

NEWS FOR AND ABOUT RESIDENTS OF ST. AUGUSTINE SHORES AREA

St. Augustine Beach 2015 Surf Illumination



The Knit Knatts of St. Augustine at First Annual Shores Craft Fair by Pat Casper

We are a group of 10 ladies whose ranks swell with the return of our Snowbirds. Twice monthly we meet to share our passion for knitting in various venues. This is an informal

gathering of Multi National and Multi State gals who bring their talents and ideas to brainstorm. Each member has their unique project and there is a lot of diversity in the WIP. "Works in Progress." We come together in each other's home, the library at the Riverview House. local yarn shops, e.g." Fran's Knitting Boutique" and "Agape Yarn Imports", coffee shops and occasionally Safari to LYS (Local Yarn Shops).



Baby Blankets donated to St. Gerard Campus

This year we visited a yarn shop in Jacksonville and one in Orlando. This is a delightful way to meet shop owners to review their inventory and learn of their experiences in the knitting World. The shop owner in Orlando is from Estonia and knits beautiful beaded shawls that she donates to patients undergoing

Oncology treatments. Our finished products have been offered for sale in the Pena Peck House on St. George Street, local craft fairs and online. Just wearing a creation can prompt a sale. "Where did you buy your?" can lead to a customer and a sale. A priceless reward for the knitter.

Collectively, we choose a team project for a local community cause. We recently presented the St. Gerard Campus with 35 baby blankets and have donated lap blankets to a Brooks Rehabilitation facility. Our next project is in the works, something for the children to hug when they arrive at the Betty Griffin House. Continued on Page 5





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"Light Up the Bikes" at St. Francis House



The VeloFest Community is again provided and attached bicycle lights from 10am-Noon on Sunday, November 29th at St. Francis House, at 70 Washington Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Safety tee shirts and bike safety tips were also distributed. This initiative is sponsored by VeloFest.org and the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office to help make the roads safer for cyclists and non-cyclists.

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Shores Community Calendar

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

 Shores Recreation Association board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.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 meetings- March 12th, 2015- 6 pm Annual Meeting, April 7th, 2015- 6:30 pm, May 5th, 2015- 6:30 pm, June 2nd, 2015- 6:30 pm.

Get Your Copy of the Shores Observer?

The monthly Shores Observer newspaper is delivered free of charge to Shores Service Corporation Residents and other selected neighbrhoods in Southern St. Augustine by U.S. Mail. Additional free copies can be obtained from the Riverview Club office and the Southeast Library. Issues are available to download on-line at www.observer.vpweb.com.

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The Observer offers *free individual community classified ads to Shores residents*. Classifed 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 Shores Observer, 1965 ATA South #180, St. Augustine, 32080-6509. Or you may email your ad to clifflogsdon@att.net. Deadline for all ads is the 10th of every month for the next month's issue.

FOR SALE: 26-inch Schwinn bicycle in good condition. 904 501-8871.

FOR SALE: 2 Authentic Japanise Garden Seats in Blue & Gold. \$100. Oil filled Radiator on wheels by Deloughi. \$20. Cream Colored Tea Cart. \$15. Sculputers by Austin. "Girl & Boy" and "Baseball Player". \$20 each. Call 904-797-3298

FOR SALE: Golf Balls - 100 for \$20. Call 904-797-5447

FOR SALE: Nordictrack T5 zi Treadmill with variety workout options. Speed and calorie burner counters. Excellent condition. Try it before you buy. \$250. Call 904-392-9232.

FOR SALE: Maple dinning table with four chairs \$400.00. Wooden hutch \$200.00. Antique singer shewing machine base with wood top \$75.00. Wooden dressing table with mirror and chair \$150.00. Maple drop leaf end table \$75.00. Maple spindle head and foot board (double bed) \$50.00. Maple bedroom chair \$50.00. Wooden desk with chair \$200.00. Large Hess Trucks in boxes excellent condition 1990 through 2012 - \$250.00. Small Hess Trucks in boxes excellent condition 1998 through 2014 - \$150.00. Call 904-797-5893. FOR SALE: 2000 Miata LS, LSD, 1 owner, all maintenance records, excellent condition, nav system, sirius-xm, leather seats, dual exhaust. \$8400. Call 904-687-8703.

flooring. Urbanality #00115 - Broadway - one

entire box and a few extra pieces. Was used for guest bath in Greens condos. Paid \$100.00 per box. Sell for \$45.00. Laura Ashley queen bedskirt. Grayish/Green. Excellent condition. \$15.00 or best offer. Call 904 797-3736.

FOR SALE: HANGUPS conversion table \$100. Phone 797-2508.

FOR SALE: All wood console 24" TV with glass top \$350. White Microwave Oven 19' x 30 1/2" \$350. Hexigon Cocktail table with self on bottom 30" x 16" \$200. Call 904-794-5019

For SALE: Twin size padded frame bed in new condition one year old with mattress include. \$300. Call 904-325-5217.

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St. Augustine Shores Club News

December 2015 Riverview Club Calendar

ALL MEMBERS: December 5th HOLIDAY SOCIAL & DINNER

Saturday 6:00PM - 9:00PM Music By: Frank Saffi, Chairpersons: The Vantiem's Reservations: Tuesday 11/17 and Thursday 11/19/15 & Tuesday 11/24/15 *9-10am All Rec. Members and Houseguests- \$15/Outside Guests- \$25 BYOB December 30th **PRE-NEW YEARS EVE SOCIAL** (Finger Food will be provided)

Wednesday 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM Music by: NOSTALGIA

Chairpersons: Dennis & Kathy Salvati & Table # 5 Dance Members

Reservations: Tuesday 12/15/15 and Thursday 12/17/15 *9-10 am* All Rec. Club Members (& Houseguests -\$5 and Non-Members/Outside Guests - \$10.00*BYOB*

ACTIVITY MEMBERS: RUBBER BRIDGE - Friday at 12:30PM

BRIDGE LESSONS - Every Monday at 10:30am

CHICAGO BRIDGE - Must have a partner to Play, Monday at 12:30 and Thursday at

CHAİR YOGA - Every Wednesday & Friday at 10:45am. A gentler form of yoga for

those for whom balance is an issue. DANCE CLASS - Thursdays at 2:00pm. Dance & Activities Members Welcome. The

Holiday party will be held on December 10th at 1:30pm.

