

# Fiddler's Marsh Findings

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Water aerobics will continue thru the Fall...Join us Mon, Wed, Fri @10:30 am... FM Pool!



## My Finds of the Month:

- Check out "B Street Eats" in St. Augustine for a great lunch or dinner. It's casual and affordable.
- Bonnie Raitt is coming to St. Augustine Amphitheater, and Arlo Guthrie to Florida Theatre, Downtown Jax.
- Nona Blue should open their doors very very soon - September 14 was announced today!
- FM book of the month is "198 Washington Street" by Sandie Charles
- Check out free magazine "edible" for things to see and eat!

## Things to do

### Every Day

**Beaches Museum & History Park** - Enjoy the interactive, informative, and intriguing look at the area's heritage through exhibits and first-hand accounts designed to bring the rich history of the Beaches communities to life. 381 Beach Boulevard  
Closed Mondays

### Every Tuesday

Farmers' market every Tuesday afternoon on Canal St. in PVB. Produce changes weekly. 2 - 5:30

### Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

Nocatee Farmers Market  
10-2 pm

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THIS NEWSLETTER WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL!

Web site: [www.fmatpv.com](http://www.fmatpv.com), Check out the site for pool rules, good neighbor policies, and minutes of the monthly Board mtgs.

Check us out on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/676490569150343/>

Newsletter: Gayle Enzel: [fiddlersmarshatpvb@gmail.com](mailto:fiddlersmarshatpvb@gmail.com)

Please don't hesitate to send us news, ads and suggestions to Gayle, who also looks after our memo board at the exit/entrance to the Marsh. If you have events/quotes to post, drop her a line

We would also like to start sending this newsletter via email. We need to ensure we have your most current email address. Please send me a note to [fiddlersmarshatpvb@gmail.com](mailto:fiddlersmarshatpvb@gmail.com) to confirm yours.

### President's Message

First of all, thank you, for voting to update our HOA Documents. This is something that needed to be done to make our documents current. Also, we all need to thank Gayle Enzel, Andreea Vineyard, Sally Sizemore, Robin Schmidt, Linda Petersen, Patricia Ellis, and George Huchtings for getting out into the community and helping members with their proxy / ballots. Vikkey Gates should also be recognized as being largely responsible for working with the HOA attorney in preparing the amended HOA Documents. We are now "Fiddler's Marsh at Ponte Vedra Beach, HOA, Inc." The new documents have been emailed to all on our mailing list, they will also be available on our website in the near future, and can be requested from John Ewing, Aegis Management, 280-7616.

Secondly I would like to thank the members of the Neighborhood Watch for looking after the Neighborhood. We are getting good results in having suspicious activity being reported. The Neighborhood Watch now has eyes and ears on each street and a means to communicate and report criminal activity. We continue to watch the Recreation Area, and can report that night time trespassing seems to have stopped, but we will remain vigilant reporting to police any illegal activity in that area. We also have our security patrol now monitoring the Recreation Center as well.

Thirdly, I would like to update you on some maintenance items: We have recently added an additional set of life saving equipment at the pool, an additional life ring and rescue hook. The tennis court's cracks have been sealed, and we are getting estimates to repaint the entire court and will be adding pickle ball lines to both courts in addition to the tennis court lines. We will also be painting the tire blocks in the pool parking lot and replacing the rusting piping along the top of the tennis court fence. The entrance where we have been plagued with the barren area under the large tree, will be landscaped in the near future to correct this bare spot. Behind Alsace Ct. we have a few large dead pine trees that are in the process of being removed. Finally, we are going to plant vegetation along the north lake where there is a bare spot.

The last item I would like to comment on, is that we are planning on having quarterly HOA get togethers at the Recreation Center, so look for information on this soon.

In closing, I would like to say, that the Board, likes hearing from members, so let us know if you have any concerns, you feel are not being addressed.

