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In an epic three-day celebration of traditional and modern bluegrass music, the Anastasia Music Festival will feature over 20 of the brightest bluegrass stars performing live at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre Thursday, March 16 through Saturday, March 18.

Kicking off Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 4pm, the Anastasia Music Festival is a family-friendly three-day celebration of bluegrass music featuring over 20 acts, camping, food trucks and more. The musical lineup includes The Del McCoury Band (two sets), David Grisman's Bluegrass Experience, Sam Bush, Elephant Revival, Fruition (three sets), Cabinet (two sets), The Jeff Austin Band, The Travelin' McCourys (two sets), Mandolin Orange (two sets) and many more. There will be a Kid's Tent on Friday and Saturday featuring fun activities for children and Brenda Star Walker will host daily yoga on Friday and Saturday. Children 10 and under are free with paid adult admission and information on camping packages and other accommodations are available online at [www.anastasiamusicfestival.com](http://www.anastasiamusicfestival.com).

Performing on Thursday, March 16 will be Fruition, Dustbowl Revival, Grits & Soul, Nikki Talley, Taylor Martin and more to be announced. Friday, March 17 will feature performances by The Del McCoury Band, David Grisman's Bluegrass Experience, The Travelin' McCourys, Elephant Revival, Fruition, Cabinet, The Broomstix, Mandolin Orange, The Jon Stickley Trio, Joe Pugg, Grits & Soul, Nikki Talley, Taylor Martin, Flagship Romance, I Like Dandelions and Paper Bird. Saturday, March 18 performances include sets by Grateful Ball with The Travelin' McCourys and Jeff Austin, Sam Bush, The Del McCoury Band, Cabinet, Fruition, The Jeff Austin Band, Sierra Hull, Mandolin Orange, The Jon Stickley Trio, Dustbowl Revival, The Broomstix, Joe Pugg, Taylor Martin, Nikki Talley, West King Band, Alastair - Byrd Revue, Robbie Dammit & The Broken Strings and Remedy Tree.

More information on all the performers can be found online at [www.anastasiamusicfestival.com](http://www.anastasiamusicfestival.com) in addition to camping and hotel accommodations, volunteer and vending information. Contact Danya Markovits, Marketing and Community Relations Manager at [Dmarkovits@sjcfl.us](mailto:Dmarkovits@sjcfl.us) (904) 209-3751 or Aubrey Mulligan, Marketing and Promotions Specialist, email: [Amulligan@sjcfl.us](mailto:Amulligan@sjcfl.us) (904) 209-3749 [www.staugamphitheatre.com](http://www.staugamphitheatre.com)

## Temple Bet Yam Hard Lox Café Brunch & Hamantaschen Tasting

The holiday of Purim, which commemorates the story in the Biblical Book of Esther, will occur on March 12, 2017. In honor of this holiday, Temple Bet Yam will host a Hard Lox Café brunch followed by a Hamantaschen Tasting. Hamantaschen, triangular shaped pastries containing a variety of sweet fillings, will be baked by members of the congregation who are hoping to win the prize for the best tasting pastry!

The event will take place on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at 11 a.m., at Temple Bet Yam, 2055 Wildwood Dr, St Augustine, FL 32086. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$5 for children. Each admission ticket entitles the attendee to the brunch, to taste the desserts, and to vote for your favorite hamantaschen. For further information, contact Carol Levy at 954-895-7332.



## Early Learning Coalition

### Names Preschool Teacher of the Year 2016

ELC of North Florida has selected 2016's "Preschool Teacher of the Year" recipient, as well as honoring all the nominations. This year marks the 3rd Annual ELC of North Florida Preschool Teacher of the Year Award. The preschool teacher recognition acknowledges the quality, creativity and hard work of those who teach children during a time when, according to researchers, rapid brain development can be leveraged toward long-term academic achievement. Nominees from the six counties that ELC covers have gone "above and beyond" to provide excellent learning environments and classroom experiences for preschool children. For the selection process, ELC sends out a nomination form to all of the preschools served. This year we received the most competitive submissions yet. The submissions were filled with stories of inspiring career history and heartwarming anecdotes.

This year's Preschool Teacher of the Year winner was:

- St. Johns County: Marie Klingner of Memorial Lutheran Chapel School in St. Augustine. Marie creates "teachable moments" all day and her consistent support enables children to reach their highest potential. This year's Preschool Teacher of the Year nominees were:
- Clay County: Elizabeth Biskentawi of: Lighthouse Learning Center in Orange Park.
- Bradford County: Giana Jackson of Rainbow Center.
- Putnam County: Damaris Jimenez of Polka Dot Kids Center in Palatka
- Clay County: Jill Maunz of Shadowlawn Elementary in Green Cove Springs
- Clay County: Lori Studenski of Amdromeda Preschool in Orange Park

"We celebrate and thank the important role these teachers have in supporting our youngest learners, who are our future leaders," said Joan Whitson, Early Literacy Outreach Manager at ELC of North Florida. The nominees were recognized at the Early Educators Conference with a luncheon and awards ceremony sponsored by Kaplan Early Learning on January 21, 2017. All of the nominees received a certificate and thank you bag to commemorate their work and accomplishments.



## St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association New Board Elected

A new board of directors for the St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association was sworn-in at the January dance. Outgoing president Mary Ellen Hernandez was thanked for her leadership during the past year. The new board took the oath of office from former association president George Brenick. The new board members are President Dennis Larimore, Vice President Fred Hathorn, Treasurer Peggy Berrier, Secretary Jay Abel, Corres. Secretary Darlene VanTiem and Ex Officio Mary Ellen Hernandez.

The new board invites you to an evening of dancing in elegant style on Saturday, March 11th from 7 to 10pm at the Riverview Club, 790 Christina Drive, in St. Augustine Shores. Dance on a beautiful and large dance floor where you can strut your stuff to some wonderful dance music. Hors d' oeuvres, desserts and coffee will be served throughout the evening.

Guests pay just \$20. Appropriate guest attire is a dark business suit with tie, or a tuxedo, for the men and a cocktail dress or gown for the women. For an invitation, call President Dennis Larimore at 904-824-4902.

Picture Caption: Outgoing association president Mary Ellen Hernandez, and her husband Angel, enjoying an evening of dancing in elegant style.



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## St. Augustine Shores Community Calendar

The Shores Service Corporation  
Shores Homeowners Association  
(904) 794-2000  
www.staugshores.org

• 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 Steven Sheremeta at Sovereign-Jacobs at 904-461-5556.

• Casa Bella Condominium Board 2016 meetings- March 14th (Annual Meeting) - 6:30 pm, April 11th, 6:30 pm, May 9th, - 6:30 pm, September 12 - 6:30 pm, October 10th, - 6:30 pm, November 11th - 6:30 pm, December 12th - 6:30 pm.

## St. Augustine South Community Calendar

The St. Augustine South Improvement Association  
(904) 794-5129

www.staugsouth.com  
Associate News Editor  
Joan Nizza 904-687-8726

• SASIA Board Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month is the SASIA Board meeting at 7pm.

• SASIA Member Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month is SASIA monthly meeting.

• Women of the Moose-1101 -

2nd and 4th Thursdays "Women of the Moose-1101" meet at 7pm.

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

• Vietnam Vets Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the month Vietnam Vets meet at 7pm.

• Bingo - Every Thursday at 1pm except Holidays with a light lunch is available from 11:30 to 12:30.

### Officers

Theresa Nizza - Acting President  
Louis Zimmer - Vice President  
Ed Olsen - Treasurer  
Jenna Cuzick - Secretary

### Board Members

Lynn Rowland  
Travis Cuzick

## Community Classifieds

The Observer offers *free individual community classified ads to Shores and South residents*. Classified ads will not be printed without a name, address and phone number included with the request. *Free ads Are Not to Promote a Business or Personal Service.*

*Business, Services, seeking work and others may be placed* in the classified section according to the following rate schedule: 1/2" (4 lines) \$5, 1" (8 lines) \$10, 1 1/2" (12 lines) \$15, 2" (16 lines) \$20. These Ads are to be paid in advance before running in the Observer.

Send your ad and payment if required to Observer, 1965 A1A South #180, St. Augustine, 32080-6509. Or you may email your ad to clifflogsdon@att.net. Deadline for all ads is the 15th of every month for the next month's issue.

**FOR SALE:** 55" JVC projection TV. Picture as new, cost new \$2200, sale \$400. Wrap around vinyl sectional couch -w-console and 4 recliners, 23 yrs old, \$600. Call Barry 904 315-7966, after 5p.

**FOR SALE:** Pair of women's Clark's Wave Walk sneakers, black leather upper, 6-1/2 narrow width, like new. \$15.00. Call 904 797-3736.

**FOR SALE:** Singer Featherweight sewing machines. Good condition and reasonably priced. Several to choose from. \$275-\$375. 904-484-7486.

**FOR SALE:** Harley Davidson limited edition bicycle. Like new condition. Maroon with HD eagle embroidered on leather seat, rock shocks, disc brakes, leather hand grips, leather covers on brake handles. Reproduction of HD gas tank. Originally paid \$1200. Asking \$600 OBO. Call Pat at 904-797-4258.

