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The Reministyx Oldies Party is Saturday, September 21st from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. RSVP is required for all dances by calling 904-794-2000 or see <https://www.staugshores.org/dance-rsvp>. Guests: \$15.00/per person per dance - *BYOB*

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EMMA's 41st Season Kicks off September 21st with Neil Berg



EMMA Concert Association presents Neil Berg's Fifty Years of Rock and Roll on Saturday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College. With a cast consisting of both stars from Broadway's greatest rock musicals as well as incredible Rock and Roll singers, Neil Berg shares the often unknown stories from the fifty-year history of the music that changed the world forever.

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Pie in the Sky Community Alliance Celebrates International Day of Peace

"Pie in the Sky" will host annual Peace in the Park event on September 21 at Eddie Vickers Park, 399 Riberia Street, St. Augustine from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. There will be music by The Peaceniks, yoga for kids, origami activities, and peace poles during the event. Human Peace Sign forming will begin at 11:00 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring jars of peanut butter, which will be used to form a Pyramid of Peace and later distributed to seniors in need. (continued page 9)

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First priority will be given to reporting news and activities of the residents of the St. Augustine local communities, and other news and events that directly affects the St. Augustine area. Second priority will be given to articles of general interest as space permits.

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St. Augustine Shores Community Calendar

The Shores Service Corporation
Shores Homeowners Association
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Shores Monthly Meetings

• Shores Service Corporation monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are at 7 p.m. at the Riverview Club.

• Conquistador Condominium Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6

p.m. at the Riverview Club.

• Fairview Condominium Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 4 p.m. at the Fairview Condo club house.

• Greens Condominium Board meetings will vary. Contact Jeff Edwards at Sovereign-Jacobs at 904-461-5556.

• Casa Bella Condominium 2019 Board Meetings: March 18th- 6pm (Annual Meeting), April 15th- 6pm, May 6th- 6pm, June 17th- 6pm, July 15th- 6pm, August 19th- 6pm, September 16th- 6pm, October 21st- 6pm, November 11th- 6pm, December 16th- 6pm. For Information contact Ellen Lumpkin at 904-461-5556.

St. Augustine South Community Calendar

St. Augustine South Improvement Assoc.
709 Royal Rd. St Augustine, 32086
email: staugsouthimpassoc@gmail.com
www.staugsouth.com

SASIA Board Members

President - Julie Bruijn
1st VP - Alan Chappell
2nd VP - Dave Whitaker
Secretary - Ruth Hope
Treasurer - Margo Geer
Board Member - Ryan Flagler
Board Member - Suzanne Godbout
Board Member - Robert Kennedy
Board Member - Daniel Kennedy
Board Member - Frances Lundberg
Board Member - Joe Satterelli

SASIA Meeting 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM

Please join us and bring your ideas on how to improve our wonderful neighborhood! Connect with us on our Facebook.com and NextDoor.com pages: St. Augustine South Improvement Association.

Monthly Meetings at Clubhouse

• DAV Meeting -3rd Tuesday of the month DAV monthly meeting at 7pm.

• Bingo - Every Thursday at 1pm except Holidays, light lunch, from 11:30 to 12:30. Open to the Public.

• Yoga - Join Registered Yoga Teacher Emily Flagler for Gentle Flow Yoga on Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30! Just bring your yoga mat, towel, and water. Try your first class for free!

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Send your listing and payment, if required, to Observer, 1965 A1A South #120, St. Augustine, 32080-6509. You may email your ad to clifflogsdon@att.net. Deadline for all listings or ads is the 15th of every month for the next monthly issue.

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FOR RENT: Conquistador updated Condo for Rent. 2br/2b second level.

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WANTED: ROOM MATE - Seeking roommate September 1st. Furnished bedroom with TV, cable & internet. Asking \$125 weekly + \$125 deposit all utilities included. No pets. Call 860-514-1325.

WANTED: Retired Classic Country-Rock & Roll drummer looking for like-minded to jam with. Call Frank 904-794-5637.

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

SEPT 13th

Food Truck Friday and a Film

Community Center on Royal Road

SEPT 14th

Community Clean-up & Yardscape

Community Center on Royal Road

OCT 19th

Neighborhood Nite-Out & BBQ

In Shore Drive Park along 2400 Block of Shore Drive

NOV 15th

Food Truck Friday and a Film

Community Center on Royal Road

DEC 14th

Santa Visits St Aug South

Community Center on Royal Road

Watch the St Augustine Observer, NextDoor @ St Aug South & our Face Book page for more information as each date approaches!!

St Augustine South Improvement Association

St. Augustine Shores Club News

August 2019 Riverview Club Calendar

AUGUST DANCES: RSVP required: Call 904.794.2000 or www.staugshores.org/dance-rsvp

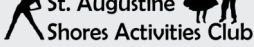


EARLY SOCIAL
Ernie
Sunday, September 8th
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm



MAIN SOCIAL
Reministyx Oldies Party
Saturday, September 21st
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

FREE for Activity Members, guests are \$5.00/pp/class.

Bridge	Fridays 1:00 pm.	
Bridge Lesson	Classes will resume on Thursday Sept. 19 th at 10:00 am.	
Chicago Bridge	Must have a partner to play, Mon and Thu at 12:30 pm.	
Card Game	Group meets on Tuesdays, at 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm.	
Mah Jongg	Tuesday at 1:00 pm & Wednesday at 10:30 am.	
Chair Yoga	Class led by Nancy, Mon, Wed & Fri at 10:45 am.	
Deep Water Aerobics	Wednesday at 5:30 pm – you'll need an aqua jogger belt, class led by Annamarie. No class on Sept. 11 th .	
Yoga	Class led by Nancy, Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:00 am. Yoga with Erin, Thursday at 5:30 pm.	
Exercise Class	Led by Marcia Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am. No class September 17 th .	
Tai-Chi	To be determined.	
Dance Class	Waltz with Dennis start Thursday, Sept 12 th , at 2:00 pm.	
Line Dancing	Monday at 6:30 pm and Wednesday at 10:00 am.	
Zumba	Tuesdays at 5:30 pm —Zumba with Mary Beth.	
Writers in the Shores	Tuesday September 10 th and 24 th at 1:00 pm in the library. For information call Donna at 794-0789.	

