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St. Augustine Community Chorus Annual Masterworks 2017 Performance



The St. Augustine Community Chorus, under the direction of Michael Sanfilippo, will present its celebrated Masterworks concert featuring TWO GLORIAS: Vivaldi and Poulenc. This program features Shannon McKay, organ, chamber orchestra, and soloists Hannah J Mazur, soprano, and Regina Torres, mezzo-soprano.

The soaring, soul stirring majesty of these works are perfectly suited to the beautiful and historical Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine where the chorus will perform on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th at 2:00 p.m. Vivaldi's Gloria, written in the early 18th century, contrasts greatly with Poulenc's setting, which premiered some 250 years later in 1961. Listeners will discover both abundant contrast as well as some commonalities in these two choral masterworks which are dynamic standards in the choral repertoire. This premier concert is a culminating event of St. Augustine's Romanza Festivale of the Arts.

Concert tickets: Adults \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door, Children 12 & under, Students & military with ID \$5.00 in advance and at the door. 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.

The St. Augustine Community Chorus, under the direction of Mike Sanfilippo, 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 (continued on page 3)

Lee Weaver to Present One Man Play

"The Secret- The Spanish Inquisition in Old St. Augustine" to benefit Jewish Historical Society

Noted St. Augustine playwright and actor Lee Weaver, is bringing "The Secret - The Spanish Inquisition In Old St. Augustine" to *The Corazon Theater and Cafe*, on Thursday, May 4. Many have enjoyed the other three dramas in his Redemption Series: *The Box*, *The Witness* and *The Shooter*.

In "The Secret," Weaver portrays a Finder in the employ of The Spanish Monarchy and The Holy Catholic Church. His job is to "find" Jews, Moslems and bad Catholics and see that they receive their "just reward."

The St. Augustine Jewish Historical Society has long held that the first Jews to come to the New World arrived in St. Augustine, in 1565, with Pedro Menendez. Startling evidence, albeit circumstantial, put forth by Weaver is extremely convincing of this new understanding.

This information would set aside the old understanding that the first Jews in America came to New Amsterdam in 1654.

Weaver's drama has all the components of a successful stage presentation. It is a factually accurate portrayal of Old St. Augustine, a drama about family, love and hate, alligators and pirates, marriage, betrayal and ultimately, survival. Weaver presented "The Secret" in October 2014, at the largest International Drama in the world, The NYC Fringe Festival, where he received an award for "The Outstanding One Person Show."

A portion of the proceeds will go to The St. Augustine Jewish Historical Society. Curtain at 7 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm for food and drink orders from the menu. The Corazon is located at 36 Granada Street, St. Augustine, 32084. Admission \$20 - Students \$15. For more information please call 904-687-8779.



St. Augustine Youth Orchestra Spring Concert



Celebrate Spring with the St. Augustine Youth Orchestra at Memorial Lutheran Church, 3375 U.S. 1 South on April 29 at 2:00.

Selections will include Sonata in D Major, songs by John Lennon/Paul McCartney, Irish and tango themes. For more information on SAYO visit their website at www.StAugYouthOrch.org and on Face book or email Beth Joiner at: pier@bellsouth.net.

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St. Augustine Shores Community Calendar

The Shores Service Corporation
Shores Homeowners Association
(904) 794-2000

www.staugshores.org
• Shores Service Corporation monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are at 7 p.m. at the Riverview Club.
• Conquistador Condominium Board

meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Riverview Club.

- Fairview Condominium Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 4 p.m. at the Fairview Condo club house.
- Greens Condominium Board meetings will vary. Contact Steven Sheremeta at Sovereign-Jacobs at 904-461-5556.
- Casa Bella Condominium Board 2016 meetings- March 14th (Annual Meeting) - 6:30 pm, April 11th, 6:30 pm, May 9th, - 6:30 pm, September 12 - 6:30 pm, October 10th, - 6:30 pm, November 11th - 6:30 pm, December 12th - 6:30 pm.

St. Augustine South Community Calendar

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

www.staugsouth.com
Associate News Editor
Joan Nizza 904-687-8726
• SASIA Board Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month is the SASIA Board meeting at 7pm.
• SASIA Member Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month is SASIA monthly meeting.
• Women of the Moose-1101 - 2nd and 4th Thursdays "Women of the

- Moose-1101" meet at 7pm.
- DAV Meeting -3rd Tuesday of the month DAV monthly meeting at 7pm.
 - Vietnam Vets Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the month Vietnam Vets meet at 7pm.
 - Bingo - Every Thursday at 1pm except Holidays, light lunch, from 11:30 to 12:30. Open to the Public.

Officers

Theresa Nizza – President
Louis Zimmer – Vice President
Keith Rowland – Treasurer
Lynn Rowland – Secretary

Board Members

Lynn Rowland Theresa Nizza
Louis Zimmer Keith Rowland
Joan Nizza

Community Classifieds

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

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

Send your ad and payment if required to Observer, 1965 A1A South #180, St. Augustine, 32080-6509. Or you may email your ad to clifflogsdon@att.net. Deadline for all ads is the 15th of every month for the next month's issue. Free ads up to 5 items only should be sent.

FOR SALE: (1) Office desk 54" long by 20" deep, with shelf for printer, one pendaflex file drawer, and 2 compartments. Pull out keyboard shelf. Engineered wood laminate resistant surface. Preassembled. Only 3 years old. Like new. Office chair is free. AVAILABLE ONLY AFTER JUNE 15, 2017. \$125.00. (2) Blonde colored laminated wood (woodgrain finish) 2-tier storage cabinet. Dimensions: 71" high x 27-1/2" wide x 18" deep. Can see from picture the storage configuration. The bottom tier has the open shelf, a pull out sliding work area, and 2 file cabinet drawers that lock with a key. Like new. Hard to find piece of office furniture. \$100.00. (3) Side bedroom table, 4 drawer, purchased at Kirklands. Color: Whitewashed, pale blue, and gray. \$45.00. (4) Small table lamp - beige linen shade and white seashell base. Very pretty. \$25.00 (5) Canvas artwork - one piece, unframed. Hang as is. Pictured is a small island, sail boat, and the sea and sunset. Very attractive. \$35.00. (6) Nautica queen size quilt and shams. Like new. Blue and bone/white striping. \$40.00 Queen bedskirt velveteen will match this set but isn't part of the ensemble. Was bought separately. \$20.00 Can send pictures. Call 904 797-3736.

