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St. Augustine Community Chorus to Perform Carmina Burana for Season Finale

Considered by music critics to be one of the best pieces of music of the 20th century

The St. Augustine Community Chorus is ending their 70th Anniversary Season with a bang, singing one of the greatest pieces of music of the 20th century – the bold, strong Carmina Burana by Carl Orff, with the Bel Canto Singers of Daytona.

The concert is being held as part of the Romanza Festivale of the Arts, and will take place on Saturday, May 11th at 4:00 pm at Kirk Auditorium (Florida School for the Deaf and Blind). The performance will be performed earlier on May 4th in Daytona, home to the Bel Canto Singers, at the Central Baptist Church.

“This is a memorable and dramatic piece of music sung in Latin and German that many will recognize as key parts of this famous cantata have been used in movies, TV shows and commercials,” said Mike Sanfilippo, Music Director for the St. Augustine Community Chorus. “We are pleased to be working with the Bel Canto Singers of Daytona for this first time to present this music with an enlarged chorus.”

The Bel Canto Singers of Daytona are under the musical direction of Dr. David J. Redman. The program will begin with a selection by the Welsh composer Karl Jenkins, Adiemus, that is also recognizable from its use in TV ads, including for Delta Airlines.

The St. Augustine Youth Chorus under the direction of Kerry Fradley, will also play a role in this concert: Carmina Burana calls for a children's chorus (continued on page 11)

First Coast Opera presents “The Trial of B.B. Wolf”

Sometimes going to court should be fun! So says Curtis Tucker, First Coast Opera Artistic Director and composer of The Trial of B. B. Wolf. FCO remounts this whimsical look at what might happen if the Big Bad Wolf was on trial for destroying the property of the Three Little Pigs and for murdering Little Red Riding Hood's Grandmother. Ultimately, a jury chosen from the audience decides his fate. Performed by professional singers with piano accompaniment, this 45-minute one-act opera is perfect for children of all ages!

The opera boasts a cast of very talented local singers: Regina Torres, Mitchel Burns, Joe Colsant, Brittany Fouché and Curtis Tucker himself playing the Big Bad Wolf. The Music Director and pianist is Zeek Smith.

This afternoon presentation gives adults the opportunity to hear the opera and for children who missed the noontime performance to attend this very special encore performance.

ROMANZA FESTIVALE PERFORMANCE

May 9 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Free

Chamber Music Series: First Coast Opera presents “The Trial of B.B. Wolf”

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MORE DETAILS: romanzafestivale.com



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Renourishment of Vilano Beach and South Ponte Vedra Beach Agreement Reached with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



A partnership agreement was signed between St. Johns County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for beach renourishment. The agreement funds \$144.5 million for renourishment of Vilano Beach and South Ponte Vedra Beach in St. Johns County for the next 50 years. For more information, please call St. Johns County Communications at 904.209.0549 or 904.209.0557.

In the photo Seated from left to right for the agreement:

Paul M. Waldron, Chair, St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Patrick McCormack, St. Johns County Attorney

Colonel Andrew Kelly, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Information should be received by the 15th of the

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

month in order to appear in the following month's issue. Articles or information may be sent to the St. Augustine Observer, 1965 A1A South #180, St. Augustine Florida 32080-6509. Information may also be e-mailed to clifflogsdon@att.net.

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- 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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St. Augustine Shores Club News

May 2019 Riverview Club Calendar

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EARLY SOCIAL
Traces of Gold
Sunday, May 5th
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MAIN SOCIAL
Ernie
Friday, May 17th
7:00 pm to 10:00



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

- Bridge** Fridays 1:00 pm.
- Bridge Lesson** The class is geared to all levels. Thursdays 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.
- Yoga** Class led by Nancy, Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:00 am.
Yoga with Erin on Thursday at 5:30 pm.
- Exercise Class** Led by Marcia Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am.
- Tai-Chi** B-2 Tuesday at 9:00 am; B-1 Thursday at 6:30 pm.
- Dance Class** Social dance class with Dennis, Thursday at 2:00 pm.
No class May 23rd.
- 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 May 14th and 28th at 1:00 pm in the Library.
For information call Donna at 794-0789.



Upcoming Events at the Riverview Club

Country Line Dance Party: Friday, June 14th (7pm to 10pm) – DJ Terry Hunter

Early Social: Saturday, June 8th (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment by Frank Saffi

Main Social: Friday, June 21st (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment by D. Owen & Tony T.

Riverview Club Events

Tai-Chi Class: Intermediate (B-2) class Tuesday at 9:00 am; beginner (B-1) Thursday evening class at 6:30 pm. New 10-week series beginning on May 2nd (\$50.00 for non-members).

FREE Introductory Fitness Pole Walking Clinic with Sheila Vidamour

- Wednesday, May 14th 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.
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St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation March 14th 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 Vice President Thomas Filloramo at 7:00 P.M. All members present except Director Diety. Approval of the Minutes of February 14, 2019 was approved unanimously. The vote to approve the proposed budget was unanimous. The four directors who attended the meeting were President Austin Diety, Vice President Thomas Filloramo, Treasurer Claire Lorbeer, and Director Phil Van Tiem. Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer Lorbeer and approved unanimously. General Manager Smith explained the decrease in the operating fund and the increase in the reserve fund.

Managers' Report - Joseph H. Smith III Old Business

Progress on Board Goals

Safety and Security: The key access system project for the tennis courts is in progress. A handhole has been purchased. We are waiting on FP&L to install.

Pool Deck Litigation: The courts are backed up and we can't get a trial until May 2019. Baker Company soliciting bids to jack and bore under the pavement on Shores and Christina to provide irrigation to the medians for plantings.

Reserve Studys: Update was scheduled March 19th, 2019.

Committee Reports

ACC Committee – General Manager Smith: 2 variance requests. (1.) 727 Gilda Drive. Post Facto fence approval. Owner has a dog and would like to be able to let the dog out within the fenced in portion of the yard and to accomplish this he would have to move the fence forward of the rear of the structure, half way to the front of the house. Motion made, seconded and approved unanimously. (2.) 343 Casuarina Circle. Owner has a water line coming from the street to the side of his house that has been damaged several times by trucks offloading equipment. He would like to move the fence forward of the rear of the house to enclose the area where the damage is occurring. Motion made, seconded and approved unanimously. The ACC held one meeting in the month of February. They approved: 4 Fences, 1 Utility shed for a total of 5. Total YTD 64.