EXERCISE CLASS - Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00AM. Donation at door \$2.00, call Nancy Willis 794-1855 LINE DANCING - Every Monday at 7pm and Wednesday at 10:00AM MAH JONGG - Tuesday at 1:00PM & Wednesday at 10:30AM Writtens in the Shores - montings for Writtens in the Shores will be Tuesday the 9th @

Writers in the Shores - meetings for Writers in the Shores will be Tuesday the 8th @ 1pm. The chosen subject is to be "Passed right by and never knew..." There will not be a meeting on the 22nd due to the holiday. Rec. Membership is not required for more info please call Donna Johnson @794-0789

YOGA - Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00AM. Bring a non-skid mat & wear comfortable clothing (no belts or anything tight around your waist). The class is geared to all levels

To All Members of the Recreation Association,

If you know of anyone who should receive a greeting card, please call Cecilia Scully at 797-4816

SPECIAL NOTICE

Senior Expo @ Riverview Club January 7th Main Social- Friday January 15th 7pm-10pm. Ernie on the Keyboard

Phone Calls From Santa

The St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its annual Phone Calls from Santa event this December. Santa will be making his phone calls from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. nightly from December 8 through December 11. The program is for St. Johns County children eight years old or younger, or those who still believe in Santa. Parents can register their children from November 16 through December 4. Registration forms can be

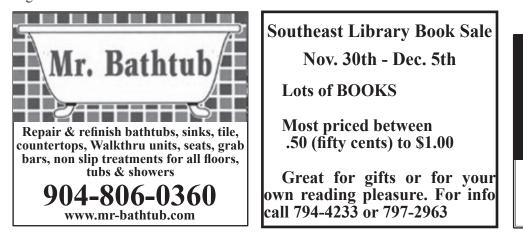


found at www.sjcfl.us/youth and faxed to 904.209.0321, emailed to jbaccari@ sjcfl.us, or mailed to the following address below. For more information about Phone Calls From Santa, please call 904.209.0377

St. Johns County Parks and Recreation at 2175 Mizell Road, St. Augustine, FL 32080.

St. Gerard Campus hosts 32nd Annual **Fashion Show and Silent Auction**

St. Gerard Campus is hosting our 32nd Annual Fashion Show and Silent Auction on Saturday, December 12th from 12 noon to 3:30 pm at the Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village. Fashions from Hartstrings, Men's Wearhouse, Shopaholic Boutique, Taylor Made Golf amongst others will be present. There will be raffles and door prizes and a grand prize drawing for \$5,000. In addition, there will be a fabulous Silent Auction full of holiday gift ideas, trips, gift certificates, baby gift baskets, event tickets, sports memorabilia and more. Great Christmas shopping! Join us for a gourmet lunch and a lovely afternoon while helping to support the brave teen girls that made the right choice to give life to their babies



St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation November 12th, 2015 Board Summary

The St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation's Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Vice President Jerry Zinn at 7:00 P.M. Present: Treasurer Claire Lorbeer, Director James O'Such, Secretary Rachel Diamond, Director Sue Chitwood via telephone. Excused Absences: President James Priester, Director Winston Burrell. Quorum Established

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

Approval of the Minutes – October 8, 2015. Motion: Treasurer Lorbeer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded By Director O'Such. Unanimous. The motion carried.

Treasurers Report - Read by Treasurer Lorbeer accepted for audit. General Manager Smith explained the decrease in operating cash and the increase in the reserve funds. Managers' Report - Joseph H. Smith III

Old Business:

Storm Water Drainage System Update - General Manager Smith informed the Board that the dredging project East of Valverde Lane and the peninsula work South of Viscaya Blvd. are scheduled to commence mid-December. The level of the water table has caused the delay.

Progress on Board Goals -

Curb Appeal – Current projects include rye seeding the medians, installation of fresh mulch around the RVF landscape, and pine straw for all flower beds, entrances, and medians. The directional drill project for the irrigation well at 506 Shores Blvd was moved out to the week of November 16.

Safety/Security - Smith presented a quote from Village Key for a new card access system for the RVF Pool, the Pier, and the Boat/RV Storage Facility. He presented the details. Total cost \$9090.00. We will solicit more bids for the project.

Operations - Dreux Isaac Reserve Study Update scheduled for November 17, 2015.

Action Status List Update - Secretary Diamond provided the details for an updated color coded list.

Committee Reports - ACC - Vice President Jerry Zinn.

The ACC sent a variance request to the Board. Kelley 125 Deltona Blvd. requests a variance for a fence installation. They would like to install the fence in front of the only door that accesses the rear of the property from the house which is located 5 feet forward of the rear of the house. Motion by Secretary Diamond to grant the variance. Seconded by Director O'Such. Unanimous. The Motion carried.

The ACC Committee held one meeting in the month of October.

21 Applications approved. 1 variance request sent to the Board.

- 2 retaining walls
- 1 driveway extension
- 7 fences
- 1 new home
- 2 pool enclosures
- 4 pool repairs
- 4 sheds
- Total YTD 130

Riverview Building and Grounds - Secretary Diamond reported that the walk -in freezer and a cabinet had been removed from the kitchen to create more storage space. She discussed the need for a non - profit rental rate equivalent to the resident rental rate.

She presented a new rate schedule for the activities at the Riverview Facility. Motion by Director O'Such to establish a third rate classification for non-profits and that the cost be between the resident rate and the non-resident rate based on the room rented. Seconded by Secretary Diamond. Unanimous. The motion carried.

Recreational and Social Organization - Vice President Zinn informed the Board that the Recreational and Social Organization has offered to meet and detail duties that need to be covered for all activities. They would like to offer this information to assure that the new rates cover any costs associated with the different activities.

Collection Issues - General Manager Smith presented some collection issues **Boat/RV Storage Compound** – Vice President Zinn commented on the goals of the committee. He informed the Board that we have engaged an engineer with Mathews Design Group to address the drainage issue. He discussed the benefit of a card access system.

New Business

The Deed Restriction Report was summarized.

Directors Comments Director O'Such commented on changing the fence policy.