**FOR SALE:** (1) Moving into RV and goin' travelin', 1960 sq. ft. home 3/2, DR + Fla room; (2) antiques: beautiful walnut armoire (currently set up for TV), two walnut drop leaf tables, one 2 leaves and 6 chairs. Rosenthal china service for 12, coffee and tea pots, many serving pieces, Pompadour "Moss Rose" pattern, and Rosenthal figurines, Heisey glass collection includes several rare pieces. (3) Other items includes old glass and china, DVDs, CDs, albums, etc. Original watercolor paintings art shows Francis Field in 1980s. Inaugural convention medals: 41st Inaugural Committee: Harry S. Truman, 1949; 44th Inaugural Committee: John F. Kennedy, 1961; Honorary Sergeant at Arms, Democratic National convention, 1952. 4x5 monorail camera, other old cameras and supplies; office supplies, and surround sound system receiver & five speakers, 40" flat-screen TV, tables and books, hardback and paperback. "rock bottom" prices. Call 904-797-5600.

**FOR SALE:** (1) Women's Three-quarter length black leather jacket, \$79 OBO. (2) Handbags, \$10 each. (3) Black sequined tank top, size 10, \$25. (3) White sequined tank top, size 10, \$25. (4) Shoes size 7. Black velvet low heel with round toe, \$10 and wine beaded high heel, pointed toe \$15. (5) Keen hiking boots, women's 8.5 worn twice, \$69 (\$135). (6) Antique Italian hand-

made ecru linen and crocheted tablecloth and napkins fits 42"x64" rectangular table, \$75. (7) Pennsylvania House oval coffee table, beautiful like new, \$65. (8) Small mahogany table, \$25. Silver-plated flatware, Roger's Bros. "Eternally Yours", (9) 8 place settings, serving pieces and box, \$99. (10) Citizen Jamis women's bike, used a few times only, \$180 OBO. (11) Yashica SLR 35mm film camera with 55mm macro lens, flash, cable, case, \$45. (12) Scully attaché case, Italian leather, pigskin lined, \$150. All items in excellent condition and hardly used. Stored in clean, pet-free, smoke-free home. Call 904.794.2594.

**FOR SALE:** Folding Bicycle- Dynamic Chainless Travel Commuter Bike. As seen on YouTube. Like new condition, seldom used. Folds to a compact 14" W x 30" L x 22" H. Fully enclosed chainless drive train. \$400. Call 904-608-6133.

**FOR SALE:** 2007 Honda VTXR 1300 Motorcycle, silver. One owner, garage kept, regularly serviced. Windshield, mustang seats and saddlebags, roll bars, m passenger seat with back support, new tiresm, cobra pipes, 3 helmets. 27,000 miles. \$4,500. Call 904-315-1499.

**FOR SALE:** (1) Ludwig Drug Set. 5 piece all hardward 5 cymbals and carrying cases. \$600 or best offer. (2) Azetec Stone Chess Set. \$150. (3) 2 Simmons Swivel Rocker Recliner Chairs. Dark Beige. \$350. (4) Black Travel Bag Luggage on wheels. \$75 or best offer. (5) 94 Piece Decorating Stainless Steel Tips, New. \$75 or best offer. (6) Cooking for 50 Cookbook by Chet Holder. \$75 or best offer. (7) 2 Granite Bar Top bull nose on both sides 5'10" x 1' x 7". \$200 or best offer. Call 904-794-5637.

**FOR SALE:** Sea Eagle inflatable boat. 14 foot 2 person Paddleski model. \$500. Call 904-797-8626.

**FOR SALE:** Nice Entertainment Center or Computer Desk. \$75 each. 904-607-1410.



## Part Time Opportunity St. Augustine Observer

The Observer is seeking a part time marketing person to reach local business organizations for promotion in the local newspaper.

If interested please contact:

Cliff Logsdon  
904-607-1410



## March Mah Jongg Madness!

Date: Monday, March 6, 2017  
Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Fee: \$20.00/person  
Where: Riverview Club  
790 Christina Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32086



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# St. Augustine Shores Club News

## March 2017 Riverview Club Calendar

### MARCH DANCES

**EARLY SOCIAL**  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
\*BYOB\*

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Entertainment by Tim Rippey**  
Hosted by: Sam & Diane Phillips  
Dance Club Members: FREE, Guests: \$15.00/pp  
RSVP at [www.staugshores.org](http://www.staugshores.org)



**MAIN SOCIAL**  
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
\*BYOB\*

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Entertainment by Nostalgia**  
Hosted by: Gordon & McDermott  
Dance



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

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|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Bridge</b>                | Fridays 1:00 pm  |
| <b>Bridge Lesson</b>         | The class is geared to all levels. Thursdays at 10:00 am.  |
| <b>Card Game</b>             | <b>Calling All Card Players!</b> New card game group on Tuesdays, at 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Come and share your favorite card game: 500, Euchre, Pitch, Pinochle, Canasta, etc.            |
| <b>Chicago Bridge</b>        | <b>Must have a partner to play</b> , Monday and Thursday at 12:30 pm   |
| <b>Chair Yoga</b>            | Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:45 am. A gentler form of yoga for those whom balance is an issue. <b>New: 30 minute floor stretches after class on Wednesdays!</b>                    |
| <b>Dance Class</b>           | Ballroom dance class with Dennis, <b>Thursday at 2:00 pm</b> .<br>Dance Class is FREE for Activities & Dance Club Members.   |
| <b>Exercise Class</b>        | Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am.  |
| <b>Line Dancing</b>          | Every Monday at 6:30 pm and Wednesday at 10:00 am.   |
| <b>Mah Jongg</b>             | Tuesday at 1:00 pm & Wednesday at 10:30 am.  |
| <b>Yoga</b>                  | Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 am. Bring a non-skid mat & wear comfortable clothing (no belts or anything tight around your waist). The class is geared to all levels.        |
| <b>Zumba</b>                 | Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. Low-impact Zumba to protect joints. Come sweat, lose weight, meet people, and have a blast!   |
| <b>Writers in the Shores</b> | Tuesday March 14 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Library – topic for March 28 <sup>th</sup> is "The middle of nowhere..." For information call Donna at 794-0789. |

Check out the latest events at  
[www.staugshores.org](http://www.staugshores.org)

### Upcoming Events at the Riverview Club

**Early Social:** Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> (6pm to 9pm) – Entertainment by Chris Thomas Band

← NEW BAND

**Main Social:** Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment by Ernie

## Riverview Club Events

**March Mah Jongg Madness** - Monday, March 6, 2017, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, \$20.00/person Limited space! PRIZES for highest scores! Door prizes. Lunch & beverages provided. For more information and to make your reservation, call Marcia no later than February 27th at 904-794-7888.

**FREE Fitness Pole Walking Clinic for Residents of St. Augustine Shores!** - Wednesday, January - March 8th, at 12:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. Pole Walking is a fun and easy way to get a very effective and efficient total body aerobic workout! Please wear comfortable walking shoes - demo Walking Poles will be provided. This Free Clinic has limited space, pre-registration is required, please contact Sheila Vidamour, Certified Pole Walking Instructor: Tel: 904-540-1067.

**2017 Changes in Medicare** - How Abolishing Obamacare Could Affect Your Healthcare. Monday, March 20th at 6:00 pm. Hors d'oeuvre, wine, and a raffle. "Empowering you with knowledge to make an informed decision about your healthcare". Who pays for Long Term Care? Medicare Penalties you could incur, Medicare Advantage vs. Medicare Supplement, RSVP is required: 904-242-8893, kbansell@comcast.net. Workshop by Secure Choices Ins. Agency "28 years' Experience" Local Insurance Brokerage representing 30 companies.

**St. Augustine Shores Spring Yard Sale!** Saturday April 1st 8 am - 1 pm. Rain Date: Saturday, April 8th Sign up for booth space at the Shores Office, or call us at 904-797-6441.

**RV & Storage Compound Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30 pm, Riverview Club's library.

**Riverview Facilities & Ground Committee Meeting** - Monday, March 13th at 7:00 pm, Riverview Club's library.

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- Birthdays
- Meetings
- Rehearsals
- Receptions
- Reunions
- Fund Raisers
- Anniversaries
- Baby Shower
- Dinner Dances
- Graduation Party
- Retirement Party
- Memorial Service
- Engagement Party
- Office/Holiday Party

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## St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation January 12th Board Meeting Summary

"This Summary is a brief overview by the Observer Editor and is not the complete meeting minutes. Minutes are posted at the Riverview Club and on the Association Website."

The St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation's Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Jim Priester at 7:00 P.M. with all members present except Winston Burrell.

Approval of the Minutes – December 8, 2016 Board Minutes reviewed and approved. Treasurers Report were read by Treasurer Lorbeer and accepted for audit. General Manager Smith explained the decrease in the operating fund and the increase in the reserve fund.

General Manager Smith presented two collection issues. Homeowner has a balance of \$4361.68 as of November 17, 2016 and is currently on a payment plan. They asked the Board to waive \$358 in interest but not approved by the Board. The second involved a homeowner who has a balance of \$513.12 as of January 2017 who agreed to pay \$72 down and requested a payment plan for 12 months at \$72 a month and to stay current and was approved.

### Managers' Report - Joseph H. Smith III

**Board Vacancy** - The Board has two candidates who have requested appointment to fill the Board vacancy. President Priester informed the Board that he was going to resign after the meeting due to personal issues and professional obligations. The two candidates in attendance are Austin Dietly and Bill Ney. Motion to accept the candidates approved by the board.

### Progress on Board Goals

**Curb Appeal** - Update on St. Johns Counties road and drainage system projects indicates there are 4 more drainage crossovers on Shores Blvd that need replacement should be completed by March 2017. The paving of Shores Blvd and the Tuscany section of the community are to be completed by June 2017.