Larry Dukes, President, Fiddler's Marsh at PVB HOA - (904)

**FM Children and parents  
enjoyed one last pool party  
before school started....**

NEW IN THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD

Karen Philips  
133 Colombard Court  
Stephanie Race  
118 Columbard Court

**Welcome to Fiddler's  
Marsh!**

if you would like to be on our  
mailing list pls send your email to  
[fiddlersmarshatpvb@gmail.com](mailto:fiddlersmarshatpvb@gmail.com)



### Yard of the Month

Congratulations to the following Fiddler's Marsh resident(s) for their beautifully landscaped yards. We appreciate residents doing such a wonderful job of keeping their lawns and gardens beautiful. Yard of the month winners receive a \$25 gift certificate to ACE Hardware, and their photos are posted in the newsletter and on our memo board and Facebook page.



July - 220 Charlemagne Circle  
James and Carole Walsh



August - 423 La Reserve Circle  
Barbara Walker

### A Resident's Comment:

Have you ever been part of a 'driveway beers' gathering? Well, I attended my first one, and it turned out to be one of the friendliest, laid back, just-say-hello get-togethers I have ever attended.

Here's how it happens - If you see a Pink Flamingo on the message board, there will also be a lawn whirligig Pink Flamingo in someone's lawn the same day which means driveway beers at that house that day. Bring beer or any other drink (or the host might provide something), bring a chair (if you want to sit) or just bring yourself, ride your bike in, walk your dog or stop by the driveway. Usually, there are snacks but it's all pretty loose so don't count on it. Just join the gathering and meet your neighbors for stories and chat. It's a wonderful way to meet folks. There are no invitations issued or required. If someone tells you about it, feel free to let others know, too. There are no set days, set times or regular attendees. There is no schedule or regular location. The whole idea is to make the event as spontaneous as possible. 'I had a bad day and I need someone to drink with' is the whole idea.

We loved it. We met three Fiddler's "Marshers" whom we never met before, a visiting brother from Indiana, a middle-schooler who joined his Mom and Dad, a Jax Beach visitor, and two friendly dogs. We asked walkers-by if they would like to join us; a dog-walking couple stopped for a beer; one fellow 'bellied up to the bar' and sat right down. It was just delightful.

So the next time you see a Pink Flamingo whirligig, c'mon over. Driveway Beers rocks!

P.S. Thanks to the two ladies who responded to my article in our last newsletter. We met at Trasca's and discovered that we had quite a bit in common. If you'd like to join me/us again or simply share ideas of how we get together or serve others in Fiddler's Marsh, please send an email to me at [lindaptrsn@att.net](mailto:lindaptrsn@att.net) or call and leave a message at 904-631- 1736.



### **Fiddler's Marsh Homeowners Association, Inc. Board Meeting**

**July 12, 2016 6:30 PM Ponte Vedra Library**

**QUORUM** A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Larry Dukes chaired the meeting. Also present for the Board: Andreea Vineyard and Geri Price. Joe Brown and Jim Walsh were absent. John Ewing of Aegis was also present.

**MINUTES** - The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

**SECURITY PATROLS** - Since the last meeting, one car was towed. Six yard lights were out. The pool & tennis patrols @ an earlier hour showed no trespassing – all quiet.

**FINANCIALS** - \$26,660 in operating and \$172,530 in reserves.

**DELINQUENCIES** - There are now four liens in place. One intent-to- lien letter sent. Three 1 st Collection notices sent. Two on payment plan. One owes fines. All others current.

**MAINTENANCE** – Completed: Lake deck repaired – Tennis chain link fence caps + post repaired – Outer perimeter of tennis courts cleaned – 3082 La Reserve Drive grass cut and house cleaned. To be completed: Lake tree to be trimmed – Wood trim on both La Reserve Circle stop signs to be cleaned.

**REAL ESTATE** Sold: 3085 and 3129 La Reserve Drive. Sales under contract: 221 Charlemagne Circle – 118 Colombard – 225 Charlemagne Circle. Active: 3029 La Reserve Drive

**YARD OF MONTH** – 220 Charlemagne Circle – James & Carroll Walsh.

**WELCOME COMMITTEE** - Three new owners delivered welcome baskets: Oliver & Maja Morgenthaler, Rachel Swann & Grafton Addison, and Peipei & Na Cao.

**LANDSCAPE** Got Grass? started July 1. There is some dead grass along the left @ entrance.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** A meeting was held on 6/28/16. Corporal Diana Bryant was present. 30 owners were also present.