FOR SALE: Lazy Boy rocker-recliner. Beige fabric upholstery. Very comfortable but not too bulky. Only a few years old and in like-new condition. \$50 904-484-7486

FOR SALE: Clarks shoes - women's 6-1/2 M (runs a bit large will fit a 7), brand new, light gray denim slip on, Sillian Sune style. \$15.00 Call 904 797-3736

FOR SALE: Riding Lawn Mower – M.T.D. (Yard Bug) 8.5 HP Briggs & Stratton motor, 27.5 cutting deck, mulch or bag. Runs & looks like new! Ideal for smaller yards (fits in small space for storage). Recently reduced to \$350.00. Call 904-797-3777.

FOR SALE: 20 inch folding compact 6 speed bicycle made by Stowabike. Great for camping and outdoor adventure. \$50.00 (paid \$119.99 new). Call 904-687-9028.

FOR SALE: Havanese Puppies Affectionate, kid friendly, hypoallergenic, intelligent bundles of love. They will be available to go to their forever homes by May 1st Call for an opportunity to come visit them if you are interested. \$800. 904-794-4410.

FOR SALE: (1) Ladies bicycle, Townie Electric, Aluminum frame, Light green in excellent condition. \$275. (2) Utility Trailer - 4' x 8'. \$125. Call Val at 845-728-5557.

Community Chorus

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including portions of Handel's Messiah and other music; a mid-season Pops 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.

CLOSE ONLY COUNTS IN HORSESHOES- NOT LAND SURVEYS

(Steven Collins of Land Title of America)

I lined up the shot- a three-pointer from the other side of my office, over my desk, aimed at the trashcan under the credenza. I angled my stance, checked the wind speed of the A/C draft, and released the paper wad from my hand.... It arced gracefully to clear my workstation and was on target to drop through the rim without touching. Then the air conditioning kicked on and knocked my perfect shot out of orbit. The paper wad quickly lost altitude and landed on the floor-I was so close! My staff did not applaud. Close only counts in horseshoes-not in basketball and certainly not in land survey.

A survey on a piece of real estate can't be "close". A survey defines the amount of land you pay for (or will be paid for) and is the basis of your living space-easements and set-backs.

Get a survey before you buy. Even if you are purchasing within a platted neighborhood where colorful flags "outline your lot", get a survey. It can mean the difference between where you put your Jacuzzi and being in hot water.

The problem is, if you encroach on someone else's property, not only do you decrease their lot, you also throw off the set-backs they're required to have.

A swimming pool in the wrong place tends to water-down relations between neighbors. A poorly located drain field is even worse! When stuff like that hits the fan, amicable next door residents can become nasty neighbors in a hurry. No, "close" definitely doesn't count in land surveys.

Get your survey when you purchase, and get title insurance to cover any inaccuracy on the boundaries. There's a lot at stake. Survey errors can happen, but if you have title insurance without a survey exception, you don't have to pay to fix the mistake. Title insurance pays for the defense of your ownership and will pay for valid claims, such as an error on your survey. (The ALTA 9 endorsement will probably be a good idea also.) Be close in horseshoes, be close with your neighbors, but when it comes to putting up a fence, know where your boundaries are and follow them.



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St. Augustine Shores Club News

May 2017 Riverview Club Calendar

MAY DANCES - Dance Club Members: FREE, Guests: \$15.00/pp

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

Sunday, May 7th

Entertainment by Phil Farino

Hosted by: Phil & Darlene Van Tiem

RSVP at www.staugshores.org or call 904-794-2000



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

Friday, May 19th

Entertainment by Frank Saffi

Hosted by: Zorn & Olson/Lee

RSVP at www.staugshores.org or call 904-794-2000

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

Bridge Fridays 1:00 pm

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

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

Card Game **Calling All Card Players!** New card game group on Tuesdays, at 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Come and share your favorite card game: 500, Euchre, Pitch, Pinochle, Canasta, etc.

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

Chair Yoga Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:45 am. A gentler form of yoga for those whom balance is an issue. **New: 30 minute floor stretches after class on Wednesdays!**

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.

Exercise Class Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am.

Dance Class Ballroom dance class with Dennis, **Thursday at 2:00 pm**. Dance Class is FREE for Activities & Dance Club Members.

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

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 May 9th and 23rd at 1:00 pm in the Library – topic for May 23rd is "The Lemon" For information call Donna at 794-0789.

Check out the latest events at
www.staugshores.org

Upcoming Events at the Riverview Club

Early Social: Sunday, June 4th (6pm to 9pm) – Entertainment by Ernie

Main Social: Saturday, June 24th (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment by Southern Style

Riverview Club Events

Attention Gator Fans!

Gator Gathering featuring UF Ambassador Steve Spurrier.

Join the Gator Club of Historic St Augustine, the University of Florida Alumni Association and Gator Boosters: Riverview Club in St Augustine Shores. Doors open at 5:00 pm, Program at 6:30 pm. UFAA and Gator Booster Members: \$25. Non-members: \$40 register at <https://www.ufalumni.ufl.edu/rsvp/view/?id=1318>

St. Augustine Shores Service Corp. Annual Meeting

FRIDAY May 5, 2017 AT 10:00 am (Doors open at 8:00 am.)

PLACE: 790 Christina Drive, St. Augustine FL 32086

Please return your Ballot and signed Green Proxy via mail or to the office by 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 4th, 2017.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 904-797-6441.

FREE Introductory Fitness Pole Walking Clinic with Sheila Vidamour

Wednesday, May 10th at 12:30 pm - Meet in the ballroom of the Riverview Club.

Pre-registration is required: to register call 904-540-1067,

or email Sheila: walkyourpath406@aol.com.

Pole Walking is a fun and easy way to get a very effective and efficient total body aerobic workout!

Please wear comfortable walking shoes and demo Walking Poles will be provided.

Message from Shores President

Each of you, as property owners of the St Augustine Shores community, is invited to attend the Annual Meeting in May. However, if you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please send your proxy to establish a quorum or visit the Riverview Club to drop them off.

This year starting in July we raised the monthly dues to \$30.00 a month. The blame does not fall on someone, the blame falls on Matthew, Hurricane Matthew to be exact. With the St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation exceeding its annual budget by more than \$50,000.00, the St Augustine Shores Board of Directors thought long and hard, only to make that hard decision to raise the monthly dues an extra \$1.00. We, as a board apologize for this as it was the last thing we were looking to do. Also, we were hit with an \$115,000.00 bill to fix the fishing Pier. With so much that is negative, it overshadows the positive that has been done. Let's face it, Hurricane Matthew took its toll on the St Augustine Shores and we survived. I feel if anything this has made our community stronger knowing we can handle Mother Nature's dirty work and continue to function as a whole.