Members Comments

John Grexa commented on the Recreational and Social Organization. He commented on the deficit of the RVF pool. He feels we should add .75 cents a month to the maintenance fee so the pool can be open to all residents.

There was discussion on Deed Restriction Violations.

Meeting Adjourned.

"I only want cremation."



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News Around South St. Augustine **Shores United Methodist Church**

Advent Bible Study

The Christmas story we know so well is really a compilation of accounts found in each of the Gospels. Each Gospel leads us on an Advent journey of preparation for Christ's coming. "Awaiting the Already," by Magrey R.DeVega, leads us through the Gospel narratives, showing what parts of the Christmas story come from which Gospel and helps us to recognize that each Gospel writer invites us to encounter a fresh experience at he birth of Christ. This study will be held every Tuesday at Shores United Methodist Church at 10:15 A.M. November 24th to December 15th. All are welcome to attend. Please call the church office to reserve your seat and book, 797-4416.

Children's Express Theater On Wednesday, December 16th at 6 P.M., the Children's Express Theater will perform "A Scrooge Family Christmas: A Christmas Pagent," followed by a Christmas Party and cookie exchange at 7 P.M. in the Christian Education Building. On that same night at 7:30 P.M., the Shores UMC Chancel Choir will lead a Christmas Music Sing-a-Long, for the community and Shores UMC family, in the beautifully decorated church sanctuary.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services Our Christmas Celebration culminates with CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES. On Thursday, December 24, 2015. At 5:30 P.M. there will be a familyfriendly contemporary service and at 7:00 P.M a traditional service.

Shores Methodist Church is located at 724 Shores Blvd, between the Shores Golf Course and Hartley Elementary, 724 Shores Blvd. Sunday worship services are 9 A.M.-Traditional, 11 A.M.-Contemporary, and Sunday School for all ages, PK to Adult are held from 10-11 A.M. More information is available on the church website at www. shoresumc.org. Rev. Randy Strickland is the Pastor.

Educational Programs for Children and Youth at Shores UMC

The Children's Exploring LIFE program has resumed at Shores United Methodist on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm, in the Christian Education Building. The theme this school year is "Agents in Action" and gives kids a chance to think of themselves as secret agents for God. Children from Kindergarten to 5th grade participate in Bible study, games, crafts and have a meal of pizza.

The Xample Youth program serves middle and high school children. This active group of teens is involved in Bible study, mission projects, fellowship, pizza, snacks and learning how to live a Christ-centered life. They also meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm in the Christian Education Building.

All teachers for both programs are trained and have had background checks. Both programs are free and are open to the community. Contact the church office at 797-4416 or visit the website, www.shoresumc.org for registration information.

Geranium Circle of the Garden Club Meeting

Geraniun Circle of the Garden Club of St. Augustine will have the Holiday Luncheon and Gift Exchange on Friday, December 18, at the Marsh Creek Country Club. Please arrive at 11:30 and lunch is at 12:00.

Writers In The Shores By Donna Johnson

The December meeting for Writers in the Shores will be on Tuesday the 8th. The chosen subject is to be "Passed right by and never knew ..." and, is suggested for this month's topic to write about on the 8th since the second meeting has been canceled due to the Christmas holiday. 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 more information call me at 794-0789.



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The Knit Knatts of St. Augustine **Attends First Annual Shores Craft Fair**

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One of our members has continually delivered courtesy bags of toiletries for women who might not have these items readily available. Individually we all support our local community

in one fashion or another.

Knitting is somewhat addictive and has many health benefits You cannot eat and knit at the same time. It improves cognitive functions; is relaxing and meditative Google "The meditative. Google Benefits of Knitting." You will be surprised at all of the side advantages. And, yes real men do knit; Rosie Greer, a young Russell Crowe. David Arquette and designer Stephen West are some listed.

Knitting indeed will enhance your life in so many



ways that is enjoyable, rewarding and it is practiced Worldwide. There are several knitting blogs that draw an audience from every corner of the World to communicate with fellow knitters. So grab those needles, tax those neurons and lose yourself in our World.

> The Craft Fair was held Sunday October 25th from 1pm to 4pm inside the St. Augustine Shore Service Corporation Riveriew Club ballroom. The event was sponsored by the St. Augustine Shores Reacation Association and planned to be held annually. There was a variety of local hand make craft displays.

Wild Flower Meadow Group

by Cindy Taylor

Most of the fall blooms have come and gone, except for the bushy aster. Their tiny light blue blossoms remind me of an early snowfall that sprinkle tiny flakes across

the tops of whatever is growing. Only the bushy asters don't melt into the ground, at least they haven't at the time of this writing early in November.

Fall is when seeds ripen, fall to the ground, and the wild flower meadow has a profusion of seed heads now. When sunlight shines on them just right, it's easy to imagine they're flowers in bloom and in a way they are. There's more to wild flowers than the blossoms. There are what we call 'gone-byes" (seed heads) in the fall and buds in the spring.

Fall is when the wild grasses

display their fall colors in their version of seed heads. In the meadow there are



muhly and love grasses with burgundy inflorescence. The tall clumping grasses are varieties of blue stems.

Again this year our thanks to the anonymous donor who gifted the meadow with a check to help support the care and maintenance of the meadow

Our group meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 by the Riverview Club House. Our goal is to care for the wild flower meadow, learn about native plants, and what grows in this location. We occasionally visit state and county parks and welcome newcomers. We're an informal group without officers or dues and hope you will join us. Call Claire at 794-7473 for more information.





News From Around St. Johns County "Understanding The Civil War"

Discussion Group Meeting

The monthly meeting of the "Understanding The Civil War" Discussion Group will be held on Tues, Dec 1, 2015 at 1pm at the Anastasia Island Branch Public Library in the Seagrove Subdivision on Rt A1A South. The topic will be: "Lincoln Demonstrates Massive Grasp of Federal Power Thru Legislation". The meeting is open to the public. For more information please email Charlie Smith at: smithc32@bellsouth.net

St. Augustine Travel Club

European Christmans Markets With the holiday season approaching, we will be "traveling" to Europe to be part of the famous Christmas Markets.

The travel club meeting will be on Wednesday, December 9, at 3:00pm, at the Southeast Branch Public Library, 6670 U. S. Highway 1 South. If you have any questions, contact Peter at 904 797-3736.