**ARC** – 3117 La Reserve Drive approved to replace roof.

**POOL SAFETY EQUIPMENT** - Installed

**TENNIS CRACKS** - Currently being repaired.

**POOL SECURITY CAMERAS** After consulting with Corp. Diana Bryant, it was recommended not to install for reasons of subsequent liability should they malfunction.

**FINANCIAL AUDIT** – To be reviewed July 25.

**NORTH END OF NORTH LAKE** There is a gap in the tree line there that will be considered for planting to fill the gap and improve the privacy of those living on the lake. Brian Allnock will research plant options.

**PICKLE BALL** – The 2 nd court will also be painted with pickle ball striping.

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 PM**

Submitted: John Ewing / Property Manager / AEGIS MGT, INC.

### **Fiddler's Marsh Homeowners Association, Inc. Covenants Vote Meeting 7:00 PM**

**Ponte Vedra Library July 12, 2016**

Larry Dukes called the meeting to order. Other Board members present: Andreea Vineyard and Geri Price. Joe Brown and James Walsh were absent. Michelle Haines from McCabe Law Group was present to answer questions about the new covenants. There were approximately 35 owners present. John Ewing of Aegis was also present.

**REFRESHMENTS**

Coffee, soft drinks and donuts were provided. After the meeting owners were encouraged to take home the leftovers.

**VOTING**

Prior to this meeting 60 yes-votes were collected – no no-votes. At this meeting, 27 more yes-votes were collected bringing the total to 87. For the covenants to pass, 113 yes-votes (2 thirds) will be required, requiring an additional 26. Proxies are good for 90 days so the additional required would have to be collected within this time frame or the voting process must begin anew.

**MEETING CONTINUATION**

Since the covenants did not pass at this meeting it was scheduled to continue on August 8 th at the library. However since it was subsequently determined that this date is not available at the library, and the originally scheduled Board meeting on 8/9 was diverted to the PGA ROOM – too small – the continued meeting will be on Monday the 15 th in the large conference room – 6:30 Board meeting – 7:00 covenants vote meeting.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Several owners volunteered to go door-to- door to collect the required additional votes. A roster of who already voted and who not will be furnished each.

**E-MAILS**

An e-mail to all owners will also be sent to encourage sending in their proxy or ballot.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:20 PM**

Submitted: John Ewing / Property Manager / AEGIS MGT, INC.

## FIDDLER'S MARSH FINDINGS

### HOA BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT	Larry Dukes	537-0679	<a href="mailto:ldukes@bellsouth.net">ldukes@bellsouth.net</a>
VICE PRESIDENT	Jim Walsh	477-1043	<a href="mailto:jamesbwalsh@bellsouth.net">jamesbwalsh@bellsouth.net</a>
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Geri Price		982-9393	<a href="mailto:gprice723@aol.com">gprice723@aol.com</a>
Joe Brown		534-5541	<a href="mailto:motionimage@hotmail.com">motionimage@hotmail.com</a>

#### *Committee Chairs (Non Board)*

ARCHITECTURAL REV	Geri Price	982-9393	<a href="mailto:gprice723@aol.com">gprice723@aol.com</a>
YARD OF THE MONTH	Gayle Enzel, Bill Donovan, Sally Sizemore		
FIDDLER'S FINDINGS	Gayle Enzel	412-2525	<a href="mailto:askgayle@gmail.com">askgayle@gmail.com</a>

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Dear Neighbors:

As you know we have re-constituted the neighborhood watch, and have been in touch with the St. Johns Sheriff's office to actively work with members of the community to address security concerns. We again invite all who wish to assist in the neighborhood watch program to contact the block captains you will find below or anyone on the Board at your earliest convenience. The more volunteers we have, the less burden for all and the more eyes the watch can provide.

We have a Fiddler's Marsh Email address that we will be using to communicate any safety issues in the neighborhood. It is [fiddlersmarshatpnb@gmail.com](mailto:fiddlersmarshatpnb@gmail.com). Please ensure that you send us your email address.

Among the things we are working on and need you to be aware of:

1. We are changing the signage at the Recreation Center and Pool so that parents and teens/children understand and are reminded they cannot enter after sunset and before sunrise. If they do, the police will be called, and they will be prosecuted.
2. If you do see something suspicious happening in the neighborhood please don't confront - call the police or call the team leader, or call Larry Dukes - HOA president. DO NOT CONFRONT!
3. Program your block captain, and neighborhood watch leader numbers in your telephone. Also program the numbers published in the Neighborhood Watch brochure for Emergency **9-1-1**, Non - Emergency **904 824 8304** and Crimestoppers **1 888 277 8477**.