As far as our future, I believe with our strong drive as a board and willing committees will do our due diligence to continue to uphold our beautiful community and continue to strive to uphold the communities trust and backing. One natural disaster set us back financially for a moment but it can't set us back all together to what improvements we plan for our future.

James O'Such, President St. Augustine Shores Service Corp.

St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation

March 9th Board Meeting Summary

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

The St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation's Board of Directors meeting was called to order. Absent were Vice President Austin Dietly, Director William Ney and Secretary Sue Chitwood. The Invocation was given by General Manager Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Approval of the Minutes – February 9, 2017.

Motion made to accept the minutes of February 9, Seconded and carried.

Treasurers Report – Read by Treasurer Lorbeer accepted for audit. General Manager explained the decrease in the operating fund and the increase in the reserve fund.

Managers' Report - Joseph H. Smith III

Deed Restriction Amendments - Jeremiah Mulligan explained the process of amending the Deed Restrictions and detailed his position on analyzing the Restrictions before sending any amendments out for approval by the membership. He explained that the fee section of the Restrictions can be amended by a majority vote of those choosing to participate in person or by proxy and that all other amendments require 2/3's of a vote of all of the members with over 2000 affirmative votes. He suggests to amend the Safe Harbor provision of the Deed Restrictions that affects our ability to collect fees owed to the association in cases of foreclosure. This would require a large marketing effort and consolidation of the 8 individual units. He offered to draft an opinion letter to explain the process.

Discussion of Instructor Fees - Marcia Farrell requests to be paid \$30 per hour for teaching exercise and agrees to purchase liability insurance. Elsa Olson requests to be paid \$30 per hour for teaching belly dancing and agrees to purchase liability insurance.

Motion to set up a schedule or a prerequisite of how people get paid including a 10 member minimum of class participants and for insurance coverage and carried.

President O'Such stated that the fees will cover the salaries.

Progress on Board Goals

Curb Appeal - All benches on the common areas and along the trails have been repaired and painted or replaced. Landscaping improvements to the median at the new well along Shores Blvd. We are installing new mulch at the Riverview Facility.

Safety and Security - We have cleared some of the vegetation impeding the site line from Shores Blvd. to the tennis courts. We are on schedule to meet with DN concrete to discuss pouring a cement pad on the shuffle board court in Aragon Park.

Operations - We need to ratify email vote to include increasing the CAP on the maintenance fees and to not include the suggested Deed Restriction Amendments for sidewalks, satellite dishes, and fences in the annual package to the membership. Motion to negate the former action to include these amendments in the annual package and carried.

Committee Reports

ACC Committee – Variance request for 328 Deltona Blvd. to move fence 4' (feet) forward of the rear of the house to avoid tearing up the irrigation system control box and to avoid a stump, seconded and carried. Board Discussion The ACC held one meeting in the month of February. They approved: 6 fences, 1 new home, 2 pool enclosures, 2 pools, 2 sheds. Total approved YTD 315

Riverview Building and Grounds Committee – Motion made, seconded and approved to elect Nicolas Arocha as chairman of the Riverview Building and Grounds Committee and to elect Marcia Farrell as a member. Nicolas and his wife sealed and painted three of the clay pots stationed at the side entrance to the building.

Deed Restriction Review Committee – Comment on how the Board handled the review by legal counsel and notification of the changes on the Deed Restriction Amendments.

Parks Trails Open Spaces and Recreation – Strategy explained for the current year. There is still a lot of work to be done at the tennis courts. President O'Such stated that a meeting will be held March 31, 2017 to set goals for the committees.

Home Office Applications - Motion, seconded, and approved for 1 Home Office Application for 765 Bahia Drive for the purpose of a Boat Charter Business.

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

Directors Comments

Treasurer Lorbeer commented on vandalism to the handrail at the spillway.

Director Van Tiem asked for volunteers for the different committees.

Members Comments

The membership inquired about the pier and treks boards. Nicolas Arocha inquired about the new homeowner Welcoming Committee. Charles Bouton informed the Board that there was an error to the posting of the minutes on the web site. Lou Tracey inquired about the availability of contact information for the ACC Chair.

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- Retirement Party
- Memorial Service
- Engagement Party
- Office/Holiday Party

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News Around Southern St. Augustine

Flagler Hospital Free Quit Smoking Class

Here is your chance for a new start tobacco free! FREE six- week Quit Smoking class at Flagler Hospital starting Tuesday, April 4th through May 3, 2017 from 6:00pm – 7:00 pm. FREE patches, lozenges, and gum! FREE quit plan, workbook, water bottle, stress ball and more. Call to register and learn about more classes near you Northeast Florida AHEC (904) 482-0189

Are you ready for a fresh start? FREE Tools to Quit Smoking class at the Wildflower Good Samaritan Clinic on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Free patches, lozenges, or gum! FREE quit plan, workbook, water bottle, stress ball and more. Call to register and learn about more classes near you: Northeast Florida AHEC (904) 482-0189.

St. Augustine Travel Club

by Peter Dytrych

Our next Travel Club will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 3:00 p.m., at the Southeast Branch Public Library. We will be covering present-day Cuba. The presentation on Cuba will span over 3 Travel Club meetings, beginning in March, and continuing at the April and May meetings. The Travel Club is free to all St. Augustine residents and their friends and no preregistration is necessary. We look forward to seeing you to learn more about Cuba. Any questions, feel free to call Peter Dytrych at 904 797-3736.

Writers In The Shores

By Donna Johnson

The May meetings for Writers in the Shores will be on Tuesday the 9th and again on the 23rd. The chosen subject is to be "The Lemon" and, is suggested for this month's topic to write about on the 23rd. Come join us, you just might like us! Everyone is welcome and we would like to invite anyone who loves to write. You do not have to be a member. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, at 1pm here at the Riverview Club Library. We are a casual group who enjoy sharing their work and related discussion with each other. There are no officers, dues or requirements. All genres are encompassed. For information call Donna at 794-0789.

