A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we head into May, we’re going to continue to monitor guidance at the local, state, and federal levels and ensure we stay in sync as we re-open Nature Trail amenities. The Board has held a couple of executive sessions via online conferencing and will continue to communicate to our neighbors via the HOA website, Facebook, and email.

As you know, the Gates’ Project has taken a lot of man-hours and volunteers. It’s not an overnight process. As you’ll read in Mike Logan’s update, it takes time to get it right. It’s part of a new learning curve for residents and visitors/contractors alike. A sincere thanks to all who have put in the time on this project – seriously takes a village.

Multiple other projects are in work around the Trail. Pressure washing curbs at front/back entrances; new Do Not Enter signs at the back gate. Several more common areas and pond easements were added to our landscape vendor’s contract to mow/trim. Many of you have been in heavy DIY mode too.

One thing is clear - many aspects of our lives will not simply snap “back to normal” and return to what they were once the COVID-19 pandemic begins to subside. The new normal of today will inevitably weave itself into a substantially different next normal tomorrow. Work habits rapidly evolved, we’re experiencing the future crashing into the present and technology trends that may have taken years to fully adopt are happening in a matter of weeks or months.

We’re adapting too. It’s very normal to have moments of concern or frustration during these new times, something we will all experience at one point or another, and goodness knows the extra pressure of a pandemic certainly doesn’t help. This definitely applies to us as a neighborhood. Whether you live here quietly or get involved with events and projects or volunteer, instead of focusing on challenges that changes present, perhaps the best approach is to forge new paths to reach desired outcomes. Nature Trail HOA membership is comprised of all our neighbors and a Board of seven volunteers, with a small management team. We may not each move as quickly or make decisions everyone would like at times, but coupled with our entire membership, we are moving forward and focusing on the positive with a resilience to get things done. As always, we welcome your input and suggestions via the HOA email.

HOA President
HOA DUES

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their second quarter dues. If you have not paid yet, please note that we will be applying late fees beginning May 1.

As a reminder, residents can pay dues online via the Nature Trail HOA website, by check, or by contacting the Hank Holland office at (850) 478-6444 to pay by credit card or set up automatic payment via ACH. We have been working hard to ensure that we have an updated list of owners in order to make sure that everyone receives quarterly invoices. However, please mark your calendar to pay dues in January, April, July, and October just to be on the safe side. Dues are $305 per lot.

AMENITIES

Woo hoo! The pool, lodge, playground, and tennis courts are open again effective May 1. It was definitely a challenge staying away, especially with such nice days, but we appreciate everyone’s willingness to protect our neighbors by practicing social distancing. As soon as the state gives the green light to open gyms, we will open that as well.

FOOD TRUCKS

The Food Trucks are back! Lone Star and Local Boyz Hawaiian Shaved Ice were here on Saturday, May 2. Rolling Embers and Smallcakes will be serving up pizza and cupcakes on Thursday, May 7.

Do you like to eat? We are looking for one or more people to volunteer to help coordinate the food trucks. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Molstad at rebecca.molstadhoa@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pool Opens**
  May 1

- **Food Truck Night**
  May 7 starting at 4 PM
  Featuring **Rolling Embers** and **Smallcakes**

GATE DECALS

If you need extra vehicle decals for the gates, please fill out a request here. Each house was provided with two decals; additional decals are $3. If you did not receive your initial two decals, please contact hoa@naturetrailpensacola.com.

SECURITY TIP

Curious what you should do if you witness a suspicious vehicle, person, or incident? Nature Trail is very safe and has a fantastic security team, but residents are advised to always call 911 in the event of an emergency.

One of our residents works for the Escambia County Sheriff’s Office and recommends that if you do call 911 to report suspicious activity, you should advise the dispatcher that you would like a deputy to make contact with you. If you do NOT need a deputy, the office will likely just send out a ‘be on the lookout’ (BOLO). This will help prioritize the request with the dispatchers.
FITNESS CLASSES
Join Teresita Comer for fitness classes at the Lodge.