Deed Restriction Amendment Committee – Kate Thomes: They are in the final push mode to distribute flyers for the get out and vote campaign. She needs volunteers. She would like to thank the Board and Management for setting up the meet and greet the candidate meeting this evening. Director DiTomaso inquired as to who is currently on the ACC Committee. There is one member Laura Amato. All other members have resigned. He stated that there is one person that attended the last ACC meeting held on March 25, 2019 that is interested in being on the committee. Steve Raff. He stated that there were four Board members present at that meeting and that they made a motion to have Steve Raff put on that committee. Motion made, seconded, and approved by 4 yes votes 2 no votes.

PUD Committee – Secretary Nicolas Arocha: The PUD committee was formed to conduct a number of tasks. One of them was to collect and document all of the master documents for all eight sections of the Shores. To establish a partnership with the St. Johns Water Management District and with the County. The water management system, all the lakes and the dam which is a tremendous liability. He would like to include the PUD Committee draft list of documents, items of interest, questions and goals January 10, 2019, The Infrastructure Review Summary from Legal Counsel February 14, 2019, PUD Committee Minutes with SJRWMD March 13, 2019 as attachments to the minutes. He summarized the meeting with Alan Baggett, Program Coordinator, St. Johns River Water Management District. None of the drainage retention facilities we maintain have been transferred from Deltona/Swan Development to the Shores Service Corporation. Discussed the tremendous risk of the drainage pipes the Shores maintains. We have spent close to \$200,000.00 on lining and repairing these pipes over the last three years. These items would ultimately need to be funded in the Reserve Study. The Dam needs to be inspected by a Professional Engineer and a report needs to be provided for guidance moving forward. He stated that our attorney provided a memo advising the Board that the PUD Committee should be allowed to continue this work and produce a final report to the Board. The budget process did not include an increase in the maintenance fees to provide funds for these projects. General Manager Smith informed the Board and the Membership that we have been funding the storm water management system in the Reserves since 2011. Secretary Arocha is concerned that there is no funding for the dam in the Reserves.

Internal Audit Committee – Joan Stanton: They audited the check signing process and the petty cash. Nice robust system, good separation of duties, no adverse findings and things are running as they should in these areas.

Riverview Building and Grounds – Nicolas Arocha: He discussed maintenance of the existing tile at the front entrance, painting the building, and addressing the wall. He has 2 more items that should be on the spreadsheet including sealing the doors. General Manager Smith is soliciting bids for the front entrance project. (continued on page 12)

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News Around Southern St. Augustine Area

St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation's Annual Membership Meeting

Date: Friday, May 3rd, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m. (Doors open at 8:00 a.m.)
Place: The Main Hall of the Riverview Club
790 Christina Drive, St. Augustine, FL. 32086

Shores Homeowners Annual Proxy Coming in the Mail!

by Kate Thomas, Deed Restriction Amendment Committee

Watch your mailbox in late March/early April for the annual packet from the Saint Augustine Shores Service Corporation. Then it's as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Open it 2. Fill out the ballot and sign the proxy 3. Mail it back (or drop it off)

There is one, and only one, amendment this year. If we pass it we have a better chance of making future changes to the Deed Restrictions which will allow the Shores to keep up with the times. The amendment proposes to change the required vote level from 75% to 51% of owners. A simple majority is a more reasonable standard for the future than the historic three quarters requirement.

Passing this amendment is the first step to letting the Shores be more responsive to homeowners needs. But it requires participation this spring by all Shores homeowners!

Can you give 5 minutes to your community this spring? Vote Yes on the amendment and return your ballot and signed proxy to the Shores office in the Riverview Club, or by mail, by 4 pm May 2nd 2019. This is your chance to make a difference!

Free Quit Smoking Class

Whatever your reason to quit tobacco, we have the tools to help you get started! Join us for a FREE Quit Smoking Now class at Flagler Hospital-Wellness Center. Classes meet once a week for six weeks starting on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 11:00am-12:00pm. 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.

St. Augustine Travel Club Meeting

by Peter Dytrych

The St. Augustine Travel Club will hold its next gathering on Tuesday, May 14, at 3:00pm at the Southeast Branch Public Library, on U.S. 1 near SR206. We look forward to seeing you as we will cover "Southeast Australia" - "Why, when, where, and how to do Australia in 1 or 2 weeks by retired professional vacation planner Scott Black: Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Tasmania."

No reservations are required. Any questions, please call Peter dytrych at 904 797-3736.

Wags and Whiskers Pet Rescue and Adoption

Address is 1967 Old Moultrie Road, Wags 'n Whiskers Parking Lot. The pet shelter is a volunteer organization sheltering and fostering pets (dogs and cats), and works with Petco as a venue for their adoption days. They are always looking for ways to raise funds as they neuter and provide all the pets with their necessary medical needs and tests before any pet is released to a new home. Also included is a chip for each pet. If you are ready to adopt a pet, please check their website for your next companion. Their website is www.wwpetrescue.org.

The next "Garage Sale" will be Saturday May 11th from 9 am to 1 pm at parking lot of Wags and Whiskers. If you are interested in selling, we ask for your \$10.00 donation. Bring your own table or tarp/blanket to display your merchandise. (There may be some tables available to borrow as a nice lady offered to bring extra tables for those of you who don't have one - limited.) Please call Lana Bandy at 317-450-0505 to reserve a spot. Would love to have buyers as well.....we need you! Thank you and hope to see you there.

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An Invitation to the 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. The next meeting will be April 17, 2019. Please call 904-819-4693 (or 4742) for more information or to RSVP.



The Magical Music of the 1960's and 1970's at Temple Bet Yam

Temple Bet Yam will participate in St Augustine's Romanza Festival of Music and Arts, a two weeks program of daily events including concerts, shows, and more on May 4, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Join world famous artists Joe and Lynn Goldovitz who will take us on a musical journey to the Golden Age of rock and folk music of the 60s and 70s. Enjoy the sounds of Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul and Mary, James Taylor, and many others.