Travel Club Cruise

The St. Augustine Travel Club will again be sailing the seas on Saturday, April 9 - 16, 2016, on the beautiful Carnival Valor out of Port Canaveral to the ports of Amber Cove, Dominican Republic; St. Thomas, USVI; San Juan, Puerto Rico and Grand Turk for a 7-day cruise. While our allotment is already sold out, we still can obtain cabins at prices starting from \$730.89 per person, double occupancy, for inside cabin, inclusive of all port fees and taxes. Book now with a \$250 pp deposit and see what promotional amenities may be available. Call Peter Dytrych, St. Augustine Travel Club at (904) 797-3736 for more information and reservations.

Temple Bet Holds Annual Brunch & Card Party

Temple Bet Yam of St. Augustine will host its ever-popular Brunch and Card Party at Marsh Creek Country Club on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, from

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Join in your favorite game -- Mah Jongg, Bridge, Scrabble, Rummy Q, Poker, to name a few. Mimosas, mini scones and coffee will start the morning and a delicious buffet lunch will be served at noon. The ticket donation is \$30.00. For information and reservations, please call. Bernice 471-5016 or Shelly 471-8891 by December 28th.



Mainly Books Book Store Holiday Sale

Mainly Books Book Store, operated by Friends of the Main Library St. Augustine, will hold a Holiday Sale from Monday, November 30 through Thursday, December 31, 2015. Gently-read and like-new books, suitable for gift giving, have been carefully selected from generous community donations and will be on sale for \$2.00 each. Mainly Books also offers store gift certificates, Friends logo aprons and tote bags, music CDs, DVDs and audio books, as well as a selection of reading glasses. Mainly Books is located under the red and white striped awning in the foyer of the Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd.

Mainly Books is open Monday through Saturday from 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. Friends of the Main Library St. Augustine is dedicated to providing funding support for the Main Library and proceeds from this book sale will be used to help meet its needs.

For more information contact Friends President, Toni Siriani, at Toni825@hotmail. com or the Main Library at 904-827-6940. Follow Friends on Facebook/Friends of the Main Library St. Augustine.

Sandbar Santas Charity Fish Fry

Wednesday, December 16th 4-8 p.m. The Sandbar Pub, 7025 A1A South

Featuring celebrity bartenders and a fried fish dinner with all the trimmings for just \$10. All Proceeds from the fish fry and all tips will go to the Council On Aging to provide a special Christmas for area elders. Whether you've been naughty or nice, don't miss the FUN! For info, call Jeannie Berger @ 461-4671.

FREE Picture with Santa at Journey of Faith Christain Church

What child isn't already imagining Christmas and what parent doesn't want to capture memories of their child's excitement?

Christmas is about making dreams come true and needs being met. It a season filled with anxiety and high costs. One local church seeks to help reduce the holiday stress while providing long-lasting memories.

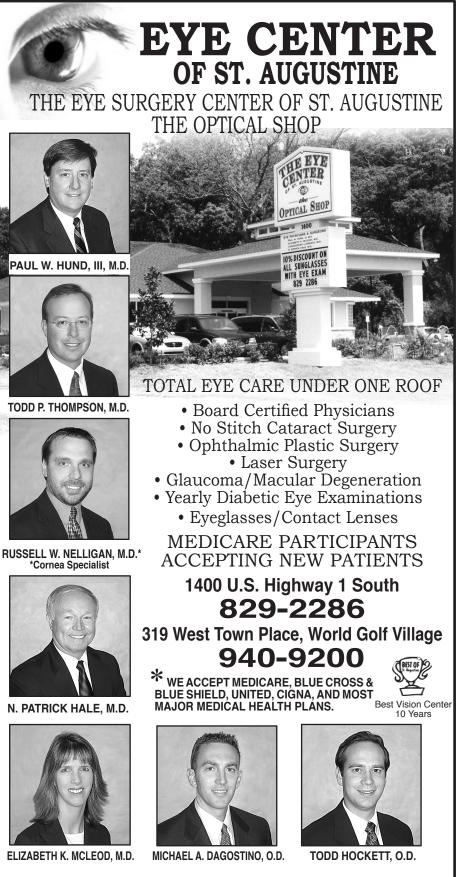
On Sunday, December 12, Journey of Faith Christian Church will host Santa and Mrs. Claus for a FREE picture taking opportunity.

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Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on site from 3-6 pm. Parents are invited to bring their own camera to take personal photographs, but the church will also provide a FREE family keepsake photograph to take home.

While reservations are not necessary, the church highly encourages them. To schedule a reservation, simply go online to www.

journeyoffaithcc.org and click the icon "Photo With Santa" beginning November 29. The church is located at 3670 US 1 South, Suite 130 in Moultrie Commons. Additional information may be obtained at www.journeyoffaithcc.org



St. Johns County Offers 2016 On-Beach Parking Passes at Discounted Rate

St. Johns County, Fl - St. Johns County is offering 2016 On-Beach Parking Passes began November 23. Prices are \$30 for St. Johns County residents and \$40 for nonresidents. Residents must present a valid driver's license with a County address or present proof of property tax payments in St. Johns County. Prices will increase March 2, 2016. Passes can be purchased at the following locations:

- Tax Collector's Main Office, 4030 Lewis Speedway
 Tax Collector's DuPont Center, 6658 U.S. 1 South
- Tax Collector's Julington Creek Office, 725 Flora Branch Blvd.
- Tax Collector's Ponte Vedra Office, 5430 Palm Valley Rd.
 Tax Collector's Hastings Office, 6195 South Main St.
- St. Johns County Beach Services Office, 901 Pope Rd.

• St. Johns County Ocean and Fishing Pier Gift Shop, 350 A1A Blvd. Handicap passes are available for \$20 and a vehicle with a handicap hang tag or license plate must be presented. Disabled veterans are eligible for a free annual pass and must present a military I.D. or a letter from Veterans Affairs. For more information about annual passes, please call the St. Johns County Beach Services Office at 904.209.0331. For beach access updates and beach driving conditions, please visit the Reach the Beach Mobile App or www.sjcfl.us/Beach/index.htm.



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Ballroom Dance Association Christmas Dance "Let It Snow - Just Not Here!"