- **Tai Chi** - Mondays at 1 PM. $5
- **Zumba** - Mondays at 3 PM, Wednesdays at 3 PM, and Saturdays at 10 AM. $3
- **Low Impact Aerobics** - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM. $3
- **Stretch Yoga** - Fridays at 10 AM. $5

If you have any questions about the classes or the schedule, please contact Teresita at (850) 206-0097.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Don’t forget that you can add events to the Nature Trail calendar using the new HOA website [here](#). If you would also like an event featured in the newsletter, please email Rebecca Molstad at rebecca.molstadhoa@gmail.com.

FRIENDLY REMINDER
We love our furry friends, but please remember to pick up after them. Dog waste bags are available throughout the neighborhood for your convenience.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARC TEAM
Florida law requires a 3 foot distance for planting around pad mounted transformers and fire hydrants. You may plant a ground cover around a fire hydrant, but no bushes are allowed within three feet.

All driveways and sidewalks must be pressure washed yearly. Check the resident Facebook page for neighborhood teens looking to earn some gas money or contact an area vendor such as:

- **White’s Housewashing** - (850) 944-5393
- **Peterson’s Pressure Washing** - (850) 261-9538
- **Bin Masters Sanitation** - (850) 712-6876

Please cut overhanging tree limbs from sidewalks and ensure that your yard is neat and mowed at all times.

Political signs are not allowed per HOA covenants. Please do your civic duty and vote though! Register [here](#).

The ARC team will be sending out violation letters soon, so please review your property and do what you need to do in order to get it back in to tip-top shape. Thank you for helping us keep Nature Trail beautiful!
UPDATE ON THE GATE

Considering the many variables thrown at us with COVID, we were still able to push through with the new gate and RFID system installation. This has been a hard push, and we are almost there! Over the next couple of weeks, we will continue to fine-tune adjustments for optimum operation. I understand this may be frustrating, but please have patience as we work to implement this modern system that will benefit us all.

Please remember to contact the gate if you are expecting visitors or contractors. You can reach security at (850) 860-1074, call, text, or email Security at: NTWelcomeCenter@gmail.com. State your name, address, and the name of your visitor(s) or contractors that are coming to your home. Also, contractors are not authorized to work before 7:00 AM. If you see this, please report them via the HOA email.

The back gate design has drastically decreased the amount of unwanted guests and has forced visitors to the front gate. No system will be 100%, but our back gate’s operation has improved drastically already. Going forward, we will have a guard at random times stand watch at the back gate (this is our rover, not the main front gate guard) to help identify and turn visitors/contractors around. This is a deterrent and additional filter to the back gate. This will also speed up the culture shift we are trying to promote for Nature Trail. Thank you for all your support and cooperation during our gate upgrades. Keep an eye on one another, and I’ll see you around Trail.

- Mike Logan, HOA VP

SPEEDING REPORT

Thank you to our security team for beginning roving radar patrols to help cut down on speeding in Nature Trail. Here is a report from the patrol team:

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CLASS OF 2020

Join us as we celebrate our Class of 2020 high school and college graduates! We will be placing personalized yard signs in each graduate’s yard in the coming weeks. Happy Trails Living Magazine will also be recognizing each graduate in their June edition and will be purchasing a banner to display in the neighborhood.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Nolan Young
Pensacola Catholic High School

Nolan played baseball and football at Pensacola Catholic High School. He loves fishing and boating almost as much as God, his family, and country. Nolan plans to earn his Bachelor’s degree and then join the military, where he aspires to fly helicopters. After his military career, he hopes to continue serving and protecting by flying helicopters for Life Flight. Nolan is a true example of an all American young man!

Gracie Allen
West Florida High School

Gracie is a Senior at West Florida High school and is Editor In Chief of Staff of Yearbook. She has been a competitive Dancer for 13 years at LaBelle Performing Arts. Gracie will be attending Mississippi State University in the fall pursuing a degree in Broadcast Journalism. She plans on auditioning for the Mississippi State Dance team.

Madison Crotts
Pensacola Catholic High School

Madison is a member of the National Honor Society and a varsity cheerleader at Catholic High School. After high school, she plans to attend college and pursue a career as a Physician Assistant.

