parking lot beginning Nov. 25 until Jan. 2, 2020. The PODS are loaded with packages that are delivered by UPS drivers via golf cart.

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

Don't give thieves an open door to steal your car

The St. Johns County Sheriff's Office (SJSO) continues to report a rash of vehicle thefts occurring throughout the Jacksonville Beach and Ponte Vedra Beach area. Recently two thefts occurred in Players Club Villas.

All thefts have occurred in unlocked vehicles with keys in the cars, and the cars have been parked in the street or driveway. Don't be a victim. Always lock your car both during the day and night, and do not leave valuables in your car that are visible to a potential thief.

If you see something suspicious, please call SJSO at (904) 824-8304.

Prep for Hurricane Dorian was good test

By Paul Rushton

Good for us that Dorian turned out to be non threatening. It looked like a whole different possibility a few days earlier. Here's how we prepared:

Operations, Maintenance and Waterways' Storm Water Committee met on Aug. 28 in anticipation of Dorian getting to our area around Monday, Sept. 2.

We decided to start pulling down the pond levels so that we could hold some of the anticipated rainfall and get a head start on handling the water. We were able to draw down 95 percent of the available water in about 36 hours. This was the largest amount of draw-down that we have been able to achieve in recent history — more than 100 million gallons.

Please know that the fact that you live near a pond that doesn't draw down well has nothing to do with your risk from the rainfall. The entire community is one large basin that acts as a single node when the rain falls on our community. Also, keep in mind that the pre-storm drawdown does not give us the capacity to hold all the rainfall that a major storm produces; it just gives us a running start ahead of the worst rainfall.

The storm really slowed down in progressing up the Florida coastline and took three or four extra days to get here. Meanwhile, we held the water levels at rock bottom. We captured quite a few lessons learned; here are just a few of them:

We know what we can achieve with drawdown, which will help us better plan for the future.

We saw clearly which parts of the system do not draw down well. We plan to prioritize these areas and take remedial actions.

The drawdown allowed Clear Waters, Inc., to treat the exposed eelgrass. Experts tell us the best we can do with eelgrass is manage it; it's here to stay. We can, however, take advantage of opportunities such as this to control it.

We were also pleased to see that no fish kill resulted from the extended time at low water levels.

We opened weir gates where we have them around the area and the "perched" water

was slow to drain. We will make sure to open these gates early in the drawdown sequence in the future.

Pump house equipment performed well during the event, although there has been a new issue we are looking into with one of the diesel engines since.

Dorian dropped five-and-a-half inches of rain, which was more than enough to fill the pond system back up.

Communications with residents and with the PGA TOUR was better than in the past. We received feedback that some residents didn't get the information they needed regarding hurricane preparations and evacuation. You must register on the new SPCA website in order to get on the email distribution list. If you have not yet registered, go to www.sawgrassplayersclub.org and click "Resident Login/Registration" menu. Then click the "Register" button.

Fortunately, the storm turned north and we dodged the bullet. Nevertheless, we owe a debt of gratitude to Paul Rushton, Marc Stearns, Carl Crist, TJ Welsh and the Marsh Landing Management team consisting of Tripp and Kristy Richland, Andy McClausin, Alex Crofts and Alex Orth. Our PGA TOUR partners, represented by Josh White and Lucas Andrews, were equally valuable in our efforts to control the water levels in our ponds and, therefore, protect our homes and the TPC golf courses.

Work continues on clearing our waterways

By Joseph Lawton and Trace Wolfe, Clear Waters, Inc.

The 2019 summer has come to an end. As the days get shorter, the water temperature will slowly cool. Clear Waters, Inc., technicians are working to clean up the remaining algae and aquatic weed growth for a beautiful holiday season. Once water temperatures cool down, we will see a reduction in algal growth and blooms, which have been a nuisance since May. This summer has been a long and warm one. May produced about two weeks of August-like heat, raising water temperatures very early in the year.

Over the next four months or so, Clear Waters will be working on water quality improvements or remediation. We want to clean up the water in preparation for next spring. We also continue manicuring the edges and controlling the floating vegetation.

In August, Sawgrass Players Club's Operations, Maintenance and Waterways (OM&W) Committee did a drawdown of the stormwater system in preparation for Hurricane Dorian's approach to the Florida coast. This drawdown presented us with an opportunity to treat the exposed vegetation along the shorelines. We could not get to all waterways, but we did our best to get into the areas in need.

