

ORANGE PARK COUNTRY CLUB/LOCH RANE

Behind the Gate

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How to determine if graduate school is the right next step after graduation

Millions of students will walk across a stage at graduation ceremonies and receive their bachelor's degrees this spring. That feeling can be unlike any other, marking the culmination of years of hard work and schooling that began nearly 20 years earlier. Though many students look forward to entering the workforce upon receiving their bachelor's degrees, some ponder if graduate school should be their next step.

A 2021 report from the American Council on Education revealed that more than 1.7 million students were enrolled in graduate education in Fall 2020 at institutions that participated in a survey conducted for the report. A decision regarding graduate school is seldom easy. In addition to the academic rigors of graduate school, tuition is costly. Cost is no small consideration, as the ACE survey found that 43 percent of grad students in Fall 2020 were part-time. Part-time students are typically ineligible for financial aid, which means students will have to pay out-of-pocket or apply for loans to finance their schooling (Note: Lenders may restrict student loans to full-time students.) Paying out of pocket is a significant commitment, as the Education Data Initiative indicates the average cost of a Master's degree in Business Administration in 2022 was just under \$62,000.

Much is at stake as graduates ponder whether or not graduate school is the right next step for them. The following are some factors students can consider as they try to make this decision.

- **Professional need:** Certain professions require more than a bachelor's degree to gain employment. For example, a student who aspires to teach at a college or university will likely need more than a bachelor's degree. Adjunct professors, who are part-time faculty members hired on a contractual basis, typically need a master's degree (though a bachelor's degree and professional experience is sufficient for some positions). A doctoral degree is often a requirement to become a full-time tenure-track professor. When considering grad school, prospective applicants should determine if an advanced degree is a requirement to work in their desired field. If so, the decision is essentially made for them. If not, applicants must decide if the cost and rigorous workload is worth it.
- **Candidacy:** Another consideration is each individual's candidacy. Students considering grad school should realistically assess their academic performance as an undergrad. Was the performance strong enough to gain entry into a top-tier graduate program?



This is an important consideration, as top-tier programs typically have much higher endowments, which means they can more effectively help students offset grad school costs through grants and other types of financial aid. Students can still gain a lot from grad school if their undergrad performance wasn't enough to earn financial aid for postgraduate work. But in such instances, students may need to finance the degrees on their own.

- **Earning potential:** Earning potential also merits consideration. As noted, some professions require postgraduate degrees. But many do not. However, that does not mean students have little to gain from earning an advanced degree in a field where no such degree is required. For example, a recent analysis from the National Association of Colleges and Employers found that the average starting salary for individuals with a master's in Finance was 15 percent higher than the average starting salary for individuals with just a bachelor's degree. The same survey found that a master's in Computer Science translated to a 32 percent higher starting salary than a bachelor's. In such instances, a master's could be well worth the investment.

Recent college graduates can consider a host of variables as they try to decide if graduate school is the right next step after receiving their degrees.



OPCCOA/LRIA Steering Committee Report

May 16, 2024/ by Randy Rutan

There was a quorum of committee members present at the May meeting and three guests attended as well. The April minutes were approved with one change and the April financials were also approved.

Joint Roads Committee Report

Last month gate staff requested that we look into the idea of putting in a speed bump before the stop sign at the visitors' lane as a way of getting visitors to stop and not go bumper to bumper with the guest in front of them at the gate. In order for the mirror to work that allows the staff to see the license tag there has to be space between the visitor waiting at the gate and the one behind. The Roads Committee rejected the idea of a speed bump.

Post Orders Handbook for Gate Staff

Giddens Security provided the most recent revision of the Post Orders Handbook for gate staff based on comments provided by the committee. The Steering Committee accepted this version and hopes to have it available to gate staff soon as part of their training.

Upgrade Gate Key to Gate Sentry

As we look forward to all of the activities and events The Grove plans to offer, Giddens Security has recommended that we upgrade the visitor management system from Gate Key to Gate Sentry. Gate Sentry will be able to handle the additional guests that The Grove will bring in much better than Gate Key can as the gate staff will operate via mobile devices and will be able to be out in the lanes directing traffic. The upgrade was approved.

Gate Incident Report

In late April a non-resident rammed through the resident lane gate and damage was done to the gate arm. The invoice for the repair work done will be submitted to CCSO to add to their case file since they were involved in this incident with the hope that we will get some kind of reimbursement.

