

St. Augustine Observer

NEWS INFORMATION FOR & ABOUT RESIDENTS OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FL

5th Annual Santa Suits on the Loose 5K



The 5th Annual Santa Suits on the Loose 5K presented by Bozard Ford, to benefit St. Augustine Youth Services (SAYS), is a walk/jog/run that will be held on December 10, 2016 starting at the St. Augustine Beach Pier Park at 8am. The race follows a flat 3.1 mile course through St. Augustine Beach neighborhoods. Just imagine 600 Santa's heading out for a run – it's a wonderful sight to see!

Registration begins at 6:30am. Entry fee is \$35 per person. There is a choice of a Santa Suit or Santa-inspired T-shirt. Go to www.sayskids.org/santa for more information. (continued on page 12)

St. Augustine Community Chorus

Annual Holiday 2016 Performances



The St. Augustine Community Chorus, under the direction of Mike Sanflippo, is pleased to announce the opening of their 2016-2017 concert season with two December performances of Welcome Yule! to be presented Saturday, December 10th at 8:00 pm and Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 pm at the beautiful Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. The chorus will be joined by the St. Augustine Youth Chorus which is directed by Kerry Fradley. The chorus will be performing Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols with harp accompaniment along with several favorite traditional choral arrangements of John Rutter, Mack Wilberg, Gustav Holst, and Rene Clausen. The program will again feature wonderful excerpts from Handel's Messiah, with chamber orchestra and will include the crowd favorite sing along of the "Hallelujah Chorus" as well as several well-known Christmas carols. The chorus is both excited and delighted to join you in celebration of the holiday season by presenting this joyous concert to our community.

Concert tickets: Adults \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, \$5 for students and military with ID. Advanced tickets for our upcoming concert can be purchased at these supportive businesses: Carter's Jewelry, Flowers by Shirley, Herbie Wiles Insurance, Southern Horticulture, Sterry Piano, Cathedral Basilica's Bell Tower Gift Shop and online at: www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org. Please specify Saturday or Sunday attendance when buying your tickets. For more information, contact Donna Molinari at 904-316-4354.

The St. Augustine Community Chorus, under the direction of Mike Sanflippo, has been performing choral music in St. Augustine and St. Johns County since 1948. Our community highly anticipates attending first rate distinctive performances. The chorus traditionally presents three concerts a year: a holiday program including portions of Handel's Messiah and other music; a mid-season program of popular songs and show tunes; and a spring program featuring major choral works. The chorus is made up of 100 volunteer members and depends on the good will of audiences and donors for support in our musical endeavors. For more information, visit www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org.



19th Annual St. Augustine Greek Festival and Arts & Crafts Fair

Greece is one of the few countries in the world where folk music and dance are as alive today as they were in ancient times. At the 19th Annual Greek Festival and Arts & Crafts Fair, December 2-4, 2016, you can hear and see the stories of the islands, the mountains and the villages of Greece translated into music and dance. The St. Johns Marketplace (next to the Flea Market off of I-95 & SR 207), will be transformed into a virtual Greek village with all its vibrant sights and sounds. Hosted by Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, festival hours are Friday, from 3 p.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The festival is proud to present The Hellenic Band who will perform live all weekend in the main tent. Interpreting the Greek culture through dance will be the Nisiotes and Asteria Greek dancers. You can also learn the beautiful steps of Greek dance by participating in the free dance lessons. In addition to the great entertainment, plan to dine on delicious Greek foods, pastries, and beverages. The parishioners of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church have been busy preparing pans of mouthwatering pastitsio (macaroni with a delicious meat sauce topped with a crema), moussaka (delicious traditional eggplant dish), and dolmathes (stuffed grape leaves). (continued on page 6)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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St. Augustine Shores Community Calendar

The Shores Service Corporation
Shores Homeowners Association
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- 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
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Associate News Editor
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- 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

Christmas Dinner at the Clubhouse

709 Royal Road St. Augustine
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016

Dinner will be served at 6pm includes Turkey, Ham and the works! Homemade desserts and more! Members are free, non-members - \$10.00 Donation. Reservations only-Call Theresa at (904) 794-5129 by December.12,2016. Business meeting and election of officers to follow at 7pm.

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For Sale: (1) Pool Cover - bubble cover, 21'x14', used very little, in good condition. \$60.00. (2) Lawn mower - Toro self propelled mulcher, 22"cut \$100.00. (3) Scotts rotary spreader used very little. \$15.00. (4) Generator - Generac 4,000 EXL rated watts ,peak 6,200 needs new battery, but starts easy with pull start, used very little and is in good condition. \$400.00 or BO. Call 904-797-5023.

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\$150, OBO, also lots of ladies golf balls. (2) Original equipment wheel with new tire never mounted on Kia Optima original price \$500, asking \$200. Call Paul 797-9874.

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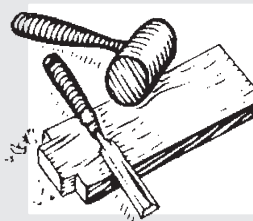
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St. Augustine Shores Club News

December 2016 Riverview Club Calendar

December Dances:

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
BYOB

Saturday, December 3rd – Entertainment by Nostalgia
Chairpersons: Paul & Kristine Berquist and friends
Dance Club Members: FREE, Activity Members and Guests: \$15.00/pp
Bring your favorite holiday dish to share with your table, dinner from 6:00 – 7:00 pm
RSVP at www.staugshores.org

NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCIAL
8:00 pm to 11:00 pm
BYOB

Friday, December 30th - Entertainment by Frank Saffi
Chairpersons: Table 5 Members
Finger foods/appetizers will be provided
Dance Club Members: \$5.00/pp, Activity Members and Guests: \$20.00/pp
RSVP at www.staugshores.org

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

Bridge Fridays 1:00pm

Bridge Lesson The class is geared to all levels. Thursdays at 10:00 am.

Chicago Bridge **Must have a partner to play**, Monday and Thursday at 12:30 pm

Chair Yoga Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:45 am. A gentler form of yoga for those for whom balance is an issue.

Dance Class Ballroom dance with Dennis Thursday Dec 1st & Christmas Dance Class Party **Wednesday, December 14th** at 2 - 4:00 pm. **No classes December 8th, 22nd and 29th.** Class will resume on January 12th, 2017.

Exercise Class Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am.

Jewelry Making Workshop Learn to make unique gifts for the holidays! Basic Jewelry-Making workshop on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 - 8:00 pm, \$20.00/class for materials. Limited to 12 students, call Ellie for more information, **pre-registration is required.**

Line Dancing Every Monday at 6:30 pm and Wednesday at 10:00 am

Mah Jongg Tuesday at 1:00 pm & Wednesday at 10:30 am.

Yoga 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.

Zumba Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. Low-impact Zumba to protect joints. Come sweat, lose weight, meet people, and have a blast!

Writers in the Shores Tuesday December 13th at 1:00 pm in the Library - only one meeting in December, this month's topic is "What's Cooking?" For information call Donna at 794-0789.

No Classes: Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th, the Riverview Club will be closed. Have questions? Please call Ellie at 904-794-2000.

Upcoming Events at the Riverview Club

Main Social: Saturday, January 21st (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment Phil Farino

Shores Riverview Club Committee Activities

NEW CARD PLAYING GROUP: New residents and Activities Club members, Erin & Layne Martin would like to host a new card game group on Tuesdays, starting December 6th from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm. The primary goal is to have fun and play with friends, old and new. The default rules for any game would be According to Hoyle, but "house rules" could be substituted by agreement of the players at any particular table.

BASIC JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP: Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Learn to make unique bracelets and earrings for the holidays! Cost of \$20/class (\$25. non-members) for materials includes use of tools and findings - one must make a minimal investment for the beads prior to class, more information will be provided). Limited to 12 students, call Ellie to register at 904-794-2000.

BEADED HOSTESS SET WORKSHOP: Monday, December 5th at 3:30 pm. Learn how to wire wrap by hand and arrange beads on stainless steel 3-Piece Hostess set. All supplies will be provided which includes the 3-piece Hostess set, wire, and hundreds of beads, crystals and gemstones to choose from. Cost of \$35/class (\$40. non-members) includes all the materials for a finished set. Call Ellie to register at 904-794-2000.