**Safety and Security** - Tree removal has been the main focus to protect the membership.

**Operations** - Pier replacement has 3 bids. Hayward Construction Group to demo the existing dock to bare pilings including straighten all pilings and drive to correct elevation, re-build access pier and terminal platform, install new handrail running along the perimeter of the access pier and terminal platform at total cost \$275,000. Register and Crum Marine, LLC to install a 5400 square foot fiber reinforced polymers (FRP) dock with 8' wide by 500' long walkway with a 14' x 100' terminal including a handrail, conduit for electric and water, demolition of current structure at budget proposal of \$405,500. Yelton Construction propose to save the first 8' x 110' dock going to the gate. Remove the gate, straighten and level the dock to its original position "as possible" and replace top 2' x 8' handrail cap boards that are compromised and perform the same task on the next 210'. There may be a couple of pilings that will require replacement. The next 60' of dock will require total replacement. The last 120' of dock will require complete new construction except they can reuse the pilings. The last part is to refurbish the terminal platform and reuse all the existing material available. Includes constructing an open new sitting platform to replace the gazebo. Total cost \$115,750. General Manager Smith to see Yelton to get a bid on repairing the pier with Trex instead of wood.

**Impact of Hurricane Matthew on the Budget** - We are currently \$25000 over the yearly budgeted amount for Tree Removal. Motion made to increase the monthly fee to \$30 and approved by the Board. The tennis courts have been pressure washed and the driveway has been cleared.

### Committee Reports

**ACC Committee** – General Manager Smith reported 1 variance for Merritt 223 Deltona was presented to the Board at the December Board Meeting. He informed the Board that in a PUD any fence placed 50' from the property line would not require special permits and a fence placed less than 50' from the property line would require a minor modification permit. Cost of the permit within a utility zone is \$1316.00 and Non- utility zone is \$1105.00. The ACC reviewed 5 applications: 1 fence, 1 pergola, 2 pool/pool repairs, 1 shed, Total approved YTD 291.

**Riverview Building and Grounds Committee** – Judy Vershave presented an updated spreadsheet. General Manager informed the Board that he has a proposal from Wilcox painting to paint two coats on the exterior of both entrance doors and frames and one coat on the inside of each and two coats of primer for the Women's restroom and 1 coat of finish. Motion made and approved.

**Boat and RV Storage Compound** – Ray Story reported that a few issues were turned over to General Manager and they have been corrected. One light pole needs to be addressed. We need gravel on the RV side of the road at the facility. We need to post a 911 address on the gate. We need to solicit bids for a new camera system at the facility.

**Deed Restriction Review Committee** – Charles Bouton the committee approved the final changes to the Deed Restrictions that should be added to the ballot. Changes to Section 4.09 Antennas to ad Satellite Dishes. Change the rule to allow fences to the midpoint of the structure. Change that when a section is built out for a year owners of lots should have to install a sidewalk. Motion made and approved that these changes to Deed Restrictions in the annual packet for a vote of the membership be made.

**Raise Monthly CAP to \$50** - Motion made and approved to ask the membership to approve raising the CAP to \$50 with an increase of no more than 5% per year.

**Home Office Applications** - 543 Sarto Court - Approved for the purpose of paperwork for a painting business.

**Deed Violation Report** - The report was presented to the Board.

## Message from Shores President

This is James O'Such, the newly elected President of the Shores Service Corporation Board of Directors. I would like to start off by thanking former President, Jim Priester, for all his hard work and dedication to the Shores Board of Directors and wish him and his family the best of luck in their future ahead.

For the past 21 months I have been serving on the board of directors and enjoying it as I get to be the voice of the people. I would like to put myself out there to the homeowners and welcome any questions or concerns you all may have at [president@staugshores.net](mailto:president@staugshores.net). With our community still growing I would like to encourage all of the membership to attend our monthly Board of Directors meeting which is the second Thursday of the month and possibly volunteer for one of our many great committees. The St Augustine Shores Service Corporation Board of Directors are here to serve as your voice, so please let us know what we can do.

I also have some great news, starting in March, the Riverview Club's dock which was extremely damaged from Hurricane Matthew will begin being repaired. We do not currently have a date when the repairs will be complete, but I will make sure updates are posted on the Shores website.

Please consider attending our Board of Directors meetings each month as I wish to meet as many of you as I possibly can. This board of directors is the voice of the people so please make yourselves be heard. Thanks, James O'Such

## News Around South St. Augustine

### St. Augustine Travel Club

by Peter Dytrych

Our next Travel Club will be held on Wednesday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m., at the Southeast Branch Public Library. We will be covering present-day Cuba. The presentation on Cuba will span over 3 Travel Club meetings, beginning in March, and continuing at the April and May meetings. The Travel Club is free to all St. Augustine residents and their friends and no preregistration is necessary. We look forward to seeing you to learn more about Cuba. Any questions, feel free to call Peter Dytrych at 904 797-3736.

#### St. Augustine Travel Club Cruise

The St. Augustine Travel Club will again be sailing the seas on Sunday, March 26 to Sunday, April 2, 2017 on one of the largest ships in the world, the magnificent Royal Caribbean Oasis of the Seas out of Port Canaveral to the ports of Labadee, Falmouth and Cozumel for a 7-day cruise. Prices start from \$906.54 per person, double occupancy, for inside cabin, inclusive of all port fees and taxes. Oceanview and balcony cabins are available at higher cost. Book now with a \$250 pp deposit and receive \$25 per stateroom On Board Credit. Call Peter, St. Augustine Travel Club at (904) 797-3736 for more information and reservations.

### Writers In The Shores

By Donna Johnson

The March meetings for Writers in the Shores will be on Tuesday the 14th and again on the 28th. The chosen subject is to be "The middle of nowhere" and, is suggested for this month's topic to write about on the 28th. 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.

### United Methodist Church Annual Garage Sale

The United Methodist Women at Shores UM Church will hold their Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, March 11th from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. The sale will include electronics, household items, clothing, books, puzzles, games, toys, and baked goods. It will be held in the newly renovated Christian Education Building, which is spacious, fully accessible, and provides plenty of free parking. The church is located at 724 Shores Blvd, between the Shores Golf Course and Hartley Elementary. For more information call 797-4416.

### St. Augustine Genealogical Society (SAGS)

The St. Augustine Genealogical Society (SAGS) will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the South East Branch Library from 1:00 to 3:30pm. Guest speaker will be Judy Wright "Family Tree Maker is Alive & Well-and Full of Surprises-Part 2".

It will include Family Tree Maker basics, creating a tree, entering family information, documenting research, and adding media items.

The public is always invited. For information contact Joan Lucian at 794-5370.



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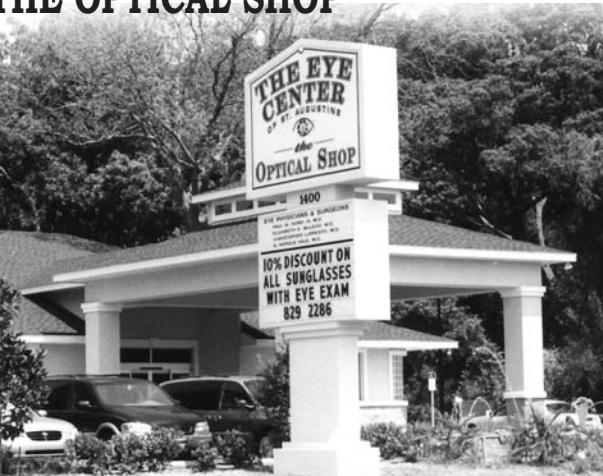
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## News From Around St. Johns County

### The Friends of Anastasia Island Branch Library Book Sale

The Friends of Anastasia Island Branch Library (FAIBL) will be holding their Spring Two-Day Book Sale on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the library at 124 Seagrove Main Street, St. Augustine Beach. Dates and times are Friday, March 3: 10 am – 6 pm, and Saturday, March 4: 10 am – 5 pm.

Approximately 8,000 books/items will be available. Books include like-new hardcover bestsellers with dust jackets at \$1 each. Most other books are priced at \$1 or less each, including trade (larger format) paperbacks. Music CD's are \$1 and DVD's are \$2. A collection of specially-priced items will also be available.

On Saturday, prices will be reduced by 50%. A grocery sack can be filled for \$5 (doesn't include specially-priced items).

The proceeds of the book sales supplement funds from the county. With cuts in the county budget, the money raised is critical to provide ongoing quality programs and materials.

### 2017 Annual Beach Passes on Sale at Discounted Rate

St. Johns County is offering the 2017 Annual Beach Passes at discounted prices of \$30 for a St. Johns County resident pass, \$40 for a non-resident pass, and \$20 for a handicap pass. Passes will be available during normal business hours at the following locations:

- Tax Collector's Main Office, 4030 Lewis Speedway.
- Tax Collector's DuPont Center, 6658 US1 South.
- Tax Collector's Julington Creek Office, 725 Flora Branch Blvd.
- Tax Collector's Ponte Vedra Office, 5430 Palm Valley Rd.
- St. Johns County Beach Services Office, 901 Pope Rd.
- St. Johns County Ocean and Fishing Pier Gift Shop, 350 A1A Blvd.

Residents must present a valid I.D. with a St. Johns County address or present proof of property tax payments in St. Johns County. When requesting a handicap pass, a vehicle with a handicap hang-tag or license plate must be presented. Disabled military (100%) are eligible for a free annual pass by presenting military I.D. or a letter from Veterans Affairs. Beginning March 2, 2017, prices will increase. Vehicles accessing the beach do not need a beach pass until March 1, 2017.