St. Augustine Genealogical Society (SAGS)

The speaker is Ann Staley who is a member of the National Genealogical Society, Assoc. of Professional Genealogists, Fla. State Genealogical Society, JAX, FL Genealogical Society and the Genealogical Speakers Guild. SAGS meets at the SE Branch of the Library at 1pm on Saturday, May 20, 2017. She will address the following"

May 20, 2017 – Presentation: The Everyday Life of our Ancestors

We sometimes forget that our ancestors had flesh & bones & stories to tell. Our ancestors led lives, just like us - only different. Using our life as an example, how can we parallel it to theirs? They ate and drank, married and had families, dressed, had trades and occupations, practiced a religion, dabbled in the arts and sciences, participated in politics and economics, etc. Placing our ancestors into their historical context & adding the personal details takes time, but it can be done.

- Placing our ancestor in a timeline.
- Finding Historical Context
- Home life, Weather and the Farmer's Almanac
- Ancestral Photographs, Postcards, etc
- What Did Your Ancestor Wear?
- Court Records
- Occupations
- Events of the day and the times

Temple Bey Yam Black Box Theatre Limelight "I Ought to be in Pictures"

Temple Bet Yam will be taking over the Black Box Theatre at the Limelight on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 6:30 pm. This intimate venue will be the setting for the Limelight's presentation of the Neil Simon hit, I Ought To Be In Pictures. Attendees will be treated to a range of delicious appetizers and the chance to bring home a host of amazing bargains from the silent auction featuring goods and services from local vendors and artisans.

Don't miss out. Contact Terre Wallach at 904-826-0281 or Carol Levy at 954-895-7332 for tickets. Tickets are \$30.00 each.

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Temple Bet Yam Events

I OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES COMING TO THE LIMELIGHT THREATRE - Temple Bet Yam will be taking over the Black Box Theatre at the Limelight on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at 6:30 pm. This intimate venue will be the setting for the Limelight's presentation of the Neil Simon hit, I Ought To Be In Pictures. Attendees will be treated to a range of delicious appetizers and the chance to bring home a host of amazing bargains from the silent auction featuring goods and services from local vendors and artisans.

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PIZZA AND BINGO – FUN, FOOD, and CASH PRIZES - a great combination! Temple Bet Yam's Annual Pizza and Bingo night will be held on June 3, 2017, at the Temple, 2055 Wildwood Road in St. Augustine. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. The \$15 ticket per person includes the pizza dinner and 10 games of bingo – 10 chances to win! Contact Carol Levy at 954-895-7332 for ticket information.

Habitat for Humanity of St. Johns County Malinda Everson new Executive Director

Malinda Everson has joined Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County as Executive Director. Habitat is a non-profit organization that builds homes, communities and hope in St. Johns County.

In her new role with Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County Everson will lead her team in developing Canopy Oaks, a new 18 unit neighborhood in West Augustine and will be active in the development of future Habitat projects. Everson comes to us from her most recent position as Development Director at the Betty Griffin Center. Everson has worked in the non-profit sector for 20 years as a professional fundraiser and has also served as Executive Director at Genesee County Habitat for Humanity in Flint, Michigan.

About Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County. Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County, founded in 1993, is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, International that originated in Americus Georgia in 1976. To date, Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County has built 133 houses for families in need. To qualify for homeownership, applicants must demonstrate need, ability to pay, willingness to partner and have worked or lived St. Johns County for at least one year.

Open enrollment for home ownership will begin April 4th, 2017, and continue through April 27, 2017. For more information on home ownership or to make a donation, visit <http://www.habitatstjohns.org/>.

Bible Study in the Shores

In-depth Bible Study on The Gospel of Matthew. This study will help you know Jesus better. Seeking 5 participants, ages 18 - 100 and co-ed... The class will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at my house in The Shores. If interested please contact Bill Taylor 832-443-2689

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News From Around St. Johns County

First Coast Card Club & Newcomers Club

First Coast Card Club

Tuesday, May 2nd - St Augustine Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St Augustine 1:30pm.

Wednesday, May 10th - Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach 1:30 pm.

Saturday, May 13th - St Augustine Amici's Italian Restaurant, 1915 A1A South. In Private Corral. Lunch: 12:30 PM then Cards. Please Contact Lea in advance if you are attending this event and how many guests are coming with you.

Tuesday, May 23rd - St Augustine Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St Augustine 1:30pm.

Wednesday, May 24th - Fleming Island Main Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island 1:30pm.

We meet more interested card players in our community each month. Please call Lea at: 904-829-0643 for more information and verification.

St Augustine Jacksonville Newcomers Club Of Northeast Florida

Saturday, May 6th - 1st Coast Harp Ensemble Music Concert, St Augustine 12 Noon FREE.

Tuesday, May 8th - Catch The Groove Contemp jazz, R&B, Blues, and Latin Music Concert St Augustine 6:30P FREE.

Wednesday, May 10th - Jax Symphony String Quintet Concert Ponte Vedra 4P FREE.

Thursday, May 18th - May Monthly Trivia Evening /Dinner Ponte Vedra Beach Restaurant 6:15 PM.

Tuesday, May 30th - Trail/Pier Walk Walter Jones Historical Park 6:30P Dogs Welcome On Leash.

Please Call For More Information On Events And How To Join. 904-829-0643/904-814-9612.

New Irish Pub at St Augustine Beach Harnesses the Simpler Style

Come check out the newest Irish Pub, Dan Murphy's Irish Pub, located at 4320 A1A S., St Augustine, FL 32080 in the old Wildflower Cafe building. Dan Murphy was a native of County Limerick, Ireland. A humble farmer dedicated to his wife Peggy and his dog Paddy. "Here at Dan Murphy's Irish Pub, we are bringing that farming way of life and family spirit through locally sourced fresh food, smiling Irish hospitality, dedication to building a family spirit at the pub through our staff and guests alike as well as plenty of free parking, said owner David Nugent." "My partners Eric Bremer, Carlos Davidson and myself wanted to bring the True meaning of a Public House to the Community!"

Dan Murphy also enjoyed a fine pour of Guinness every now and then as well, so come out and enjoy a pint at your new favorite pub. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days a week starting at 8am.

Flotilla 14-7 Announces Giveaway of 40 Youth and Child Size PFD's for NSBW



Pictured at ceremony (L-R): Vice Mayor Todd Neville, Commissioner Roxanne Horvath, Mayor Nancy Shaver, Commissioner Nancy Sikes-Kline, Flotilla Commander Libby Rattrie, Vice Flotilla Commander Henry M. Seiden, and Commissioner Leanna Freeman

The Flotilla recently received an award of 40 Life Jackets (Personal Flotation Devices) from the National Safe Boating Council. They will be given out on a first come first serve basis at this event, rain or shine. The life jackets will be fit to each child by members of the Auxiliary and Saint Johns Fire Rescue Department to children accompanied by a parent or guardian.