FREE Introductory Fitness Pole Walking Clinic with Sheila Vidamour, Wednesday, December 14th at 12:30 pm Ballroom of the Riverview Club. Pre-registration is required: to register call 904-540-1067, or email Sheila: walkyourpath406@aol.com. No Classes: Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th, the Riverview Club will be closed.

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Message from Shores President Jim

Season's Greetings!

I hope every one had a great Thanksgiving. Depending on when you receive this we are about three weeks away from Christmas, yikes! The weather has finally cooled off and the tropical storms are long gone. Our community is almost completely cleaned up from Matthew and the Holiday lights should be going up soon. Practice winter safety with your holiday lights, especially inside and space heaters as well.

The pier has been assessed and we are discussing replacement vs major repairs. The County is continuing to replace drains throughout our community and will be working on the northern part in the coming months.

Our Committee's continue to meet and work on improving our community. Please consider getting involved. Remember this is your community and our Board serves at your pleasure. Board meetings are always held on the second Thursday of every month at 7PM in the clubhouse.

We have a vacant seat on the Board and are reviewing resumes for replacement. If you'd like to be considered for the upcoming election in May, please ask for an application and submit your resume to the Riverview Club Office. The application is also on line on the web site.

Don't forget to visit our website www.staugshores.org to report a deed violation, keep up with our activities, review the legal documents and read the minutes from our last meeting. Another app you might want to look at is "Nextdoor." This app is a private social network for you and our neighborhood. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, post items for sale, get recommendations for trustworthy service providers, lost & found pets, community events, baby sitters, pet walkers and much more. As always I can be reached at president@staugshores.net.

Jim Priester, President
St Augustine Shores Service Corp.



St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation

October 13th 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 met with Directors President Jim Priester, Vice President James O'Such, Treasurer Claire Lorbeer, Director Philip Van Tiem and Secretary Sue Chitwood. Absent Director Winston Burrell and Director Janet Cassford present.

Approval of the Minutes of September 8, 2016 were approved. Treasurers Report was accepted for audit. General Manager Smith explained the decrease in the operating fund and the increase in the reserve fund. He presented 1 collection issue. Case #1- The Board approved a payment plan for this homeowner at \$644 a month in March of 2016 for 12 months. He has made 7 payments and says that he is not able to provide for his family at this rate and asks that we reduce the payment to \$344 a month and extend his payment plan out 4 more months. Motion to approve the payment plan at \$344 a month for 10 months and carried unanimously.

Managers' Report - Joseph H. Smith III

Progress on Board Goals: Mums have been installed at all the entrances including the Riverview Facility, the pool and the pavilion. Purchase Orders were issued for pine straw and rye seed. He thanked Baker Company and Tree Guys for starting the clean-up effort after Matthew. He spoke with insurance representative who suggested removal of all trees that have fallen from the common areas on a structure immediately, pay contractor to remove the trees and submit bills to the homeowner's insurance company. He Smith explained he is prioritizing tree work into three phases: Phase 1- Immediately remove trees from any structures, Phase 2- Remove any trees threatening pedestrians and vehicle traffic, Phase 3- Clean up. Baker Company addressed the common area between Santa Maria Boulevard and U.S. 1 Tracts J and N Unit 1. The Bike paths, The Riverview grounds, medians were addressed by Tree Guys with a tree on a structure, the main arteries, the parks and the lakes, the drainage retention areas and the bike paths. We will install a gate at the entrance to the destroyed pier to keep people off until it is repaired.

Committee Reports

ACC Committee (General Manager)- The ACC approved 6 applications: 1 driveway extension, 2 fences, 2 decks, 1 pool, Total approved YTD 267

Riverview Building and Grounds Committee (Judy Vershave)- The first meeting is at the library at the Riverview Facility on November 1st at 7:00 p.m.

The Deed Restriction Committee (Charlie Bouton)- The first meeting is on November 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverview Facility. Ratification of approval for a variance on the fence location at 673 Cira Court approved after the last meeting was approved.

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

Riverview Facilities & Ground Committee Meeting: Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm, Riverview Club's library.

Directors Comments

Treasurer Claire Lorbeer commended Baker Company and Tree Guys for the clean-up effort and mentioned the compliments received while walking the bike paths. Secretary Chitwood recommends a professional inspection of the Riverview Facility. Director Van Tiem would like to establish Captains at each Unit in the Shores to assist in communication efforts. President Priester talked about recognizing the membership during discussion for their input on decisions and reiterated the three phase clean-up effort. Family Fun Day was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew. We have purchased the supplies and the meat is in the freezer. It was decided to wait until the spring for Family Fun Day. Secretary Chitwood would like us to establish an emergency contact number. She requests a no dogs allowed sign at the playground and would like the other signs repaired.



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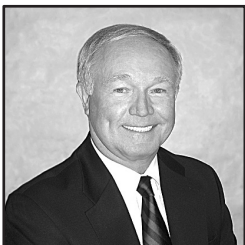
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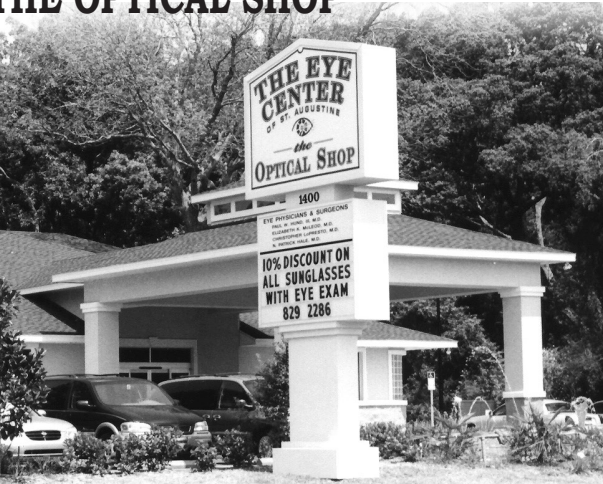
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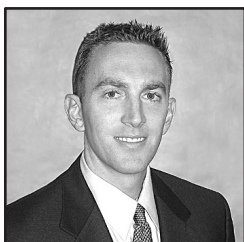
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News Around South St. Augustine

Writers In The Shores

By Donna Johnson

The December meeting for Writers in the Shores will be on Tuesday the 13th. The second meeting has been canceled due to the Christmas holiday. Since there is only one meeting, it was decided to write about this month's topic "What's Cooking?" on the 13th. 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 here at 1pm 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.

Shores United Methodist will celebrate Christmas season in various ways.

Christmas Cantata, Wednesday, Dec. 21, 6 p.m. featuring Shores' Chancel Choir singing "Touched by a Child, Touched by a King" by John Purifoy,

Live Nativity, Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. featuring members of the Shores UMC family.

On Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th, there will be two different worship services. A traditional worship service will be held at 4 p.m. and a contemporary, family oriented worship service will be held at 5:30 p.m. Communion will be celebrated at both candlelight services.

On Christmas morning, Sunday, December 25th there will be one worship service at 10 a.m. with plenty of music.

On New Years Day, Sunday, January 1st, there will be one service at 10 a.m. Shores United Methodist Church is located at 724 Shores Blvd, between the Shores Golf Course and Hartley Elementary. Rev. Randy Strickland is the pastor.

Ballroom Dance Association Christmas Dance

The St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association will hold its Christmas dance on Saturday, December 10th at the Riverview Club, 790 Christina Drive, in St. Augustine Shores. Dance starts at 7pm and ends at 10pm. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and coffee will be served. Guests pay \$20 per person. Appropriate guest attire is a dark business suit with tie or a tuxedo for the men and a cocktail dress or gown for the ladies. For an invitation, call President Mary Ellen Hernandez at 904-471-9886. Or call Dennis and Mary Larimore at 904-824-4902. Visit facebook.com/SABDASTAug for more information and pictures. Picture of St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association members Joanann and Ed Muller enjoying them selves at an association dance.



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News Around South St. Augustine

St. Augustine Travel Club

by Peter Dytrych

Our next travel club will be held on Wednesday, December 14, at 3 pm at the Southeast Branch Public Library. We look forward to seeing you as we cover Traditional Christmas Markets in Europe - Europe celebrates a tradition of Christmas Markets for over 500 years, usually set up in town squares and we showcase the oldest and most famous ones. If you have any question, please call Peter.