Association members Tony and Jean Michael dancing the night away at a recent dance.

The St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association will conclude its 34th year at its Christmas dance on Saturday, December 12th. This elegant affair will be held at the Riverview Club, 790 Christina Drive, in St. Augustine Shores. Dance starts at 7pm and ends at 10:30pm. The theme for this dance is "Let It Snow-Just Not Here!"

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of gifts and thank you notes to the many volunteers who contribute their time, talent and enthusiasm to achieve another successful year. They worked to hire the bands, schedule the entertainment, decorate the dance hall, do publicity, handle membership, produce a newsletter, update the facebook page, handle reservations, keep the books, do correspondence, prepare the minutes, make the coffee, handle hors d'oeuvres and schedule dance greeters.

The ever popular Ray Mezo band will provide the dance music. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and coffee will be served at the second break.

Guests pay just \$15. Appropriate guest attire is a dark business suit with tie for the men and a cocktail dress for the women.

For an invitation, call President Hal Sommer at 904-823-0719. Or call Dennis and Mary Larimore at 904-825-4902. For more information, and to see pictures of recent dances, visit facebook.com/SABDAStAug.





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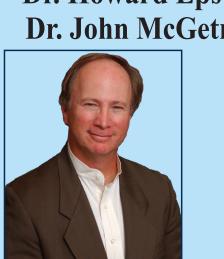
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Winter Spectacular Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the St. Augustine Winter Spectacular are still available. If you haven't purchased your tickets, you can still purchase tickets online as assigned seats through the event website at www.StAugustineWinterSpectacular.com. You can call The Dance Company at (904)471-4946 or email the studio: thedancestudio@bellsouth.net if you need assistance.

The St. Augustine Winter Spectacular, "the newest holiday production in the nation's oldest city" will be held on Saturday, December 5th in the Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College, 14 Grenada St., at 2:00 and 7:00 PM, following the St. Augustine Christmas Parade. This original production is a fun filled holiday show with music and dancing, precision kick lines and acrobatics sure to delight the entire family! Last year the production introduced Aerial Athletes for the first time ever on a St. Augustine stage and entranced the audience with beautiful flowing silks and aerial acrobatics.

The St. Augustine Winter Spectacular, written and directed by Stephanie Burkhardt, is presented by The Dance Company, the premier dance studio in St. Johns and surrounding counties. The Dance Company is a non-profit dance studio that has been providing strong technical and artistic dance training for well over 20 years. Through offering scholarships, tuition assistance, community performances, and volunteer efforts, The Dance Company is a civic-minded organization that recognizes the importance of working within the community. The Dance Company is located next to the St. Augustine Beach pier at 370 A1A

The Dance Company is located next to the St. Augustine Beach pier at 370 AIA Beach Blvd, St. Augustine Beach and trains approximately 300 students in the art of dance. Look for "The Dance Company" on Facebook and on Twitter and Instagram (a) tdc_thedanceco.



New Ideas for Success

•Out of the Box Suggestions

St. Augustine Beach Civic Association by Bill Jones, President

www.thecivicassociation.com

What is Your Energy Used for?

The last year has been an interesting one both personally and as President of the Civic Association. In life we all encounter people that look for what's wrong instead of what's right. It happens for a multitude of reasons, Some people just choose to be unhappy while others get sucked into things by negative people in their lives. Then there are a few that are just evil. Since this column falls in midst of the holiday season I wanted to give those people a gift. A few reasons why we should be excited about the great community we live in.

Music by the Sea - despite two rainouts the Music by the Sea Concert Series added two weeks to it's schedule and now provides free entertainment to tourists and locals for nearly half the year! With the help of Sax Taxi & Shuttle we were also able to implement a shuttle bus program for the entire series. This helped alleviate some of the parking pressure at Pier Park.

Taste of the Beach was moved from May to October. Thanks to a stellar effort by our event Co-Chairs Barbara Kleisler, Lois Toonder and nearly three dozen volunteers we raised \$6800 for the Betty Griffin House to assist in the support and care of victims of domestic violence

Height Limit - While there is still a difference of opinion about where to start measuring from it seems that no one wants this City to become a Daytona or Virginia Beach. We all seem to agree that high rises are not good for our beach! Kudos to our The City Commission seems to be working cooperatively to educate the community on the applicable laws and regulations that could have a tremendous impact on our City and beach Boulevard.

Surf Illumination - at deadline this event

was still a few days away but we are so pleased that we were able to partner with Saint Johns County Parks and Recreation to make this free family fun event happen. This event was moved to the 3rd Friday in November to coincide with the beginning of the world famous Nights of Lights Festival in Saint Augustine. This event could not happen without the great work of our Event Coordinator Ms. Nico Recore and the cooperation and support of both the Saint Augustine Beach Public Works and Police Departments.

1/2 penny Sales Tax to build schools -Kudos to everyone that recognized that in order to maintain our position as the very best school system in the state of Florida! Mark and Alecia Bailey are well known in our community and they took on a monumental task that was a little different for them. When a business owner jumps into an issue like a tax increase they take a risk. The Bailey's along with a host of many others worked hard raising awareness, educating the community and even went door to door letting people know just how vital our great schools are to the success and future of our community. The community responded in a very big way. We are all better for the capital improvements that are coming for our students.

I could go on but instead will challenge those who spend too much of their time and energy on the negative. Make a 2016 resolution to help instead of hinder. When you get that urge to complain just stop and ask yourself "what can I do to make things better?". You see its easy to show up at a meeting once a month and second guess the other guy or gal. The hard work and the greatest rewards come when you actually get involved. Happy Holidays and see you next year at the beach!



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The Art Studio

of St. Augustine Beach by Susan Stone www.beachartsstudio.com

Holiday Art Show/New Year's Beach Blast Off

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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 4th 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, painted furniture, 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!

Computer Corner

By Gary Herrick, Computer Professor 904-377-6785 mainely2@bellsouth.net

Windows 10 Conversion Issues

Greetings from Computer Professor

This is the final update on windows 10 conversion – this article is on safe conversion techniques only, send me emails (mainely2@bellsouth.net cell 904-377-6785) with questions about operations of windows 10 and I will include answers to the most popular questions in my future articles.