For more information about annual passes, please call the St. Johns County Beach Services Office at 904.209.0331. Visit the Reach the Beach Mobile App, [www.sjcf.us/Beaches](http://www.sjcf.us/Beaches) for current beach access updates and beach driving conditions.

### SJR State Nursing Students Exceed Ranking

For the 7th consecutive year, St. Johns River State College nursing students have surpassed the state and national passing rates for the RN licensure exam with a 94.12% passing rate for 2016. The 2016 national average passing rate for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for is 84.57%. The state average for 2015 was 72.02%.

"We are proud of our outstanding graduates, dedicated faculty and the clinical affiliates who work in collaboration to prepare the next generation of nurses to serve our local workforce," said Mary Anne Laney, Dean of Nursing and Allied Health.

The SJR State nursing program is offered on the Orange Park and Palatka campuses. The LPN Bridge to ASN program is offered on the St. Augustine campus. The Associate of Science degree in Nursing program is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

### First Coast Card Club Let's Play Cards!

Tuesday, March 7th-St Augustine Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St Augustine 1:30pm

Wednesday, March 15th-Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach 1:30pm

Tuesday, March 21st-St Augustine Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St Augustine 1:30pm

Saturday, March 25th-Donovan's Irish Restaurant-US 1, St Augustine. Lunch-12:45pm. Cards-1:30pm

Wednesday, March 29th-Fleming Island Main Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island 1:30pm

We meet more interested card players in our community each month.

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## PIZZAZZZZ!!!! PIZZAZZZZ!!!! Temple Bet Yam Presents Annual Sisterhood Luncheon and Fashion Show



The 2017 Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held at the beautiful Serenata Beach Club, 3175 South Ponte Vedra Boulevard on Thursday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. This annual fashion show will be presenting fashions by Belk and Music by Bernard will accompany our lunch and runway show. Luncheon selections include a gluten free choice of pan seared salmon, spaghetti alla puttanesca, or chicken piccata. Tickets are \$30 per person made payable to TBY Sisterhood. They do go quickly so get your reservation in by March 9. Contact Ruth Kurlandsky at 315-663-6236 for reservations and information.

### St. Augustine Orchid Society

Representatives of the St. Augustine Orchid Society will be available with the Master Gardeners at Ace Hardware at 3050 US 1 South from 9 am to 1 pm. Feel free to bring any Orchids you think might need repotting or that need special attention and any questions that you have. Saturday March 4, 9am to 1 pm. at Ace Hardware, 3050 US 1 South. [www.staugorchidsociety.org](http://www.staugorchidsociety.org)

#### March 7 Monthly Meeting- Growing Orchids in Cypress Mulch

Steve Arthur of Steve Arthur Orchids is visiting from his South Carolina home to talk about growing orchids in cypress mulch. Steve uses shredded cypress bark missed with perlite to grow his orchids. He reports that the mix is long lasting, requires less fertilizer, is low cost and widely available. He'll talk about how to vary the mix to grow different types of orchids, and produce pseudobulbs that are bigger, plump up faster and have multiple leads each year. 7 pm on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. at Watson Realty Rear Conference Room, 3505 US1 South, St Augustine, 32086

#### March 12 Keiki Club for Beginners

Potting Mixes and Repotting Orchids at Sue Terry Bottom's Home, 6916 Cypress Lake Ct, St Augustine Fla, 32086 1 pm to 3pm. Potting mixes and repotting orchids

### Reduced Priced Stadium Passes to the 2017 Players Championship from Boy Scout Troop

Local Boy Scouts from Troop #345 are selling reduced priced stadium passes to the 2017 Players Championship. These passes are part of the Scouts annual fundraiser. Unlike the passes you buy at a retailer that can cost up to \$69, these passes are good for ANY day of the tournament and only cost \$50! Support your local scouts and enjoy The Players Championship! Call today for more information or to purchase your passes (904)315-9962!

### Boating Safety Course Offerings for 2017

Flotilla 14-7 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, in conjunction with the US Coast Guard will offer the popular Boating Course, About Boating Safety. Six class dates are being announced throughout 2017 at this time. This is a one day course to inform and instruct owners and passengers of recreational boats and uses approved course materials which are furnished to the attendee or family group.

It is open to family members and individuals at a local venue, the Northeast Florida Regional Airport Conference Center (NEFRA-CC) in the area. 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 this course will meet this obligation and the State of Florida will issue you a Boater Operators card.

To sign up for a course, you can view the web page at: <http://abs.mysafeboating.com> or consult our flyer for times, dates, and to book the course. For further information contact the course Instructor, Vic Aquino at mailto: [pe@mysafeboating.com](mailto:pe@mysafeboating.com)

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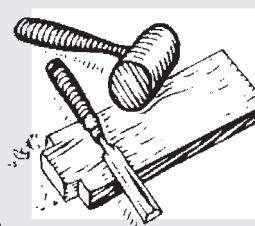
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# St. Augustine Area Guide

“Events, Activities, Attractions, Sites, Entertainment, ...”

## March 2017

Editors Note: Please call to confirm events before driving long distances as some dates and times could vary. An updated calendar is available every 2 - 4 months. In addition, an updated calendar of events is available at the VCB's website, [www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com](http://www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com), or by calling 800-653-2489 or 904-829-1711.

### March 1

**Marc Cohn at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall** - Marc Cohn is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his platinum-selling debut record, Marc Cohn, with a series of very special concerts. Joined by an all-star band, Cohn will be performing his GRAMMY award-winning record in its entirety, from start to finish. Doors open at 7 p.m.; performance at 8 p.m. Admission is \$49.50 and \$39.50. 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-209-0367 [www.pvconcerthall.com](http://www.pvconcerthall.com)

### March 2

**St. Augustine Orchestra Concert** - The St. Augustine Orchestra is joined by Scott Gregg, musical director and conductor, at the Lightner Museum at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 adults; \$5 students; youth under 12 free. 75 King St., St. Augustine 904-824-2874 [www.staugustineorchestra.org](http://www.staugustineorchestra.org)

### March 3

**St. Augustine Maritime Heritage Foundation Golf Tournament** - Hosted by the St. Augustine Maritime Heritage Foundation, this golf tournament takes place at the St. Johns Golf and Country Club. For registration information visit the website. 205 St. Johns Golf Dr., St. Augustine 904-599-3800 [www.staugustineheritage.org](http://www.staugustineheritage.org)

**First Friday Art Walk** - From 5-9 p.m. on the first Friday of every month, the Art Galleries of St. Augustine feature new exhibits, refreshments and live music at more than 20 galleries. The trains and trolleys are not available for the December and January Art Walk. 832-779-2781 [www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.org](http://www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.org)

**Art Walk Off the Beaten Path** - This event is a sponsored Vilano Beach Main Street monthly event designed to celebrate art and creativity in Vilano Beach's Town Center. It complements the monthly First Friday Art Walks found throughout the region. The Vilano and North Beach area is home to a plethora of artists and crafts dealers who have formed a local network to promote art. It begins at 6 p.m. on the sidewalks in the Town Center along Vilano Road near Casa Benedetto's Ristorante. 904-540-0402 [www.vilano beachfl.com](http://www.vilano beachfl.com)

### March 3-4

**Searle's Raid of St. Augustine** - This annual event commemorates the bloody pirate raid led by Robert Searle against the city and inhabitants of St. Augustine in 1668. From noon-4 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, 17th century weapons, clothing, equipment, camp life and social activities will be shown and demonstrated at the Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park, 11 Magnolia Ave. The re-enacted battle will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Plaza de la Constitución and will progress down St. George Street. 616-990-5456 [www.searlesbucs.com](http://www.searlesbucs.com)

### March 3-5

**St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival** - This annual festival includes a Kidz Zone, Arts & Crafts show, Spanish Landing and Pirate Village. Friday night is Jazz night; Saturday and Sunday features Country and Americana music. The festival takes place at Francis Field. Hours are Friday 3-9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Please, no pets or coolers. W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine 904-829-1753 [www.lionsfestival.com](http://www.lionsfestival.com)

### March 3-April 2

**Miniature Marks Exhibition** - This is a juried exhibition at the St. Augustine Art Association. The exhibition features 2D and 3D pieces that are no larger than 12 inches, including the frame. The exhibition is free and open to the public. The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday noon-4 p.m. and Sunday 2-5 p.m. 22 Marine St., St. Augustine 904-824-2310 [www.staaa.org](http://www.staaa.org)

### March 4

**First Saturday Militia Muster and Training at Fort Mose** - Visit Fort Mose on the first Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. of each month to be transported back to the 18th century. The members of the Fort Mose Militia come together to practice their firing drills, teach new Militia members historic weapons use and safety and generally have an enjoyable Saturday at Fort Mose. Visitors will experience historic weapons demonstrations including musket firing drills. The park is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission into the park is free. Admission into the Visitor Center is \$2 per person. 15 Fort Mose Tr., St. Augustine 904-823-2232 [www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose)

**Menorcan Cultural Celebration** - The Menorcan Cultural Society hosts the Menorcan Heritage Celebration in the gardens of the Llambias House. The event is from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be different types of pilau, chowder, bake goods and displays. Admission is free. 31 St. Francis St., St. Augustine 904-826-3388 [www.menorcansociety.net](http://www.menorcansociety.net)