Upcoming Events at the Riverview Club

Entertainment by Southern Style
Early Social: Friday, October 4th (7pm to 10pm)

Entertainment by Tim Rippey
Main Social: Sunday, October 20th, 2019 (6pm to 9pm)

Country Line Dance Party: Friday, October 11th (7pm to 10pm) DJ Terry

Riverview Club Events

Learn the Waltz! Social Dance Class with Dennis – starting Thursday September 12th at 2:00 pm.

Water Aerobics with Elsa: Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 9:00 am – Must purchase pool pass.

FREE Introductory Fitness Pole Walking Clinic with Sheila Vidamour:

- Wednesday, September 11th at 12:30 pm – Meet at the Riverview Club.
- Pre-registration is required: to register call 904-540-1067, or email Sheila: walkyourpath406@aol.com.

Pole Walking is a fun and easy way to get a very effective and efficient total body aerobic workout! Please wear comfortable walking shoes and demo Walking Poles will be provided.

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Sunday, October 13th
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St. Augustine Shores | 790 Christina Drive
St. Augustine, FL 32086
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St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation July 11th Board Meeting Summary

"This Summary is an overview by the Observer Editor and is not the complete meeting minutes. Minutes are to be approved and posted at the Riverview Club and Association Website."

The St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation's Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Austin Dietly at 7:00 P.M. Present were Director Mike Amato, Director Steve Raff, Treasurer Claire Lorbeer, Secretary Michael Winkles and Director Phil Van Tiem on speaker phone. Absent was Vice President Filloramo. Quorum Established.

The Invocation was given by General Manager Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes – June 13, 2019: Secretary Winkles made a motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2019, Seconded by Director Amato and approved.

Treasurers Report – Read by General Manager Smith: Director Amato made a motion to approve the Treasurers report as read and Seconded by Director Raff. The motion carried unanimously.

Managers' Report - Joseph H. Smith III

Jeremiah Mulligan gave a legal opinion on the ACC Committee holding the applications submitted by Deltona. He told the membership that the ACC cannot put a hold on applications submitted. He indicated included no blanket submittals on applications submitted by Deltona and the Board needs to exercise its appellate authority. The Supplemental Declaration to the Declaration of Restrictions For St. Augustine Shores Unit Seven dated August 16, 2011 does not override The Declaration of Restrictions For Unit Seven.

Director Raff made a motion to approve any and all plans that show sidewalks if there are no sidewalks they will be turned down and Seconded by Director Winkles. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Amato made the motion to approve 501 Caliente because it shows a sidewalk and was Seconded by Director Winkles. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Amato made a motion to deny the three homes that do not show sidewalks and Seconded by Director Winkles. The motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business Treasurer Lorbeer made a motion to adjourn and was Seconded by Secretary Winkles. The motion carried and Meeting Adjourned.

St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association Caribbean Dance September 14th

The St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association will be returning from its summer break on Saturday, September 14th with an exciting pirate and Caribbean theme dance.

Dance starts at 7pm at the Riverview Club, 790 Christina Drive, in St. Augustine Shores. Beautiful dance music will be provided by Debbie Owen and Tony T. A 45 minute dance lesson, given by dance instructor Michael Singleton, will start off this special evening at 6:15pm. After the lesson, dance the night away from 7 to 10pm. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and coffee will be served throughout the evening.

Come as a pirate if you like. Or, guys could wear a tropical shirt with white pants and the ladies could show off a tropical looking dress. Be creative and look forward to an evening of fun.

Guests pay just \$20 per person, which includes the dance lesson. For a reservation, call Dennis or Mary Larimore at 904-825-4902. For more information and pictures, visit facebook.com/sabdastaug. Picture are members and guests enjoying some line dancing at the last Caribbean theme dance.



Community News?

Do you have news, events or personal interest information that are relevant to our communities in Southern St. Johns County? Please forward them to the Editor for consideration for the monthly Observer.

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- Memorial Service
- Engagement Party
- Office/Holiday Party


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News Around Southern St. Augustine Area

“GriefShare” Support Group Meetings at Crescent Beach Baptist Church

The Grief Support Group is designed to help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one. The meetings will be held at Crescent Beach Baptist Church on Highway 206 from August 14 - November 6, 2019 on Wednesdays from 6 pm - 7:30 pm.

To register or questions contact Melanie Scoggins at 904-759-1054. The cost is \$15 and scholarships are available. No child care is available. Crescent Beach Baptist Church is located on highway 206, 904-794-7777 and on line at crescentbeachbaptist.com. You are welcome to attend any time during the 13 week period.

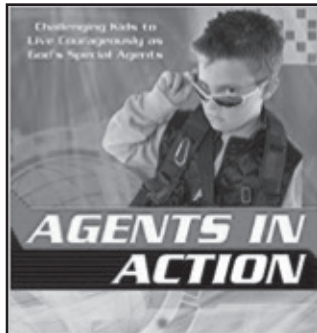
Writers In the Shores

"We're Back !" It's September, and I hope you all had a wonderful summer ! The meetings for The Writers in the Shores will begin once again on Tuesday the 10th and again on the 24th. The chosen subject is to be "Choosing Sides" and, is suggested for this month's topic to write about on the 24th. Come join us, you just might like us ! Everyone is welcome and we would like to invite anyone who loves to write. You do not have to be a member. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, at 1pm here at the Riverview Club Library. We are a casual group who enjoy sharing their work and related discussion with each other. There are no officers, dues or requirements. All genres are encompassed. For information call Donna at 794-0789

“Agents in Action”

The children’s Exploring LIFE Program of Shores United Methodist Church is offering a new fall camp "Agents in Action." An exciting 13-week adventure in discovering what it means to live courageously every day as God’s Disciple! Children are introduced to 13 daily missions for God as his special agents.

Each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Education Building, your child is invited to a time of Bible Stories, Games Galore, Crafts, Creative Art, Missions and more! Children will enjoy an evening meal of pizza, fruit, dessert and drinks. Plan now to have your child join “Agents in Action.” The program is for children in Pre-K4 to 6th grade and begins Wednesday, September 4. For more information, call the church office at (904)797-4416 or visit our website www.shoresumc.org. Shores United Methodist Church is located at 724 Shores Blvd, between the Shores Golf Course and Hartley Elementary.