Joe and Lynn have been performing music together since they were teens. Their unique vocal blend is energetic and yet has the feel of the very familiar. Their music is eclectic. It varies from the contemporary to jazz to the traditional and includes the fusion of the different musical styles. Their most recent CD, Maavar, explores varied contemporary and traditional musical concepts. One of the highlights of their career includes performing for three consecutive years at the International Festival in Safed, Israel. They've played at the Governor's Mansion in Princeton, NJ, around the United States, and locally around Florida.

A silent auction reflecting the spirit of Romanza showcasing St. Augustine's talent will be held. Refreshments will be provided. Tickets for the May 4 concert are \$20 per person. Contact Carol Levy at 954-895-7332 for further information. Temple Bet Yam is located at 2055 Wildwood Drive, just off SR 207. Join us for a wonderful song-filled evening that you will long remember.

Shabbat Play Dates at Temple Bey Yam

Beginning March 2nd, and the first Saturday of the month through June 2019, Rabbi Nadia will lead a Shabbat Play Date for parents and young children from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Come and make new friends and experience Shabbat in a fun and casual environment. Temple Bet Yam is located at 2055 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine, just off SR 207. RSVP Ellen at rehsm@ yahoo.com. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

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We are now open for pre-registration! To Mars and Beyond Vacation Bible School is for children starting Pre-K 4 to 5th grade and rising 6th graders. Students entering the 7th grade can register as helpers. VBS is Monday thru Friday, July 22 - July 26, 2019 from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is appreciated for planning supplies and snacks. Download the registration form at www.shoresumc.org. Shores United Methodist Church is located at 724 Shores Blvd, between the Shores Golf Course and Hartley Elementary. For more information, call 797-4416.

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News From Around St. Johns County

Art in Public Spaces Exhibit Features Local Artist Mary Hubley

St. Johns County's Art in Public Spaces program is excited to host "Living the Coastal Landscape", a collection of art by internationally-known local artist Mary Hubley from March 19 through May 23 at the County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View.

Hosted in partnership with the St. Johns County Cultural Council, the exhibit will feature 30 of Hubley's large coastal landscape and still life paintings. 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 March 19 at the Administration Building and will include light refreshments. For more information on Mary Hubley, please visit www.maryhubley.com.

St. Augustine Orchid Society Meetings

"Laelia and its Hybrids" by Vern Bloch

Vern will talk about Laelia purpurata, one of the finest of all cultivated orchids. In addition to its large showy flowers, it has one of the widest ranges of color forms. There are probably more named clones of the Laelia purpurata than any other Laelia or Cattleya species. This species is used extensively in hybridizing and Vern has amassed a nice collection of the species and hybrids. Vern will be sending us a list of all the plants he has available so you can preorder, as well as purchase others from his sales table. Vern operated the Palm Bay Orchid Range and has conducted programs for numerous orchid societies.

Program Tuesday May 7- 6:30 to 9:00 pm at Watson Realty Rear Conference Room. 3505 US1 South St. Augustine, 32086.

The first Saturday of the month from February through October, St. Augustine Orchid Society members will be available to talk with you, answer questions and help you report orchids. Meeting May 4, 9 am to noon at Ace Hardware on US1 South, 3050 US Highway 1, St. Augustine 32086.

COA Announces Annual Centenarian Luncheons

Council on Aging will be honoring our community centenarians and nonagenarians at the annual Centenarian Luncheons, scheduled for May 2, 2019 at noon at River House (179 Marine St., St. Augustine, FL 32084) and May 22, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at The PLAYERS Community Senior Center (175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.)

If you or someone you would like to honor is age 95 or better, please contact us to participate in this very special celebration of our community's treasured older adults.

Table sponsorships are available for \$250, and include table recognition and one seat (Ponte Vedra) or two seats (St. Augustine) at the luncheon.

For more information, to sponsor a table, or to RSVP, please contact Carolyn Karger at 904-209-3687 or ckarger@stjohnscoa.com.

Quitting Tobacco Class

Quitting Tobacco can be hard. We can help! Join us for a FREE Tools to Quit class at Wildflower Healthcare Clinic on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 3:00pm-5:00pm. 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 more about classes near you.

First Coast Card & Newcomers Club

1) First Coast Card Playing Club Event Dates:

Tuesday, May 7th. Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine. 1P. Refreshments provided. Walk-Ins-Guests Welcome.

Monday, May 13th. Coffee Cafe, St. Augustine. Arrival: 1P. Refreshments Provided. RSVP To Organizer.

Tuesday, May 21st. Ponte Vedra Beach Library. 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra. 1PM. Walk-Ins-Guests Welcome.

Saturday, May 25th. Lunch/Cards. St. Augustine Restaurant-Private Room. St. Augustine. Arrival Time: 12:30P. RSVP To Organizer.

Contact Club Organizer for Locations/Addresses To All Events. Call: 904-829-0643 for questions and to RSVP Yes To Attend.

2) First Coast Newcomers Club Of NE Florida Recreation Event Dates:

Sunday, May 5th. Cinco De Mayo Holiday Dinner/2 Latin Bands Music Concert. St. Augustine. Arrival Time: 5PM. Free Event.

Sunday, May 12th. Annual Mothers Day Brunch-Buffer Dinner. Local Restaurant-TBA. Arrival Time: 12PM. RSVP To Organizer.

Tuesday, May 16th. Live Music Concert. Spanish Trio. Ponte Vedra Beach. Arrival: 6:15P. Free Event. RSVP To Organizer.

Monday, May 20th. May Monthly Dinner/Trivia. WGV Restaurant, St. Augustine. Dinner: Arrival Time: 5:30P. RSVP To Organizer. Limited 10 Attendees.

Tuesday, May 28th. May Monthly Games Day! Taboo, Rummykub, Yatzee, More! Arrival Time: 1PM-Italian Restaurant/Games Shop-WGV-St. Augustine. Free Event. RSVP To Organizer.

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.

SJR State Registering for Summer Courses

Registration is underway for summer courses at St. Johns River State College. Three sessions will be offered, with full term Summer classes to be held May 8 to August 10, Summer A classes May 8 to June 22, and Summer B classes June 26 to August 10.