Glenroy Little
Pensacola High School

Glenroy is a student candidate of the IB program at Pensacola High School, and will be graduating with a 4.73 weighted GPA. He has been accepted into the engineering program at University of Central Florida, where he plans to pursue a dual major in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He was awarded the Bright Futures scholarship and a Pegasus Gold scholarship.
Congratulations!

Brandon Anderson  
*Pensacola High School IB Program*

Born in 29 Palms, CA on 11/4/2001. Brandon has spent his life dreaming of becoming an astronaut, completely enamored with outer space and the idea of exploring Mars. He has been a competitive swimmer for a large part of his life and was captain of the Pensacola High School swim team this year. That was the highlight of his High School career in the International Baccalaureate program. Throughout high school he was involved in the Junior Air Force ROTC program and he has been awarded an Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. He will be majoring in Aerospace Physiology and minoring in Military Science. Upon graduation, he plans to become an Air Force pilot or attend medical school and become an Air Force Physician.

Another part of his life that he thoroughly enjoys, is being a Pensacola Beach Life Guard. He has saved 3 lives and that been the most exciting thing he has ever done. With such a rigorous academic curriculum, Lifeguarding has been his escape and balance. This is his second year doing this and he hopes to continue it every summer during college.

His faith is also extremely important to him and drives all of his major life decisions. It is responsible for his integrity, kindness, and values. He looks forward to finding a Christian faith community when he arrives at Embry Riddle University. He is excited about college but also a little apprehensive about living on his own. We are so proud of all of the hard work and perseverance he has displayed to get to this point in life and we can’t wait to see what God has in store for him!

Amalia Gonzalez    
*Pensacola Christian Academy*

Oldest of five children, Amalia plans to study at UWF in order to pursue a degree in Nursing. As a member of a family full of medical doctors and dentists, Amalia is excited to one day serve on the medical mission field and in Guatemala through East Brent Baptist Church.

Reece Alexander Wright  
*Pensacola Catholic High School*

Reece is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wright. He will graduate from Pensacola Catholic High School with honors. During his time at Catholic, Reece was inducted into the National Honor Society. He was also a member of their award winning Robotics Team. Throughout high school, Reece volunteered at Manna Food Bank and The Ronald McDonald House. He also enjoyed a multi-year robotics internship at The Institute for Human and Machine Cognition. Reece will continue the family tradition and attend Florida State University where he plans to major in political science.
Amanda Smith  
**WiloStar Academy**

Amanda is graduating from WiloStar Online Academy. Her academic focus has been on Science & Nature. She has been a long time horseback rider for over 12 years and an avid animal lover her whole life. Amanda is an accomplished artist and has had numerous pieces displayed in the Pensacola Museum of Art. She has volunteered with Junior Humane Society for Dog Adoptions and enjoys pet sitting for folks in the neighborhood. Her hobbies include drawing, painting, sewing, and video games. Her favorite thing about living in Nature Trail is walking her dogs, who are named Crocket & Tubs, and hiking on the trail. Amanda plans to attend Liberty University where she hopes to study forensics & crime scene investigation.

Bailey Smith  
**Pensacola Catholic High School**

Bailey graduated in May from Pensacola Catholic High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Robotics Team, Engineering Club, and Astronomy Club. She has always had a desire to help others in need. She has gone on multiple international mission trips to serve orphans in other countries. She has worked many days in Panama City to help with Hurricane Michael clean up and recently sewed masks for health care workers because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her desire to serve others was a big reason she has chosen to study nursing at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. She has received a presidential and academic legacy scholarship from Wittenberg. Her hobbies include building model rockets, paddle-boarding, hanging out with friends, and stargazing. Her favorite thing about living in Nature Trail are the Fourth of July Fireworks.

Senior quote: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for human masters.”
- Colossians 3:23

Madelynn Pham  
**West Florida High School**

Madelynn’s family sends their congratulations to Madelynn, writing “Congratulation Madelynn Pham! What a great achievement! All your hard work, attentive study, and discipline have finally paid off. Good luck to your future and the new step of life. We love you!”