Repairs and Maintenance Needed at the Gate

A bid in the amount of \$400 to pressure wash the gatehouse and the sidewalk and stairs next to it was approved. As a result of the recent tree remove at the outbound side of the gate damage was done to the landscape lighting. That is in the process of being repaired.

Next month's meeting will be June 20, 2024 at 6 p.m.

lunch & learn

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Bring your Estate Planning and Elder Law questions and then be ready to take full advantage of Mr. Perry's legal expertise during this complimentary lunch and learn event hosted by Renea Blakewood. Due to the size of the Community Center, seating is limited so please RSVP early to reserve your spot.



RSVP: (904) 616-0056 Reneablakewood@cbvfl.com

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Help contribute to your community newsletter!

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sent as Microsoft Word attachments that are saved as ".doc" files. Photos should also be sent as attachments not embedded in an email.

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OPCC Board of Directors Meeting

May 21, 2024 / By Bob McKinney

A great turnout for the May meetings. The ARC and the Board meetings were well attended. The community will only improve with resident participation – your input is vital for the Board to make informed decisions.

The ARC approved 1 roof replacement, 2 exterior modifications (front door replacements), 1 fence installation, 2 tree removals, 1 patio screen enclosure, and 2 new constructions. As has been stated previously, save the possibility of grief on any exterior/yard project by requesting approval before starting (or signing a contract that may hit financially if the project is not approved). Prior to beginning a project, contact our management company for guidance.

The Landscape Committee is seeing an uptick in necessary work. Dead trees are being removed. To avoid unnecessary costs, where possible, dead trees are simply cut and allowed to fall in unmaintained areas, saving the cost of grinding stumps and hauling away material.

The CEC has the unpleasant duty of upholding fines issued when a resident doesn't make required corrections to violations. In virtually every case, a fine can be avoided by simply contacting our management company to discuss the situation and work out an approved correction. Once the first "friendly" letter is issued, followed by a second letter advising the issuance of a fine (\$100/day with a \$1000 cap), the window of opportunity to cancel the fine closes quickly. Few "reasons" are little more than an excuse for the failure to handle a fine in a timely manner.

The Grove continues to get work underway. We have been advised that the pickleball operation will be up and running within six

months. Plans for cornhole and Bocce Ball are in the works. Permits and getting the proper contractors seem to take forever, but the projects are moving forward.

The Steering Committee continues to work out the bugs with the CCSO roving patrol at night. We are getting good coverage.

We will be making an educational push for residents to register on our website OPCC.info so they can get timely information. We currently have 444 residents registered on the OPCC website and signed up for the eBlasts and regular updates. That leaves 185 residents unregistered. You can sign up for this now. It is the best way to find out what is going on in the neighborhood.

Also, using Gate Key is critical to a smooth operation at the gate. In almost every instance, the problems that occur at the gate are the result of resident inaction. The gate staff have very busy days, and they often cannot answer the phone to handle an issue that the resident could handle simply with Gate Key. There will be much more on this in the coming months. If you need help in setting your Gate Key account up, call the gate and make an appointment.

Finally, it appears we may have to incur unbudgeted expenses by hiring an outside company to police/monitor our pool area. It is becoming a major problem in maintaining the pool area to safety requirements. Residents are not cleaning up after themselves, putting chairs/tables back in place that they move, propping open the entry gate, and using glass containers. This leaves our volunteers to clean up your mess. Failure to follow the posted requirements will result in deactivation of your pool job. Hiring a pool monitoring service will require an increase in budget to cover something that is in the best interests of us all.

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Loch Rane Board of Directors Meeting

By Brian Rogers

The May 2024 meeting of the Loch Rane BOD was held on 5/28 and was sparsely attended by residents.

Dues/Assessments:

The First half of the 2024 Special Assessment was due this month(May). Please reach out to the CAM Team via phone or email if you have not gotten a reminder letter or wish to set up a payment plan to avoid unnecessary late fees or collections! This not only saves you money, but keeps the Association from spending hundreds of dollars each month mailing out late fee/collections notices!

Gatehouse:

The Steering committee has approved the migration from the Gate Key software currently used to a new program called Gate Sentry per the recommendation of Giddens Security due to added features that are touted to improve and streamline resident and guest entry into the community especially with the expected increase of visitors coming to The Grove in the future. Please be on the lookout for future notifications on the timeline for that changeover to take place!