Orientation is required for all new students. After orientation, all new degree seeking students must meet with their advisor. During the advising session, most students are eligible to register for classes. Students will receive orientation details once their college application has been processed.

The last day to apply for admission for the full term Summer and Summer A term is May 1. The last day to register is May 8. The last day to apply for the Summer B term is June 19. The last day to register for the Summer B term is June 25. Students are encouraged to apply early.

The course schedule for all summer sessions is available online at SJRstate.edu/courses.html. For more information regarding registration and courses offered, contact your local campus at the number listed below or visit the SJR State website at SJRstate.edu.

Palatka campus: (386) 312-4200, Orange Park campus: (904) 276-6800, St. Augustine campus: (904) 808-7400.

Craft Brewers Fest 2019


The beautiful Fountain of Youth Archeological Park in St. Augustine will be the host venue for the first ever St. Augustine Brewers' Festival from 1-5 p.m., Saturday, May 11, 2019. Benefiting the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum, this event will feature more than 25 local and regional small-batch breweries, including BOG Brewing Company, Dog Rose Brewing Co., Old Coast Ales, Ancient City Brewing, Grasslands Brewing Co., Infinite Ale Works, Wicked Barley, and many more. There will be several local food trucks, fine music, tastings from St. Augustine Distillery and San Sebastian Winery, along with other family fun activities.

Admission to the event is \$40 in advance and \$45 the day of the event. There is limited on-site parking. VIP tickets are available for \$100 each and include guaranteed on-site parking, access to the climate controlled pavilion, private restrooms, a lunch buffet, special premium bourbon tastings from St. Augustine Distillery, a festival tasting glass and full festival access. There will be no charge for individuals attending the festival as a designated driver for festival goers. DD bracelet will be given upon arrival. For more information about the St. Augustine Craft Brewers Fest, visit www.stabrewersfest.com.



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St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association May 11th Dance

The St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association will host its next dance on Saturday, May 11th, from 7 to 10pm at the Riverview Club, 790 Christina Drive, in St. Augustine Shores.

A 45 minute dance lesson, starting at 6:15pm, will be offered before the dance, followed by lots of dancing to the beautiful music of Roy Olsson's Nostalgia band. In addition, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, desserts and coffee throughout the evening.

Guests pay just \$20 per person, which includes the dance lesson. Appropriate guest attire is a dark business suit with tie for the men and a cocktail dress, gown or Palazzo style pants for the women. For a reservation, call Dennis or Mary Larimore at 904-825-4902. For more information and pictures, visit facebook.com/sabdastaug.

Picture Caption: Richard and Cecilia Truesdale (3rd & 4th from left) and their guests at SABDA's fun filled St. Patrick's dance.



Shopper's Delight at WildHeart Boutique



Newest and Only Women's Boutique in South St. Augustine opened in March as the place for women shop a unique and eclectic mix of clothing, shoes, handbags, jewelry and gifts.

Susan Swearingen and Tana Ford, owners of WildHeart Boutique, became immediate friends meeting just 8 months ago after just relocating to St. Augustine with their families. "It was just like elementary school, when you look at each other and say, 'Hi, wanna be friends?'" says Swearingen. "We met for a glass of wine at The Reef and just hit it off!" adds Ford. Just six months later, they opened the doors to their boutique located in the High Chaparral Complex on US1 South.

Their vision is to create a place for women to come and find unique items in a friendly environment. "We want this to be more than a shopping boutique," says Tana. "we want it to be an overall wonderful experience. We all have so much going on in our lives and it's nice to have a local place to go to and enjoy being with others that are open and friendly while we do what most women love - shopping."

Swearingen says. "We chose this location within the community of South St. Augustine for its mix of established neighborhoods and new development. We want to be an active part of it serving locals and being a positive force in our own community."

One current effort is supporting St. John's County Special Olympics by donating proceeds from the sale of a \$20 reusable jute tote and offering shoppers a 10% discount every time they bring back the bag to shop. "My youngest son Mack has Down's Syndrome

and may compete in the Florida Summer State Games for Shot Put. Special Olympics is an amazing program for so many with disabilities but needs more funding," shares Ford. "This is just the start for how we will support our community."

To bring people together they hold WildHeart Wednesdays from 5-7pm as a time to come, enjoy food and refreshments and try on outfits. Ford and Swearingen carry flattering and comfortable items best tried on to feel the well chosen fabrics and fits while they offer styling suggestions and tips without pressure. "We are about long term relationships and want women to be happy about their purchases," says Swearingen.

"We love everything that we carry, we find ourselves shopping our own store! We'd wear all of these items ourselves," Ford quips. WildHeart Boutique's inventory is constantly changing as the owners bring in stylish items that are reasonably priced including items locally made and from designers that Ford has worked with over the past 15 years of owning boutiques. "We want women of all ages, styles, and shapes to be able to shop with us and feel like they can find something they love and makes them feel beautiful," Ford adds. You can visit WildHeart Boutique at 2769 US1 South on Tuesday-Saturday 11-5pm with extended hours on Wed until 7pm, see www.wildheartboutique.com for more information.





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7 Things Accomplished by Having a Will

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Let's start off with what happens if you do not have a Will. If you die without a will (this is called dying "intestate"), your property will be distributed to your heirs according to a formula fixed by law. Your property does not go to the State of Florida unless there are absolutely no heirs at law, which is very unlikely. In other words, if you fail to make a will, the inheritance statute determines who gets your property. The inheritance statute contains a rigid formula and makes no exception for those in unusual need.

When there is no will, the court appoints a personal representative, known or unknown to you, to manage your estate. The cost of probating may be greater than if you had planned your estate with a will, and the administration of your estate may be subject to greater court supervision.

So, here is what having a Will can accomplish:

1. You decide who gets your property instead of the law making the choice for you.

2. You may name the personal representative (executor) of your will as you choose, provided the one named can qualify under Florida law. A personal representative is one who manages an estate, and may be either an individual or a bank or trust

company,

subject to certain limitations.

3. A trust may be created in a will whereby the estate or a portion of the estate will be

kept intact with income distributed or accumulated for the benefit of members of the family or others. Minors can be cared for without the expense of proceedings for guardianship of property.