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.

Greek Festival 2016

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The Grill will serve up souvlaki (pork and chicken shish-kabobs), gyros and kid friendly fare. The village will also have a Cafenio where you can enjoy steaming Greek coffee with your favorite Greek pastries from the bakery. Stop by the Taverna for a classic glass of Greek wine or a cold beer. And for an entertaining treat, don't miss the chance to try Saganaki (flaming cheese)! A selection of reading material on the Orthodox faith, icons and other unique items will be for purchase. We will have large number of vendors offering their beautiful arts and crafts too! And if you are bringing the younger ones with you, stop by the Kids Center for games, rides and more! Admission is \$5.00 for adults and free for those 14 and under. Free admission for active military and their immediate family with ID.

For more information call (904) 479-OPA9 or visit www.staugreekfest.com. (Sorry, no pets are allowed). Surviving and thriving, the St. Augustine Greek Festival...it's still just more fun!

Garden Club Meeting

Garden Club Month Award

Nellie Capron Wiggins received the Garden of the Month Award for November from the Garden Club of St. Augustine. In less than two years she transformed her St. Augustine



Shores backyard into a delightful and colorful garden. Being an artist she designed her blank canvas in vignettes framed by plants, space, and sculptures. In the center of the yard she built a stone pond accented with cassia, pentas, and pink guara flowers that in the wind look like fluttering butterflies. Nearby under a large fig tree is a white iron bench offering an inviting place to sit and observe the birds, butterflies, and amusing signs (Gardenitis Uncontrollus, Bridge To Nowhere, Mountain Regret, Memory Lane, and Path To Destruction) leading from one section of the garden to another. An unusual plant is the Abatilon. The North Carolina Biltmore Estate calls the flower the Lady Biltmore Prom Dress. The plant is kept indoors during cold weather. Nellie's favorite saying is, "Show me your garden. and I will show what you are." Her garden is well-cared

for, creative, whimsical, and pretty. That describes Nellie Capron Wiggins too.

Geranium Circle Garden Club meeting will be at 11:30 on Friday, December 16 at the Marsh Creek Country Club. Lunch is at noon followed by a gift exchange. Remember to make your reservation with Cynthia.

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News From Around St. Johns County

Santa Visits December 14th St. Augustine Beach Police Department

Each child got a chance to speak with Santa Claus, and make some last minute requests. Although Santa Claus is usually pretty busy in December gearing up for the big day, he always makes a point to stop by his favorite police department and take a picture with the kids of St. Augustine!

St. Augustine Genealogical Society Annual Christmas Party

Noon Saturday, December 10, 2016

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Money and menu selection must be made no-later-than November 30, 2016. Checks may be made payable to St Augustine Genealogical Society (SAGS) and mailed to SAGS c/o St John's Public Library, South Branch, 6670 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32086



Spouse, guests, and/or significant others are invited. The menu choices are: (select one per person) Manicotti, Eggplant Parmesan, or Chicken Parmesan W/spaghetti. The meal is accompanied by salad, bread, mini cannoli for dessert, coffee, tea, tax and gratuities for \$20.00 per person. Coke products and alcohol are on-your-own. Questions: Email SAGS. Communications@yahoo.com or call (904) 315-4028.

St. Gerard Campus 33rd Annual Fashion Show and Silent Auction

Welcome the Child..... St. Gerard Campus is excited and proud to announce that we are again hosting our 33rd Annual Fashion Show and Silent Auction at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort on Saturday, December 17th, 2016, from 12:00 noon to 3:30pm, for the benefit of pregnant teens and new teen mothers of St. Gerard Campus High School. Ticket prices are again \$40 per person. The latest fashions, holiday wear and sportswear from leading fashion houses will be modeled for men, women and children. Fashions from Belks, 360 Boutique, Gymboree, Celia's Party Dresses, Men's Wearhouse, Taylor Made Golf, Panama Hat Company, Rochelle's Boutique, and True Me Boutique will be represented. Our fabulous Silent Auction will be offering about 150 items from artwork, sports memorabilia, entertainment and baskets full of surprises to holiday gift ideas for everyone in the family. There will be a gourmet lunch served, door prizes, raffle prizes, entertainment and a grand prize drawing for \$5,000. For ticket information or sponsorship opportunities, please call 904-829-5516 or 904-797-9437. We expect a sell-out crowd, as we had last year, so get your tickets early. Please join us for a lovely afternoon of fun, fashions and surprises, while helping the young women of St. Gerard Campus that have chosen life for their precious angels!

Council on Aging December Activities

COA Hosts Caregiver Appreciation Day!

Are you caring for a loved one with a chronic illness? If so, please join us at the Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center, 1048 A1A North in Ponte Vedra Beach on Wednesday, November 30th from 1-4 pm for a day of relaxation, pampering and socialization with other caregivers. Enjoy delicious smoothies and snacks, indulge in hand massages and manicures and learn about meditation, humor therapy and other stress relief techniques - it's all free and it's all for YOU! It's time to take time for you...and we can help! FREE on-site care provided for your loved one while you de-stress. Please call (904) 297-0061.

River House Christmas Extravaganza

This festive holiday shopping experience will happen at River House, 179 Marine Street on Thursday, December 1, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. There will be Christmas decorations, art, jewelry, books, purses, and much more. Plan to do your Christmas shopping at River House and enjoy food from the River House Café.

85 Voice Chorus Performs at River House

The community is invited and encouraged to hear the 85 member Nease High School Chorus complimentary program of holiday music at River House, 179 Marine Street, December 7, at 10:30 a.m. This award winning group will lift your spirits and put you in a festive mood. This is open to the public. And remember to visit www.coajc.com for more information on COA.

Sandbar Santas

Please join us for the 15th annual Sandbar Santa Charity Fish Fry, Wednesday, December 14th from 4-8 p.m. at The Sandbar Pub, 7025 A1A South. Menu will be Fried Fish with all the trimmings—for just \$10.00. Celebrity bartenders will add fun to the evening. All proceeds from the fish fry and all tips will go to the COA to provide a special Christmas for low-income elders in our area. For info, call Jeannie Berger @ 461-4671 or Jane Faybik @ 209-3687.

St. Augustine Christmas Parade

The St. Augustine Christmas Parade, held the first Saturday in December, is a sure sign that the holiday season has arrived. This year the parade will be on Saturday, December 3. Organizations, businesses, community organizations, and school groups that would like to participate should contact Linda Abbott at 904.824.4997 to secure their spot in the parade.

First Coast Card Club - Let's Play Cards!

Tuesday, December 6th-Christmas Party. St Augustine Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St Augustine 1:30pm. Tuesday, December 13th-Ponte Vedra Beach Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach 1:30pm. We hope we can meet more interested people in our community of St Johns County.

St. Augustine Area Guide

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

December 2016

December 1-January 31

December 1

Nights of Lights Continues: (www.Nightsoflights.com) California Guitar Trio's Holiday Show Live at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall - California Guitar Trio kicks off a year of festivities with this magical seasonal offering. Masters of classical compositions and classic rock, surf guitar and sonic experimentation, the California Guitar Trio trims your tree with holiday standards from around the world- timeless, as Silent Night, and timely, as John and Yoko's Happy Xmas (War is Over). Unwrap a poignant, passionate rendition of Greensleeves, and a hypnotic Carol of the Bells. Doors open at 7 p.m.; performance at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$38.50 and \$33.50. 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-209-0367 www.pvconcerthall.com

December 2

Winter Formal at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre: Winter Formal features five of alternative radio's biggest acts – The 1975, Phantogram, Silversun Pickups, Glass Animals and Coin – live at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Doors open at 4 p.m.; performance at 5 p.m. Admission is \$56.50 and \$46.50. 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 www.staugamphitheatre.com

Stanley Clarke Performs at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall: Four time-GRAMMY Award winner Stanley Clarke has attained living legend status during his 40 plus-year career as a bass virtuoso. He is the first bassist in history who doubled on acoustic and electric bass with equal ferocity and the first fusion bassist ever to headline tours, selling out shows worldwide. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$63 and \$53. 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-209-0367 www.pvconcerthall.com

