

ROLL CALL

WCI Communities named **Tom Skotzke** golf course superintendent at Pelican Preserve, Ft. Myers, Fla.

Mark Wilson, CGCS, joined The Hill Co. to serve as its lead agronomic advisor and as a member of its Midwest sales team.

Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. appointed **Patrick Karnick** as president. Former president, Tom Shapland, will focus on business development.

Sebring (Fla.) City Council hired **Mark A. Hopkins** to run the city's municipal golf course.

Bayer Environmental Science (BES) announced **Jason Frank** joined the company as a field sales representative for the southern region on the golf and lawncare sales market in southwest Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama.

The GCSAA selected **P.J. McGuire**, director of golf course maintenance for Par 4 Golf Management Co., Las Vegas, to receive its 2011 Excellence in Government Relations Award.

PrimeraTurf Inc. CEO **Frans Jager** announced his retirement from the company effective Sept. 30, 2011.

The Mesquite Golf Club (**Travis Sales**, manager of parks services and golf course superintendent) was chosen by the Texas Turfgrass Association for Golf Course Renovation Project of the Year.

Aaron Thomas, a member of the original staff that unveiled The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, Dove Mountain in 2009, has returned to the award-winning golf course as director of grounds.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) selected **Richard Pavlasek**, CGCS, director of golf course maintenance at Gainey Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz., as its field staff representative for the Southwest region of the country (California, Hawaii, Nevada and Arizona).



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GCI's quest to spotlight peoples' lives outside of turf

WHO: Carmen Magro, CGCS, vice president of agronomy for Advanced Sensor Technologies, a Philadelphia-based maker of wireless soil-monitoring systems.

HIS LIFE OUTSIDE OF TURF:

In his spare time, which he admits there is not enough of, Carmen is pursuing his passion for music. This piano man has self recorded a number of original works, and he's currently working with a producer on his first album. "For me, music is more than a hobby. It's really an extension of who I am."

SOUNDS LIKE: "I'd say my songs are piano-oriented upbeat rock tunes with a strong ballad feel. I've been told by some people that I remind them of a young Neil Diamond."

WHAT INSPIRES HIS MUSIC:

"I'm inspired by meaningful music, songs that have stories behind them. Springsteen is a master of the art of storytelling through his songs."

ARTIST HE'D LOVE TO OPEN FOR:

"Definitely U2. I think U2 is one of the best performing bands on the planet."

SAMPLE HIS MUSIC:

Check out Carmen's "America" on YouTube. Just enter "Carmen Magro-America" into the YouTube browser.

WHERE YOU CAN SEE HIM NEXT:

Don't be surprised to find Carmen in front of a mic at an Orlando piano bar or karaoke joint during GIS.

If you have a passion you'd like to share, email us at gci@gie.net.