There have been many safe conversions to Windows 10 and a few disasters; here is how to avoid those disasters:

Clicking the "Get Windows 10" icon in the lower right of your screen (you only have this for a windows 7 and above operating system) contains a PC compatible report available for your system, check this out first. Do NOT click on the upgrade button at this time.

The report available in step one is a long way away from knowing you will have a smooth upgrade, next go to the manufactures website for your computer (i.e. www.hp.com), usually at the top of the screen there will be a link named support. Follow this link and look for a section that says drivers. You should be able to either see a comment about Windows 10 or see where you can select drivers for Windows 10. If driver are available then the upgrade should succeed. Some of the failures came from trying to upgrade to Windows 10 when it was listed at the manufacture website the system was not tested for or



would not work for Windows 10.

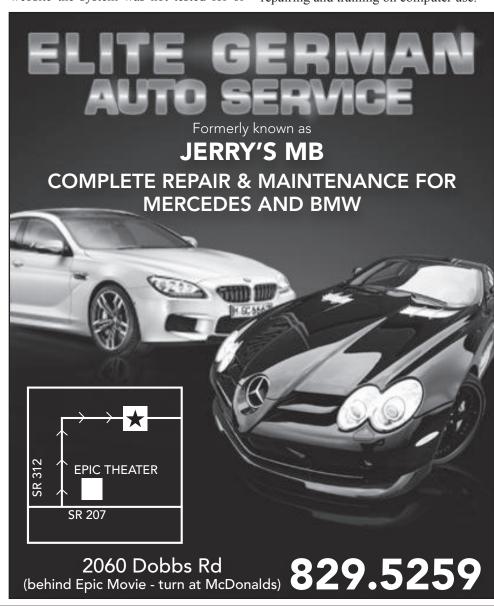
Your computer needs to be in good operating shape. All recommended Windows updates have been installed, no viruses, malware or failing hard drives. If your computer is having problems, slow down and freezing from a bad hard drive it is a good chance the upgrade will fail and reverting back will NOT be an option, all will be lost.

It is true if you upgrade and don't like it, you can revert back within 30 days, but if your upgrade fails you could lose all your files and installed programs. The safe method would be to also include backing up all your personal data and make sure you have the originals CDs to reinstall your programs before attempting a Windows upgrade.

Before upgrading, make sure you have checked with the manufacture website for any printer and other peripheral you have attached to your computer for a Windows 10 driver, most computers will need to reload or update the printer driver.

I wish you all the best of luck; this is an easy operating system to use once you have learned how to use it. So learn how to use it and have fun.

I have been asked a lot if I work on computers, the answer is yes, this is my business since before the first consumer computer hit the market I have been repairing and training on computer use.



proactively help their neighbors - and the communities where they live and work - to build a better, brighter future. With contributions exceeding \$8 million since its founding in 1992, the Mazda Foundation is playing a meaningful role in helping thousands of Americans realize their aspirations and dreams. It's also important to note that programs the Mazda Foundation supports range from children's organizations and educational scholarships to food banks, environmental programs and crucial disaster relief efforts. To lean more, visit Mazdafoundation.org. Betty Griffin House received a \$10,000 grant from the Mazda Foundation (USA) to

Betty Griffin House received a \$10,000 grant from the Mazda Foundation (USA) to support the Outreach Therapy Program. Confidential individual and group counseling will be provided in four underserved areas within St. Johns County. These areas include Hastings, St. Augustine, Julington Creek and Ponte Vedra. If you, or someone you know, is a survivor of domestic or sexual abuse, Betty Griffin House now offers safe, confidential counseling and case management in the Julington Creek, Ponte Vedra and Hastings area. Please call the Outreach Center at (904) 808-8544. You may also contact the 24-hour hotline at (904) 824-1555.

Betty Griffin House Receives \$10,000

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Through the Mazda Foundation, Mazda and its employees are working together to

Betty Griffin House is the only center in St. Johns County that has been providing free services to all victims of domestic and sexual abuse for the past 25 years. BGH currently provides a wide range of services within St. Johns County that includes Safe & Secure Shelter, 24-Hour Hotline, Sexual Assault Recovery Services, Rape Crisis Unit, Confidential Counseling, Transitional Housing, Support Groups, Peace Club, Legal Assistance, Court/Individual Advocacy, Community Education/Training and Thrift Shoppes which are used as a resource for participants and a source of funds from community donations.

For more information or to make a donation, please visit our website at www. bettygriffinhouse.org. You may also like us on Facebook.

SJR State Inducts 23 Members into Honor Society

The St. Johns River State College Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recently held its fall induction ceremony at the St. Augustine campus. PTK recognizes and encourages scholarship by providing two-year college students with opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship activities. Inductees are required to have completed 12 credit hours at a two-year institution and maintain a 3.5 grade point average.

Alpha Xi Eta Chapter President Anne Marie Widener greeted attendees and introduced special guests, and faculty co-advisor James McCaughern-Carucci gave the welcoming address. Melanie Brown, Ph.D., executive director of the St. Augustine campus, was the guest speaker.

In addition to the induction of new members and officers, faculty co-advisor Kim Hakala explained the purpose and history of the honor society. PTK officers provided an explanation of the regalia, and co-advisor Allison Montero discussed PTK's activities and programs.

Chapter members inducted were: Michelle Allison, Jacob Bairen, Joseph Bonura, Charisse Clark, Monique Corrigan, Morgan Dashiell, Gianluca Dimieri, Cassidy Gatewood, Monica Greatorex, Paige Hurd, Bobby Lingold, Preston Loveday, Jacob Mauser, Taylor McKenzie, Justin McQuillen, Alexis Moeller, Kelsey Murphy, Shaya Oliver, Lucy Phipps, Brooke Santagato, Ashley Sheller, Jessica Suckow and Zoe Waldron.