December 2-3

Colonial Nightwatch Weekend: The Colonial Nightwatch is pleased to join the National Park Service in presenting the nighttime tour series called Enemy at the Gates on Friday. This special presentation takes visitors through various vignettes representing historical events during the siege of 1740 in St. Augustine. On Saturday, join hundreds of costumed re-enactors from St. Augustine's Colonial history as they perform military drills and cannon and musket firing on the grounds of the Castillo de San Marcos. At 9 a.m., the Fife and Drum will raise the colors and at 9:30 a.m., there will be a Change of Flags Ceremony commemorating the event in 1763 when Florida changed from Spanish to British hands. A torchlight parade will start at the Castillo at 7 p.m. and march to the City Gate where the public is invited to follow along to the Government House. 1 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine 904-501-0391 www.hfm.club/nightwatch

December 2-31

Cotton Patch Gospel: Enjoy this story presented in a setting of rural Georgia with country music songs by Harry Chapin. Herod is the mayor of Atlanta and, inevitably, Christ is lynched by local thugs only to rise again. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$26; \$24 seniors; \$20 student and military. 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine 904-825-1164 www.limelight-theatre.org

December 3

PAL Day: In appreciation for their service to our country, many St. Augustine area attractions offer free admission to active military and free or discounted admission for their families. This event, sponsored by the Greater Jacksonville USO, also features a free lunch provided by the St. Augustine Elks Lodge. PAL Day is a proud local tradition in St. Augustine and a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation to our troops and their families. 1420 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-778-2821 www.jaxuso.org

Christmas Parade: St. Augustine's Annual Christmas Parade is one of the largest in North Florida and includes floats, marching bands, cars, horses and the arrival of Santa. The parade starts promptly at 9 a.m. by the Mission of Nombre de Dios on San Marco Ave. and continues through the downtown streets of historic St. Augustine, ending behind the Visitor Information Center on S. Castillo Dr. 904-824-4997.

Cultural Influences in the Spanish Colonial Kitchen: Stop by Fort Matanzas National Monument between 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for demonstrations and conversations about the Spanish heritage that is the foundation of St. Augustine and Fort Matanzas. It takes place at the Fort Matanzas Visitor Center and admission is free. 8635 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-829-6506 www.nps.gov/foma

Tastes of Chocolate Holiday Tour: Experience an indulgent walking tour of St. Augustine's historic district and experience the most unique chocolate selections that our nation's oldest city has to offer. Guests will explore unique culinary venues and foodie hotspots to sample delicious chocolate in all forms, including wine, sauces, toppings, dips, desserts and much more. 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

December 3, 17, 27 & 30

Villa Zorayda's Candlelight Tour with Refreshments: Join the Villa Zorayda this holiday season for its annual Candlelight Tour. The museum is beautifully decorated for the holidays with a spectacular Christmas tree decorated in the colors of the Zorayda, red and gold. More than 100 candles are aglow throughout the museum as docents lead the tour by candlelight. Refreshments are served at 6 p.m.; tour begins at 6:30 p.m. (5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on December 3). Tours last approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Refreshments include homemade cookies, holiday punch and coffee. Admission is \$18 adults; \$8 children 7-12; free for children 4-6. This tour is not recommended for children 3 and under. Reservations required. 83 King St., St. Augustine 904-829-9887 www.villazorayda.com

Tony Joe White at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall: Tony Joe White is in his seventh decade of creating music. Beginning on the cotton farm in Louisiana, Tony Joe White learned to play his father's guitar by ear. On his latest album, entitled Hoodoo, White continues to

produce an ethereal, authentic bayou guitar trance. Awash in danger, spiritual uncertainty, and environmental fury, the album's lyrical concerns are matched by a particularly intense strain of White's trademark swamp funk. Doors open 7 p.m.; show starts 8 p.m. Admission is \$43.50 first 6 rows; \$38.50 all remaining rows. 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-209-0367 www.pvconcerthall.com

December 3-4

Rails to Trails Festival: This festival at Armstrong Park features historical booths containing Gullah Geechee artifacts and displays, Gullah home cooking, a bike tour along the Rails to Trails bike and walking trail and historical signs pointing out the rich culture of the area. This free event is scheduled for noon-7 p.m. on Saturday and noon-6 p.m. on Sunday. 4950 Harvey Ave., Elkton 904-806-3939 www.seachrc.org

ISACO Native American Festival: ISACO is the Second Annual Native Festival and Gathering at the Fountain of Youth Park, honoring the Timucua and all Southeastern people by sharing culture, history and life-ways in a respectful manner with the general public. Demonstrating vendors will offer handmade arts and crafts for every budget; men and women's traditional Pow Wow dancing; Traditional Southeastern Social Stomp Dance exhibition at dusk; storytelling by native historical and contemporary interpreters sharing culture from both east and west of the Mississippi. This event will be held in the recreated Timucuan village of Seloy, on the site of the ancient village of the same name from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Please call to volunteer, contribute or for more information. Normal park admission applies; general admission is \$15. 11 Magnolia Ave., St. Augustine 904-423-7709

December 3 & 10

Palm Frond Weaving Class at St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum: Pam Solano, who has perfected the art of palm frond weaving, will teach the basics of this traditional folk art popular in Florida during two sessions. The program is from 10 a.m. to noon on two days. The cost to participate is \$50, plus \$30 for materials.

81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine 904-829-0745 www.staugustinelighthouse.org/education/folkworkshops

December 4

The Garden Club of St. Augustine Christmas Tour of Homes: Walk back in time and experience the charm, warmth and grandeur of the holiday season in the nation's oldest city, as the Garden Club of St. Augustine celebrates its 90th Anniversary. The Garden Club invites you to take a walking tour of six private homes dating from the 1800s in historic downtown St. Augustine. The tour is from noon-5 p.m. Tickets are \$25, and include Afternoon Tea and a visit to the Boutique, which features delicious homemade treats, at the Government House. 48 King St., St. Augustine 904-819-1917 www.gardenclubofstaugustine.org

Divas Half Marathon and 5K: Run like a diva in this fun and glam women's running series. Staged in the nation's best vacation settings, the series comes to St. Augustine Beach on Sunday with a 7:15 a.m. 5K and a 7:30 a.m. and 7:35 a.m. wave half marathon - both starting and finishing at the St. Johns County Pier. These exciting races each include a boa and tiara station just before the finish line so runners can finish like a diva. The cost is \$110 half marathon; \$65 5K. 350 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach 800-733-7089 www.runlikeadiva.com

December 6

Community Lecture Series - Havoc! Havoc! Smyt fast, give gode knocks!: The Role of Higher Education in the Modern American City The guest speaker for this Community Lecture Series presented by Flagler College is Dr. Will Miller. The lecture will take place at 10 a.m. in the Flagler College Solarium. Tickets are \$5. 74 King St., St. Augustine 904-826-8617 www.flagler.edu/communitylectures

December 7

Luminary Night at the St. Augustine Lighthouse: The highlight of the holiday season at the Lighthouse is Luminary Night. Visitors and community members are invited to enter the Lighthouse grounds for a free evening of children's holiday crafts, warm refreshments, live musical performances, including a string quartet inside the Lighthouse tower, and an



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up-close look at the museum's Christmas decor. This is a special evening from 7-9 p.m. the whole family will enjoy. 81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine 904-829-0745 www.staugustinelighthouse.com

Taylor Hicks Performs at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall: The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall proudly announces that American Idol Season 5 winner Taylor Hicks will perform on Wednesday. From the start, Hicks' material on the mega-hit show set him apart, with a unique take on Southern soul, R&B, country and blues. Doors open at 7 p.m.; performance at 8 p.m. Admission is \$39.50 and \$31.50. 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-209-0367 www.pvconcerthall.com

December 8

Evenings at Whitney Lecture: Presented by Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience, Francis Putz, professor of biology at the University of Florida, will discuss recent studies on climate change and global conservation. The lecture is free and open to the public. Reservations are not necessary. The lecture starts at 7 p.m. at Lohman Auditorium on the Whitney Laboratory campus. 9505 Oceanshore Blvd., St. Augustine 904-461-4000 www.whitney.ufl.edu