4. Real estate and other assets may be sold without court proceedings, if your will adequately authorizes it.

5. You may make gifts, effective at or after your death, to charity.

6. You decide who bears any tax burden, rather than the law making that decision.

7. A guardian may be named for minor children.

Take control of what you can, while you can, and eliminate the expense and burden from an already difficult situation for your loved ones.

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"Diaries of a Shores Grand-Dad"

by Dirk Schroeder

In a time when the news cycle lasts a few days you might say that you probably don't remember what the Diaries were about last month. The timing of last month's Diaries was extremely early seeing as they were intended to be in your mailboxes prior to Mother's Day and ended up coming out at the end of March and not the end of April (which would still have been early for Mother's Day on May 12th). I suppose the lesson here is at you'd better not be late for Mother's Day. Also, I should have simply written the Diaries as a tribute to my wife to whom I owe all of the good things in my life – we just celebrated our 30th Wedding Anniversary on April Fool's Day. I owe her all of my Gratitude, Devotion and Love.

So this release of the Diaries will come out at the end of April (after Easter) and before Mother's Day. And just so that I can't get in trouble for not having mentioned it – Happy Mother's Day (Grandmothers, Greats and Mother-in Laws included)!

Life has been so extremely busy lately with work, family matters and with outside interests like the Chamber of Commerce and Sertoma. In the event that you've never heard of the Sertoma Club of St. Augustine it has a long and rich history in the Oldest City. Sertoma is short for **SER**vice **TO** **MAN**kind. You may recognize many of the events that they have sponsored over the years – the Dodgeball and Bowling Tournaments, the Turkey Run, the Crescent Beach Crawl, The "Woo" Golf Tourney in the Shores, the Oktoberfest and the Toys for Kids Collection just to name a few. Maybe

you did not know that the Sertoma Club did the initial Nights of Lights thanks to Phil Genovar and his many bucket trucks and volunteers. Maybe you didn't know that they also got the Blue Angels to do an Air Show at the airport. They also did a fundraiser known as the Hand-A-Thon at the Ponce Mall where contestants had to keep their hands on a vehicle for the longest time in order to win it. You may know that they have the Sertoma Second Time Around Store on Old Moultrie Road yet you may not know that a third of the funds that are raised at the store go to Wags N' Whiskers. What Sertoma members do when they meet on a weekly basis is to help people who desperately need help – those who don't have resources or don't qualify for the typical safety nets. 100% of our funds go to the neediest people but only those in St. Johns County. It's a small club with a huge impact. If you're interested in giving back please call me.

The Chamber of Commerce does a lot of great things for the community. Most people think that it's simply an organization that promotes a business to business environment but that's just a small part of their impact. They have business education programs, job placement programs through their connections at First Coast Technical College, they are Ambassadors of Business and Industry – they help people consider moving their businesses to St. Johns County (in conjunction with County Government). They have Business Councils where specific areas or interests within our County can not only network with each other but network among different Councils. Their Vision Plan is to

be a "fierce advocate for members' success, to increase our capacity to adapt, to impact the ever-changing business reality with proactive solutions and to be known as an influencer of public policy." It is an honor to serve as its Chairman this year. If you're in business or would like to know more about local businesses, the St. Johns County Chamber is a great place to start.

My shameless plugs for this month concluded, I wish everyone a wonderful Happy Easter/Passover/Holy Days. Look for next month's Diaries to be about fathers. On that note, I wish you, as always, a Sunshine State of Mind.

ONLY YOU KNOW & I KNOW

As a follow up to last month's Diaries – a tribute to Mothers, I would like to share something completely different that my mother turned me on to when I was deadly sick with a stomach virus in my early 20's. I was spiking over 104 fevers and unable to keep any food down for three days straight. When I recovered, my mother gave me a "Food Combining Chart" which was intended to educate me about a proper eating regimen. I studied it and used it and it works extremely well. Anytime that I need to lose weight or feel more energetic I follow the program – here is a summary in bullet point format:

- Fruits are cleansers and vegetables are builders – don't clean house and build house at the same time. Eat fruits by themselves.
- Eat melon alone or leave them alone. They digest extremely quickly; do not eat other food for at least 45 minutes.
- Your stomach is like a lock – starches/carbs (potato, rice, etc.) are like a key and so are proteins. Do not stick two keys in the same lock at the same time. In other words – stop combining starches with proteins. Instead eat only vegetables with one starch or vegetables with one protein. Your digestive system will thank you.
- Stop drinking milk – humans are the only species to continue

drinking milk after they're weaned. You can get Calcium from many other sources or take a supplement.

- Do not drink at least half hour before or at least one hour after a good meal – your intestines need time to absorb the nutrients from healthy meals; don't rinse the nutrient down.
- Desert the desserts – if you eat sugar after a healthy meal you will essentially trick your system into discarding/not absorbing that healthy meal.
- Acid fruits (citrus) combine well with sub-acid fruits (apples, pears, etc.) but not sweet fruits (banana). Conversely, sweet fruit are ok with sub-acid but not acid.

If you incorporate food-combining as a lifestyle, you can eat the foods that you like, lose weight and feel better. Once you have "combined" for months and you eat a "normal" meal (as you should every now and then), your stomach will feel the difference. Also, try to eat more fruits (as mentioned - by themselves) – your lymph system needs more PH Alkaline nutrition to keep it in full defense mode.

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North Florida Womens Chorale Presents "Much Ado About Women"

The North Florida Women's Chorale will present a free concert, Much Ado About Women, on May 4, Saturday, at Noon, at Ancient City Baptist Church, 27 Sevilla Street, St Augustine, FL 32084. A second performance will be held on Sunday, May 5, at 4 pm at Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250.

This wonderful 35-plus member women's choir prepares its 27th year-end concert with songs by and about women. Titled, "Much Ado About Women", NFWC sings rich, moving songs of hope and encouragement for women's roles in society. Selections include, "March of the Women", a nod to the suffragette movement; a Shaker worker song, "I Will Be a Child of Peace"; and songs supporting family and each other with "Music in My Mother's House" and "Rise Up", respectively.