Fine Policy:

New changes in Florida Laws require us to update/modify our fine policies. We continue to discuss the new policies with the CAM Team and Association attorneys. One big change is the fine appeals committee! We require some additional resident volunteers (who are not BOD members) to serve on this committee that will now be required to meet on a monthly or every other month basis to review the fines levied by the BOD. Previously this committee only had to meet if a fine was appealed by a resident, however now the committee will have to meet (in person, or on the phone/zoom) even if no appeal was made. If you would like to volunteer to serve on this committee, please reach out to the CAM Team at lochrane@agentlink.net.

Tennis Courts:

We have been in communication with the landscaping company in regards to the decline in appearance of the grass (both weeds, and dead spots) at the tennis courts. They have agreed to provide and install 1 full pallet of sod to repair some of the worst areas at their own cost. The BOD also approved an additional \$600 for a 2nd pallet of sod to be installed at the same time to

further improve this area. The BOD also approved a bid of \$1500 from Preferred Vision to soft/chemical wash the tennis court surface.

Clubhouse Property/The Grove:

The disc golf instructional event put on by The Grove was held this month and residents who attended spoke highly of the event! The plan is currently to allow all residents of both communities to utilize the disc golf course for free until such time that the Grove establishes its paid membership plans and disc golf will be included along with the other amenities they have planned!

Road Repaving:

Estimates for the repair and repaving of Devonshire have come in and many are significantly less than anticipated. We hope this will provide the option to either reline additional storm drains this year, or repave another road (or the entirety of Devonshire).

Storm Drain Repairs:

ELS conducted the inspection of all remaining storm drains in the community and we expect their report with videos before the next meeting. This should allow us to prioritize the remaining unlined storm drains and begin to get estimates on the cost to repair them to determine how many we can complete in 2024.

Plant Swap:

A resident reached out to inquire about creating a small "plant swap" station at the tennis court mailbox area and the BOD approved the idea(-no cost involved, 100% volunteer). This would provide a shaded area for residents to bring and exchange various plants from yards and gardens to share with other residents in the community! Be on the lookout for future announcements once this station is in place! We hope all the green thumbs in the neighborhood will embrace this new idea!

The next meeting of the BOD will take place on June 25th at 6:30pm in the Community Center. All residents are welcome to attend!

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2024 Steering Committee

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The Steering Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the community building. The purpose of the committee is to oversee issues of joint interest in the common areas of Loch Rane and OPCC. Homeowners of both communities are invited to attend.



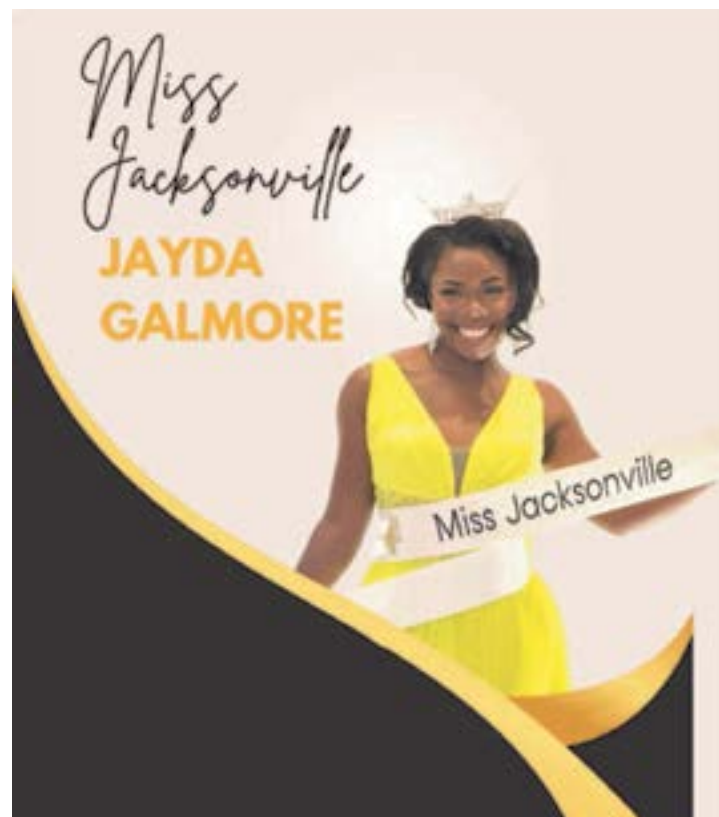
JOURNEY TO MISS AMERICA

By Robert Galmore

Did you know that the reigning Miss Jacksonville 2024 resides behind the walls of Orange Park Country Club/Loch Rane? In January of this year, our very own, Jayda Galmore was crowned Miss Jacksonville 2024 and will be representing Jacksonville and the Orange Park area in the Miss Florida Competition June 26 – 29, 2024 in Lakeland, Florida. The winner of the Miss Florida Competition goes on to represent the state and compete in the Miss America Pageant.