December 9

St. Augustine Orchestra Holiday Concert: The Lightner Museum will host the St. Augustine Orchestra's Holiday concert. The Historic Pool area of the museum provides a spectacular backdrop and acoustical setting for this popular holiday concert. The performance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults; Students and Children under 12 are \$5. Enter through Café Alcazar on Cordova Street. 75 King St., St. Augustine www.staugustineorchestra.org

December 9-11

Elf Jr., The Musical at Limelight Theatre: Based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity. Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. Performances are at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 adults; \$5 students. 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine 904-825-1164 www.limelight-theatre.org

December 10

Holiday Revenge Tournament at Slammer & Squire: Come out to the Slammer & Squire for the most challenging round of the year. We have given the golf course superintendents the right to make the course as difficult as possible. Are you up for the challenge? The team scramble tournament is open to the public. The entry fee is \$300 per foursome, which includes golf for four players, a post-round reception and prizes. Call to sign up for a tee time. 2 World Golf Pl., St. Augustine 904-940-6088 www.golfwgv.com/kb-specials

Santa Suits on the Loose 5K Walk/Jog/Run: St. Augustine Youth Services hosts a 5K at the St. Augustine Beach Pier. The race begins at 8 a.m. with 6:30 a.m. registration. Registration - \$35 day of race; \$30 after Nov. 1. The race, professionally timed and scored, follows a flat 3.1-mile course through St. Augustine Beach neighborhoods. Choice of Santa suit or t-shirt for the first 100 registrants. 350 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach 904-829-1770 www.racesmith.com/races/santasuitsontheloose5k.html

Castillo Holiday Open House: The Castillo de San Marcos opens its doors to the community for this St. Augustine holiday tradition. This free event allows visitors to informally explore the Castillo by lantern light, interacting with staff and volunteers dressed to represent the more than 300 years of Castillo history. Cannon firings will take place at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Admission is free from 6-8:30 p.m. 1 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine 904-829-6505 www.nps.gov/casa

Regatta of Lights: This is an annual holiday parade, hosted by the St. Augustine Yacht Club, of motorized vessels – sailboats, trawlers, shrimp boats and many other vessels all-a-glitter with brilliant lighted displays ranging from patriotic to whimsical. Awards are presented for best theme, most colorful, best in class and best overall. Beginning at 6 p.m., the boats will light up St. Augustine's Matanzas Bay between the Bridge of Lions and Castillo de San Marcos. 904-824-9725 www.staugustineyachtclub.com

Regatta of Lights Tour by Florida Water Tours: The Regatta of Lights takes place on Matanzas Bay. Florida Water Tours invites guests to watch the parade from its decorated boat. The 6 p.m. tour is best for watching the parade. Additional tours are at 7:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$59.99 per person, ages three and up. The tours depart from Camanchee Cove Marina. 282 Yacht Club Dr., Dock A-19, St. Augustine 904-827-7728 www.floridawatertour.com

December 10-11

St. Augustine Historic Inns Bed & Breakfast Holiday Tour: Enjoy exploring 12 inns on Saturday and 13 inns on Sunday during this self-guided walking tour from 1-5 p.m. Each inn is partnering with a local restaurant or culinary professional that will provide delicious

samples of signature dishes or treats. The ticket includes an extensive tour booklet with a map of each day's inns on tour, restaurant partners and more. Tour participants can begin at any inn and go in any order. Tickets are \$40 and are good for both days. 386-405-3779 www.staugustinebandbtour.com

December 11

Brunch with Santa at TPC Sawgrass: Enjoy brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with Santa as he visits TPC Sawgrass all the way from the North Pole. Reservations required. The cost is \$52 for adults and \$20 for children 6-12. 110 Championship Way, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-543-5105 www.tpc.com/sawgrassevents

December 12 & 19

Holiday Spirits at the St. Augustine Distillery: Get into the holiday spirit at the St. Augustine Distillery from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for complimentary cocktail classes in the tasting room. Also, enjoy holiday shopping in the gift shop. 112 Riberia St., St. Augustine 904-825-4962 www.staugustinedistillery.com

December 13

Sunset/Moonrise at the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum: Enjoy the sunset and moonrise from the top of the Lighthouse at 5 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

Nights of Lights Full Moon Sail Aboard the Schooner Freedom: Go on a 75-minute sail aboard the Schooner Freedom and enjoy the sound of the wind and waves beneath the magical glow of the full moon on St. Augustine's Matanzas Bay. Bring along a picnic basket - the crew provides complimentary soda, water, beer and wine. Each full moon sail features live music by a local musician. Tickets are \$40 per person; reservations recommended. Departs from the City Marina at 6:45 p.m. 111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine 904-810-1010 www.schoonerfreedom.com

Full Moon Nights of Lights Tour by Florida Water Tours: Enjoy the view of St. Augustine's Nights of Lights, which will be enhanced by a full moon, on a Florida Water Tour cruise. The 7:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. tours provide a magical experience full of romance and holiday cheer. Admission is \$59.99 per person ages three and up. The tours depart from Camanchee Cove Marina. 282 Yacht Club Dr., Dock A-19, St. Augustine 904-827-7728 www.floridawatertour.com

December 14 & 21

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December 16-30

IMAX 3D - Rogue One: A Star Wars Story: Rogue One tells the story of resistance fighters who have united to steal plans to the dreaded Death Star. All dates are subject to change if additional films are added or removed. Visit the website for show times and the most up-to-date schedule. Admission is \$13 adults; \$12 students/seniors/military; \$10 children ages 3-12; free for children under 3. One World Golf Pl., St. Augustine 904-940-4123 www.worldgolfimax.com

December 17

Villa Zorayda's Candlelight Tour with Refreshments: Join the Villa Zorayda this holiday season for its annual Candlelight Tour. The museum is beautifully decorated for the holidays with a spectacular Christmas tree decorated in the colors of the Zorayda, red and gold. More than 100 candles are aglow throughout the museum as docents lead the tour by candlelight. Refreshments are served at 6 p.m.; tour begins at 6:30 p.m. Tours last approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Refreshments include homemade cookies, holiday punch and coffee. Admission is \$18 adults; \$8 children 7-12; free for children 4-6. This tour is not recommended for children 3 and under. Reservations required. 83 King St., St. Augustine 904-829-9887 www.villazorayda.com

December 17-18

St. Augustine Ballet Presents The Nutcracker: St. Augustine Ballet's production of The Nutcracker is a magical show that features mischievous mice, dancing dolls, sparkling snowflakes, elegant costumes, custom-designed scenery and skillful athletic dancing that will charm the entire family. The multi-generational cast is comprised of student and professional dancers as well as several well-known local celebrities. Performances are at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. each day at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College. Admission is \$25-30. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 855-222-2849 www.saintaugustineballet.com

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December 31

Beach Blast Off: This annual New Year's Eve fireworks display and entertainment at the St. Augustine Beach Pier will ring in 2017. The event features a kids zone, face painting, rides, photo booth, rock climbing wall, food vendors and live entertainment. The event is from 4-10 p.m. with the fireworks display at 8:30 p.m. 350 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach 904-669-5670 www.sabevents.com

New Year's Eve Special Cruise by Florida Water Tours: These tours are a wonderful way to view the New Year's fireworks over St. Augustine Beach. Tours depart at 6 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$59.99 per person, ages three and up. The tours depart from Camanchee Cove Marina. 282 Yacht Club Dr., Dock A-19, St. Augustine 904-827-7728 www.floridawatertour.com

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January 1

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January 6 & 8

Puccini's Madame Butterfly: Puccini's tragic cross-cultural love story remains one of the world's most popular operas. Be transported to early 20th-century Japan through this production fully-staged at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. This story is sung in Italian with projected English supertitles. General admission is \$40; students are \$10. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-417-5555 www.firstcoastopera.com

January 6-29

2017 Black, White & Shades of Gray Exhibition: The St. Augustine Art Association presents the Black, White & Shades of Gray exhibition. Back by popular demand, this juried exhibit is bold and sophisticated, featuring 2D & 3D colorless works of art of any subject or medium. 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