These members will be on hand to show how to fit and wear life jackets. They will have brochures describing boating safety equipment for the public. Boating Safety Checks will also be performed at this location by certified Vessel Examiners.

If you have need of a Life Jacket for your child and wish to participate in this giveaway, simply come to the Vilano Boat Ramp on Vilano Causeway, Saint Augustine, FL 32084, with your child for this event. Remember, it is one per child accompanied by an adult parent or guardian. Life Jackets save lives, use them on your boat for everyone on board and when at the dock.

The program begins at 9AM Saturday, 20 May 2017 marking the start of National Safe Boating Week. These brand new Safety Jackets are Type II and Type III USCG Approved devices by Mustang Survival and are designed for certain sizes and weight ranges, fitting kids from 6 to 13 years of age.

National Safe Boating Week will be May 20-26, 2017, and the City Commission presented the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-7 with a proclamation. Flotilla 14-7 Accepts City Proclamation Recognizing National Safe Boating Week, 2017.

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



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St. Augustine Area Guide

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

May 2017

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

May 1-4

The Fate of the Furious, IMAX 2D Hollywood Film - Now that Dom and Letty are on their honeymoon and Brian and Mia have retired from the game—and the rest of the crew has been exonerated—the globetrotting team has found a semblance of a normal life. But when a mysterious woman seduces Dom into the world of crime he can't seem to escape and a betrayal of those closest to him, they will face trials that will test them as never before. From the shores of Cuba and the streets of New York City to the icy plains off the arctic Barents Sea, our elite force will crisscross the globe to stop an anarchist from unleashing chaos on the world's stage - and to bring home the man who made them a family. Visit the website for show times and admission. One World Golf Pl., St. Augustine 904-940-4123 www.worldgolfimax.com

May 1-14

I Ought to be in Pictures at the Limelight Theatre - This was Limelight Theatre's first show, on stage 25 years ago. This Neil Simon play tells the story of a 19-year-old New Yorker who moves to Hollywood to become an actress and find her father, a screenwriter. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$26 general admission; \$24 seniors; \$20 students and military. 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine 904-825-1164 www.limelight-theatre.org

May 4-25

Guardians of The Galaxy Vol. 2, IMAX 3D Hollywood Film - Set to the backdrop of Awesome Mixtape #2, Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 continues the team's adventures as they unravel the mystery of Peter Quill's true parentage. Visit the website for show times and admission. One World Golf Pl., St. Augustine 904-940-4123 www.worldgolfimax.com

May 5

Steve Winwood at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre - For more than four decades, Steve Winwood has remained a primary figure in rock 'n' roll, a respected innovator who has helped create some of the genre's most celebrated achievements. Winwood burst into prominence in 1963 with the Spencer Davis Group and since that time his celebrated skills as a composer, vocalist and multiinstrumentalist have developed an impressive catalog of popular music. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; performance at 7:30 p.m. Admission ranges from \$104-\$54. 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 www.staugamphitheatre.com

A Little Night Music: Romanza Festivale Opening Cinco de Mayo Concert - Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a free concert at St. Augustine's Plaza de La Constitucion. Luis Mario Peral brings his Latin-flavored music to the Plaza as the opening performance of the Romanza Festivale of the Arts celebrating Cinco de Mayo. The Concert takes place 5:30 to 7 p.m. St. George St. and Cathedral Pl. www.romanzastaugustine.org

Changing of the Guard - Wearing the distinctive blue coats of the 18th century Spanish soldier members of San Agustin Garrison march into place for the Changing of the Guard. They Guard is dismissed for the night, but not before their replacements arrive and are ready to take over the duty of guarding Governor's House Cultural Center & Museum, the home of the Spanish Governor and the seat of power. This reenactment takes place 7-7:30 p.m. and is one of the opening events of the ten-day Romanza Festivale and occurs in front of Governor's House Cultural Center & Museum on the Plaza. www.romanzastaugustine.org

May 5-14

St. Augustine's Romanza Festivale of the Arts - This extraordinary arts and culture festival is presented by our community. Top local and regional talent showcase why St. Augustine is the First Coast's cultural epicenter. An abundance of existing cultural organizations and businesses cluster productions together once a year to showcase the community's talents. Visit the website for a schedule of events throughout various locations in St. Augustine. 904-315-8061 www.romanzafestivale.com

May 5-28

Go Figure Exhibition - Interpretations of the human form lend personality to this juried exhibition of gesture drawings, anatomy studies, formal portraits, sculptures and figures in the landscape and interiors at the St. Augustine Art Association. 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

May 6

First Coast Tour de Cure - Since 1991, Tour de Cure riders have raised funds to help advance the mission and move closer toward the ultimate goal to stop diabetes. The Tour de Cure is more than just a cycling event, it's a day packed with excitement and energy where riders of all levels join forces in the fight to Stop Diabetes® and raise critical funds to support diabetes research, education and advocacy. The event begins at World Golf Village. Registration includes a \$25-\$15 fee with a fundraising minimum of \$200. Visit the website for routes and start times. One World Golf Pl., St. Augustine 904-730-7200 www.tour.diabetes.org

15th Annual Car & Truck Show - The St. Augustine Cruisers 15th Annual Car & Truck Show will be held 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. Open to all makes and models, registration is \$25-\$20. Admission is free for spectators, and food, music and entertainment will be offered all day. Awards begin at 3 p.m. 207 N. San Marco Ave., St. Augustine 904-669-5491 www.staugustinecruisers.com

St. Augustine Festival of Music - This free event is part of the Romanza Festivale of the Arts. It takes place from 1-7 p.m. in the Plaza de la Constitucion. A variety of music will be performed. Event-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Cathedral Place and St. George St., St. Augustine 904-829-9829 www.romanzafestivale.com

May 7

Bastille at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre - The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is thrilled to present GRAMMY nominated London-based rock band Bastille. The band is touring in support of its sophomore album, Wild World, which debuted in the Top 5 of the Billboard 200 and spent two weeks at No. 1 on the U.K. albums chart. In a note to fans, singer/songwriter Dan Smith wrote, "We have been working non-stop on Wild World for the last few years and are so excited for you to finally hear it in a few months." Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; performance at 7 p.m. Admission ranges from \$44-\$34. 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 www.staugamphitheatre.com