Many students, such as SJR State alumnus Tristan Hood, now a student at Brown University, believe that PTK involvement largely contributes to their success. Hood recently wrote to Hakala, "While my military service and private business played a role in getting me accepted (to Brown), I have learned that my involvement with PTK, my school and my grades seemed to hold a lot of weight. I remember telling students, who were considering joining PTK, that it looks great on a resume or application. I am so grateful to know and write that this is true. The fact is, a very large portion of Brown's decision to admit me was based upon academic merit and PTK." 11

Art Galleries of Saint Augustine to participate in the 22nd Annual Nights of Lights

Art Galleries of Saint Augustine, an association of 30 local artist-owned galleries, businesses, exhibition halls and museums, will participate in the City of St. Augustine's 22nd year of Nights of Lights beginning on Saturday, November 21 until January 31, 2016. Joining the City,



association business members will turn on their decorative holiday lights on Light-Up! Night when the Nights of Lights begins its 22nd year on November 21.

Art Galleries of Saint Augustine participation in the annual holiday celebration supports the event which is listed by National Geographic as one of the ten best holiday lighting displays in the world with millions of tiny white lights that create a magical atmosphere in the Nation's oldest city. Association members will display festive lights and a variety of special art exhibits in their respective

businesses. Much of the artwork featured is on display during the renowned, local First Friday Art Walk events held each month.

While the Art Galleries of Saint Augustine will light up their businesses during regular business hours, the formal City lighting starts at 6:45 pm in the city's historic Plaza de la

Constitución with music and decorations in grand holiday style.

According to Ginny Bullard, Art Galleries of Saint Augustine's president-elect, the best way to experience the Nights of Lights is to visit and support local merchants during the two-month celebration and beyond. "We are pleased to announce our involvement as the success of Nights of Lights largely depends on businesses and residents who voluntarily participate at their own expense truly making the St. Augustine a city of light," said Bullard. "Our association celebrates the many diverse and eclectic local, regional, national and international artists that flock to our beautiful city year-round. We serve as a vibrant art colony which has been in place for more than a century with artists, musicians, writers and art lovers from all over the world," she said. "We invite locals and visitors to join us in supporting and enjoying this festive time of year."

For complete Art Galleries of Saint Augustine listings, maps and brochure along with business hours during the Nights of Lights and regular days of operation, visit the website at www. artgalleriesofstaugustine.org or call 1-832.779.2781.



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"Food for Fines" Program Replaces Library Fines with Canned Goods to Benefit Health and Human Services Food Pantry

The St. Johns County Public Library System is excited to announce that it will once again offer patrons a way to lower or eliminate library fines, while providing much needed assistance to the Health and Human Services Food Pantry through "Food for Fines." The program runs from November 9 through December 19. The formula is simple: the donation of one item of non-perishable food will remove \$1 of fines from the patron's library record. If you have \$10 in fines, simply donate 10 food items, and your account balance becomes zero!

The following items may be removed via the Food for Fines program: overdue fines, charges for damaged items, debt collection fee, and inter-library loan fees. Fees for lost items, printing, faxes, computer guest passes, and other similar service fees are not eligible for the Food for Fines program. For a complete list, visit www.sjcpls.org.

"Public Libraries are often referred to as 'Community Centers, and that is never truer than during the holiday season," said Library Director, Debra Rhodes Gibson. "We offer many great programs for the whole family, and now we make it easy for everyone to help their fellow citizen in need. We look forward to this year being an even better opportunity for giving and generosity."

This year is especially important, as the St. Johns County Health and Human Services Department has noted a decline in food donations, greatly challenging their ability to meet current community needs. Last year, St. Johns County residents provided over 14,000 non-perishable items through the Library System's Food for Fines program. All food collected will remain in St. Johns County for the benefit of local residents. For more information, please call 904.827.6925.

Breaking the Mold

by Laura Alexander, PT, DPT, MTC First Coast Rehabilitation (904) 829-3411

I have been around Pilates ever since high school. I worked in a Pilates studio and took classes prior to becoming a physical therapist (PT). I knew of its benefits then but never realized how far reaching they were until I finished my PT degree. It was only then that I began to pursue additional education in this area, within the framework of my PT knowledge. It rekindled my love for this form of exercise. I was once again amazed how this simple, yet challenging form of exercise could be used to help so many people, healthy or recovering. Pilates helps strengthen muscles in a very gentle way, using low-impact resistance. It is so easy to incorporate into a rehabilitation treatment and the benefits are wonderful.

Pilates was developed by Joseph Pilates. He understood the anatomy and biomechanics of the body and incorporated this in his exercises. At that time, he "broke the mould" of exercise. Physical Therapist have gravitated to the use of Pilates and Reformer because of their own understanding in these areas, breaking the mould once again.

One of the many pieces of equipment used in Pilates is the Reformer. It is called the Reformer because it 'reforms' the body. It uses graduated resistance from springs to challenge muscles and promote strength throughout the body. The number of springs can be varied in order to increase or decrease the amount of tension. Exercises are done in a way to incorporate many muscle groups so as to develop strength,



coordination, and balance. This is what makes it so great for rehab as well as every wellness. One other thing it encourages is flexibility. Many exercises are very straight forward, such as simply sitting in kneeling on the Reformer sled, sliding it forward and back through the movement of your arms – all the while keeping a stable trunk.

So how can Pilates be used in rehab, everyday wellness, and who can do Pilates? The answer to the first question is so individualized it cannot be answered in the limited 500 words or less of this column. But the answer to the second question is "anyone". Whether you are working to increase athletic performance in school sports, wanting to improve your posture, or are even recovery from surgery, Pilates is most likely a great fit for you.

Pilates is able to work with various types of posture in order to help restore a normalized movement pattern by incorporating all movements of the spine. The "core" is called that for a reason. All movements must come from a stable "core" or trunk. Unfortunately, "core" stabilization is lost as we age, become less active, endure injuries or faltering postures, and more. Pilates can help improve and maintain core stability while enabling mobility. It helps tone muscles too, which never hurts.

I'm excited to be able to use Pilates at First Coast Rehabilitation and if you'd like to see what I'm doing, think it might help you, or if have questions, give me a call.