January 7

Tastes of Chocolate Holiday Tour: Experience an indulgent walking tour of St. Augustine's historic district and experience the most unique chocolate selections that our nation's oldest city has to offer. Guests will explore unique culinary venues and foodie hotspots to sample delicious chocolate in all forms, including wine, sauces, toppings, dips, desserts and much more. 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

EMMA Concert Association Presents: Carpe Diem String Quartet Carpe Diem is an ensemble that has earned widespread critical and audience acclaim for its innovative programming and electrifying performances. With programming that reflects its passions for Gypsy, tango, folk, pop, rock and jazz-inspired music alongside the traditional string quartet repertoire, the quartet continues to rack up accolades and awards. 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

January 7, 14, 21 & 28

It's All Greek! Cultural Workshop at St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum: Learn traditional Greek dancing and how to cook Old World Greek dishes that are still a part of a healthy Mediterranean diet. Add to that an introduction to Greek language for a complete cultural experience! The 4 week session takes place each Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$90 for all 4 sessions, plus materials. 81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine 904-829-0745 www.staugustinelighthouse.org/education/folkworkshops

January 12

Sunset/Moonrise at the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum: Enjoy the sunset and moonrise from the top of the Lighthouse at 5:15 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

Full Moon Nights of Lights Tour by Florida Water Tours: Enjoy the view of St. Augustine's Nights of Lights, which will be enhanced by a full moon, on a Florida Water Tour cruise. The 7:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. tours provide a magical experience full of romance and holiday cheer. Admission is \$59.99 per person ages three and up. The tours depart from Camanchee Cove Marina. 282 Yacht Club Dr., Dock A-19, St. Augustine 904-827-7728 www.floridawatertour.com

January 14

St. Augustine Military Ball: This elegant, formal gala, hosted by Forward March, honors St. Augustine's proud military presence. A buffet dinner, complimentary open bar, music for dancing and a unique silent auction await guests. The event will be held take place

6-11 p.m. at the Mark W. Lance Armory. The cost is \$100 per person. 190 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine 904-794-2883 www.4wardmarch.org

January 15

EMMA Concert Association Presents: Telegraph Quartet with Pianist Simone Dinnerstein Pianist Simone Dinnerstein is a graduate of The Juilliard School. She has fast been gaining international attention as a commanding and charismatic artist and as one of the most compelling women pianists performing today. The Telegraph Quartet was formed in 2013 with a commitment to a passionate approach to the standard chamber music repertoire as well as contemporary and non-standard works. The performance is at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College, 2-4:30 p.m. Admission is \$35. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-797-2800 www.emmaconcerts.com

Los Lobos Performs at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall: After celebrating their 40th anniversary with the cleverly titled 2013 live album *Disconnected* in New York City, the hard working, constantly touring Los Lobos – David Hidalgo, Louie Perez, Cesar Rosas, Conrad Lozano and Steve Berlin – leaps headfirst into their fifth decade with an invitation to join them as they open fresh and exciting new *Gates of Gold*, their first full-length studio album since 2010's *Tin Can Trust*. Doors open at 7 p.m.; performance at 8 p.m. Admission ranges from \$66.50 to \$46.50. 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-209-0367 www.pvconcerthall.com

January 16

I Have a Dream Walking Tour: In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, you are invited for a 1.5-hour walking tour where you will hear stories and see history come alive as you follow in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King and visit some of the locations in the historic district of St. Augustine that played a significant role in the Civil Rights Movement. This tour departs at 1 p.m. from Tour Saint Augustine. A portion of the proceeds from the ticket sales will be donated to the ACCORD Civil Rights Museum in St. Augustine. Tickets are \$12 per person and advance reservations required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 www.staugustineblackheritagetours.com

Ongoing In January 31

Nights of Lights Tour by St. Augustine Gold Tours: (weekend only private tours)

St. Augustine Gold Tours provides an option for small groups of people to take a private Nights of Lights tour aboard a quiet electric vehicle. The tours are narrated and personal in nature, with a maximum of six adults and one child per tour. The electric car allows guests to get closer to some of the Nights of Lights displays, especially those located on narrow or less-traveled streets. The tours are 45 minutes long and must be booked in advance. The cost for a private group tour is \$100. Individual bookings are \$20 Monday-Thursday. 6 Cordova St., St. Augustine 904-325-0547 www.staugustinegoldtours.com

Nights of Lights Boat Tours by Atlantic Water Tours: Step aboard the Sand Dollar and get ready to feast your eyes on one of the most breathtaking holiday visions you will ever see. Voted as one of the 10 best holiday lighting displays in the world by National Geographic, St. Augustine is a city alive with the magic that only lights can bring. Departure times are 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. from the Usina Public Boat Ramp. The cost is \$39 per person. 603 Euclid Ave., St. Augustine 844-426-2628 www.atlanticwatertours.com

Nights of Lights Boat Tours by SailTime Northeast Florida: Join us as we sail from Camanchee Cove Yacht Harbor to the Bayfront to view this annual event! A stunning display of lights to enjoy – we even put a bottle of wine onboard for you. Relax and enjoy the sight!



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Nights of Lights Harbor Tour by St. Augustine Eco Tours: Join St. Augustine Eco Tours for a harbor tour of the Nights of Lights. This one-hour experience is offered on stable and comfortable six or 12-passenger boats. No crowds and an expert captain make this the ideal trip to experience the illuminated city. Trips are offered nightly at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. by advance reservation. Tickets are \$35 per passenger. Reservations can be made online or by phone. 111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine 904-377-7245 www.staugustineecotours.com

VIP Nights of Lights Historic Walking Tour: (Friday & Saturday only) Enjoy St. Augustine's sparkling history up close and personal with a licensed tour guide and avoid the crowds. Learn about unique colonial folklore and holiday traditions as you take in sights like the opulent Lightner Museum courtyard, the Plaza de la Constitución, and the enchanting Bayfront - all amid the backdrop of more than two million dazzling white lights. This 1.5-hour tour departs from Tour Saint Augustine at 6:30 p.m. on select Fridays and Saturdays through January, and begins with homemade hot chocolate or ice cream. Tickets are \$18 per person; advance reservations are required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 www.tourstaug.com

The Tasting Tours Holiday Carriage Tours: Enjoy a 45-minute tour of the Ancient City's Nights of Light aboard a horse-drawn carriage as you sip on a lovely boutique wine. The tours depart between 6 and 10 p.m. and cost \$49 per person, includes a souvenir wine glass (\$149 for a private couple tour). The tour departs from 59 Cuna St. 904-325-3911 www.thetastingtours.com/holiday-tours

Rockin' Red Roadster Tour: Take the family for a fun 45-minute tour of the amazing lights in St. Augustine's historic district. The Tasting Tour's Red Roadster will be playing holiday music for passengers to sing along. This tour is offered at 6:30 and 7:30p.m. Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$10 per child (under 12). Reservations Required. 59 Cuna St., St. Augustine 904-325-3911 www.thetastingtours.com/holiday-tours.html

Nights of Lights Sunset Sail on the Schooner Freedom: Selected by National Geographic as one of the 10 best holiday lighting displays in the world, St. Augustine's Nights of Lights features millions of tiny white lights that create a magical atmosphere. The spectacular lighting reflects the city's 451-year history and illuminates the beautiful setting for lasting holiday memories. View it from the best seat in the house, on board the Schooner Freedom. Seating is limited. The cost is \$50 per person. Departs from the City Marina at 4:15 p.m. 111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine 904-810-1010 www.schoonerfreedom.com

Tour of Trees: Experience the self-guided tour of the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse to view the spectacular decorations in each room. The tour is free and open to the public from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. 110 Championship Way, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-543-5105 www.tpc.com/sawgrasseevents

Old Town Trolley's Famous Nights of Lights Tour: Explore St. Augustine's famous Nights of Lights in the cozy comfort of an Old Town Trolley Tour. Guests of all ages will delight at the festive wonderland of the St. Augustine historic area glittering with millions of tiny white lights. This 30-minute tour is an annual tradition, and it is sure to be a favorite holiday outing. Enjoy complimentary hot apple cider, homemade cookies and magical viewing glasses. The tour leaves from the Visitor Information Center and operates nightly through January 4th, then Friday & Saturday only January 6-28, providing continuous departures every 10-15 minutes from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$12.99 for adults, \$5.99 for children 6-12 and free for children 6 and under. 10 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine 844-388-6452 www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/nights-of-lights

Ripley's Red Trains Nights of Lights Tours: Ripley's Believe It or Not! and Red Train Tours are teaming up to bring you Christmas Magic this holiday season. The Nights of Lights tours run nightly at Ripley's Believe It or Not! starting at 6 p.m. until January 4, excluding Christmas Day. Tours are 6-8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6-10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Every Friday and Saturday night, enjoy old-fashioned Christmas Magic with a giant marshmallow roasting pit, face painting, balloon twisters, stage shows, story time with Mrs. Claus, a visit with Santa and more. These activities are free with your Nights of Lights train ticket. You can also enjoy no waiting in long lines with the purchase of a VIP ticket on Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting the website. 19 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine 904-824-1606 www.ripleys.com/retrains.