The chorus is celebrating its 13th year with director Kerry Fradley, accompanied by Kathleen Vande Berg as collaborative pianist. Kerry is also the founder and director of the St. Augustine Youth Chorus, chorus master for First Coast Opera, and a recipient of the ROWITA Award. Kathleen is currently organist/choir director at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, director of the St. Augustine Chamber Singers, and ROWITA Award recipient, as well. In addition to singing, the NFWC also selects a community service project for each concert theme. Please join us in donating items for women (and others) that are undergoing cancer treatments as we fill Care Packages for Cancer Patients. You can find more details at our Website: <http://www.womenschorale.org/>. We hope to see you on Saturday or Sunday, May 4 and 5 at one of our two performances in St Augustine or Jacksonville Beach.



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2019 Sea Turtle Nesting Season Begins in May

The beaches of St. Johns County are home to several species of endangered or threatened sea turtles. Residents and visitors have a special opportunity and responsibility to protect these magnificent creatures and their vulnerable nesting sites as they return each season to nest along the beaches. Sea turtle nesting season begins May 1, and St. Johns County officials are asking residents, visitors, and businesses to help protect natural habitat by observing all nesting season laws and regulations. Between May 1 and October 31, vehicular traffic on the beach is allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. In addition, all beachfront properties are required to reduce their impact by eliminating interior and exterior lights which may disrupt nesting sea turtles.



conservation zones (15 feet seaward of the dune line).

- Refrain from using balloons, as they can fall into the ocean and harm marine life.
- Never approach sea turtles emerging from, or returning to the sea. Nesting sea turtles are vulnerable, timid, and can be easily frightened away.

Never push an injured animal back into the ocean. If an injured, sick, or deceased sea turtle is encountered, please call the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office non-emergency dispatch line at 904.824.8304. Leave only your footprints, providing the turtles with a safe and clean habitat in which to nest and hatch. St. Johns County is grateful to volunteers, residents, visitors, and businesses for supporting habitat conservation efforts and keeping our beaches beautiful. For more information, please contact St. Johns County Habitat Conservation and Beach Management at 904.209.3740 or visit www.sjcfcl.us/hcp.



by taking the following actions while enjoying the beach:

- Refrain from using fireworks and open fires.
- Remove ruts and fill in holes left by vehicles and sandcastle building.
- Please remove all chairs, umbrellas, or canopies from the beach before dark. These items are subject to removal by County staff.
- Flashlights are strongly discouraged as they can harm sea turtles.
- Avoid entering sand dunes and

Community Chorus Carmina Burana

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in two of the movements, and they will join the chorus in the final movement as well. They will also sing in Adiemus.

The program will be accompanied by two pianists and six percussionists with a large battery of instruments including various drums and timpani, marimbas, and more.

Carmina Burana was written by composer Carl Orff in 1935-1936 and once performed, he wanted his publishers to destroy everything he had previously composed (they didn't) as he felt this was the true start of his career. The libretto was based on over 200 medieval songs and poems that Orff encountered in an 1847 edition of a book called Carmina Burana by Johann Andreas Schmeller, that had original text from monks dating from the 11th to 13th centuries. He and a student with a background in Latin, selected and organized 24 of these poems to music.

Tickets are on sale now at <http://www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org/>. Tickets are \$20 for adults age 18+; \$12 for youth age 11-17; \$5 for active military, and free for children 10 and under.

The St. Augustine Community Chorus has been celebrating its 70th Anniversary this season, and recently received a proclamation from the City of St. Augustine acknowledging its history and encouraging the public to celebrate and support its concerts. For further information, please contact: Sheila Kolesaire Skolesaire@gmail.com 973-687-0188.

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Wildflower Meadow

At our April meeting we planted wildflowers we bought at the Deland Wildflower and Garden Show: penny royal, verbena, and sparkleberry. We also planted more salt and pepper bushes, thanks to the donation by one of our members. Bushes on her property are reproducing like rabbits and we gave new homes for some of the "bunnies".

In case you are wondering, we put flags in the ground near transplanted wildflowers that need extra watering till they adapt to their new environment. The flags help us to find them and, once the flowers adapt, we will remove the flags.

You may also wonder about the "deadwood" in the upper meadow on one side of the path. In researching meadows online, I see pictures of "deadwood" as part of meadow environments so we "planted" a few, just as we plant some wildflowers. Long ago the area was turned into a lawn and we're simply bringing back what was taken away.

Flowers in bloom early in April are toadflax, coreopsis, gaura, scarlet sage, field sorrel, mist flower, ground cherry, milkweed, Betony, coreopsis, Baptisia tinctoria (or Yellow wild indigo), lyre-leaf sage, and showy primrose, as well as fleabane, spiderwort, dune daisy, false dandelion, and the ever-blooming honeysuckle vine.



Spiderwort is the April flower of the month but, as profuse and beautiful as they are, you have to go in the morning to see the blooms; they close up in the afternoon. A couple of us saw them in the afternoon and almost made the mistake of cutting off the "dead heads" (to encourage new blooms). It's a good thing we waited and there's a lesson there.

We hope you will join us at our next meeting the first Saturday in May. We meet at the meadow near the Riverview clubhouse at about 8:30. We're an informal group without officers or dues and occasionally visit parks and nurseries.

We're open to suggestions and new ideas about to enhance the wildflower meadow. Call Claire at 904-826-5366 or Cindy at 904-797-3931 for more information.

Shores Service Corporation March 14th Board Meeting Summary

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New Business

Deed Violation Report: General Manager Smith presented the report. Last months report and this month's report have 1 repeat.

Unfinished Business: Director Ditomaso inquired about a pending lawsuit in the Conquistador. He requested that we reply. The pool building needs to be repaired. The roof of the pavilion storage building. Motion made, seconded and approved to repair the roof at the pavilion storage area. Comment that 3% increase to the maintenance fee needs to be implemented. Secretary Arocha discussed the increase to the costs and not increasing the maintenance fees. He would like a performance-based increase system for staff. General Manager Smith discussed the increase to the revenues and the decrease to the costs. General Manager Smith stated that if the Board members that were not in attendance at the February 26, 2019 Budget Presentation meeting would have attended these decisions would have been explained. Smith explained the cuts he made to the expenses. Secretary Arocha mentioned that he sent an extensive email explaining why he could not attend the Budget presentation meeting. Vice President Filloramo stated that the Budget has been approved and you can't change it now. We need to revisit this at the next fiscal year's budget presentation meeting. He understands that the 3% gave the Board an option to be able to increase the dues. Motion made, seconded and approved to table Budget review until next fiscal year.