**First Saturday VIP All Things Chocolate Tasting Tour** - Experience an indulgent walking tour of St. Augustine's historic district where you will get to experience the most unique chocolate selections that our Nation's oldest city has to offer. This two-hour walking tour departs from Tour Saint Augustine at 1 p.m. The cost is \$59 per person. Advance reservations required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 [www.staugcitywalks.com](http://www.staugcitywalks.com)

**First Saturday Drum Runner Series Barrel Racing at St. Johns County Fairgrounds** Saddle up and head over to the St. Johns County Fairgrounds for monthly barrel, pole and other timed speed horse events. The event is open to public; free for spectators. Participants must have own horse. Participation fees are \$20 for St. Johns County Horse Council members and \$30 for non-members. The races begin at 2 p.m. at the St. Johns County Fairgrounds. 5840 S.R. 207, Elkton 904-588-8017 [www.sjchc.org](http://www.sjchc.org)

**5K, Fun Run & Night Fest at the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum** - Celebrate 143 years of light at the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum's annual Night Fest. In partnership with the Junior Service League's Lighthouse 5K run and fun run, this special event is a great night of fun for the entire family. Admission to the lighthouse is free from 4-8:30 p.m. Explore the light station grounds, climb the 165 ft. tall lighthouse tower and discover maritime history inside the Victorian-era keepers' house. The 5K race is at 4:30 p.m.; the fun run is at 5:30 p.m. Come for the races and stay for the celebration. The 5K is \$25 and fun run is \$10. 81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine 904-829-0745 [www.staugustinelighthouse.org](http://www.staugustinelighthouse.org)

**The Growlers at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre Backyard Stage** - The St. Augustine Amphitheatre proudly welcomes California psychedelic garage rock group The Growlers to the Backyard Stage. The Growlers are an American band formed in Southern California whose sound has been described as a trademark style of music combining elements of country, Mexican, surf, pop, punk, psych and rock. Doors

open at 6 p.m.; performance at 7 p.m. Admission is \$25. 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 [www.staugamphitheatre.com](http://www.staugamphitheatre.com)

### March 7

**Willie Nelson & Family with Special Guest Dwight Yoakam at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre** - With a six-decade career and 200 plus albums, Willie Nelson is the creative genius behind the historic recordings of Crazy, Red Headed Stranger and Stardust. Nelson has earned every conceivable award as a musician and amassed reputable credentials as an author, actor and activist. Dwight Yoakam has sold more than 25 million albums worldwide, and he is a 21-time nominated, multiple GRAMMY Award winner. Doors open at 6 p.m.; performance at 7 p.m. Admission ranges from \$124.50-\$39.50. 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 [www.staugamphitheatre.com](http://www.staugamphitheatre.com)

### March 8-12

**A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum** - Performed by the Flagler College Theatre Department, this 1962 Tony Award-winning musical features classic comics that entertain all audiences. The event takes place at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College at 7 p.m. on Wednesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$20. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-826-8600 [www.flagler.edu/theatre](http://www.flagler.edu/theatre)

### March 9

**Earth, Wind & Fire at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre** - Earth, Wind & Fire, America's seventh top-selling musical group of all-time, was born in Chicago in 1969. With a signature sound beyond categories and a groove as deep as the soul of the planet, the band's legendary journey has set the standard for music of all genres. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; performance at 7 p.m. Admission ranges from \$94-\$54. 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 [www.staugamphitheatre.com](http://www.staugamphitheatre.com)

### March 10-12

**St. Augustine Celtic Music & Heritage Festival** - The sounds of the ancient Celtic peoples of Scotland and Ireland are as alive today as ever at the St. Augustine Celtic Music and Heritage Festival at Francis Field. The event features Celtic clans from around the world showing their ancestral pride, Highland games athletes demonstrating their mind-boggling strength, and vendors offering Celtic cuisine and handmade crafts. Featured performers include Albannach, Dublin City Ramblers, Emmet Cahill, The Real McKenzies and many other favorites. The fun starts with a Whiskey Tasting from 7-9 p.m. on Friday. The Celtic Festival takes place 11 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Sunday. 29 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine 904-891-0326 [www.celticstaugustine.com](http://www.celticstaugustine.com)

**The Mystery of Irma Vep at the Limelight Theatre** - This is a comedy that has everything with a sympathetic werewolf, a vampire and an Egyptian princess. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$26 general admission; \$24 seniors; \$20 students and military. 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine 904-825-1164 [www.limelight-theatre.org](http://www.limelight-theatre.org)

### March 11

**St. Augustine St. Patrick's Day Parade** - See one of Florida's biggest St. Patrick's Day parades beginning at 10 a.m. from St. Augustine's Francis Field. Part of the St. Augustine Celtic Music & Heritage Festival, the parade is a spectacle of floats, marching bands, pipes and drums, horse-drawn carriages, military units, local community groups and more. The parade route follows the bayfront to the Bridge of Lions, down Cathedral Place and returns to its origin via Cordova Street. 904-535-6853 [www.celticstaugustine.com](http://www.celticstaugustine.com)

**Second Saturday Free St. Augustine Pet Walk Pup Crawl** - Explore the timeless streets of St. Augustine and hear tales of the city's rich history while touring with your beloved pets. This free, one-hour guided walking tour covers several square blocks of the downtown plaza area. All pets must be leashed and all city pet ordinances followed. The tour departs at 10 a.m. from the Tour Saint Augustine office. Reservations required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 [www.staugcitywalks.com](http://www.staugcitywalks.com)

**Second Saturday Pet-Friendly Food Tours** - This special pet-friendly version of our original St. Augustine Food and Wine Tasting Tour is also a fundraiser for our local humane society. To help support this wonderful cause, City Walks Food and Wine Tasting Tours will donate \$20 directly to the Humane Society for every furry friend that joins our St. Augustine Pet-Friendly Food Tour. This exclusive 2.5-hour walking tour departs at 12:30 p.m. from Tour Saint Augustine where our guests will enjoy complimentary San Sebastian

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wine and chocolates at check in. Tickets are \$59 per human and, of course, free for their furry-companions. Advance reservations required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 www.staugcitywalks.com

### March 12

**Sunset/Moonrise at St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum** - Enjoy the sunset and moonrise from the top of the Lighthouse at 7 p.m. The \$30 admission includes a champagne toast, provided by San Sebastian Winery, hors d'oeuvres from The Reef and an informative overview of the history of the St. Augustine Light Station. 81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine 904-829-0745 www.staugustinelighthouse.org

### March 16-18

**Anastasia Music Festival** - Celebrating traditional and modern bluegrass music, the Anastasia Music Festival will debut at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. In an epic three-day bluegrass celebration, the festival will host nearly 20 of the brightest bluegrass stars touring today including, The Del McCoury Band, David Grisman's Bluegrass Experience, Sam Bush, Elephant Revival, Fruition, Cabinet, Jeff Austin Band, The Travelin' McCourys, Mandolin Orange, Joe Pug and many more. On Thursday, doors open at 3 p.m.; performance start at 4 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, doors open at 11 a.m.; performances start at noon. Admission ranges from \$250-\$125. 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 www.staugamphitheatre.com

### March 18

**Vilano Bridge 5K Run & Walk** - The Vilano Bridge 5K run/walk starts at 8 a.m. at the Vilano Beach Community Center and Park and winds through the Vilano Beach community, crossing the scenic Vilano Bridge with its sweeping views of the Intracoastal and area beaches. The race finishes back at the Community Park for the post-race celebration with food, drink, music, raffles and fun. The One Mile Fun Run will immediately follow the 5K. Families, strollers and pets are welcome. Come to run and stay to play. 120 Meadow Ave., St. Augustine 904-461-1615 www.vilano beachfl.com

**Spring-4-A-Cause 5K** - Participate in this race to help end domestic violence. It begins at the St. Augustine Shores Riverview Club at 8 a.m. The 5K course is a loop through the St. Augustine Shores neighborhood. Awards will be given to the top three finishers; recognition will be given to the top finishers in various age groups. Registration ranges from \$35-\$25. 790 Christina Dr., St. Augustine 386-747-3532 www.racesmith.com

**Founding of Fort Mose** - Fort Mose, founded by Spanish Florida Governor Manuel de Montiano in 1738, was the first legally sanctioned free Black community in the continental United States. This event begins with a reading of the governor's proclamation that extended freedom to Captain Francisco Menendez and his fellow militia men and established Fort Mose. The free event is from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 15 Fort Mose Trl., St. Augustine 904-823-2232 www.fortmose.org

**Third Saturday Tolomato Cemetery Guided Tour** - Tour the oldest extant planned cemetery in Florida with burials starting during the First Spanish Period (1565-1763). Admission is free; donations encouraged. Tours are from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 14 Cordova St., St. Augustine 904-257-3273 www.tolomato cemetery.com

**Third Saturday Free Black Heritage & Civil Rights Walking Tour** - Join St. Augustine Black Heritage Tours for a walking tour of historical sites in St. Augustine where more than 400 years of African-American history lives. A licensed, professional guide takes you to several locations that were significant to the Civil Rights Movement of St. Augustine, and you will hear stories and see history come alive as you follow in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King and Andrew Young. You will learn of Martin Luther King's visit to St. Augustine as well as see the site of the famous Woolworth's demonstration. This 1.5-hour tour departs from Tour Saint Augustine at 4 p.m. Advance reservations required; individual bookings only. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 www.staugustineblackheritagetours.com