The 2019 Vallisneria (eelgrass) treatments started last March and continued throughout the summer. The treatment program went well, and we definitely see the improvements. Keep in mind this is a difficult plant to control. Vallisneria management is not comparable to treating algae or really any other submersed aquatic plant. Because it is a native plant, herbicides are manufactured and tested to preserve not kill it.

Our treatments are monitored for months, supplemented with low doses of herbicide strategically placed in the locations where water movement is negatively affecting the results. This is best

accomplished in the spring before our typical rainfall begins. The results become evident by the floating leaves and plant material from the Vallisneria on the surface of the waterway. These floating mats are caused by our treatments and also by the grass carp. We are treating the mats with our biological product Bio-Zyme to aid in the decomposition of the floating weed material.

During this process you will notice algae forming within the vegetation. This is actually a good sign, as decomposing vegetation releases nutrients which causes the algae to form. Many times the lakes will appear to get worse before they actually get better. We also will be patiently waiting for spring of 2020 to see how well the treatments of 2019 really worked.

Clear Waters is working with OM&W to have a plan in place to maintain the pressure on the Vallisneria and reduce the presence over time. Our goal is for clean and healthy waterways, so that when the requirement for pumping occurs, the discharges into the marsh are just that clean and healthy water.

As always, please be kind to the waterways. Keep storm drains clean and clear. Don't allow any fertilizer, grass clippings, excess leaf litter or brush to enter the waterway.

Kudos to our storm team

By John Flynn

As chairman of the Operations, Maintenance and Waterways (OM&W) Committee, I want to congratulate our tropical storm team on their job performance in managing our drainage and pumping systems prior to Dorian's scheduled arrival on our barrier island.

We were far more prepared to deal with this storm than we were for Matthew or Irma. For us, it was not a nonevent, but rather a good trial run to test our preparation procedures for future extreme weather events. Please be assured that our efforts will continue as we realize that excessive amounts of rain in a short period of time is more likely to cause more property damage than hurricane force winds. In my opinion, the cost benefit to future property values for preventative control measure expenditures planned for 2020 will be worthwhile.

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.

Vital pump and pump house maintenance continues

By Marc Stearns, Operations, Maintenance and Waterways Committee

The ability for our pumps on Seven Mile Drive and Salt Creek to work properly is essential when it comes to hurricanes and other severe weather events.

Ring Power technicians conducted an annual engine servicing prior to the start of hurricane season. This servicing included having the fuel tanks and fuel on hand cleaned. The inspection did show some contamination from the tanks in the fuel, so the Operations, Maintenance and Waterways Committee (OM&W) is planning to continue the annual fuel testing and cleaning until we decide to replace the existing older diesel fuel tanks. We have also improved the pumphouse building ventilation with the addition of improved ceiling fans.

The diesel engines at both pump stations are being well maintained and their performance is being continually monitored. Each diesel engine is being run for at least 30 minutes on a weekly basis, and we are trying to run each engine under load (pumping) for 30 minutes every month (if we have enough water in the lakes to allow this). Our technician is logging this information and also is logging any issues he encounters during his inspections and running of the engines.

Pump capacity remains a high priority. The current discharge pipes at the Seven Mile Drive pump station are leaking and need to be replaced ahead of schedule. They will be replaced with larger pipes to improve pumping capability.

It's been a five-year effort — but the news is good

By Carol Liittschwager

The Citizens Traffic Task Force (CTTF), made up of various Ponte Vedra groups, has worked with county and government reps to get funding for A1A intersection improvements. The total cost exceeds \$5 million, but the first \$500,000 has been funded by the state government. The Solana Road intersection is the first to be addressed.

According to CTTF Secretary/Treasurer F.J. Federico, “The engineering design for the Solana intersection is in its final phases and should be completed within 60 days. After the CTTF has reviewed the design with the county engineers, we should have a definitive start date.”

Our former board president, John Flynn, served on the CTTF. He was pleased with the cooperation in the effort.

“The group did its homework,” he said. “This is a \$500,000 foot in the door as we go on to improve intersections south to the Plantation.”

Two major traffic studies together identified the A1A intersection improvements that would have the most positive impact on traffic flow into and through the community. They included, in order of importance, Solana Road, PGA TOUR Boulevard, Sawgrass Village Drive, Mickler Road, Marsh Landing Pkwy, Ponte Vedra Lakes Boulevard and Dolphin Cove Boulevard.