Meeting Adjourned

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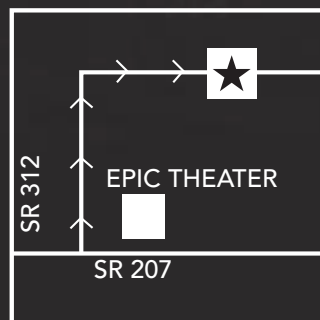
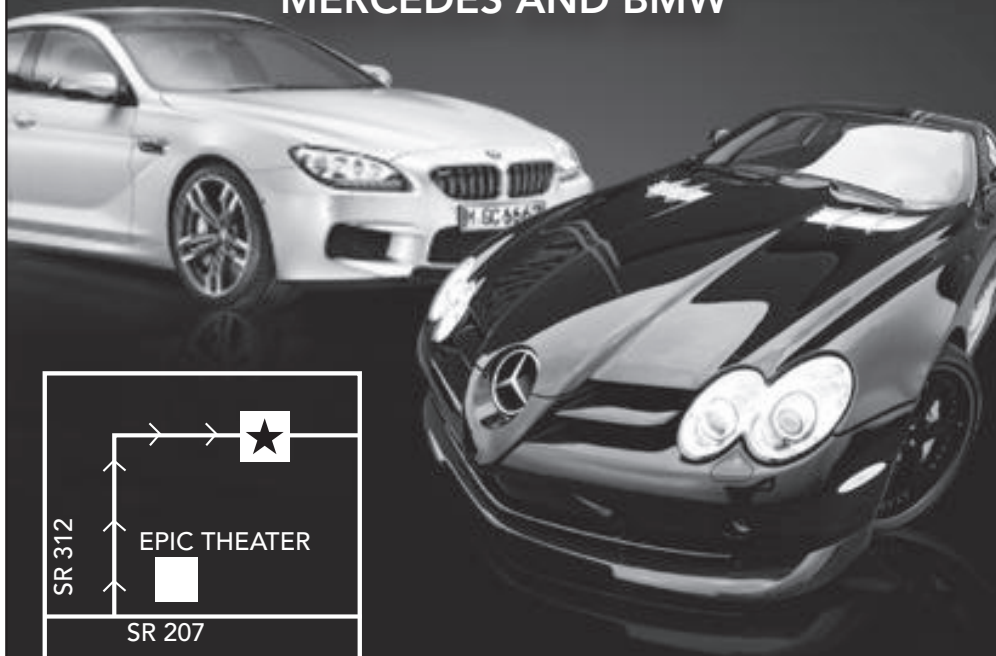
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Computer Corner

by Steven Aldrich
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Processors, Memory & Storage - for the Non-technically Minded

Without getting too deep into the technical weeds, I would like to explain what these different items do, and why they are important pieces of a computer's performance puzzle.

Let's explore what each of these "parts" actually do.

The Processor is the "brains" of the computer doing all of the "computation" and it is in control of the information flow.

The Memory (RAM) is a short-term storage for the Processor to use while it works.

The Storage is the Hard Drive (HD) and this is where all of your files are saved by the Processor.

The speed of the Processor is important. The faster it is, the quicker it can complete tasks. Adding Memory can assist the processor by providing more short-term memory space so it can do larger chunks of work before it writes information to the Storage. The Storage is often the slowest part of the performance puzzle.

Even a really fast Processor is constrained by the speed of the Storage, when it is writing files (or parts of files) to the hard drive. For this reason, my clients are amazed at how fast their computer is, if I replace the Storage, the old HD, with a new Solid State Drive (SSD). Typically, the computer is 15 times faster than it was

with the old HD type of Storage. I believe this is why more and more computers come from the factory with SSD Storage. It is a way to realize more performance from low power processors.

When you are looking for a new computer, these three factors are incredibly important.

Processor Speed (and possibly the number of Cores)

Memory Size (Windows 10 should have a minimum of 8gb)

Storage Type (HD or SSD)

In my experience, the latter has the most dramatic impact on user satisfaction.

Stores today sell what are generally considered to be very underpowered computers in order to provide cheap alternatives. Be cautious when buying computers that do not have an SSD for Storage, and at least 8gb of Memory. Read reviews, do your homework and you stand a much better chance of enjoying your purchase for many years to come.

Steven Aldrich - 3 decades experience as an IT Director and 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.

Financial Focus

Information Provided by
Edward Jones

What Can You Do With Your Tax Refund



We're getting close to the tax-filing deadline. For many of us, this means it's that time of year when we get our biggest financial windfall – a tax refund. If you have recently received a refund, or are expecting to get one in the next few weeks, what should you do with it?

Of course, you could just spend the money on something you want, but if you'd like to maximize the financial benefits from your refund, you might want to consider other options, including the following:

Invest the money. In 2018, the average tax refund was about \$2,700. For this year, it might be somewhat lower, due to changes in the tax laws and the failure of taxpayers to adjust their withholdings in response. However, if you were to receive in the neighborhood of \$2,700, you'd be almost halfway to the annual IRA contribution limit, which, in 2019, is \$6,000. (If you're 50 or older, you can put in up to \$7,000). If you have already "maxed out" on your IRA, you could use your refund to fill in gaps you may have in other parts of your investment portfolio.

Pay insurance premiums. Let's face it – nobody really likes paying insurance premiums. Yet, if you have anyone depending on you, you will certainly need life insurance, and possibly disability insurance as well. And if you want to help protect your financial resources later in life from threats such as an extended – and hugely expensive – stay in a nursing home, you also may want to consider long-term care insurance. Your tax refund could help pay for some of these premiums, boosting your cash flow during the months you would normally be making

these payments.

Contribute to a college fund. It's never too soon to begin saving for college, which has grown increasingly expensive over the last several years. So, if you have young children, you may want to think about investing some or all of your refund into a college-savings account, such as a tax-advantaged 529 plan.