What Your Mind can Conceive-You can Achieve

by Cheryl Robertson

I am holding another event at the Riverview Club on September 14th from 10am to 12pm. The event is titled "What your mind can conceive-you can achieve." I feel sure that we all have heard the saying, "What we think about, we bring about." It has been scientifically proven that our thoughts have a "frequency." We attract what we place our attention on. If you would like to experience a different and fresh way of thinking, please reserve your space by contacting me at cheryllrobertsonhypnosis@gmail.com. Please bring a yoga mat, blanket and small pillow, as you will be laying on the floor for the session.

St. Augustine Orchid Society Meetings

Francisco Miranda is a world renowned Brazilian taxonomist that will be talking to us about Brazilian Catasetum species. Their distribution and habitats will be discussed, many from the Amazon, to help us understand where and why the plants live where they do. He will also discuss flower dimorphism, a very interesting feature of the genus, in which both male and female flowers are produced.

The monthly meeting is at Memorial Lutheran Church, 3375 US1 South, St. Augustine, Florida, 32086 September 3 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

ACE REPOTTING is September 7th from 9 am to 12 noon at Ace Hardware US1 South, 3050 St. Augustine, Fla 32086.

Temple Bet Yam High Holy Day Schedule

Temple Bet Yam is a warm, welcoming Reform Congregation led by Rabbi Dr. Nadia Siritsky. You are invited to join our Temple family in celebrating the High Holy Days in September and October. The services are written to make everyone feel welcome and at home. Our prayer books are written in Hebrew and English so all can follow along. Come hear the sounding of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah and fast with us on Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur ends with a break-the-fast pot luck supper. We are located at 2055 Wildwood Dr, St. Augustine, just off SR 207. For more information, call 904-819-1875 or visit our website at www.templebetyam.org.

S'lichot Service September 14
6:00 p.m. Wine and Cheese 6:30 p.m.
Erev Rosh Hashanah September 29
7:30 – 9:00
Rosh Hashanah September 30
Children’s Service – 9:00 – 9:45
Morning Service – 10:00-1:00
Tashlich – following morning service at Treaty Park
Erev Yom Kippur October 8
Kol Nidre – 7:30 – 9:00
Yom Kippur October 9
Children’s Service – 9:00 – 9:45
Morning Service – 10:00 – 1:00
Afternoon Service 3:00 – approx. 4:00
Yizkor, Neilah, Havdalah - approx. 4:15
Break-the-Fast following Neilah
Sukkot, Simchat Torah, and Consecration Service October 18. Service at 5:45 p.m.



St. Augustine Travel Club Meeting

by Peter Dytrych

St. Augustine Travel Club will resume its monthly meetings starting again in September. The next presentation will be WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 at 3:00 PM at the Southeast Branch Public Library, US1 South at SR 206. The subject of presentation will be: GERMANY - East and Central Regions

Based on personal travels through the central region of Germany and the former East Germany, we will show photos taken along the trip, accompanied by narration. The travel club is free to the community and no registration is required. We would love to see you. Call Peter at 904-797-3736 with any questions.

St. Augustine Travel Club Cruise

The St. Augustine Travel Club will again be sailing the seas on Saturday, March 28 –April 4, 2020 on the beautiful Norwegian Breakaway out of Port Canaveral to the Eastern Caribbean ports of Tortola (British Virgin Islands), St. Thomas and Norwegian’s private island Great Stirrup Cay in the Bahamas for a 7-day cruise. Prices start from \$972.35 per person, double occupancy, for inside cabin, inclusive of all port fees and taxes. Balconies and oceanviews are also available at additional cost. Book now with a \$250 p.p. deposit and receive \$100 per stateroom On Board Credit, Free Beverage Package and more. Call Peter, St. Augustine Travel Club at (904) 797-3736.

Invitation to Living With Cancer Support Group

Whether you’re a patient, survivor or caregiver, this is your opportunity to talk about the day-to-day challenges of living with cancer in a group of people who can inspire, relate to and support you along your journey.

Meetings are the Third Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am on the first floor of the main Flagler hospital building Suite 1010. Please call 904-819-4693 (or 4742) for more information or to RSVP.



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News From Around St. Johns County

Art in Public Spaces Exhibit Features Local Artist Manila Clough

St. Johns County's Art in Public Spaces program is excited to host "Florida Native Birds and Plants x Four" by local artist Manila Clough from June 4 through September 19 at the County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View. Hosted in partnership with the St. Johns County Cultural Council, the exhibit will feature Clough's four mosaics featuring native birds and plants, as well as art works from students attending four St. Johns County schools. Visitors are invited to view the exhibit from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. A reception opening the exhibit will take place at 8:15 a.m. on June 4 at the Administration Building and will include light refreshments. For more information on Manila Clough, please visit www.manilaclough.com.

FREE Chronic Pain Self-Management Program

Managing your pain can be difficult! We Join us for a FREE Chronic Pain Self-Management Program at the Hastings Senior Center on Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Learn techniques to cope with pain, fatigue, and poor sleep. Participants receive a FREE Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain" book & the Moving Easy Program CD. Location: Hastings Senior Center: 140 Gilmore St., Hastings, FL 32145. Call Northeast Florida AHEC at (877) 784-8486 to register and learn more about classes.

The North Florida Women's Chorale Auditions through Sept 15th

The North Florida Women's Chorale will be auditioning new singers, especially altos, for the 2019-2020 season. The Chorale rehearses on Monday evenings from 6:45 to 8:45 at Palms Presbyterian Church, Jax Beach, beginning September 9. Go to the website womenschorale.org to schedule an interview or call Kerry Fradley, Director, at 904-806-7781 for more information.

FREE Quit Smoking Now Classes

Wildflower Healthcare Clinic - There are many reasons to quit tobacco. Let us help! Join us for a FREE Tools to Quit class at Wildflower Healthcare Clinic on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 from 3:00pm-5:00pm.

Flagler Health Wellness Center - Looking to Quit Tobacco? We Can Help! Join us for a FREE Quit Smoking Now class at Flagler Health+ Wellness Center Building. Classes meet once a week for six weeks starting on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 from 6:00pm-7:00pm. FREE patches, lozenges, and gum! FREE quit plan, workbook, water bottle, stress ball and more! Call Northeast Florida AHEC at (904) 482-0189 to register and learn about more classes near you.