### March 19

**EMMA Concert Association Presents the Janoska Ensemble** - Three brothers, Ondrej, Frantisek and Roman, and their brother-in-law, Julius Darvas, founded The Janoska Ensemble. The musicians are from Bratislava, Slovakia and currently live in Vienna. They received their education from renowned music institutions and world-famous teachers. The performance is at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College at 2 p.m. Admission is \$35. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-797-2800 www.emmaconcerts.com

### March 22

**Ideas & Images at Flagler College Automobiles, National Parks, and the Origins of Modern Wilderness Advocacy** - The guest speaker is Paul Sutter from the University of Colorado Boulder. In this lecture, Sutter will explore the complex relationship between the rise of automobiles and wilderness advocacy. This free event is at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College at 7 p.m. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-819-6443 www.flagler.edu

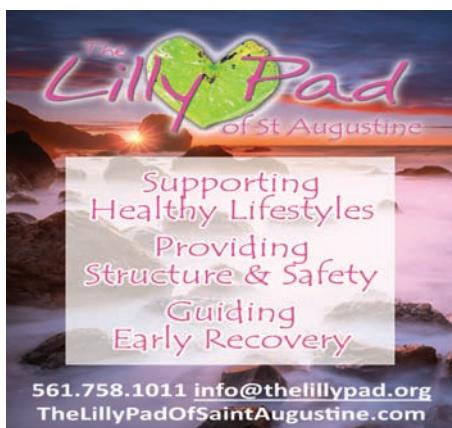
### March 22-24

**The Murray Brothers Caddyshack Charity Golf Tournament** - Brian Doyle Murray, author of the classic golf comedy, Caddyshack, along with five of his brothers present this annual golf tournament. Played at the beautiful King & Bear/Slammer & Squire courses at the World Golf Hall of Fame in St. Augustine, this is an event that combines parties, golf, concerts and fun. Visit the website for corporate and individual registration, schedules, participation and more. 500 S. Legacy Trl., St. Augustine 904-940-8000 www.murraybrosgolf.com

**St. Augustine Fashion Week** - The Lightner Museum is pleased to host St. Augustine Fashion Week spring 2017. Three evenings of high-style fashions take the runway on the Lightner Museum's mezzanine floor overlooking the historic pool area. Proceeds benefit local non-profit organizations. Admission starts at \$60 per evening event. Food and drinks as well as swag bags full of goodies are provided. 75 King St., St. Augustine 904-669-9245 www.stafashionweek.com

### March 23

**Flagler Forum on Government and Public Policy** - The guest speaker of this free forum hosted by Flagler College is Elaine Povich. She is a senior correspondent for The Pew Charitable Trusts' Stateline publication. She covers budget and tax issues. She was also the executive editor of Face the Facts USA, a project that presented facts about the nation and its people. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. in Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-829-6481 www.flagler.edu/news-events/community-events



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### March 24

**I Love The 90's Tour at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre** - The St. Augustine Amphitheatre proudly announces the return of the I Love The 90's Tour with the 2017 lineup featuring 90's hit-makers Vanilla Ice, Naughty By Nature, Sugar Ray's Mark McGrath, Biz Markie, All-4-One and Young MC. The tour invites attendees to reminisce about the trend-setting decade with some of the most iconic names in rap, hip hop and R&B. Doors open at 6 p.m.; performance at 7 p.m. Admission ranges from \$73.40-\$53.50. 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 www.staugamphitheatre.com

**St. Augustine Community Band Spring Concert** - The Seventy-member Saint Augustine Community Band with members that range in ages from 16 to 80 will perform a Spring Concert at Pacetti Bay Middle School at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults; children 12 and under are free. 245 Meadowlark Ln., St. Augustine 607-343-6441 www.staugband.org

### March 25

**Last Saturday Uptown Saturday** - Uptown Saturday is the perfect event for fashionistas, art lovers and antique shoppers from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month. Uptown Saturday takes place year-round and combines a festive party atmosphere with hospitality and special deals in the unique shops on St. Augustine's San Marco Avenue, concentrated between Ripley's Museum and the Mission Nombre de Dios. Many participating shops also serve refreshments. The Mission Nombre de Dios provides free parking most months. 904-829-6831 www.facebook.com/uptownstaugustine

**Fourth Saturday Free Historic Walking Tour** - History comes alive as you saunter through the narrow brick streets of our nation's oldest city for an up close and personal view of the city. Our licensed, professional guide will relate more than 400 years of St. Augustine's past during this all-encompassing 1.5-hour history lesson. This tour departs from Tour Saint Augustine at 4 p.m. Advance reservations required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 www.staugcitywalks.com

**Changing of the Guard** - At 6 p.m., see history come to life when 18th century Spanish soldiers march down St. Augustine's St. George Street from the Colonial Quarter to the Governor's House Cultural Center & Museum where they perform authentic military drills before firing an exciting volley of musketry. The event features the St. Augustine Garrison. 48 King St., St. Augustine www.hfm.club/garrison/cog

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**EMMA Concert Association Presents the Hermitage Piano Trio** - The Hermitage Piano Trio features exuberant musicality, interpretative range and sumptuous sound. The trio represents its Russian lineage while also including in its repertoire a range of works from the great European tradition to contemporary pieces. The performance is at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$35. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-797-2800 www.emmaconcerts.com

### March 26

**2017 Spring St. Augustine Record Fair** - The St. Augustine Record Fair, presented by local record store ToneVendor and the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, will be held 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. The fair is a free, family friendly event and is open to the public. 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 www.staugamphitheatre.com

**Last Sunday Music in the Box** - On the last Sunday of the month at the Limelight Theatre, enjoy live acoustic music by some of the area's best up-and-coming bands and musicians from 6-9 p.m. on stage in the Koger-Gamache Studio Theatre. Admission is \$5. Refreshments available for purchase. 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine 904-825-1164 www.limelight-theatre.org

### March 27

**Katelyn's Champions for St. Jude Golf Classic** - Unite with golfers of all skill levels for 18 holes that make an impact on the lives of children battling cancer and other life-threatening diseases. The golf tournament takes place at St. Johns Golf and Country Club and begins with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome. This event is held in honor of Katelyn, a St. Jude patient. Her family will share their inspiring story. 205 St. Johns Golf Dr., St. Augustine 850-907-1901 www.stjude.org/katelynchampions

### March 28

**Woman's Exchange Spring Luncheon Series** - The Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine's luncheon series features shopping and lunching with friends. The history of the luncheons date back to the late 1940s when the city's hotels and tourist homes reopened after World War II to winter visitors. The luncheons include a full meal with dessert, coffee or tea, plus a \$5 gift certificate to be used for shopping that day on a \$10 minimum purchase. Guests may bring a bottle of wine to enjoy with lunch. Reservations must be made



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**March 30**

**Last Thursday - Lightner After Hours** - Kick off the weekend in style in the Lightner Museum's Grand Ballroom Gallery for this monthly social. The Lightner Museum will host evening socials the last Thursday of the month from 5-7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Wine, beer and appetizers are available for purchase from Café Alcazar. 75 King St., St. Augustine 904-824-2874 www.lightnermuseum.org

**March 31-April 2**

**Rhythm and Ribs Festival** - Non-stop music and award-winning barbecue all weekend is featured at St. Augustine's Francis Field during the annual Rhythm and Ribs Festival. Friday and Saturday nights offer nationally recognized musical entertainment. Founded in 1995 by St. Augustine's Sunshine Rotary Club, the festival has grown from a small BBQ fest to the largest festival in St. Johns County. Festival hours are Friday 5-10 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 29 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine 904-687-9037 www.rhythmndribs.net

**Wild Flower Meadow Group**

by Cindy Taylor

We planted more wildflower seeds in late January and early February. Now we wait to see if they'll grow and bloom. We did our part and now it's up to the seeds, weather, soil, etc.

We're still hoping for someone to volunteer their services with a chain saw to trim back the wax myrtle tree that Hurricane Mathew damaged. We're also still hoping for donations of lawn lumber so we can mark the edges of the path and perimeter of the meadow.

Some people walk by the meadow and see only weeds. Others see what grows when we let nature be what it is. We plant wildflower seeds and clear away lawn grasses; the meadow accepts or rejects what suits it, and then? We



**Spiderwort**

learn. Spiderworts aren't blooming in the meadow yet but I posted a picture because they probably will be by the time the next Observer is delivered. Consider it a glimpse into the future.

We welcomed three new members since December. In February our group is going to Ravine State Gardens for a picnic and to see the azaleas. We occasionally visit state and county parks and welcome newcomers, even if you want only to come on the outings. Our group meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 by the Riverview Club House. Our goal is to preserve

the wildflower meadow, learn about native plants, and those that grow in this location. We're an informal group without officers or dues and hope you will join us. Call Claire at 904-826-5366 for more information.



**Coreopsis**

**It's a bird, it's a plane...  
it's a drone! Is it legal?**

by Colby Keefe, Esq.  
**Jackson Law Group**



Chances are, if you've spent time outside this year, you've seen one of the thousands of drones that were purchased during the holiday season. Like many, your thoughts may turn from "what is that thing?" to "what's it doing around my house?"

If you're wondering what rights you have against drones in the airspace above your property, you're not alone. While drones are useful and economical tools for many professionals, many question whether the utility of drones outweighs the privacy interests of individuals.