Jayda is currently a 1st grade teacher and graduate of Valdosta State University. As a lifelong dancer and creative, Jayda has been dedicated to promoting music and the arts her entire life. Jayda's ultimate desire in winning Miss America is to promote her non-profit, "Creative 4 A Cause" which provides opportunities for youth to nurture their love for the arts and foster well-rounded relationships. Her platform allows children who lack resources the ability to attain structure, confidence, discipline and sportsmanship while developing their talents.

Let's get behind one of our own and support Jayda on her journey to Miss Florida and eventually Miss America!



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THINGS TO DO IN CLAY COUNTY THIS MONTH

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- June 1** Moccasin Slough Nature Walk, 4393 Raggedy Point Rd, Fleming Island, 9:00 am.
exploreclay.com/attraction/moccasin-slough-county-park/
- June 1** Fleming Island Saturday Market, Village Square Shopping Center, 2245 Plantation Center Drive; 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
- June 1-9** "Beauty and the Beast" musical at The Island Theater, 1860 Town Hall Circle, Suite 54, Fleming Island.
Times: vary www.theislandtheater.com/productions
- June 1-23** "Cinderella" at the Orange Park Community Theatre, 2900 Moody Ave, Orange Park.
Times: vary with evening and matinee shows:
www.opct.info/boxoffice
- June 2-3** Orange Park Farmers' Market, Orange Park Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Summer Youth Workshop – "Cinderella – Youth Edition" for grades Kindergarten to 6th grade
- June 28** Orange Park Community Theatre, 2900 Moody Ave, Orange Park;
Time: 9:00-noon
www.opct.info/workshops
- June 6-29** Minnie Pearl Musical – Spotlight Center, 1809 East-West Pkwy, Fleming Island.
Times: vary. www.spotlighteventscenter.com/spotlight-events-center-events/live-performances
- June 6-29** A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline – the Spotlight Center, 1809 East-West Pkwy, Fleming Island;
Times vary. <https://www.spotlighteventscenter.com/spotlight-events-center-events/live-performances>
- June 7** Hydrangeas Painting Class, The Art Room, 408 Walnut St, Green Cove Springs. Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm.
www.welcometotheartroom.com/
- June 8** Splash into Summer Extravaganza, Bar J Ranch, 4564B Crazy Horse Ave, Middleburg. Time: 10:00 am.
www.facebook.com/events/2191896674489356
- June 10-
July 12** Summer Teen Workshop: "Zombie Prom" at Orange Park Community Theatre, 2900 Moody Ave, Orange Park;
Time 1:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. www.opct.info/workshops
- June 10-
June 29** Spotlight: "Charlotte's Web" musical at the Spotlight Center, 1809 East-West Pkwy, Fleming Island; Times vary.
www.spotlighteventscenter.com/spotlight-events-center-events/live-performances
- June 14** Peonies Painting Class, The Art Room, 408 Walnut St, Green Cove Springs. Time: 6:00-8:00 pm.
www.welcometotheartroom.com
- June 14** "Be More Chill" musical at the Island Theater, 1860 Town Hall Circle, Suite 54, Fleming Island.
Times vary: www.theislandtheater.com/productions
- June 15** Hickory Trail Nature Hike, Camp Chowenwaw, 1517 Ball Rd, Green Cove Springs. Time: 9:00 a.m.
www.alltrails.com/trail/us/florida/camp-chowenwaw-park-trail
- June 15** 3rd Saturday Market in the Park, Spring Park, 200 Spring St., Green Cove Springs. Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
www.greencovesprings.com/282/3rd-Saturday-Market-in-the-Park
- June 28-
July 7** Seussical the Musical at the Island Theater, 1860 Town Hall Circle, Suite 54, Fleming Island. Times vary:
www.theislandtheater.com/productions
- June 28 -
July 7** "Cinderella – Youth Edition" (the show) at Orange Park Community Theatre, 2900 Moody Ave, Orange Park; Times: vary
www.opct.info/workshops



DO YOU KNOW HOW WE GOT THE 50-STAR USA FLAG?

This is a great story and a lesson for all. In 1958 a high school student named Bob G. Heft and his classmates were given the assignment for history class to make anything they wanted and to bring their project to school to show to the class.