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All-Members Holiday Art Show/ New Year's Beach Blast Off

The Art Studio, located in the Cultural Arts Building Center at the St. Johns County Pier Park, will host a Holiday Art Show during the First Friday Art Walk on December 2nd from 5:00-8:30 pm.

Please come and join us as refreshments will be provided. A variety of art created by our members, such as paintings, pottery, beaded mobiles, sun catchers, and Christmas tree adornments will be available. These are great gift ideas for the holidays with the best prices on the beach! As a member of the Art Galleries of St Augustine (AGOSA), The Art Studio has become a destination to experience and enjoy art at the beach. This will also kick-off voting for the

People's Choice Award for best work at The Art Studio. Voting will continue through New Year's Eve and the winner will be announced just after the fireworks at the Beach Blast Off!

The Art Studio is also planning a special Open House for the New Years Beach Blast Off during the New Year's celebration on December 31st at the St. Johns County Pier. V.I.P. seating located just outside of The Art Studio will be set up for a spectacular view of the fireworks. Seats are just \$5.00 per chair, and we are currently accepting reservations. Please call or e-mail President, Judy Shaulis at: heyjude23@comcast.net / 904-671-5843.



Flagler Hospital Free Classes in December

Thursday, Dec 1st – 10:30 – Tai Chi for Cancer Patients, Survivors & Caregivers with Joe Asconi. Location: Cancer Education and Support Center, Suite 1010, Flagler Hospital, St Augustine. Hailed as a great way to improve and maintain balance, Tai Chi is low impact making it suitable for everyone. Class is held weekly. Walk-ins welcome! To pre-register or for more info: (904) 819-4693 or go to flaglerhospital.org

Thursday, Dec 8th – 1:00pm – Heart Health Class – Exercise is Good Medicine with Scott Hayford, MS. Location: 8th Floor Lobby Classroom, Flagler Hospital, St Augustine. Mr. Hayford will discuss how to exercise safely to best promote heart health. Refreshments provided. Walk-ins welcome! To pre-register or for more information call: (904) 819-4059 or go to flaglerhospital.org

Tuesday, Dec 13th - 10:00am – Kidney Disease Education. Location: 8th Floor Lobby Classroom, Flagler Hospital, St Augustine. High blood pressure and diabetes are the two most common causes of kidney disease. In this monthly class taught by a nurse, you will learn about the stages of kidney disease, its treatment options and how to best prevent it from getting worse. Walk-ins welcome! To pre-register or for more info: (904) 819-4059 or go to flaglerhospital.org

Tuesday, Dec 20th – 1:00pm – Wellness Class Series – Sleep Apnea with Lorrie Stone, Respiratory Therapist. Location: 8th Floor Lobby Classroom, Flagler Hospital, St Augustine. Proper sleep is as vital to us as air, water and food. Ms. Stone will describe Sleep Apnea signs and symptoms, and explain what lifestyle changes can improve sleep hygiene. Refreshments provided. Please pre-register to ensure adequate seating. Pre-registration or for more info: (904) 819-4059 or go to flaglerhospital.org

Wednesday, Dec 28th – 1:00-2:30pm – Restorative Yoga for Cancer Patients, Survivors & Caregivers. Location: Cancer Education and Support Center, Suite 1010, Flagler Hospital, St Augustine. This weekly yoga class begins with gentle stretching movements and breathing techniques. The practice of restorative yoga enables you to actively and fully relax as you enhance awareness of your body and breather, improve your range of motion, focus on your alignment and calm your nervous system. Class is held weekly. Walk-ins welcome! To pre-register or for more info: (904) 819-4693 or go to flaglerhospital.org

St. Augustine Beach Civic Association

by Bill Jones, President
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A November to Remember at the Beach

The Hurricane Matthew Recovery continues, the election has come and gone and the month of November certainly didn't stop there. We lit the Christmas tree at Pier Park, welcomed the biggest crowd ever at our Veteran's Day Celebration and we say goodbye to one of our police officers after 30 years of service to our the community.

Sergeant Joe Beaudoin was honored by several times this month for his dedicated service. Sgt. Beaudoin received a beautiful plaque from the Mayor and City Commission and spent an evening being appreciated and roasted by over 250 friends and colleagues. For the last few years Sgt. Joe was our regular traffic cop for the Wednesday Market and also helped out at several of our Music by the Sea Concerts. He was also one of those people that was a real life character and seemed to make friends with people no matter what he was doing. Joe is infamous for his good heart, mischievous smile and sense of humor and was liked both on and off the job because he is real and human. Joe will be missed by our vendors, shoppers and concert goers alike. We feel certain that Joe will put a new spin on traditional retirement as he enjoys his Harley, some deep sea fishing and watching his beloved FSU Seminoles. The Civic Association thanks you for all of your hard work.

The Civic Association was delighted to work hand in hand with our City to bring back a Veterans Day celebration to Lakeside Park. We had been asked last year to stand down as the City of St Augustine planned a large event in conjunction with the 450th commemoration. A handful of local Vets and their families indicated they enjoyed our event because we enjoy plenty of parking and a beautiful Veterans Memorial right here on the island. The result of this collaboration was a turnout of nearly 200 people that included many Veterans and was our biggest crowd ever. Thanks to City Event Coordinator Hala Laquidera, Emcee John Reardon, and the City's Public Works crew.

Surf Illumination was also a huge success. Amazing weather, a beautiful Christmas tree and a full moon provided some great ambiance as families made their way to Pier Park on November 18th as we ushered in the holiday season. Santa was on hand as kids enjoyed face painting, balloon twisting and more. While we are not known around the world like our neighbors to the north, Pier Park and A1A Beach Boulevard continue to become more festive each year. If you are a business or property owner on the Boulevard we encourage you to add some holiday lights. People love Christmas lights and we have a beach too. No reason we can't get in on the holiday tourism opportunity.

2017 Civic Association memberships are now on sale at The Wednesday Market, The Sunshine Shop, Tim's Wine Market and online at www.sabca.org Cost to become a member - Individual Membership \$12, Family and Corporate Memberships are \$25 per year. In addition to supporting our great activities your membership includes some nice perks. You'll ride the shuttle bus for Music by the Sea, Taste of the Beach and Surf Illumination for free. And when you shop and dine you can present your Membership card for discounts at over 80 local businesses.

In closing I thank you for your support of The Civic Association, It is a pleasure and honor to serve you. See you at Beach Blast Off and see you next year.



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Financial Focus

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Time for a Year-end Investment Review

With the holiday season upon us, you may well be busier than usual. However, by spending a few minutes reviewing your investment scenario of this past year, you can see where you've been, where you might be going, and what you need to do to keep moving forward toward your long-term financial goals.

So, as you look back at 2016, pay close attention to these elements of your investment picture:

• **Performance** – Reviewing your investment performance over time is important in helping you determine if you're on track to achieve your financial goals. So, in evaluating how your investments did in 2016, ask yourself some key questions: How did your investments do relative to their performance in past years? If there was a big difference, what might have accounted for it? Were your returns relevant to your long-term goals? In other words, if you have already established a return rate you'll need to reach your goals – and you should indeed set such a rate – were your actual returns “on track” to help you make progress toward your objectives? And, just as importantly, were your return expectations realistic, based on your investment mix and the market environment?