The Federal Aviation Administration has released regulations on the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), which includes drones. The regulations set forth requirements for use and operation of drones, such as registering the drone with the FAA. Additionally, the regulations mandate that the drone cannot fly at a height greater than 400 feet above ground or within 5 miles of airports. However, the regulations do not address the privacy concerns of those who end up within the lens of a drone. Despite petitions to do so, the FAA has declined to regulate this aspect.

The Supreme Court visited airspace rights in the landmark case of U.S. v. Causby, which held that a landowner has the right to prevent "intrusions of airspace" and owns "at least as much of the space above the ground as he can occupy or use in connection with the land." However, an increase in commercial and recreational drones has tested the application of this precedent. Some states, Florida included, have passed legislation to address the ambiguity.

The Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act, passed by the Florida Legislature in 2015, gives some peace of mind to worried residents.

The Act prohibits anyone from recording an image of privately-owned property without the written permission of the owner, tenant, occupant, or invitee where such person has a reasonable expectation of privacy. The Act does allow for limited exceptions for licensed professionals acting within the scope of their respective industries; for example, a licensed real estate broker could use a drone to take photos of a listing without seeking written permission.

Traditional causes of action, such as nuisance or invasion of privacy, are other potential forms of relief for those who feel their rights have been violated. In any of these instances, the person filing the claim must prove damages. In most cases, injunctive relief to stop the drone from being operated above the property is the most likely result.

While governmental lag in regulation and lack of precedent has left the controversy between airspace rights and drones up in the air, anti-drone technology is taking flight in the private sector. These startups make it easier for those who want to disable drones flying above their property to

do so. Meanwhile, stories of property owners who have used their personal shotguns as anti-drone measures have surfaced across the country. These incidents may become an impetus for more legislative and judicial guidance on the subject.

If you have concerns about your property rights as an owner or tenant, contact an attorney before taking matters into your own hands – literally.

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**Beth Goff Featured Artist**

The Art Studio of St. Augustine Beach is proud to feature Beth Goff as our artist for the month for March. Elizabeth Clayton Goff has lived in St. Augustine for over thirty years. She grew up in Ohio and attended Ohio University and Hocking Technical College. She graduated from Ohio University with honors and a BFA degree that concentrated on photography, painting, and ceramics. She also has an Associate Degree in Applied Science and a Certified Veterinary Assistant degree. Beth always had a great love of nature and animals, and has been a veterinary technician for over 28 years. This is often reflected in her work. Her art interests have traveled many paths as she paints in acrylics and watercolors, works with stained glass, pottery, and photography. Beth currently makes polymer clay and wire-wrapped pendants which can be found at The Art Studio. She was honored to receive The People's Choice Award at The Art Studio in the December 2016 exhibit.



A reception at The Art Studio of St. Augustine Beach is planned during the First Friday Art Walk, March 3rd, from 5:00pm-8:30pm. Please plan to visit The Art Studio to meet Beth and view her work!

The Art Studio is available to rent for classes or as meeting space. Membership is offered at just \$20.00/year although it is not necessary to become a member to participate in any of the variety of classes offered. Our regular studio hours are Monday-Friday from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm. Please see our calendar at www.beachartsstudio.com for a list of classes, events, and special hours. For more information, contact Judy Shaulis at 904-671-5843. The Art Studio is located in the Cultural Arts Center Building at St. Johns County Pier Park 370 A1A Beach Blvd. St. Augustine Beach, Florida

**St. Augustine Beach Civic Association**

by Bill Jones, President  
www.thecivicassociation.com



**Lease Extension Granted for Wednesday Market at Pier Park**

Under the direction of the County Commission, Administrator Michael D. Wanchick signed an extension allowing the Civic Association to continue the operation of The Wednesday Market at Pier Park until January 31st of 2018. This is great news for our community and now gives us a chance to work on a long term deal to keep our Market at Pier Park. The support for our organization and the Market has been overwhelming. Nearly 3000 people have signed our Save the Market - Save the Music petition and the number grows daily. What is most touching are the hundreds of comments left by people from several states, a few foreign countries and many supporters here in Florida. Our locals and tourists have made it abundantly clear they love the market and want it to remain at Pier Park.

Our Mayor Rich O'Brien and Commissioner Gary Snodgrass went above and beyond to share their feelings with our County Commissioners. Former Mayor Andrea Samuels was instrumental in setting up meetings and helping us educate members of the County Commission that were not aware of the many things we do for the County and our City of Saint Augustine Beach. On the flip side we still have a handful of people that have forgotten the Market was not the product of government. The Wednesday Market was created by the leadership of The Civic Association exactly 18 years ago. Our organization has built the market from the ground up, managed it successfully and has a long history of using the proceeds from the Market for the good of the community by producing other events like Music by the Sea, Surf Illumination and Taste of the Beach. What kind of people think it's okay to ask the government to take something built by someone else?

The good news is with the extension there will be a 2017 Music by the Sea Concert Series. The plan now is for 16 shows. Civic Association Treasurer Frank Ward has been working on scenarios for sometime now. Until a new contract for the Market is reached the Civic Association will be forced to operate on a much leaner scale. A shorter concert season, fewer donations to other non-profits and the future of events like Surf Illumination and Taste of the Beach are all necessary steps to insure the Civic Association remains solvent and viable in the future. We're retooling sponsorship opportunities and looking at ways to continue supporting the City's events. We can't emphasize enough the economic importance of The Wednesday Market to our organization and the entire community.

Finally we have discovered this issue seems to be more about money than parking. We were certain that moving or closing the market would not begin to solve our parking challenges in and around Pier Park. The County's Beach Services Division has a large revenue shortfall. Metered parking and other revenue streams are being considered to solve this problem. We anticipate the addition of some sort of rent or service fee to be part of the negotiation of a new contract. We contribute a

great deal to both the City and County already but we understand the financial challenges and want to do what we can to help. In return we are encouraging the community to lobby both City and County Commissioners to make parking and transportation a priority. The County owns a large easement on the north side of Pope Road between Beach Blvd and the entrance to the YMCA. By reconfiguring the sidewalk there is room for about 70 new parking spaces all within 1/4 mile of the beach and less than 1/3 from Pier Park. Adding these parking spaces is a must. Talks about a trolley or some sort of public transportation that would operate in season, especially on weekends is also a must. These issues must be addressed soon!

Our next meeting is set for 7 PM on April 11th at City Hall. To join the Civic Association just visit our website at www.sabca.org - Individuals pay just \$12 per year while Family & Corporate Memberships at just \$25 per year. See you soon at the Beach!



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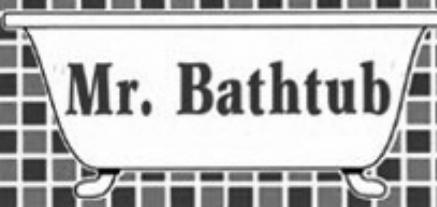
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Here are some of the key forms to watch for:

- **1099-B** – This form reports capital gains. A capital gain is an increase in the value of an investment over the initial purchase price. Short-term capital gains, on investments you've held for one year or less, are taxed at your ordinary income tax rate, while long-term capital gains, on investments you've held for more than one year, are taxed at 0%, 15% or 20%, depending on income. (Keep in mind that these figures are for the 2016 tax year.)

- **1099-DIV** – This form reports the dividends you received from companies in which you invested. For most dividends, the tax rate is the same as it is for capital gains – 0%, 15% and 20%.

- **1099-INT** – A 1099-INT reports the interest you received from bonds or cash instruments. Typically, most types of interest are taxed at your ordinary tax rate.

- **1099-R** – A 1099-R form reports withdrawals from retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k), along with

payments you received from pensions and annuities.

- **1099-MISC** – This form reports, among other items, payments you might have received in lieu of dividends. 1099-MISC also reports earnings you might have received as an independent contractor.

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Whether you do your taxes yourself or use a tax professional, you'll want to become familiar with these forms. Not only are they necessary for filing your taxes, but they can also tell you something about how you invest. To cite one example, if you're seeing a lot of taxes related to short-term capital gains – which are taxed at your personal tax rate, rather than the more favorable long-term rate – you may be doing too much trading. You might want to consider moving toward a strategy in which you buy quality investments and hold them for the long term.

Here's something else to look at: the taxes resulting from your traditional IRA and 401(k) withdrawals. Could you possibly withdraw less from these accounts so that your taxes will be lower? Once you're 70½, you have to take at least a minimum amount, but

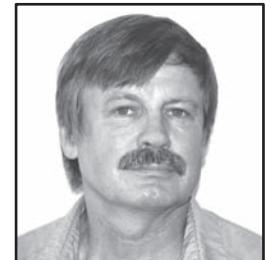
other than that, you control the withdrawals – and you might benefit, taxwise, by taking out only what you truly need.

So, gather up those 1099 forms for your tax returns – and for your own education as an investor.

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## Computer Corner

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### Search Engines

Greetings from Computer Professor

Most people have their favorite Search Engines. I still like Google based upon fast and direct answers. I also really like the fact that Google will answer my question without me having to review the list of search results. When I teach classes, this is a fun segment to cover but it can last 2 hours easily. I can not cover this in the same way here, so this is going to require you really looking at your screen and seeing what is there when we get a search result. ALL the searches will give us the information we want BEFORE the list of search results. In this article, we are not interested in the search results, just the immediate answer Google search engine offers. To start open your favorite Browser and go to Google's search page, www.google.com.