Sertoma Club Event

9th Annual Wide Open-Open Benefit

The SERTOMA Club of St. Augustine will be hosting "Woo-Stock 4-Man Golf Scramble" Saturday Oct 20, at St Augustine Shores Golf Course. Please help us help the folks of St. Johns County by becoming a sponsor today.

A Title Sponsor is \$1,000, a Raffle Sponsor is \$500, and a Hole Sponsor is \$100. Teams will consist of 4 player at \$50 per player. Registration is at 10 am with Tee Time at 12 noon. There will be hole in one prizes, raffle prizes and 50/50 drawing and a BEST DRESSED HIPPIE prize. Proceeds to benefit those in need in St. Johns County through St. Augustine Sertoma. To become a sponsor or participate in the event contact: Jean Macedonia at 904-540-1123 or email jeanmace97@yahoo.com for registration materials.

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First Coast Newcomers Card Playing Events:

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Tuesday, September 17th. Games Store St. Augustine. Refreshments. Start Time: 2PM. Must RSVP.

Saturday, September 21st. Dinner/Cards. Pizza Pie Restaurant. St. Augustine. Start Time: 1PM. Must RSVP.

Tuesday, September 24th. Golf Clubhouse, St. Augustine. Start Time: 2P. Must RSVP.

Please Make Contact to Club Organizer to RSVP & for Locations, Addresses, Directions to: 904-829-0643 Days/Evenings. Non Smoking.

First Coast Newcomers Recreation Events Club:

Wednesday, Sept. 4th. September Monthly Dinner/Trivia. Restaurant-St. Augustine. Arrival 6PM. Greg & Co. Must RSVP.

Saturday, September 7th. Old Historical Muster & Training Exhibition Day. St. Augustine. Arrival: 11:00AM. Free Event. Exhibit Hall: \$2. Lunch 1PM. Must RSVP.

Thursday, September 19th. Annie Oakley Musical. Theatre-St. Augustine. Preview Thursday. Arrive Will Call: 7PM. Show: 7:30PM. Cost: \$15. Must Buy Ticket In Advance. Must RSVP.

Saturday, September 28th. Pups & Dogs Surfboarding Contest Show. Outpost Resort-St. Augustine. 9AM. Free Event. Must RSVP.

Sunday, September 29th. September Monthly Games Day. Coffee Shop, Nocatee, Ponte Vedra Beach. Arrival: 2P. Rummykub, Dice Games, Taboo, Yatzee, & More. Must RSVP.

Please Make Contact To Our Club Organizer To RSVP, How To Join, & Questions to: 904-829-0643 Days/Evenings. Non Smoking.

Wags and Whiskers Pet Rescue and Adoption

Wags 'n Whiskers Pet Rescue and Adoption Garage Sale Saturday, September 14th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are doing our next fundraising garage for Wags 'n Whiskers. If you are interested in selling, we ask for your \$10.00 donation. Bring your own table or tarp/blanket to display your goods. This is one way we are raising money for this wonderful organization. We have been having more folks participate and more shoppers over the last few months. Call Lana Bandy at 317-450-0505 to reserve a space. If you are not interested in the garage sale, we would love for you to stop by to say hello and if you happen to have any extra cat food and/or kitty litter, the facility is always in need! The address is 1967 Old Moultrie Road, St. Augustine, across the street from the rear of the Lowes' building.

UF/IFAS "Living on a Few Acres" Workshops

The St. Johns County UF/IFAS Extension Office is hosting monthly "Living on a Few Acres" workshops through December. These workshops will provide participants with information on how to maintain their properties with or without animals. The following workshops will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the UF/IFAS Wind Mitigation Building, 3111 Agricultural Center Drive:

August 15 - Pasture Management Basics

September 19 - Beed Cattle Management Basics

October 17 - Forest/Wildlife Management Basics

November 21 - Sheep and Goat Management Basics

December 19 - Backyard Poultry Management Basics

The workshops are \$5 each, and registration is required. For more information or to register, please visit www.livingonafewacresinsjcf1.eventbrite.com, email timwilson@ufl.edu, or call 904.209.0430.

St. Augustine Jazz Society Meetings

St. Augustine Jazz Society monthly Jazz Jam, Royal St. Augustine Golf Club, 301 Royal St. Augustine Pkwy., off SR 16 the last Sunday of each month, except December, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Open to the public. Admission is \$7.00/non-members. A non-profit, money goes for scholarships to St. John's County jazz band members in middle, high school, and college. Live music from local and famous musicians and vocalists, dancing, drinks for purchase. www.staugjazzsociety.org for more info on scholarships and jazz jams. Contact Jamie Lee, Vice President, 904-237-9268.

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Wildflower Meadow Group

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Fall Ferns

We also cleared grasses away from some of the wildflowers so the sun can reach them, making it easier for them to grow and bloom. The *railroad vine* in the lower meadow was growing vertically and that's not what they usually do. This one was reaching above the grasses for sunlight and now it can spread out and do what railroad vines do. Meadow beauties in the upper meadow, near the sidewalk, were drowning in the non-native grasses and now those flowers have sunlight and space they need. Their seeds can also find the ground and germinate next year into new flowers. A side benefit to our work is we can all see more of the smaller flowers that invasive grasses were inundating. Lawn grasses don't "understand" we're trying to nurture a meadow, not a lawn.

The obvious flower of the month, for me at least, is the *Horsemint*, sometimes called *BeeBalm*. On the Internet I read that *Monarda punctata* is native to the eastern U.S. and typically occurs in dry soil and in full sun. It is a clump-forming mint with square stems, has a heavenly aroma, and usually grows 1-3 feet tall. They spread by runners and are drought tolerant. The downside is they are susceptible to powdery mildew, but usually not till late in the late season and pruning the stems to increase air flow can minimize the problem. Surprisingly they contain thymol, the same oil as thyme and oregano, and can be used as an American-grown substitute for those herbs. The flowers attract bees and butterflies and what's not to love about the *BeeBalm*?

We hope you will join us at our next meeting the first Saturday of the month. We meet at the meadow near the Riverview clubhouse at about 8:30. About once a month some of us drive together on back country roads, looking for wildflowers, identifying, and photographing them. We're an informal group without officers or dues.