May 9-14

THE PLAYERS Championship - The game's greatest players compete at TPC Sawgrass - THE PLAYERS Stadium Course in Ponte Vedra Beach. THE PLAYERS Championship is recognized by PGA TOUR members as "their" championship tournament. It features one of the most coveted titles in professional golf, the strongest field of competitors and one of the richest purses. Jason Day will return to defend his title on the newly renovated course. 110 Championship Way, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-285-7888 www.pgatour.com

May 10

Sunset/Moonrise at St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum - Enjoy the sunset and moonrise from the top of the Lighthouse at 7:30 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 (continued page 8)

May 12

St. Augustine Orchestra Concert - Scott Gregg, musical director and conductor, joins St. Augustine Orchestra at the Lightner Museum at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 adults; \$5 students; youth under 12 free. 75 King St., St. Augustine 904-824-2874 www.staugustineorchestra.org

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May 13

Harry Potter Festival - Take a walk down St. Augustine's Diagon Alley, leading you into a wizarding world and a new view of some of St. Augustine's local shops. Walk through to AUGSmeade Village and stop in for some Butterbeer. Cheer for your favorite team during an exciting Quidditch Match. The event is 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Francis Field, 29 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine 904-460-4479 www.romanzafestivale.com

May 13

North Florida Women's Chorale Spring Concert - This spring concert at noon at Ancient City Baptist Church by the North Florida Women's Chorale is titled Food for Body and Soul and is a playful tribute to songs about things that enrich our lives, body and soul. This will be a fanciful feast for the audience's ears. Admission is free. 27 Sevilla St., St. Augustine 904-806-7781 www.womenschorale.org

Mother's Day Tea and Hat Crafting - The Lightner Museum invites mothers and their families to celebrate Mother's Day at 2 p.m. with a special tea at the Alcazar Café, located in the Historic Pool area of the museum. Come and craft a fancy bonnet or top hat with the Garden Club of St. Augustine, a perfect teasipping accessory. Savor the moment with a special picture after in the Lightner Museum. For more information and tickets, visit the website. 75 King St., St. Augustine 904-824-2874 www.lightnermuseum.org

May 17, 24 & 31

Music by the Sea Concert - Celebrating its 15th anniversary, this free weekly concert series at the St. Johns County Pier features a wide variety of musical genres from 7-9 p.m. Bring a beach chair or blanket along with a favorite beverage and get ready to dance. Starting at 6 p.m., dinner is offered as an option for concert goers. All dinners are priced at \$10 or less. Concert goers are encouraged to car pool or ride the shuttle from St. Augustine Beach City Hall. Visit the website for this (continued on page 14)



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Wild Flower Meadow Group

by Cindy Taylor

St. Augustine has been dry this spring and the sprinkler system in the meadow is broken. We didn't see the profusion of spring flowers we expected but there are some. Coreopsis, showy primrose, fleabane, field sorrel, coral bean, honeysuckle vine, spiderwort, gaura, rock rose, Spanish needles, dwarf dandelion, false dandelion, blackberry, powder puff, ground cherry, lyre leaf sage, and one petunia. Perhaps, just perhaps, by the time you read this there will be some rain and more spring blossoms.

Some things we can control and others are beyond us. Maybe this will be the year we learn more about draught resistant wildflowers? So you see? When things don't go the way we plan, we still learn.

Our group went to the Deland wildflower and Garden show in March and the Expo at the AG center in St Augustine early in April. Some of the seeds and plants that members bought there may be in the meadow or soon will be.

We occasionally visit state and county parks and welcome newcomers, even if you want only to come on the outings. Our group meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 by the Riverview Club House. Our goal is to preserve the wildflower meadow, learn about native plants, and those that grow in this location. We're an informal group without officers or dues and hope you will join us. Call Claire at 904-826-5366 for more information.



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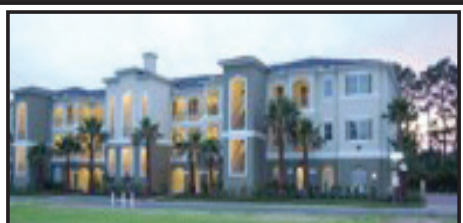
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Responsibility of Permitholders Completing Hurricane Matthew Repairs extends beyond Scope of the Project

by Colby Keefe, Esq.
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Last year, St. Johns County saw an increase in building permits. From 2015 to 2016, an additional 222 permits were issued. Undoubtedly, some of these were requested in response to Hurricane Matthew.

Many residents are still in the process of rebuilding, whether they are still navigating through the insurance process or have hit other snags. Luckily, some residents are getting back on their feet in their repaired homes. But, before you start planning your (well-deserved) summer cookouts in your newly repaired/renovated home, don't overlook the final and important step of making sure your open permits are completed.

What is an "open permit," and how do you close it? An open permit is simply one which has been approved but does not show a completed status. Perhaps the work was never performed, or the required inspections were not ordered. Completing permits are a bit more difficult, because the proper way to "close" a permit varies on a case-by-case basis. A permitholder (typically the contractor or the homeowner) must ensure the required inspections are scheduled throughout work.

Ordering inspections during construction is crucial for obvious

reasons, such as making sure work performed complies with building codes. But failure to execute a permit properly has not-so-obvious consequences that may someday come back to haunt you. Specifically, open permits can limit a homeowner's ability to sell his or her house.

The last thing you may be thinking about after you just spent the time and money to restore your home is moving. On the other hand, some may be looking for higher ground. Whether selling your house is on the horizon or seems to be in the distant future, open permits can present an insurmountable roadblock on closing day.

If you are considering selling your house, it is advisable to not only make sure your title closing agent performs a diligent title search, but to also perform a permit search with St. Johns County Building Services.

Taking care of these issues in the present can save a major headache in the future and help put Hurricane Matthew in the past – for good.

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Special guests this year include the Guana Tolomata Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, Save the Manatee Club, Georgia Aquarium Conservation Field Station,



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Anastasia State Park, Adam Morley and the Litter Gitter, Flagler County Audubon Society, St. Johns County Environmental & Habitat Conservation Team and more!

A special thanks to Bob Samuels (A1A) and Renee Market (Anastasia State Park) for helping us organize the event!