In 1958, there were only 48 states in the United States of America. But Heft was a forward thinker and had heard the talk that there may soon be two more states, Alaska and Hawaii. As a junior in Lancaster High School in Ohio, Heft imagined what the American flag might look like with 50 stars.

Heft patiently cut out 50 white stars from iron-on material and fastened the stars to a piece of blue cloth. He sewed the new blue field of stars to his parents' 48-star flag. The 50 stars were arranged in a set of five rows of six stars and four rows of five stars.

When Heft presented his project to his class, his teacher was not impressed. He told Heft he had too many stars and didn't know how many states existed. He gave Heft a B-minus for his project. However, his teacher said he could improve his grade if Heft could persuade the U. S. government to use his flag. Not a small feat.

Heft was undeterred. He wrote and called the White House often asking President Eisenhower to look at the flag design. Two years later, after Alaska and Hawaii became states, Heft received a phone call from President Eisenhower with the news that Heft's flag was chosen as the model for the new 50-star flag. On July 4, 1960, President Eisenhower invited Bob G. Heft to Washington, D.C., for a flag raising ceremony at the Capitol.

Heft's history teacher was impressed. He said, "If it's good enough for Washington, it's good enough for me. I hereby change the grade to an A."

This 50-star flag, designed by a persistent high schooler is the longest-tenured U.S. flag.

Flag Day is June 14th. Proudly show your U.S. flag. For other days to proudly fly your flag:
<https://nationalflagfoundation.org/etiquette/holiday-guide-to-flying-the-american-flag/>



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MEET & GREET WITH CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF, MICHELLE COOK



Thanks to some great planning by OPCC resident, Larry Ward, we had a well-attended Meet & Greet with Sheriff Michelle Cook at the cabana on May 22. Sheriff Cook shared her Vision, Mission and Values. She also outlined the Sheriff's office 2024 Priorities which include building genuine and productive relationships

with citizens. Her reaching out to meet with our community shows her commitment to that. She provided us with lots of information about Clay County and responded to issues of concern expressed by the residents in attendance. Sheriff Cook was informative and transparent. It was a great experience.

THINGS TO DO IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THIS MONTH

WATER AEROBICS CLASSES

are held from 9-10 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through September at the pool. The charge is \$15/month.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

will be June 14 and June 28 from 5-7:30 at the pool parking lot.



WELCOME

to the neighborhood

Andrew Erickson & Alison Powers
577 Hunters Grove Ct.

Joseph Haney & Danielle Torres
2576 Manor Ct.

Kishore & Rishita Mirchandani
2552 Sterling Oaks Ct.



HOBBIES ARE A GREAT PASTIME

Whether you have hobbies that you do almost full time or you have hobbies you enjoy after work or on weekends, hobbies are a great way to engage our minds, bodies and souls. Hobbies can involve crafts, gardening, reading, acquiring new knowledge, skills with tools, writing or anything. Whatever your hobbies are, there are places to find out more about them.

The internet has proven to have a wealth of knowledge, tips, and videos to help you pursue your hobbies. Some videos show you how to make things, how to fix things, how to garden, you name it. Consulting videos has replaced reading how-to books. Do you have lots of how-to books in your personal library? They may be outdated. Great leaps are being made daily in making life easier and videos certainly help with learning and hobbies.

A general resource to use is www.youtube.com; a website that is very handy at providing many different forms of visual learning. Often the video contributors will include helpful links to additional information or products in their comments section. You do not need to subscribe to any one contributor, that is up to you.

If you are looking for a hobby or a group to meet new friends while you follow your hobby, look through our newsletter *Behind the Gate* for information on get-togethers, exercise classes, games, reading, and sports. We hope you enjoy your hobbies and maybe take up some new hobbies.

Input from Karen Gowen, OPCC Property Manager

Hurricane season starts June 1. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to trim your palm trees and properly dispose of the yard waste on Tuesday mornings with the Yard Waste Pickup.

Speeding within OPCC and Loch Rane is dangerous at any time, but especially as the weather warms and more people are out and about and school is soon to be dismissed. Be careful and obey all speed limits and stop signs.

REQUEST FOR ARTICLES ABOUT OUR FURRY FRIENDS AND OUR 2024 GRADUATES

Do you have a precious dog or cat or a 2024 graduate you'd like to feature in the *Behind the Gate* newsletter? We'd love to have you send information about your furry friend or your 2024 graduate to us at k.kircher@comcast.net. You can write a couple of paragraphs or just give us some information and we'll write an article for you. Please include a photo of your pet or graduate. Use the best image level you can and send the photo as an attachment with your written information.