Pay off debts. You might be able to use your refund to pay down some debts – or perhaps even pay off some of your smaller ones. The lower your monthly debt load, the more money you will have available to invest for the future. Keep in mind, though, that you might not want to look at all debts in the same way. For example, putting extra money toward your mortgage might help you pay it off faster, but you'll also be funding an asset – namely, your house – that might not provide you with the same liquidity as you can get from investments such as stocks and bonds.

Help build an emergency fund. By building an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, you can help yourself avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for large, unplanned-for bills, such as a major car repair or an expensive dental procedure. Your tax refund could help build such a fund, with the money ideally being placed in low-risk, liquid vehicles.

Clearly, you can help yourself make progress toward a number of your financial goals with your tax refund – so put it to good use.

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St. Johns County Sheriff's Corner

By David Shoar, St. Johns County Sheriff

Proms, Parties & Alcohol

We are fortunate in St. Johns County to have a wonderful population of young people. You often read of their many accomplishments in this publication. As we approach prom season and graduation I urge parents and all citizens to join with the law enforcement community to do everything we can to help keep our celebrating students safe.

One major concern is underage alcohol use and abuse. In recent years we have seen some promising young people from our high schools killed in crashes where alcohol consumed at parties was a contributing factor. The 2018 Florida Youth Substance Abuse survey of St. Johns County found 53.9 percent of high school students had used alcohol in their lifetime, this is way down from over 75% of high school students who had used alcohol in their life some 16 years ago. More than 26.2 percent had consumed alcohol in the past month of the survey and 12.2% reported binge drinking in the past 30 days. (five or more drinks for males and 4 or more drinks for females for the sole purpose of getting drunk). The numbers for our Middle School students in the survey is as follows: 19.5% have used alcohol in their lifetime, which is also down from the 2004 survey that revealed over 40% had used alcohol in their lifetime. More than 7.2% had consumed alcohol in the past month of the survey and 2.2% reported binge drinking in the prior 30 days of the survey. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration the leading cause of death for 15 to 20 year olds is a car crash and 15 percent of teen drivers in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol content in excess of .08, the legal limit for drunk driving. That number is way down from just four years ago where 1/4 of teen drivers in fatal crashes had a B.A.C. in excess of .08.

Another federal study found that of the nearly 70 percent of high school students who have consumed alcohol in the past 30 days 49 percent purchased it illegally, 30 percent got it from an unrelated person of drinking age and 21 percent were provided alcohol by their parents or another adult family member. In an effort to reduce these alarming numbers we continue to partner with the St. Johns County School Board and the PACT Coalition (Prevent-Act-Change-Together) to create educational awareness of the dangers of alcohol for our

young people.

We all should be concerned about the potential risky behavior of young people associated with proms, graduation parties and school year end celebrations. Here are 7 suggestions for parents to help ensure that their sons and daughters arrive home safely after attending such events.

1. Have a very specific conversation with your teen about alcohol consumption, driving under the influence and resisting peer pressure that often leads to poor judgment before, during and after proms and parties.

2. Find out who will be driving, their address and phone number and a list of names and phone numbers for each teen passenger.

3. Get a planned itinerary and stress that no changes to it be made without approval.

4. Talk with your teen specifically about how he or she will handle difficult situations such as being offered alcohol or drugs or turning down a ride with an intoxicated driver.

5. Make sure your teen has a cell phone or some other means of contacting you throughout the entire evening and perhaps even set up specific check in times.

6. Program the number of a reliable cab company into their cell phone. They may be more comfortable calling for a cab in front of their peers than calling home for a ride.

7. Lastly, monitor your student's social media sites. Their friends or contacts, evening plans, etc.

It is my hope that our high school juniors and seniors in St. Johns County will use good judgment and safely enjoy their proms and graduation parties. We at the sheriff's office will do all we can to make sure the roadways they travel are safe.

I hope this information assists you and your family and please pass it onto friends and relatives in an effort to combat underage drinking. You can get additional information from the P.A.C.T. Prevention Coalition of St. Johns County by searching PACT Prevention Coalition on Facebook. Of course please feel free to contact me anytime at my e-mail address at dshoar@sjso.org. Also, be sure to sign up for the Sheriff's Office social media sights on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Next Door, and you are sure to receive important updates anytime. Thank you.

St. Augustine Beach Civic Association

by Bill Jones, President
www.thecivicassociation.com

Music by the Sea Set to Kick off May 15th at Pier Park

We can't promise that parking will be free but on May 15th and continuing for 18 consecutive Wednesdays, the Saint Augustine Beach Civic Association and it's sponsors can promise your free music! It's the 17th season of the iconic Music by the Sea Concert Series and there is something for everyone. We got classic rock, blues, country, disco, jazz and Latin music too.

Each week a different eatery will provide an optional dinner for \$10 or less beginning at 6 PM with live music starting promptly at 7 PM.

The event is funded in part by The Civic Association, along with a tourism development grant. The rest of the money comes from sponsors and donors. We are so grateful to have some great sponsors, some have been with us many years and they are: Longstreet Auto, Diane's Natural Market, Annie-Mac Mortgage, Old City Homes & Roofing, Pop A Lock of St Augustine, The Bailey Group, Sunset Grille, Diane Vespucci / ReMax 100 Realty and Land Title. We

wouldn't do this without these great local businesses. Please remember then when you shop or need professional services.

New Commission Member Addresses the Civic Association. Dylan Rumrell has some big shoes to fill and he was quick to SABCA remind members that he is one voice and one vote. Rumrell was eventually an unanimous choice to take the place of retiring Commissioner and former Mayor Rich O'Brien. Rumrell has promised to be accessible and listen to his constituents with an open mind. Rumrell is a realtor and does lots of consulting. He told members "I lived here a long time and want to hear from the residents. I don't own any property or business on the boulevard and I'm here to serve". Mr. Rumrell will jump right into the fire as the Commission deals with the neighborhood parking and pay to park in City owned lots. We wish him well.

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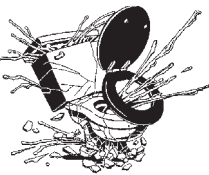
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