Volunteers Needed For Recreation Committee!

Pat Gilberto chairs the group that includes Michelle Gilberto, Mike Miles, Debbie McWade and Irene Lombardo. But the Recreation Committee needs more volunteers to help this ever-growing program. Volunteers do not have to shovel snow at the winter event. Promise. (Many of us gave up that chore by moving here!) It's a fun endeavor with results that are truly enjoyed by many residents.

Currently, the committee is putting plans together to try to add a track around the park and exercise stations that can be enjoyed by the many adults who like to walk and are looking for additional ways to exercise.

If you would like to be part of planning events and recreational facilities, contact our property manager, Kristy Richland at krichland@marshlanding.org or complete the Join A Committee form online on the Sawgrass Players Club website.

Salt Creek's Bruce Shapiro is a dedicated player

By Carol Liittschwager

When a broken foot bone kept him out of competition at the Hoedown games at Players Park, he sent in a substitute to uphold the family honor: Lan Thi Phuong replaced her husband in the adult tug-of-war and the sack race.

The whole family, including Anna, 6, and Alexander, 3, looks forward to Sawgrass Players Club Recreation Committee-sponsored events such as Flicks in the Field. (Treats the kids don't normally get may be a factor!)

Shapiro believes the events are important to bringing residents together. Because the games span all age ranges, better communication is encouraged.

To volunteer for the Recreation Committee, email krichland@marshlanding.org. Or log in to www.sawgrassplayersclub.org, click Online Forms from the resident home page menu, then Join A Committee. Complete the form and submit.



Lan Thi Phuong participated in the Hoedown Tug-o-War



Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association
Bruce Shapiro at Winterfest

Work has begun on Oak Bridge Golf Course

By Irene Lombardo

Work began earlier this month on the irrigation system for the multimillion-dollar renovation of the golf course. The Oak Bridge Club Golf Course officially closed on Sept. 28.

The renovation project is being done by MacCurrach Golf Construction, Inc., and overseen by Salt Creek resident

Mike Miles, who is the Oak Bridge Club director of golf, and the PGA TOUR design and construction staff. Sawgrass Players Club's Oak Bridge Transition Committee will provide additional oversight. The master board set up the Transition Committee as part of



Photo courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association
Construction has begun on the Oak Bridge Golf Course.

the Development Agreement signed two years ago.

Water used for irrigating the course was shut off at the end of September. The Innlet Beach Wastewater Treatment facility, which has been the primary source of irrigation for the course since its opening, has been closed. (See accompanying article.)

Miles said, "To renovate the greens and fairways, we have to start with a clean palate."

All the current grass and weeds must be eliminated and the soil prepared for the new turf, which will be the same surface as the TPC courses.

The renovation to a new 12-hole golf course is expected to take about a year with an anticipated reopening in the fall of 2020. In the meantime, the Oak Bridge Club's Tennis Center and 3 Palms Grille will continue normal operations.

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Lawsuit settlement makes small modifications to the PUD



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The lawsuit that has held up forward movement on redevelopment of the Oak Bridge Golf Course for over a year was settled this past spring and approved by the county.

The suit was brought by adjacent property owners to the Oak Bridge Golf Course against Alta Mar Holdings, Inc. and St. Johns County, challenging the Board of County Commissioners' approval of the development agreement approved by Sawgrass Players Club homeowners. The parties reached a confidential settlement agreement to dismiss the suit with prejudice as to all parties, including the county.

The non-confidential provisions of the agreement added development restrictions and other commitments that require minor adjustments to the planned unit development (PUD). But they do not affect provisions included in the agreement signed by the Sawgrass Players Club Association on behalf of our homeowners.

For the office buildings on the southern boundary of the redevelopment property, the settlement requirements include:

- Enhanced landscaping and preservation of all existing trees currently located within the 25-foot buffer area or mitigation if trees must be removed for development purposes;
- Enhanced screening of mechanical equipment associated with a flat roof or exposed mezzanine that would be visible from the office buildings; and
- A restriction against locating ser-

vice areas, loading docks or trash dumpsters associated with the redevelopment proposal behind any of the office buildings.