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The Art Studio of St. Augustine Beach is proud to feature Jill Hawk as our showcased artist for the month of May. Born in Chillicothe, Ohio, she was raised in the small town of Londonderry, Ohio. She split her time engaging in art and sports, attending Lees Junior College and the University of Tennessee-Martin as a basketball scholarship recipient. Her art training consists of courses taken while in high school and in college, having been nominated and accepted into the National Art Honor Society while in high school. Since that time, her training has been self-taught and focused on acrylic painting and urban sketching. Jill's professional life was dedicated to the National Park Service where she served as a law enforcement park ranger, park superintendent, and regional chief ranger over the span of 26 years. She currently lives in St. Augustine, Florida where she spends her time living an artful life "Celebrating the Color of St. Augustine one Skyline at a Time". People are drawn to the energy and vibrant colors in her paintings - reflecting a joyful perspective of St. Augustine in a form of "Naive Realism" and surf art. Jill is an active member of the Florida and Orlando Urban Sketchers

group documenting landscapes, urban locales, and special events around the state. She is an active member of The Art Studio in which she won 2nd place during our People's Choice Awards at the Beach Blast Off! December 2016 and also belongs to the St. Augustine Sunrise Rotary. You may contact Jill at 904-460-4904 or at hawksneststudio32080@gmail.com.

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

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

St. Augustine Beach Civic Association

by Bill Jones, President
www.thecivicasociation.com

Farmer's Market - What's going on with the County?



As you all know at the Direction of the County Commission, Administrator Michael Wanchick extended our Market lease at Pier Park through January of 2018. This was done in large part because of the thousands of people that signed petitions, emailed and called commission members. It also happened because our District 5 Commissioner Henry Dean knows the long tradition and economic good that is provided by the Market. Once other Commissioners learned what Commissioner Dean knew the order was given to extend our lease and work on a long term plan. At this point we've been put on the back burner as Administrator Wanchick works on trying to give the parking lot and "it's related facilities and associated costs" to the City of Saint Augustine Beach. The Civic Association Board is doing research and we hope to offer our insight to the community once our work is done. At this time as President of the Civic Association I have several questions.

1. Why is Mr. Wanchick so anxious to give this property to the City?
2. Without adding employees and equipment (and increasing our taxes) is the City really set up to take on this property?
3. Why hasn't Mr. Wanchick or the Beach Services team been following the lead of city's like Cocoa Beach on a public private partnership to rebuild the Pier?

There are other questions and the community should be looking at both the City and County for answers. A

May 1st meeting between the two local governments may shed some light but it's important for everyone to be informed and engaged. The Civic Association has a May 3rd meeting set with Mr. Wanchick and we'll update the community via our Civic Association website - www.sabca.org and in our newsletter on May 15th

The 15th season of Music by the Sea will start with something new and special! On Wednesday May 17th Music by the Sea may look more like Dancing with the Stars or a local dance studio. Our friends Adam Morley & Janine Leblanc will be working with a DJ as Music by the Sea presents and evening of "Music for Dancing". Adam & Janine will be on hand to provide free dance lessons too. See you around 6 PM for an evening of old fashioned and fun dancing!



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Can You Free Yourself of Some Investment-related Taxes

Tax Freedom Day generally falls around this time each year. This is the day when the nation as a whole has earned enough money to pay off its total tax bill for the year, according to the calculations made by the Tax Foundation. So you may want to use Tax Freedom Day to think about ways you can liberate yourself from some of the investment-related taxes you may incur.

Of course, Tax Freedom Day is something of a fiction, in practical terms, because most people pay their taxes throughout the year via payroll deductions. Also, you may not mind paying your share of taxes, because your tax dollars are used in many ways – law enforcement, food safety, road maintenance, public education, and so on – that benefit society. Still, you may be able to reduce those taxes associated with your investments, leaving you more money available to help you work toward your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Here are some suggestions for making investing less “taxing”:

- Contribute regularly to tax-advantaged retirement plans. Contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Traditional IRA earnings grow tax deferred, and your contributions may be tax-deductible, depending on your income. (Taxes will be due upon withdrawal, however, and withdrawals made before you turn 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) Your 401(k) or similar plan also provides the opportunity for tax-deferred earnings growth. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don’t take withdrawals until you’re 59½ and you’ve had your account at least five years.

- Follow a “buy-and-hold” strategy. If you sell investments you’ve owned for less than a year, and their value has increased, you will have to pay capital gains taxes at

your personal income tax rate, which, in early 2017, could be as high as 39.6%. But if you hold investments for at least a year before selling them, you’d be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which tops out at 20%. Be aware, though, that the Trump administration and Congress seem likely to change the tax rates. Early plans call for a maximum personal income tax rate of 33%, with the top rate for capital gains and dividends either staying at 20%, or possibly being reduced to 16.5%. In any case, you’ll still come out ahead, tax-wise, by holding your investments long enough to receive the long-term capital gains rate.

- Consider municipal bonds. If you are in one of the higher income brackets, you might benefit from investing in municipal bonds, which are typically used to finance public projects, such as roads, schools, airports and infrastructure-related repairs. Interest payments from “munis” are typically exempt from federal income taxes and may also be exempt from state and local taxes, depending on the state in which the bond issuer is located. Interest payments from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). Again, though, watch for developments from Washington, as both the Trump administration and some congressional leaders favor eliminating the AMT.

- When charting your investment strategy, consider your risk tolerance, time horizon, family situation and estate plans. But investment-related taxes should also be in your strategic mix – so look for opportunities to keep these taxes under control.

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Computer Corner

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Rules for Computers

Greetings from Computer Professor
This month is an advisory column. Brief, and to the point, rules for the home computer, that will help you enjoy your computer experience safely. These are opinions; but opinions based on a career in repair and training that started in the mid-1970s and has continued non-stop to this day.

- Learn to understand and be comfortable with the machine and Windows (OS) basic functions, i.e. Window’s terms and computer component basic description and purpose, File managing to include cut-copy and paste, computer adjustments for comfort and personal preference, and don’t forget to practice

- Memorize the name, and understand, the basic purpose of every program/app you use. An unfamiliar tool is dangerous in unlearned hands

- ALL phone calls, surprise messages and pop-ups telling you of pending doom if you don’t call them are FAKE. Never follow any instructions, click, or call anyone on that message for help

- Banks and other financial institutions will NEVER email you with instructions to “click” on a link or else. Just go into your bank and ask them

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- If you are surfing on the Internet or searching with a search engine and suddenly you have a full screen warning with voices and alarms; then you have been diverted and what you are looking at is a webpage. Don’t read, follow, or click on anything. Close your window/browser if you can and at the last resort, shut down your computer with the power button. Most of the time when you turn it back on all is fine, sweep with your antivirus if you are worrying about it or call your own trusted repair person

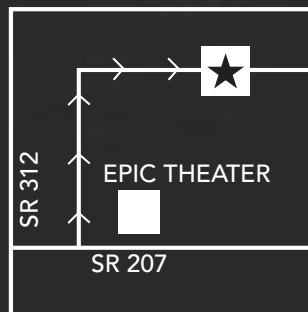
If you have been on this earth for more than 25 years you should be familiar with “old” saying: “Nothing is for free”. You may have also experienced desperate people who will say and do anything to extort something from you, all without and remorse. On the internet, we walk amount the entire world population, not just your safe, friendly home town. The more years you survive on this earth, the wiser you get from life’s experience. Just remember; your bright young children and grandchildren are still inexperienced and a target. No matter how quick they click on something, this experience will be learned either “the hard way” or from YOU. Learn for them.