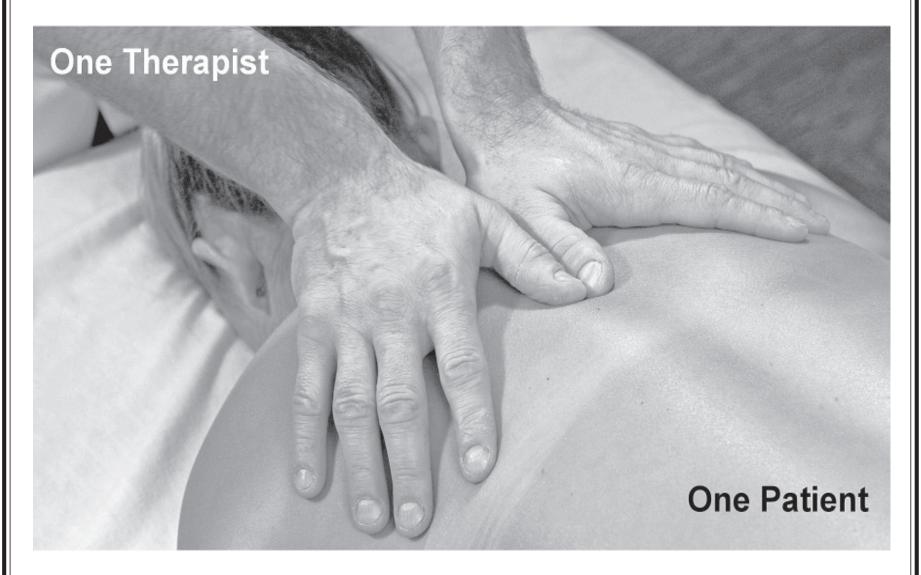


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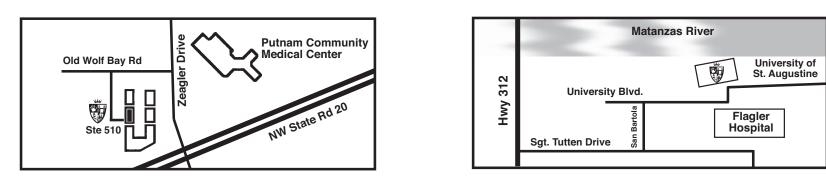




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Financial Focus

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Time for Some New Years's (Financial) Resolutions

The countdown to 2016 has just about begun. If you're like many people, you might be mulling over some New Year's resolutions, such as hitting the gym more, learning a new language or taking a cooking class. All are worthy goals, but why not add some financial resolutions as well?

For example Pay yourself first. Even if you aren't living "paycheck to paycheck," you probably don't have much trouble spending your money - because there's always something that you or a family member needs, always a repair required for your home or your car, always one more bill to pay. But if you are going to achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you need to invest consistently. So before you pay everyone else, pay yourself first by having some money automatically moved from your checking or savings account each month into an investment.

. Take advantage of your opportunities. If you have a 401(k) or similar plan at work, take full advantage of it. Contribute as much as you can afford - or at least enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered – and choose the mix of investments that give you the potential to achieve the growth you need at a level of risk with which you are comfortable.

... Focus on the long term. In the short term, you might be excused for not wanting to invest. The headlines are typically scary, the financial markets are frequently volatile and the future often looks murky. Yet, if you can look past the uncertainties of today and

keep your focus on tomorrow, you will find it easier to follow a disciplined investment strategy that gives you the opportunity to meet your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Don't be driven by fear. When the market is down, investors tend to react with fear. Specifically, they rush to sell their investments, afraid that if they don't "cut their losses," they might sustain even bigger ones. If you can get past this feeling, you may find that a down market can offer you the chance to buy quality investments at good prices.

Forget about the "hot stocks." You'll hear friends, co-workers and talking heads on television tout today's "hot stocks." But by the time you might hear about them, they may have cooled off - and, in any case, they might not be appropriate for your needs. Forget about "getting rich quick in the market" - it probably won't happen. True investment success requires patience and persistence.

Cut down on your debts. It's easy to pile up debts, but a lot harder getting rid of them. Yet, if you can reduce your debt load even moderately, you'll free up money you could use to invest. So look for ways to conserve, cut back and consolidate - it will be worth the effort.

Making these resolutions - and sticking to them - can help you as you work toward achieving your financial goals.

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St. Johns County Sheriff's Corner

By David Shoar, St. Johns County Sheriff

Holiday Crime Prevention

We are coming up on one of the most festive times of the year for families with the celebration of several holidays. However, joy and fun can quickly turn to disappointment and sorrow when someone becomes a victim of a scam, burglary or online fraudulent holiday shopping scheme.

At a time of year when most people are filled with goodwill there are criminals who relish taking advantage of it. Crime statistics always rise during the holiday season and I wish to pass along a few tips to help you avoid becoming a victim. Business experts tell us that again this year the number of people who shop online for gifts will increase dramatically and therefore so do the opportunities for those who use new technology to take advantage of unsuspecting victims. The cyber-crimes that become more popular during the holiday shopping season include fraudulent auction sites, resale of stolen or counterfeit gift cards and reshipping merchandise purchased with stolen credit cards. Do not become a victim. I recommend that if you wish to purchase a gift through an auction or classified site on the Internet insist on paying with PayPal or some other reputable third party payment service. That way your credit card number and personal information is not shared with the seller.

Most of you already know the safety tips for traditional retail shopping: take your purchases to your vehicle frequently and lock them in the trunk or out-of-site; carry purses with the strap going over one shoulder and the purse against your body



on the opposite side; carry billfolds in a front pants pocket; pay by credit card or check if at all possible: and if you must use an ATM always shield the keypad when entering your PIN and put cash away promptly in your purse or wallet.

Home burglaries are more common during the holidays and sadly the thieves target the gifts under the tree. If you are going to be away from home, leave some lights on and a radio or television to make it appear and sound as if someone is home. After the celebration do not put the boxes of expensive gifts out for street garbage pickup without first breaking them down and folding them so only plain cardboard shows so they don't become an unintended billboard for what you have in your home.

Holiday parties can be wonderful fun but please remember to celebrate safely and if alcoholic beverages are served, moderation is the best practice. The concept of "friends don't let friends drive becomes even more significant. drunk We will have impaired driver patrols out in full force to help keep your family safe during the holidays.

Whether you will be celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza or a holiday of another faith on behalf of all of us at the St. Johns County Sheriff's office I wish you a merry, happy, joyous and safe celebration and best wishes for the New Year. For any issue regarding law enforcement and/or public safety you can always contact me by email at HYPERLINK "mailto:dshoar@sjso.org" dshoar@sjso.org. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.







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