**Leader:** Michael Bardaky, 3065 La Reserve Drive. email [citibridge@gmail.com](mailto:citibridge@gmail.com) tel 213 985 2960

#### **Block Captains:**

**3000 - 3032 La Reserve Drive** - Walter Randall, 3017 La Reserve Drive tel 904 495 5265 or 904 625 4928

**3036 - 3090 La Reserve Drive** - Michael Bardaky, 3065 La Reserve Drive email [citibridge@gmail.com](mailto:citibridge@gmail.com) tel 213 985 2960

**3093 - 3137 La Reserve Drive** - Jennifer Shetler, 3120 La Reserve Drive email [jenshetler@comcast.net](mailto:jenshetler@comcast.net) tel 904 537 8719 or Sean Manago 904 866 6709

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**St. Emilion Court/ Chantal Court** - Larry Dukes, 117 St. Emilion Court email [ldukes@bellsouth.net](mailto:ldukes@bellsouth.net) Tel 904 537 0679

**Columbard Court** - Brian Allnock, 109 Columbard Court email [ballnock@comcast.net](mailto:ballnock@comcast.net) tel 904 710 3200

## FIDDLER'S MARSH FINDINGS

September 2016						
◀ August 2016						October 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 PickleBall 6-8 pm	5 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am	6 PickleBall 9-11 am Recycle/Yard Waste Pickup	7 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am Garbage Pickup	8 PickleBall 9-11 am	9 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am	10
11 FM Community Get Together, Pool Area, 5 pm BYOB - no glass, BYOFF (finger food) Jaguars Season Opener - Green Bay - 1 pm start!	12 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am	13 PickleBall 9-11 am Recycle/Yard Waste Pickup	14 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am  FM HOA MONTHLY Board Mtg. PVB Library, Small Board Room - 6:30 pm  Garbage Pickup	15 PickleBall 9-11 am	16 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am	17
18 PickleBall 6-8 pm	19 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am	20 PickleBall 9-11 am Recycle/Yard Waste Pickup	21 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am Garbage Pickup	22 PickleBall 9-11 am	23 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am	24
25 PickleBall 6-8 pm	26 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am	27 PickleBall 9-11 am Recycle/Yard Waste Pickup	28 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am Garbage Pickup	29 PickleBall 9-11 am FM Book Club 11:30 am	30 Water Aerobics 10:30-11:30 am	Notes:

### 13 Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You:

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
  2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
  3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have..
  4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
  5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
  6. If a decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy..
  7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom-and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
  8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door-understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
  9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
  10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
  11. Helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
  12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
  13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system . If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at [faketv.com](http://faketv.com).)
- Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky ; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs [crimedocter.com](http://crimedocter.com); and Richard Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book Burglars on the Job



**Pickle Ball now in the Marsh.** Our pickle ball group continues to grow in numbers. Soon we will have two lined pb courts available. We might even have a pair going to the Senior Olympics. If you would like to be on the notify list pls send your text no. to [fiddlersmarshatpvpb@gmail.com](mailto:fiddlersmarshatpvpb@gmail.com). We play Tuesday and Thursday mornings - 9 - 11 am, and Sunday evening - 7 - darkness. Come and Join us!!

### DO YOU KNOW?

Our tennis/pickle ball courts have been repaired. In July, all the cracks on our courts were filled and sealed. Shortly the courts will be repainted, and pickle ball lines painted on both courts.

What to do when you have an HOA request or idea! Send an email to John Ewing, our property manager from Aegis Management - [Aegis-1@comcast.net](mailto:Aegis-1@comcast.net), and a copy to a Board member!

When our September board mtg is? Monday September 12- 6:30 PVB Library.

Our newsletter is hoping to be bi-monthly and then monthly. Shortly our newsletter will only be available via email or on FB. If you have not received a copy, then we don't have your email address. Pls send to: [fiddlersmarshatpvpb@gmail.com](mailto:fiddlersmarshatpvpb@gmail.com).