Call Claire at 904-826-5366 or Cindy at 904-797-3931 for more information.



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New Law Puts Florida Trees at Risk

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Florida is home to some of the most beautiful trees in the world and is known for its oak canopies and palm tree groves that give our cities and neighborhoods their unique look and feel. Under H.B. 1159, or "Private Property Rights," which went into effect on July 1, 2019, limitations have been placed on the ability of cities and municipalities to require a permit in order for a homeowner to prune, trim, or remove a tree from his or her property that may pose a danger. The new law also prevents local governments from requiring a property owner to replant a tree that was pruned, trimmed, or removed.

Under the law, a property owner does not need a permit to prune, trim, or remove a tree if the property owner obtains an opinion from an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or a Florida licensed landscape architect that the tree presents a danger to persons or property. Critics of the new law say that it has a high potential for abuse due to several loopholes. Landscape architects licensed in Florida are not required to have any specialized training in assessing tree danger. Arborists may take a course focused on "Tree Risk Assessment," but are not required to complete this extra training under the new law. If the

opinion is obtained by an ISA-certified arborist, the law does not require that the arborist live in Florida or visit the site in person. This raises concerns that some arborists may create businesses to take advantage of the new law and issue opinions inappropriately. Further, there is no requirement under the law that the homeowner display, retain, or disclose documentation to local governments.

So what can be done to safeguard the trees in your neighborhood? If you live in a community governed by a Homeowners Association (HOA), the HOA may impose an approval process and requirements for the removal of trees by homeowners. We recommend that HOAs review their Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions to determine whether it contains provisions regarding tree removal and HOA approval. Such provisions can protect the aesthetics of the neighborhood and prevent excessive tree removal under the recently enacted law.

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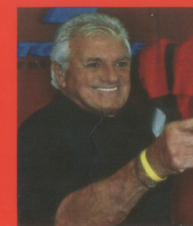
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St. Johns Republican Party Precinct 305 Caucus Meeting

All PCT 305 Registered Republicans are invited to this Inaugural organizational and planning meeting.

Date: Sept. 7, 2019 Time: 10:00-12:00 Noon

Location: SE St. Johns Library 6670 US1 South

Seating is limited, please RSVP by Sept 3, 2019 To:

Committee Members: Phone or Text

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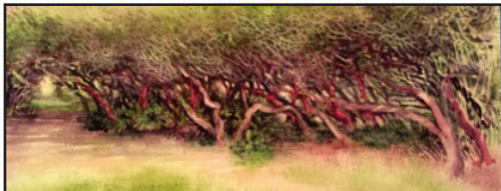
Open Studio for watercolor - instruction with Cindy Pierson

COST: Pre-paid 4 weeks for \$50 instructor – additional room rental \$30

This is an open studio setting at The Riverview Club in St Augustine Shores, 790 Christina Drive. It's a small-group, ongoing class, that will meet for 2 hours. It is a great opportunity for artists of any level who want to expand their knowledge of painting with watercolor and enjoy an artistic exchange with fellow artists. We will explore the basic concepts of painting and the techniques of watercolor on different surfaces. If you need information about the class and what supplies are needed for the class, please contact me (info below). I will give a brief demo and a recommended subject or still life for students to paint and provide instruction as needed. Students are asked to bring their own reference photos from home that they have taken themselves. Not photos taken from websites or other sources. Students are encouraged to paint what they like; landscape, portrait, still life, etc.



Classes are scheduled to run FOUR Thursday mornings each month - from 9:30am to 11:30am September through April - excluding Holidays. Early registration is suggested as classes fill quickly and space is limited. To register contact Cindy Pierson 904-819-1944 cinpier@hotmail.com



Alligator Farm Unveils New Sloths to the Zoo



On Friday, August 16th officials at the St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Zoo's newest exhibit featuring Hoffman's two-toed sloths named Teddy and Grizzly. Sarah Patterson, Bird & Mammal Curator, provided comments on this remarkable species and what the new additions will mean to the historic Alligator Farm.

The new sloths—a male and a female were released into their rainforest habitat. The St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park is located at 999 Anastasia Boulevard, St. Augustine, FL, 32080.

Pie in the Sky Community Alliance

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International Day of Peace is a day to reflect on how we can build a culture of peace. Pie in the Sky is encouraging the community to come together and be inspired by what one person can do and what many can do together. "Nine years ago, we held the first human peace sign in the rural farming town of Hastings," explained Malea Guiriba, founder and executive director of Pie in the Sky. "We thought this would be the perfect time to bring this event to St. Augustine to help celebrate our 10th Anniversary and to cultivate an atmosphere of peace and understanding."

Over the last 10 years, Pie in the Sky has helped thousands of people throughout St. Johns County. The organization's Senior Produce Program delivers fresh, healthy produce to low-income, food-insecure senior citizens throughout the community. "Forming a human peace sign," Guiriba said, "is a way to bring awareness to our mission of fighting senior hunger in St. Johns County, where more than 6,000 seniors go to bed hungry."



Learn more about Pie in the Sky at pieintheskystjohns.org. Donations can be made online at pieintheskystjohns.org/donate. Follow on Facebook @[pyinthesky](https://www.facebook.com/pyinthesky) and join their monthly newsletter by emailing pieintheskynewsletter@gmail.com.

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How does this relate to real estate you may ask? Many websites show you property listings but how can you tell who actually has the listing? Who are they? Who is it? I will share that information with you.

• **Realtor.com** – probably the first website where you will see a listing (except for the Multiple Listing Service – MLS) – the problem is that this site sells agent placement so that, when you click on "request showing" or "contact agent", you get Realtors responding to you about the listing that is unlikely to be their own. Only you know and I know - the listing brokerage and listing agent are located above the main photo at the very top of the page and you may need to look them up if you want to talk to them.

• **Zillow.com** – If you click "contact agent" or "take a tour" – you may get some "premier agent" who has paid for placement. Only you know and I know - the way you're going to get the listing agent is to scroll down a bit on the page to see who the "Listing Agent" is. You may

need to research them for contact information.

• **Major Franchise Websites** – you know Century 21, Coldwell Banker, Re/Max – these sites use syndication companies like Listhub to show everybody's listings (marked "yes" for IDX in MLS) and they post them to their respective websites. Only you know and I know - the listing brokerage is required to be posted for all Franchise sites – it will show "Listed by Such 'n Such Realty" or "Presented by So 'N So Realty" typically under the photo but many times in fine print somewhere.