Additionally, for the single-family residential homes on the northern boundary (Parcels A1 and A2) the agreement requires that:

- No construction trailers or other temporary facilities be located within 25 feet of the northern boundary of the property abutting the Hidden Oaks residential community;
- All exterior lighting associated with parking and similar uses associated with the redevelopment proposal be directed away from the residential homes;
- Construction other than concrete pours be limited to between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday; with no construction on Sundays or national holidays.
- The northern stormwater pond (Parcel A1) remains in place and no less than 40-foot wide should the pond need to be reshaped;
- Existing vegetation along the south bank of the stormwater pond be retained where possible and a continuous landscape buffer be installed along the entire pond bank on the southernmost section of the 25-foot buffer from the water.
- Installation of an eight-foot tall decorative concrete/masonry wall along the portion of the northern boundary to provide additional buffering and screening for the six single-family lots abutting Parcel A2.

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Lift station at Nina Court to be relocated

As part of the replacement of and upgrades to lift stations in Ponte Vedra Beach, the St. Johns County Utility Department (SJCUD) plans to remove the lift station on Nina Court in Oakbridge. A new lift station will be built at a different site. The St. Johns County Utility Department is in the preliminary stages of exploring their options.

One location that has been discussed is the edge of the Oak Bridge Golf Course on what is now the 11th fairway (Parcel C), repositioning the station farther away from surrounding homes; however, according to Gordon Smith, SJCUD assistant director of engineering and operations, “We have not



Photos courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association
Nina Court lift station

Currently, the Nina Court lift station sits between two houses. The upgrade and relocation “will benefit all adjacent homeowners.”

The new lift station’s footprint will be similar to others newly constructed in Ponte Vedra Beach. Lift stations in Seven Mile Drive, Sawgrass Island and Bermuda Court as well as one on PGA Tour Boulevard have all undergone rehabilitation this past summer. The new lift station will be screened

with decorative fencing and landscaping. Sawgrass Players Club has no architectural control over lift station design or screening, however.

Smith expects construction of the new station to be about a year away. Work will be overseen by SJCUD and Sawgrass Players Club’s Operations, Maintenance and Waterways Committee (OM&C).

“We work with the homeowners association to address any of their concerns,” Smith said. “We are definitely open to having a meeting with any interested parties to discuss this project and/or the potential relocation of this facility.”



Replaced Bermuda Court lift station

come to an agreement for a relocated site yet, and a design for a relocated site has not been started,”

Lift stations move wastewater from a lower to a higher elevation when the gradient of the area does not allow for a natural flow. The replacement is mandatory by the county due to the new state-of-the-art Players Club Water Reclamation Facility in operation next to the Woodlands Creek Community. The existing lift station cannot accommodate the standards needed for the new facility.

The lift station on Nina Court is more than 42 years old.

“The replacement is mandatory by the county due to the new state-of-the-art Ponte Vedra Water Reclamation Facility...” “The replacement is mandatory by the county due to the new state-of-the-art Ponte Vedra Water Reclamation Facility...”

Wastewater treatment facility in Oakbridge closed

As we reported in the spring issue of “Players Journal,” the Innlet Beach Wastewater Treatment Facility in the Oakbridge neighborhood closed this month. The closure is part of the St. Johns County Utility Department’s (SJCUD) Players Club Water Reclamation Facility project, which consolidates three wastewater treatment plants in the Ponte Vedra service area to the new 2.4 million gallons a day, state-of-the-art facility near the Woodlands Creek community.

Innlet Beach was providing irrigation to the Oak Bridge Golf Course. Once the golf course is reconstructed, irrigation will be provided by the new facility near Woodlands Creek.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection executed a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan increase to St. Johns County for \$15.7 million in September 2018, bringing the total loan to \$35.7 million, to enable the water utility to continue constructing the Players Club Water Reclamation Facility. The three plants the facility is replacing were near the end of their useful lives and were suffering from increasing maintenance and reliability issues. The new



Map courtesy Sawgrass Players Club Association

facility will eliminate these problems and result in the county providing a higher level of wastewater treatment.

The St. Johns County Utility Department has built a new master station to pump to the new facility. The big round steel tank and structures in the Innlet Beach facility in Oakbridge will be cleaned and sanitized, but the structures will remain until removed at a future date based on county funds and budgetary constraints.

A water storage facility on the same site as the wastewater treatment plant in Oakbridge will remain open. That facility supplies almost half of the potable water consumed in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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