What can community members do around the neighborhood? Did you know that we now have a neighborhood watch group. Each street has its own captain, and the Team Leader is Michael Bardaky. There is a full list of all captains in this newsletter, and you should have received a copy in the mail.

What can you do for neighborhood watch? If you see something suspicious and life threatening, call 911. If you see something suspicious, call 904 824 8304 the St. John's emergency no. to report it. Or simply call your street captain. Street Captains can contact other captains and the team leader with information....and this information is passed along to the rest of the community via email.

### Restaurant Review

**Trasca** is a restaurant situated in the heart of Sawgrass Village. It is locally owned and operated.

We usually go across the street to Trasca once a week. We are always greeted from the friendly staff and owners. The vintage reclaimed atmosphere is a hit among locals. There are fantastic communal and outdoor seats to enjoy your favorite beverage. Try a local hand-crafted draft or a Zingerman's iced coffee.

The food is consistently fresh and full of homemade flavor. Our family favorites are the Buffalo Bleu Panini, Veggie Cracker Pizza, or Trasca Salad.

The Paninos are served with free-range chicken, turkey, pork or Mayport Shrimp with a choice of chips or salad. Save room for the Famous Mud Pie..it is made in-house and your kids will think it is divine.

We hope you enjoy Trasca~amazing food! Fresh and Tasty! 😊

Bon Appetite, The Buss Family

Address: 155 Tourside Dr, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Owners: Sara & Travis Trembath Chef: Brian Shreve



### Short Story by Sandie Charles

#### HARTFORD CIRCUS FIRE 1944

It was a bright sunny day on the fourth of July when the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus pulled into town. The town was Hartford, Connecticut. In mid-twentieth century America, a typical circus traveled from town to town by train performing under a huge canvas tent commonly called, "The Big Top."

Barnum and Bailey's was the largest circus in this country. Its "Big Top" could seat 9,000 people around its three rings. The tent canvas had been coated with 1,800 pounds of paraffin wax dissolved in 6,000 gallons of gasoline. This was a common method of waterproofing at the time. World War II was going on at the time causing a shortage of personnel and equipment and malfunctions in the ordinarily smooth order of the circus had become commonplace.

On the fourth of July, the circus train had been late pulling into Hartford due to a fire that had broken out in the menagerie earlier in the day killing a number of animals and causing the delay. When the circus finally arrived in Hartford on the 5th, the trains were so late that one of the shows scheduled for that day had to be cancelled. In circus superstition missing a show is considered extremely bad luck! Although the July 5th evening show ran as planned, many circus employees may have been on guard half expecting an emergency or catastrophic event. The next day was a Thursday. The crowd for the afternoon performance was dominated by women and children. The size of the audience was estimated to be 7,000. Although, the number was never fully verified.

The fire began as a small flame after the performance of the lions on the south-west side of the tent and while the Great Wallendas were performing. The circus band leader was the first to notice the fire and had the band begin to play

the STARS AND STRIPES, FOREVER. This song was traditionally played to signal distress to all circus personnel. The ring master then urged the audience not to panic but to leave the tent in an orderly manner. However, the power had failed and no one was able to hear him. The ushers tried to maintain order as the panicked crowd tried to flee. Investigators differed on the number of people killed that day. Some say 167, or 8 or 9. Over 700 were injured. The only animals in the "big top" at that time were the big cats that had just finished their performance. They were being herded through chutes at two of the exits into their outside cage wagons. This caused the blockage of two exits!

The cause of the fire remains unproven. There were many theories including a cigarette carelessly flung to ARSON!

Several years later a man who was an adolescent at the time, confessed to starting the blaze. He was never tried and later recanted his confession.

Because of the paraffin wax waterproofing of the tent, the flames spread rapidly. Many of the victims were burned by the melting wax raining down from the roof. The tent collapsed within eight minutes trapping many hundred of victims inside. Some of the remains were never identified due to the many drifters who worked the circus. While many burned to death, many others died from being trampled upon. Most of the dead were found piled three bodies deep at the most congested exits; however, many were found alive under the piles of the dead, protected by their bodies.

A picture of EMMETT KELLY, the sad clown, was posted in several papers, holding a water bucket. This horrendous event became known as "THE DAY THE CLOWNS CRIED."