• **Local Brokerage Websites** – you may be wondering what the heck "IDX" is – Internet Data Exchange and it allows other local MLS subscribers to promote other brokers listings on their websites. Essentially, most brokerage websites have IDX listings (everyone else's listings) included on their sites. Only you know and I know - you simply look for the somewhere on the page to discover who the actual listing brokerage really is. The Brokerage name is required to be posted on all IDX sites (called brokerage attribution).

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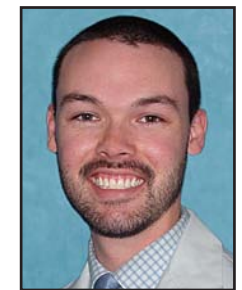
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"Diaries of a Shores Grand-Dad"

by Dirk Schroeder

Summer will be over (at least for the kids) by the time this chapter of the Diaries hits the market since SJC Schools will be in full session. There were those couple of days from the last Friday to the last Sunday in July where Fall weather snuck in and felt refreshingly comfortable. This was the weekend that Papa (grand-dad) and Gaga (grand-mom) were invited to tag along with Mom, Dad, Uncle Matt and the two "grand-girls" to go to the Alligator Farm. I have to admit that I had not been to the Alligator Farm in a decade or so and we got there at 9 AM on Sunday morning when nearly nobody was in the park. Regardless of any zip-line, the park had completely changed since I was there last and it was excellent (you get a great discount too if you bring your St. Johns County ID with you).

The morning started off quiet. Laurel was in one of these papoose type body slings and she slept from nine to noon. Claire loved all of the animals; vultures, monkeys, turtles, snakes and of course alligators and crocodiles. Rumor has it that they have a very old Galapagos Tortoise named Dirk but I didn't see his name tag. The most awesome part of the day was when we approached the big alligator pit in the very back of the park. There's a very long boardwalk that is elevated over a rather large and long pit that is laden with gators – literally hundreds of them. Well, they got into a growling contest with each other and it was so loud that, not only was



the water vibrating around their growling heads but even the boardwalk was shaking. I had never witnessed anything like it and I could tell that Claire was a bit scared. The weather was so pleasant we hardly broke a sweat. The day out finished with lunch at the Mellow Mushroom – who needs to leave town to vacation?

Recently, we were turned on (by our boys) to a Marvel series on Netflix named "Daredevil" (Rated R for violence and language); you know, the character in the red suit. It's the story of a kid who's hero was his dad - a prize-fighting boxer who was killed by his crooked handlers for not throwing a fight. The kid, Matt Murdock, was blinded at an early age in a freak accident wherein he saved a man's life only to lose his own vision. After the passing of his father, Matt was trained in martial arts by a blind man nicknamed Stick and reared in NY City in a church by a Priest and nuns. As he matured, he went to law school and went into practice with his best friend, affectionately known as Foggy. It's an interesting

three seasons with about a dozen episodes per season as Matt struggles with his sense of spirituality as he uses his skills vigilante-style to save people from harm in a ruthless City environment, Hell's Kitchen. He tries to balance the law and spirituality with the evil that lurks among mankind (ironically wearing a suit that makes him look like a devil). The reason that I write about this show is because there are some really great philosophical scenes in many of the episodes. For example (spoiler alert), there's a scene where Matt Murdock (Daredevil) is at his wit's end, wallowing in self doubt and fear and he's questioning his belief in God when the one of the most memorable scenes in the entire series unfolds. God's Plan is explained to Matt – "(his) plan is like a beautiful tapestry. And the tragedy of being humans is that we only get to see it from the back. With all the ragged threads and muddy colors. And we only get a hint at the true beauty that would be revealed if we could see the whole pattern on the other side...as God does." Something to think about and great screen writing! And on that uplifting note, I wish you all, as always, a Sunshine State of Mind.

South East Library Opportunity to Join Library Friends

The Friends of the South East Library thank you for supporting our amazing library. Friends annual dues, book shop and book sales financially support activities for children, youth and adults. This year we have added a scholarship for graduating seniors who volunteer at our branch.

We are out in the community to increase awareness of all these activities and encouraging people (and businesses) to join the Friends but are also looking for "new Friends" to help us. We have hosted a "Friends table" at the Artisan Market on US1 S, Farmers Market at the Amphitheatre and will be at Publix's in June and are looking for "Friends" to help. It's fun!

Please consider sparing a few hours to help at the book store, book sales, donate used books for resale or help us with social media support (from your own home!) We provided substantial monetary support last year helping provide 432 children's programs, 90 teen programs, 331 adult programs and a host of special events totaling 22,222 participants and funded the purchase of 75 new meeting room chairs-yea!. Together our efforts make a difference! We would love (and need) your help! Please contact Debra and Judi, Membership/Community Committee. Debra 860-966-7601, Judi 904-687-5438.

October Fifth Annual Children's Arts Festival

Friends of the St. Augustine Amphitheatre (FOSAA) is excited to announce that the Fifth Annual Children's Arts Festival will be held on Sunday, October 13th, from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. at the Amphitheatre. This is a free event that will take place rain or

shine. Two thousand people attended the last Festival where children of all ages participated in a myriad of art, music, dance, theatre and historic activities. This a wonderful opportunity for the arts community to share their talents with the next generation. The list of individuals and organizations is growing. Won't you join us?



If you are interested in participating, please contact Marla Taylor at marlataylor056@gmail.com for further information and an application form. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2019. Slots will be filled on a "first come first served" basis.

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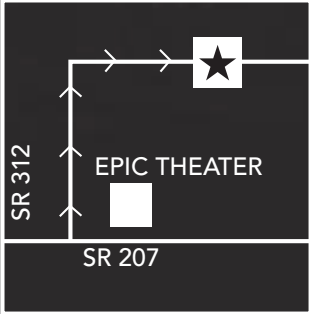
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Flotilla 14-7 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, in conjunction with the US Coast Guard offers the popular Boating Course, About Boating Safety (ABS). The first class of the year began March 23RD. The last two course dates in 2019 are scheduled on September 7 and October 26.