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Jonathan Anderson  
*Abeka Academy*

Jonathan has been home-educated throughout his academic journey, attending Abeka Academy since kindergarten. He says he has thoroughly enjoyed his academic experience with Abeka Academy and has developed a great appreciation for mathematics and the sciences, especially Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Jonathan’s educational experience also included learning to play the piano and the violin. As part of a military family, Jonathan reports that he was privileged to live in various locations around the world, and was even able to study violin under Mr. Cleveland Chandler, a member of the United States Air Force Band, during the three years he resided in our nation’s capital. Jonathan also played football and golf while living in Las Vegas, Nevada. His love of the sciences coupled with his experience in sports instilled in him the value of fitness and nutrition. Jonathan believes God’s plan and purpose for his life is to become a physician. Ultimately, he aspires to serve as a doctor in the United States Air Force. Two of Jonathan’s favorite Bible verses are, “Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established . . . A man’s heart deviseth his way; but the LORD directeth his steps” (Proverbs 13:3, 9). Jonathan says that he believes God is leading him to attend Pensacola Christian College, where he desires to earn a bachelor of science degree with a pre-medicine emphasis.

Seth Clarke  
*West Florida High School*

Seth is a student athlete at West Florida High School. He spent all four years at WFHS in the Sports Medicine Academy. He is a member of the National Honor Society and played on the Varsity soccer team for three years. He was also a member of the PNJ All Area Soccer Team his junior and senior year, and was selected to play in the Subway Senior All Star Game this year. Seth plans to attend the University of West Florida in the fall on an academic scholarship where he will study Health Sciences with plans to pursue a career in the medical field. Seth is an active member of the youth group at East Brent Baptist Church where he has had the opportunity to grow spiritually and volunteer in many ways in the community. He enjoys playing soccer, basketball, and golf with friends.

Manas Pandey  
*Booker T. Washington High School*

Manas Pandey is graduating from Booker T. Washington High School. He plans to attend the University of Florida to study computer science. Manas enjoys coding, playing video games, and swimming.
Dylan Smith  
*Pensacola Christian Academy*

Dylan Kenneth Smith, born July 18, 2002, is the son of Brian and Heather Smith, brother to Gavin. He has attended Fairhope Elementary, Brown-Barge Middle, and is graduating from Pensacola Christian Academy. While attending PCA he was involved in Computer Club, Engineering & Robotics, STEM Club, as well as Spanish Club. He is an avid reader, a gamer, works part-time at McDonald’s, and enjoys spending time with his friends. After graduation, Dylan plans to attend Pensacola State College and pursue a degree in Cyber security.

**COLLEGE GRADUATES**

**Conner Redlin**  
*Pensacola Christian College*

Conner graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance. He plays the clarinet.

**Summer Boyle**  
*University of Alabama*

Summer is graduating from The University of Alabama with a degree in Early Childhood Special Education. Her goal is to teach in an Inclusive Elementary Classroom.

**Kathleen Cauley**  
*Troy University*

Kathleen is graduating from Troy University. Her family and friends send their heartfelt congratulations and wish her well on her next journey!
NATURE TRAIL CONSERVANCY BOARD

Our neighborhood is fortunate to have some wonderful conservancy areas for our community to enjoy. We hope that everyone has the opportunity to take advantage of the trails, discover these areas, and explore nature. Here is a quick overview of some of the great spots right here in our backyard.

Marsh Elder Pond

As the only golf-cart accessible trail in Nature Trail, the Marsh Elder Pond offers a close up look at birds, fish, and even beavers. Enter from Salt Grass West and continue until you see a small parking area on the left for golf carts.

Don’t forget your fishing pole, as there is a pond for fishing at the end of the trail. The pond was stocked with redear sunfish and bluegill in 2017 and tiger bass in May 2019.

Please note that the pond is catch and release only. While at the pond, please do not disturb the beavers or their habitat.

CONSERVANCY REMINDERS

- Golf carts are not permitted on the trails, with the exception of Marsh Elder Pond. While on the Marsh Elder Trail, all golf cart rules apply.
- Out of respect for one another and our shared conservancy space, please “leave no trace.” Pack your trash out with you to be disposed of properly and clean up after your pets.
- The pond is catch and release only. Residents are encouraged to take pictures of the fish to enjoy - feel free to exaggerate the size of your catch. We won't tell!