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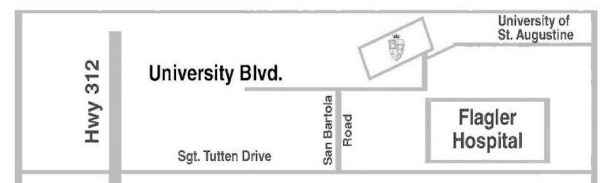
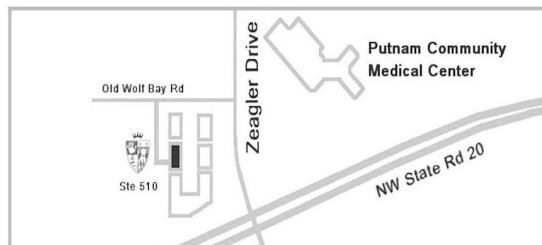
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May 19-20

Riding Into History - Riding Into History, one of America's premier motorcycle events, returns to World Golf Village in St. Augustine. The event features hundreds of classic American motorcycles along the Village's Walk of Champions on Saturday and a motorcycle ride and dinner on Friday. Vendors, exhibitors and entertainment included. The Saturday event takes place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$10. All proceeds benefit K9s for Warriors. One World Golf Pl., St. Augustine 904-677-9452 www.ridingintohistory.org

May 20

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

May 20-21

St. Augustine Maritime Fun Fest - The St. Augustine Maritime Heritage Foundation's Fun Fest takes place at the Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Events include the Quick and Dirty Boat Building Competition and Race, The Chalupa Bartenders Challenge, dog agility contest, pup parade, children's maritime education corner with hands-on activities, and Saturday Night at the Fountain featuring dinner and music. Daily admission includes entry into the Fountain of Youth, which is \$15 adults, \$14 seniors, and \$9 children 6-12; under 5 is free. Proceeds from the festival support the St. Augustine Maritime Heritage Foundation's education and scholarship funds. 11 Magnolia Ave., St. Augustine 904-599-3800 www.staugmaritimeheritage.org

May 25-June 1

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales, IMAX - Visit the website for show times and admission. One World Golf Pl., St. Augustine 904-940-4123 www.worldgolfimax.com

May 27

Blessing of the Boards - This event celebrates the opening of summer and recreational events in the Vilano Beach Town Center. A grand parade of surfboards, paddleboards, skateboards and other recreational paraphernalia will open the season beginning at 2 p.m. Vilano Rd., St. Augustine 904-540-0402 www.vilano beachfl.com

Compensations

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Webster defines compensation as "correction of an organic defect or loss by hypertrophy or by increased functioning of another organ (tissue) or unimpaired parts of the same organ (tissue)" I inserted "tissue".

Physical therapists specialize in function. How the nervous, muscular and skeletal systems work together for the purpose of function. Questions we often ask are (1) is there sufficient range of motion? (2) is there sufficient strength? (3) is there sufficient length, and (4) is there sufficient nerve supply?, to name a few. If the answer to any of these questions is "no" then we ask, where is the breakdown in function? Where is the compensation?

When one of these systems or a portion of one is dysfunctional, we – humans, tend to make up the difference somewhere else, or compensate. And based on Webster's definition, this mean "hypertrophy" or increased bulk or increased function elsewhere or overuse.

Our bodies are very forgiving and often compensations don't develop into problems. Many professional and successful athletes have imperfect motion, but sometimes they can. Sometimes a thickened tissue can be painful. Increased function of one muscle may inhibit another, thereby creating an imbalance. It can even lead to joint pain.

We are not perfectly balanced or symmetrical and there is a difference between hand dominance but we should have close mobility and strength when right is compared to left. Can you cross your legs with equal ease and comfort? Can you raise both arms in the air equally or reach the same shelf height

right compared to left? Which side of your mouth do you chew you prefer to chew your food? Can you go up the stairs starting with the right or left leg? And for some, can you roll with the same ease from your back to the right or left? Sit up from side-lying right or side-lying left? There are many more examples but if the answer to any of these questions is "no" then you have an imbalance somewhere. You are probably compensating, which may not be a problem now but could be later.

Awareness is the first step. Left unchecked these imbalance may develop into more and more severe loss and compensations, even chronic pain. Often such imbalances can be corrected or re-balanced rather easily. In this day and age of increased healthcare costs early intervention is key.

Did you find compensations after answering the questions above? It may be from an old injury, a favorite habit or work related function. If you are compensating, talk to your MD or PT about functional limitations, compensations and solutions. You might be surprised how easy it may be to correct.

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SJR State College Honor Society Inducts 15 Members

The St. Johns River State College Phi Theta Kappa honor society recently held its spring induction ceremony. The new members lit candles and recited their oath in front of family and friends at SJR State's St. Augustine campus. A reception followed the ceremony.

The St. Augustine campus new chapter members are: Sara Baker, Annie Bennett, Alyssa Boston, Cyrus Bowie, Lily Deeter, Emily Ann Deyo, Brock Dickerson, Barbara Forrer, Elizabeth Lynch, Vincent Morrison, Jennifer Pennington, Brian Smith, Sydney Smith, Emily Spence and Julia Sypniewski.

To join PTK, members must have completed 12 credit hours at a two-year institution and hold a 3.5 grade point average. The organization also promotes scholarships.

To learn more about the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, visit www.ptk.org.



Pictured above are the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members who were able to attend the ceremony : (Front row) Alyssa Boston, Sara Baker, Jennifer Pennington, Emily Ann Deyo and Lily Deeter (Back row) Emily Spence, Cyrus Bowie, Annie Bennett and Vincent Morrison



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