TRAVEL FROM ORANGE PARK - MAYBE MORE THAN A DAY TRIP

By Karen Kircher

This time of year, thoughts turn to getting out and seeing more of our beautiful country. One destination that is well worth a trip is to the West. Traveling west on I-10 you can see the vast diversity of our countryside. You'll pass by small towns and cities, past Olustee Battlefield, through National Forests, and wide-open spaces.

Off I-10 near the junction with I-75 is the turnoff for the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park. A great day trip for all.

Have you been to our state's Capitol, Tallahassee? Driving from I-75 to Tallahassee will take about 1 hour and 40 minutes with light traffic. Top things to do and see include:

1. Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science
2. Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park
3. St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge
4. Challenger Learning Center
5. Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
6. Mission San Luis de Apalachee
7. Florida Historic Capitol Museum
8. Goodwood Museum and Gardens
9. Lake Ella and Fred Drake Park
10. St. Marks Lighthouse

Another 2 hours and 45 minutes on I-10 West past Tallahassee is Pensacola, Florida. Don't forget you'll cross into Central Standard/Daylight Time after Tallahassee at the Apalachicola River.

Pensacola is home to many U.S. Naval facilities. Much of all naval aviation training takes place at various locations in the area. One thing to see that is spectacular is the National Naval Aviation Museum. If you are a Navy Veteran, a military aviator, or just love to check out historical planes and places, this museum is a must see. Located at 1750 Radford Blvd, Pensacola, FL, the museum is open to the public. <https://navalaviationmuseum.org/>

Not far from Pensacola are the beautiful beaches along the Gulf Coast. Lovely sand and sights along the barrier islands, including the Gulf Island National Seashore. Check out the area. You may just want to stay for a relaxing vacation. Oh, and Mobile, Alabama, is less than 1 hour to the West on I-10.

We're lucky to live in a great location that has major roads leading in all directions. Pick a direction and go. Rarely will you be disappointed.



NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF LOCH RANE AND OPCC

To be in the know it is important that at least one owner of each property is registered on their community's website and signed up to receive neighborhood eblasts. This is the best way to stay updated on what is going on in the neighborhoods.

Loch Rane's website is www.lochraneonline.com

OPCC's website is www.orangeparkcountryclub.com or the short version is www.opcc.info

Also, in order for the visitor management program to work at the gate it is important for you to register on Gate Key, provide your contact information and set up your permanent and temporary guest lists. Doing this keeps you from having to call the gate each time you have a visitor coming in. Sometimes the staff are too busy to receive the call which means your visitor doesn't get entered in the system and could be denied entry. It is also important that you periodically check the information you have entered into Gate Key to make sure you have updated it. For example, maybe you got rid of your landline. If you did and didn't make that change in Gate Key, the gate staff will not be able to get in touch with you. Many of the problems at the gate are the result of residents not utilizing Gate Key.

If you need help in getting set up in Gate Key, please call the gate and make an appointment and the staff will assist you.



KUDOS go to....



TO FRANCES SMITH & BEVERLEE HARBIN for all of their efforts to organize the Ladies Luncheons held September through May. Frances always finds someone willing to host the luncheon and provide the topic of the day. She works with The Club Continental to plan lovely menus and Beverlee assists with greeting the attendees, collecting the fee for the meal and distributing materials as needed. These two are quite a team. They mean a lot to all of the ladies who participate!

TO TOM MACKIN AND FRED SCOTT for giving us a well-planned, well-run and very successful community garage sale.



THE GROVE INTRODUCES DISC GOLF

By Randy Rutan

On Saturday, May 25 the Grove hosted an event that started out at the 10th Tee to introduce adults and kids behind the gate to disc golf. The event was very well attended and a lot of fun. After a brief introduction, The Grove provided discs/frisbees to everyone. Attendees were divided into groups of 6 and each group had an instructor. The instructors were professionals who came from River City Disc Golf Club. The instructors gave us information about the differences in discs and how they affect the game. They showed us how to grip the disc and how to place our feet and move our bodies. They also taught us how to aim for a disc golf basket. We each received individual attention if needed. The course is beautiful. Everyone left feeling excited about having this sport available right here in the neighborhood. In July The Grove will be having a youth disc golf camp. The date will be announced next month.