If you enjoy the trails and spending time outdoors, consider joining the Nature Trail Conservancy Board. Contact Herb Williams for more information at herbwjr@aol.com.
Rush Lane Park

There is a park space at the north end of Rush Lane, adjacent to the lift station. This area was originally cleared by the State of Florida as an equipment staging area during fire lane construction, but a neighbor has been kind enough to tidy up this area and keep this conservancy space maintained for everyone to enjoy. Bring your marshmallows to make s’mores at the fire pit and relax at the picnic table.

A couple notes about the fire pit:

- Fire must be supervised by an adult at all times
- Fire must be completely extinguished before leaving unattended
- No usage permitted during burn bans

CAMPING QUESADILLAS

Ingredients

- 4 medium flour tortillas
- 2 8oz chicken breasts, grilled and sliced
- 1 jar Tostitos Salsa con Queso
- 1 can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup shredded Mexican blend cheese
- Tin foil

Instructions

Spread 1 Tbsp salsa con queso over one side of a tortilla. Place 1/4 cup chicken on half the tortilla over the salsa con queso. Sprinkle 1/4 cup back beans and about 1/4 cup cheese over the chicken.

Fold other side of tortilla over to cover ingredients. Place on a piece of tin foil large enough to cover the quesadilla. Leave the ends open. Place the foiled quesadilla on the grate directly over the campfire. Keep over fire until cheese is melted and tortilla is crispy. Remove from the grate and cut in four pieces. No plates needed - just use the tin foil!

Source: Cupcake Diaries Blog
NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Meet the Baumann family! In 2018 Frank, Sally, and Richard (3 yr) relocated from Little Rock, AR to Nature Trail. A few weeks later they welcomed their youngest son, Judson. Both Frank and Sally are Navy veterans. Frank now works in private equity; Sally is a SAHM and is often found walking the neighborhood with Richard, Judson, and their golden retriever, Jasper!

As a family they enjoy traveling to visit friends and family, and taking walks on the beautiful trails around the neighborhood. They are excited to finally be back in their house after a lightning strike fire 9 months ago! They are so grateful for all the love and support they received from their wonderful neighbors!

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On May 5, 1891, Carnegie Hall opened in New York City. Originally called Music Hall, the legendary concert hall has featured performers from Tchaikovsky, Dvořák, Mahler, and Bartók to George Gershwin, Billie Holiday, Benny Goodman, Judy Garland, and The Beatles.

Source: Carnegie Hall

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

- Jane Goodall

A DAY IN PENSACOLA

Start your day with an Angeleno coffee and Crab Cake breakfast at The Leisure Club, then head over to the Pensacola Aviation Discovery Park to watch the airplanes take off. If you feel inspired, call up Sky Warrior and schedule an introductory flight lesson. Bring a friend and your camera, as you are sure to capture some great shots of the local beaches.

Next, head on over to Bodacious for curbside pickup. Call ahead for one of their family comfort meals and feed the whole family for $30. Note that the meal selection changes daily (check their Facebook page for the latest menu) and you must pick up before 6 PM. Head home and mix up your very own Disney Dole Whip to end your evening with a sweet treat.

May 2020
**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**Chicken Parmesan**  
Serves 4  

- 2 chicken breast (4 halves)  
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese  
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs  
- 1/4 cup melted butter  
- 1 tsp garlic salt  
- 2 tbsp lemon juice  
- 1/2 tsp salt  
- 3/4 tsp pepper  
- Paprika

Blend crumbs, cheese, salt, and pepper. Combine butter, garlic, and lemon juice. Dip chicken into butter mixture, then into crumb mixture, coating thoroughly. Roll each piece into a firm roll and place in baking dish with seam side down. Drizzle remaining butter mixture over chicken. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake in 350 degree oven for about 1 hour uncovered.

**HEARD AROUND THE TRAIL**

This is a place for neighbors to share comments, observations, accolades, funny jokes, random quips, or food for thought. To submit a “Heard Around the Trail,” click here.

**SOCIAL HUB**

To submit a wedding, anniversary, retirement, or other announcement or neighbor shout-out, click here.