In the middle of the page is Google's search box, to start type the word Movies, press the enter key and examine the results at the top of the page. Here is what is available – see if you can find this: you have a list across the top of the screen that continues off the screen that shows you movies in Saint Augustine area that are play right now. Clicking on one will show you greater details about playing times and locations as well as movie trailers and information on the movie.

Go back to the Google search engine and try typing: 1 cup in tablespoons, press enter. At the top of the screen you get a widely versatile

measurement converter. The answer is in the converter but explore the small pull down arrows to the right of the word "volume". See if you can find how to use this converter to cover many different measurement conversion needs.

Now repeat this process for the different request below, remember we are interested in the answer at the top. Each is a new search, try requests like:

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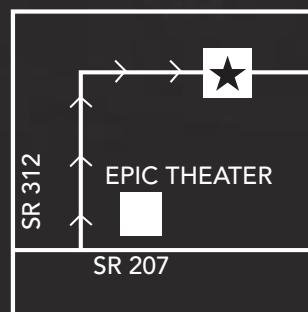
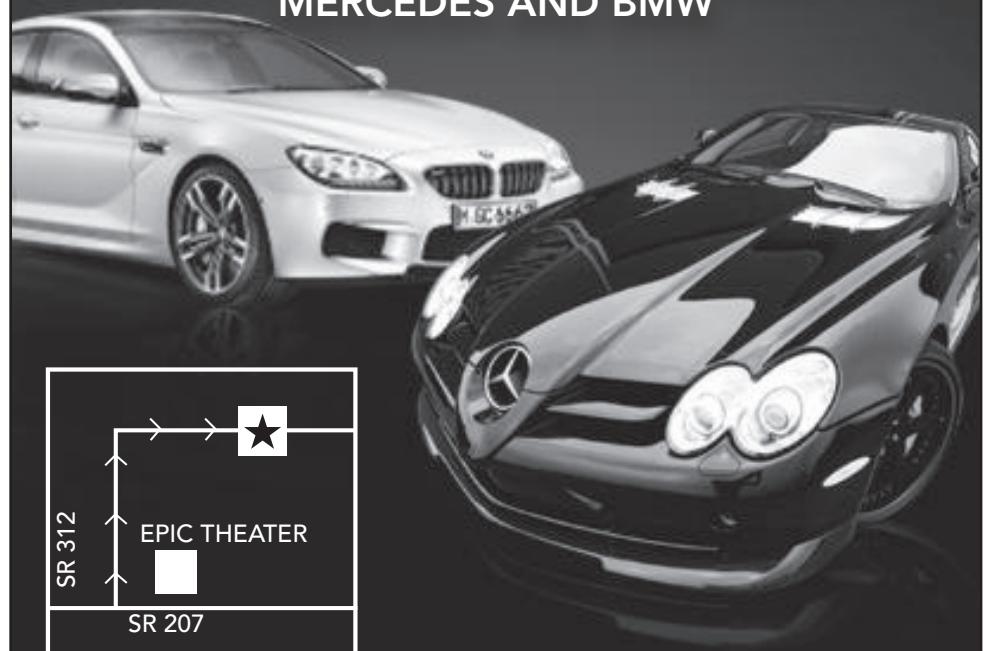
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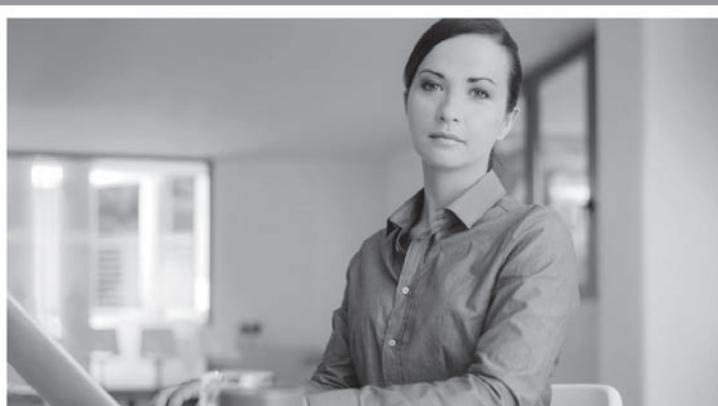
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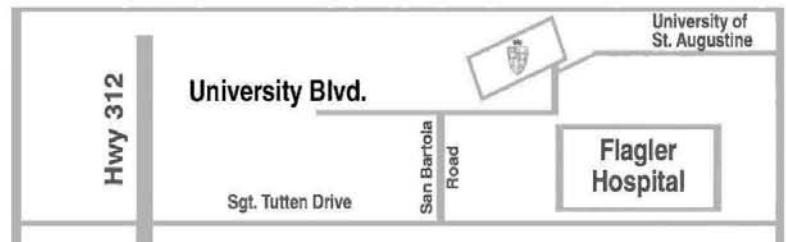
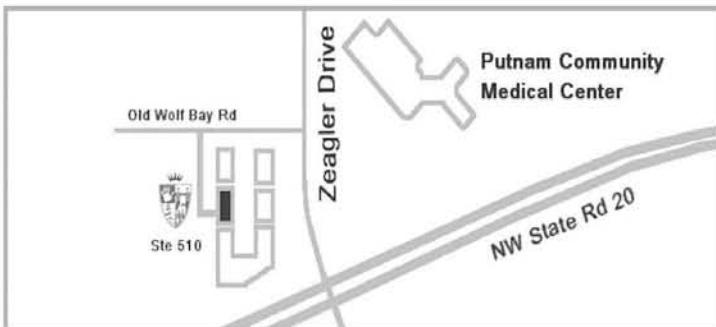


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## Direct Access & Cash vs Insurance

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I am often asked if First Coast Rehab takes patients directly, without a referral or for cash vs insurance. The short answer is - Yes. But there are things to consider when making this decision.

According to Florida law, physical therapy services can be provided through direct access, meaning one can walk into a clinic, directly, without a referral, and receive therapy for 30 days. Once the 30 days is up, a referral must be acquired before therapy can continue, whether paying cash, or what is called "fee for service" or billing insurance.

This can be useful for reoccurring problems, flare ups and to keep a problem in check or if time is of the essence - perhaps you are going on vacation and need help fast or want to get a jump on the problem to make sure it does not get out of control. Usually early intervention is best. The down side is, not all insurance will reimburse without a referral. But this is usually not a problem for those who can pay cash. So, the next question asked is, which is better, cash or going through insurance? The short answer is, it depends.

There really isn't much savings by paying cash. Some clinics suggest insurance costs of \$200 or more per visit, which is not accurate. There are many factors that can make using insurance even less costly. The first assumption made regarding insurance costs of \$200 or more is, \$175 will be billed for one session. This is highly unlikely due to what is called the "physician fee schedule", a fixed fee schedule all healthcare providers are bound to. In addition, most insurances limit services to no more than four "modalities" or units of therapy, in one session. This puts the cost well below \$175. The second assumption in the \$200+ scenario is a \$25 co-pay, which may be more or less. But copays are something to consider when deciding to pay cash or with insurance. The third faulty assumption is the patient will have a \$1000 deductible. Some insurances have deductibles, which is the patient's responsibility, but it is often paid well before getting to therapy for other medical costs, i.e., MD, imaging, meds, etc. The last misleading factor is a 20% payment for co-insurance. It is true Medicare will only cover 80% of services and for that reason, many patients have co-insurance, but most private insurances pay in full and do not require co-insurance so this is not a factor. So, making a decision based on a hypothetical model to pay fee for service because billing insurance will automatically be more costly, may be a mistake. So how should you go about deciding if using direct access and paying fee for service is right for you?

First, consider your timeframe and need. Is time of the essence and is direct access more convenient than getting a referral, IF you can

remedy your problem in less than 30 days? If you think it will take more than 30 days, by law, you will have to stop therapy if you do not have a referral, which sometimes can take weeks.

Second, consider your copay. Whether time is of the essence or not, if you think you can get your problem resolved in 30 days and IF your co-pay exceeds the fee for service costs (FCR charges \$120 for the initial exam and \$55 every visit thereafter) then you might want to consider direct access and fee for service. Sometimes copays can be high and exceed our \$55/visit fee for service.

Lastly, you have to consider whether you pay for your own insurance or whether it is provided through your work. If a work benefit, this will mean additional savings. The original figure of \$175 used in the example is of no concern to you IF your insurance is a benefit. The insurance is already paid for and they pay for services rendered, not you, just as if you were in the hospital or visiting your doctor. And if your physical therapists is in network, or takes your insurance, billing your insurance is exactly what you should. It will actually cost you less and save you the time from having to submit your receipts and float those costs while you wait for that possible reimbursement.

First Coast Rehab accepts most insurances as well as providing direct access or fee for service. The choice is up to you. Regardless of insurance reimbursement, we were the first to provide 1-on-1 PT and OT service and continue to do so now, 10 years later, so you can receive the best possible therapy. We were also the first to provide annual physical assessments so you can know if you are maintaining your strength, range of motion and function from year to year.

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Consider all the factors when making a decision where to go and how to pay for therapy, not just a cost comparison spreadsheet. If you have questions, please give us a call at 904-829-3411. We'll be happy to help you so you can be the informed consumer you should be.

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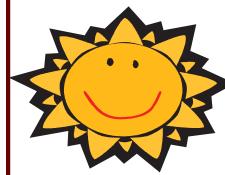
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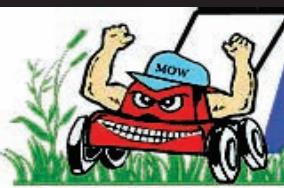
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