“About Boating Safely” is a one day course designed to inform and instruct owners and passengers on recreational boats. It uses approved course materials which are furnished to the attendees. The ABS course is open to family members and individuals at the same local venue, the Northeast Florida Regional Airport Conference Center (NEFRA-CC) in the area beginning at 0745 for each class available on the dates shown below. This course is approved for the state of Florida and given by certified instructors under the auspices of the US Coast Guard.



Any boat operator in the State of Florida, born after January 1, 1988, when operating a vessel powered by 10 horsepower or more, must have in their possession a Florida Boating Safety Education Identification Card. Successful completion of the course will meet this obligation and the State of Florida will issue a Boater’s ID card upon submittal by the Coast Guard certified Instructors.

To sign up for this locally given course, you can view the Auxiliary web page at: <https://abs.mysafeboating.com> or consult the attached flyer for times, dates and sign up. For further information. Contact the Auxiliary course instructor, Vic Aquino, FSO-PE Public Education Officer at pe@mysafeboating.com

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all its service missions. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org. For local Flotilla information, see www.mysafeboating.com.

EMMA Concert with Neil Berg

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entice people to come to one of our concerts and learn more about our organization,” said Joanne Everett, President of EMMA Concert Association. “Neil Berg is a patron favorite as we had him in our 2017-2018 season and can’t wait to welcome him back to kick off our 41st season.”

NEIL BERG is the composer/co-lyricist of the award-winning new rock musical THE 12, written with Pulitzer Prize/Tony-winning playwright, Robert Schenkkan. His other shows include the new Broadway-bound musical Grumpy Old Men, the hit Off-Broadway musical The Prince and the Pauper, Tim and Scrooge, and The Man Who Would Be King. Neil is the creator/co-producer of the #1 Broadway touring concert in America, Neil Berg’s 100 Years of Broadway, as well as Neil Berg’s 50 Years of Rock & Roll, and Neil Berg’s Pianomen.



He is the co-producer of the Off-Broadway Alliance Award-Winning revival of Closer Than Ever. Learn more at neilberg.com.

EMMA Concert Association performances are held at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College, 14 Granada Street, downtown St. Augustine. Tickets are \$40 per person. Price for children and students with school ID is \$5 per concert. Tickets can be purchased at emmaconcerts.com, by phone 904-797-2800, or by email EMMAinfo@bellsouth.net. Follow on Facebook @emmaconcerts and Instagram @emma_concerts





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Computer Corner

by Steven Aldrich
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Windows or Mac? What About Linux?

Last year 25% of my service calls were due to failed Windows 10 updates. This year is following that same trajectory. Lots of folks have been asking about switching to a Mac. I have always been a Mac owner. They just work. However, the cost of a Mac can put some folks off.

Are there any other choices? YES, Linux. And it is awesome!

What is Linux? Well, it is a very popular operating system for things like web servers, Android Phones, and Chromebooks. Linux is the system used for over 50% of the world's websites. It is super stable, efficient, and FREE. If you have an Android phone or a Chromebook, you are already using a version of Linux.

Using Linux is much like using any other computer operating system. The typical person could easily learn enough about Linux in one hour to be able to do all of their daily computing tasks. The icons may look different and one must learn where things are. But wait... Windows keeps changing their look, and the location of things with every new update. Meaning that Windows users have to learn new icons and locations as well.

What about all of those applications

we need, like Word, or Excel? Happily, there are opensource FREE alternatives which run on Linux. These alternatives can open all of your Microsoft Office documents, like Word and Excel.

Would I need to buy a new computer? Linux can be installed on your current computer. You can run Linux on a relatively low power computer, and it will not bog it down. Linux will run on pretty much any PC you may have. I prefer to use a high-speed Solid State Drive, and plenty of memory, because I tend to push my computers to their limits.

Can I "Test Drive" it first? As a matter of fact, you can try it before you install it. It's quite easy to test run Linux on any computer, which means that you don't have to wonder if you will like it. If you would like to test drive Linux, give me a call and we can set up a time to let you do that in the comfort of your home or office.

Steven Aldrich - 3 decades experience as an IT Director and is the owner of First Coast Computer Services (www.fccspro.com). Contact Steven if you need a trusted advisor to come to your business or home and help with your technology. See my ad on this page. Steve@fccspro.com or (904) 479-5661.



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Leaving Your Job? What Happens to your 401(k)?



If you're in the early stages of your working life – or even in the not-so-early ones – the chances are pretty good that you will change jobs at some point. When that happens, you'll probably leave a few things behind – but will one of them be your 401(k)?

Of course, you wouldn't really forget about your 401(k). (It does happen, however – over the period from 2004 through 2013, more than 25 million people left at least one 401(k) or similar plan behind when they left their job, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office.) But you will have to do something with your account.

Essentially, you have four choices:

- You can cash out your 401(k). It's your money, but if you take it out before you reach 59 ½, you will owe federal income taxes, plus any applicable state and local taxes.

- Also, you will likely be charged a 10% penalty for early withdrawal. Perhaps even more important, if you liquidate your 401(k) when you change jobs, you'll be reducing the amount you'll have left for retirement.

- You can leave your 401(k) with your old employer. If your former employer permits it, you can leave your 401(k) intact, even after you move to a different job. This might be appealing to you if you like the investment choices in your account, but you won't be able to make any new contributions. Plus, you won't face any immediate tax consequences.

- You can move the money to your new employer's 401(k). You can consolidate your old 401(k) with one offered by your new employer, if allowed. You won't take a

tax hit, and you might like your new plan's investment options. And you may find it easier to manage your funds if they're all held in one place.

- You can roll your 401(k) into an IRA. You don't need the permission from any employer – old or new – to move your old 401(k) to an IRA. Your money will continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and an IRA offers you a virtually unlimited array of investment options – stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. You can make either a direct or indirect rollover. With a direct rollover, the administrator of your old 401(k) sends your money directly to the financial provider that holds your rollover IRA. No tax is withheld because you never actually take possession of the money. With an indirect rollover, you're technically withdrawing the money and moving it to the IRA provider yourself. (You've got 60 days to make this transfer.) You will face a withholding of 20% of your account's assets, but you may be able to recover most of this amount when you file your tax return. Still, for the sake of ease of movement and avoidance of all tax issues, a direct rollover may be more advantageous.