* **Investment mix** – If you are a diligent investor following a well-designed strategy, you probably started out in 2016 with an investment mix that reflects your risk tolerance, time horizon, and short- and long-term goals. But over time, your investment mix can change, even without your having done so on purpose. If you owned a certain percentage of an asset, such as growth stocks, and those stocks appreciated in price substantially,

they could take up a larger percentage of your portfolio than you had intended, thereby exposing you to a higher risk level than that with which you are comfortable. So now that the year is coming to a close, examine your investment mix to see if it needs “rebalancing.”

* **Contribution levels** – Are you taking full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan? Specifically, if you got a raise this past year, did you boost your contributions to your plan? The more you invest now, and throughout your working life, the less likely it will be that you have to play “catch up” in the years immediately preceding your retirement.

* **Mistakes** – We all make mistakes in every walk of life – including the way we invest. In looking back over 2016, can you spot some investment mistakes you might have made? Did you temporarily “bail out” on investing immediately after the “Brexit” vote, only to find, a few weeks later, that the markets had soared to record highs? Did you act on impulse and buy a so-called “hot” stock that turned out to be inappropriate for your needs and risk level? While mistakes like these might be costly in the short term, they can ultimately prove invaluable – if you learn from them.

We're just about ready to turn the page on the 2016 calendar. So, as you review your investment decisions for the past year, try to determine what worked, what didn't – and what you can do to improve your results in 2017.

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Computer Corner

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Holiday Emails

Greetings from Computer Professor

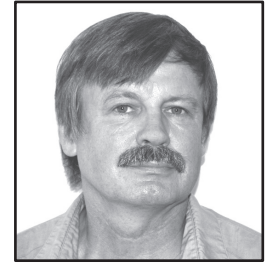
The holidays are here and this month's article will summarize important items touched on throughout the year; but still of very much concern to all computer users. Every year during the holidays, a flood of emails is sent with links or attachments all “of very high importance” - NOT. These can say they are from a friend, post Office, UPS, banks, your tax preparer, “Microsoft technicians” or any place the “bad people” think will fool you. It is NOT. Do NOT click on any links, open any attachments or call any phone number. If you feel nervous about a message from UPS or your Bank, then visit or call them using the phone number in the phone book.

Do not be afraid of the new Windows 10. Unless all your appliances, automobiles, and clothing are still from the year you turned 21, then you are used to change, and the computer is no different. I do advise to be sure to setup or get it setup “correctly”. Windows 8 and now 10 are blends of the standard computer and the

Tablet/smartphone craze. This basically means you need to setup an account, verifying your contact information, for the app section to work as it should. If you have a qualified person help, then they can help transferring information from your old computer, set up personal choices and appearance and demo the new things that are in your new computer.

All Windows versions prior to Windows 7 are no longer supported. This means no security updates from Microsoft or driver support from other manufactures. What does it mean to you? Any Internet access will be sparse at best; because your Browser it not updated with the latest security and your bank website will not let you in. Can you still type your novel or play solitaire – sure. Any non-internet related action is not affected at all. If you get a new computer and set the old one on the curb for scrappers, please remember you need to remove your hard drive, as that is where all your information is stored.

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Santa Suites 5K

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Again this year is the Community and Corporate Team Challenge. You can gather your neighbors, co-workers, friend and relatives to form a team. Receive bragging rights and a traveling trophy for registering the most participants. “This year's 5K will be the biggest one yet,” reports SAYS Executive Director Schuyler Siefker. “It is a wonderful family event and really sets the tone for the holiday season. We are so blessed by the continued community support for SAYS.” For more information or to register online, visit www.racesmith.com or email santasuitsontheloose@gmail.com for any questions. SAYS, a residential therapeutic group home for boys ages 6-17 who have experienced emotional trauma or abuse, is celebrating 27 years of serving children. 201 Simone Way, St. Augustine, FL 32086 904-829-1770, www.sayskids.org.

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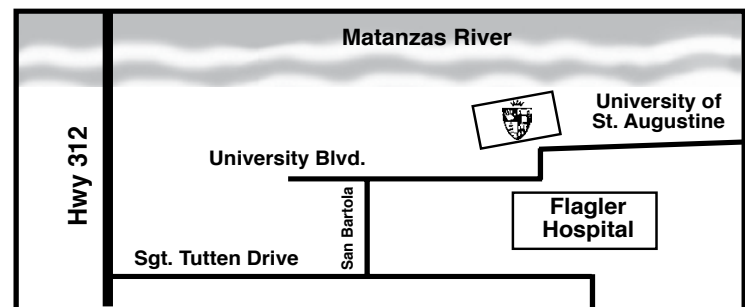
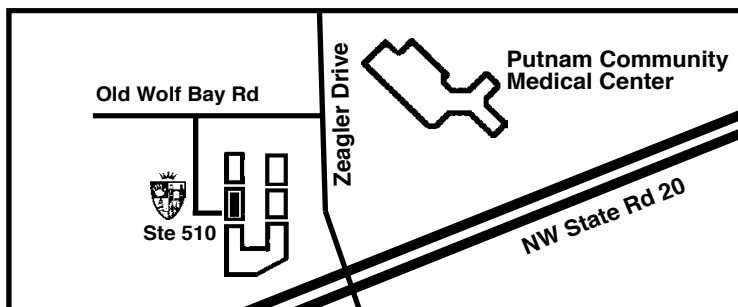
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North Florida Women's Chorale Holiday Concert

The North Florida Women's Chorale is excited to present its annual Christmas performance on Friday, December 30th, at 6 pm. The Cathedral Basilica in St. Augustine, 38 Cathedral Place, will host the concert.

The chorale is under the directorship of Kerry Fradley, also the founder and director of the St. Augustine Youth Chorus. Kerry is committed to her passion for leading the chorale in remarkable musical compositions. The chorale's accompanist, Kathleen VandeBerg, provides her boundless expertise and experience of choral performance to enhance each member of the chorale's devotion to performing wondrous music for their audiences. Featured in the concert will be a major work, Magnificat, by a popular young Norwegian composer Kim Andre Arnesen. His talent has created a Grammy nominated masterpiece for treble choir, string orchestra, and organ. The Gramophone magazine review of April, 2015, describes Arnesen's Magnificat as "warmly compassionate music which positively glows with its soaring, beautifully arched melodic lines....."



In addition to the Magnificat, the program will also include familiar and beloved carols and songs of the holiday season. An enjoyable portion of the concert is a joyous Christmas carol sing-along with those in the audience. The concert is free and open to the public. For further information, go to womenschorale.org.

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Turf Toe

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Turf Toe usually is an injury experienced by athletes but can affect many more. It results in pain around the big toe and its joints. There may be swelling, redness, weakness and loss of range of motion. But fortunately, it can be treated.

The joints in the big toes have motion in two degrees, flexion, which is bending the toe toward the ground and extension, which is moving the toe up, away from the ground. Tendons on the top and bottom of the foot pull on the bones to make this happen.

When the tendon, and sometimes ligaments, on the bottom of the foot are overstretched it causes damage, inflammation and pain. The tendon may be overstretched due activities causing repeated or excessive pushing off the ground, joint hypermobility or can be from joint hypermobility.

Sometimes turf toe is mild, will not cause much disruption and will heal quickly. Other times it can be quite debilitating resulting in the use of crutches and braces. If left untreated it may result in long-lasting pain and even prolonged loss of motion in the big toe. For these reasons, early intervention/treatment is best.

Early intervention includes rest, ice, compression and elevation (RICE). The tissues have to be allowed to calm down and heal. Pain management is also important. Physical Therapists will use modalities such as therapeutic ultrasound, laser, electrical stimulation and manual therapy. Once the pain is reduced, range of motion, strength and function need to be restored. Ultimately the cause needs to be addressed, which may include change in activity, footwear

or use of orthotics.

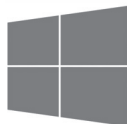
I can tell you from personal experience that this injury can cause a lot of trouble. The big toe is used more than one things for walking, standing and any type of weight bearing activity. If it is not happy, you will not be happy. If this is your case, neither you nor your big toe are happy, seek help. Getting help sooner is better than later. Again, a lesson I learned the hard way. Call us at First Coast Rehabilitation for help.

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