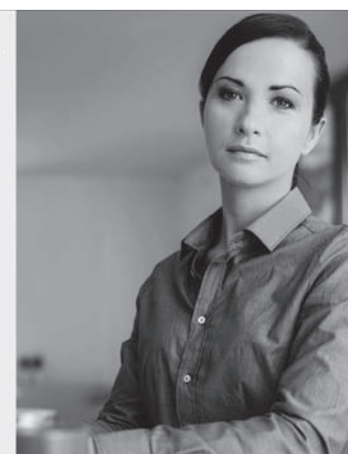
Which of these options is right for you? There's no one "right" answer for everyone. You'll have to consider several factors, and you'll certainly want to consult your tax professional before making any decision. But in any case, do whatever you can to preserve – and hopefully grow – your 401(k) assets. You'll need these resources to help fund the retirement lifestyle you want and deserve.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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St. Johns County Sheriff's Corner

By David Shoar, St. Johns County Sheriff

Offender Watch Program

Did you know that sex offenders or predators move an average of four times a year! It is this reason that our citizens want and need easy access to sex offender data so they can run neighborhood searches around their home and school. Many of you want to stay updated with emails and postal mailings whenever there is a change around them. In addition, 80-90% of us likely have a sex offender living within a one mile radius of our home, our children's school, and place of work. This month I would like to talk to you about a very important program we offer here at your Sheriff's Office. It is the OffenderWatch Program. This is an on-line tool to keep you better informed as to where registered sex offenders and predators reside in our county. This system will enable anyone with an Internet connection to search for registered sex offenders and predators within our county by name or address.

This program is two-fold: A geographic tool and an e-mail notification program. With the geographic tool, any address in the county can be entered into a search engine, and a map will be displayed showing full information on the location of any registered sex offenders or predators living within a mile radius of that address.

The email notification program allows any person to enter up to five addresses in the county into a database so that the Sheriff's Office can notify you of any offenders or predators who moves within one mile of that given address. To sign up for the OffenderWatch program, go to our website at www.sjsso.org, and click on the "I want to Locate Sex Offenders" tab on the right hand side of the Home Page, then scroll down to the OffenderWatch link. Instructions will guide you through the process.

Also you will find safety tips for parents and children on our website. With recent events involving crimes against children, parents should remain diligent by knowing where their children are at all times. Be familiar with their friends and daily activities, especially on-line and whom they might be "talking" to. Help build self-esteem in your child, listen carefully to their fears, and be supportive

in all your discussions with them. Replace your child's fear with knowledge and guide them in their decision-making. By practicing age appropriate life skills early this could assist them with more complex situations later. Teach them to trust their own feelings and assure them they have a right to say NO to what they sense is wrong. Choose substitute care givers carefully, and be alert to anyone who is paying unusual amounts of attention to your children or giving them inappropriate gifts. Teach your children that no one should approach them or touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable. If someone does, assure them you are the person to discuss it with.

Some safety tips for young children include: Teach them about who they are including their full name, birthdate, complete address, phone number and their parents' full names. If a child is in a public place and they get separated from you, encourage and teach them to not to wander around looking but to go to a checkout counter, a security office, or lost & found. Have them tell someone in authority that they have become separated from their parent and need help in finding them. If possible, use the buddy system. It's more fun and there is safety in numbers. Don't wander the neighborhood after dark or while alone. If someone follows your child on foot or in a car, teach them to stay away from them and find a trusted neighbor or adult. Be sure to tell them not to talk with strangers, give directions or look for a lost pet from someone they do not know. Most importantly, if someone tries to take a child away, the best defenses are the child's legs and voices. Try to run and scream before they get too close and call 911 immediately.

There is a wealth of information on our website on this topic as well as on many other topics at www.sjsso.org. Also, be sure to sign up for the Sheriff's Office social media sights on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Next Door, where you will receive important updates anytime. Finally, email me with any questions or concerns at dshoar@sjsso.org. Thanks for reading and stay safe!

St. Augustine Beach Civic Association

by Bill Jones, President
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Music by the Sea Returns in 2020



Thanks to sponsors and donations from patrons, Music by the Sea will return in 2020. Unfortunately, our schedule will be reduced in size and that can be entirely blamed on the Tourism Development Council. Despite submitting a grant application that was scored highly by the Funding panel, the TDC voted to fund us at only 25% of our request. Typically, we have received somewhere between 40% and 60% of our annual request. This does not sit well with our Board of Directors and it should anger local businesses including hotels, condo & vacation rental owners and restaurateurs too. Music by the Sea is the only long term, consistent promotion that consistently sells our community to visitors outside of our county.

Our beach has historically generated the largest share of the Bed Tax of any area in the County. Yet we continue to see a decline in the return of bed tax dollars to the 32080. Some of that responsibility must fall on our Mayor, who sits on the Tourism Development Council and sat quietly during the deliberations and vote on the 2020 decision. We need a strong voice on the TDC since our community is outnumbered on the panel. While we want businesses in other parts of the County to thrive, we must do everything to support and promote business here on the island. If you agree, please contact the Mayor, City and County Commissioners and share your thoughts.

Civic Association to have a new President in 2020

After more than a decade on the Board and assuming the Presidency of SABCA in 2015, Bill Jones (me) has decided not to run for the office again this fall. I will of course remain on the Board and continue to help write the grant application and assist with the planning of Music by the Sea, but my wife and I now have a 5th grandchild. It's time to spend more time spoiling all of them. Our Vice President Bob Samuels is our Nominating Committee Chairman and he's busy right now putting together a slate of candidates for our upcoming November election. If you're not a member of SABCA, you should be. In addition to Music by the Sea, Surf Illumination and other events, we are also actively involved in monitoring our local government. We try to share issues and information so citizens are not surprised and have a chance to be more engaged in the community we all call home. Join today by visiting our website at www.sabca.org

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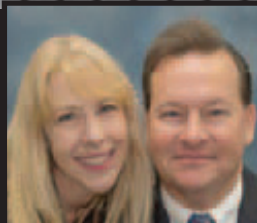
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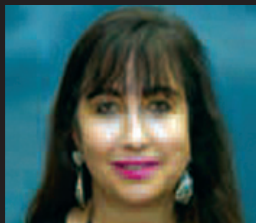
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