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St. Augustine Sertoma Club Crescent Beach Poker Crawl April 8th



Registration starts at 11 A.M. at the SandBar on A1A at Crescent Beach. \$20 gets an official T-shirt for the event, which allows the wearer to get \$1 draft beers at any of the 5 sponsoring bars (as listed in the logo at the top of the page). A bus will be available to transport people from bar to bar until 5:00. Music and food will be available. At about 5:00 a great selection of door prizes will be raffled off (\$1 a ticket, 6 for \$5), and

you must be present at the SandBar to win. At each bar people may also buy poker hands for the Poker Crawl part of the event, which is a 50/50 split for the best poker hand. Cards for the poker crawl may be drawn at any or all of the participating bars. Additionally, there is a separate raffle (\$10 per ticket) for a golf package with a foursome play at each of 3 area golf courses, and 2 tickets to the TPC championship at Ponte Vedra, valued at over \$400 - need not be present to win the golf package.

All proceeds go to the St. Augustine Sertoma Club, a nonprofit club that helps local citizens who have fallen on hard times. All money raised stays in St. Johns County.

Please call me at 904-217-0035, or Jean at 904-540-1123 if any questions.



Chris Thomas Band Performs Early Dance Social at Riverview Club Sunday Evening April 2, 2017



CHRIS THOMAS & HIS BAND will be performing for the first time at the Shores Activities Club's Early Dance Social on Sunday Evening, April 2nd, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Riverview Club Hall in St. Augustine Shores (790 Christina Drive).

Chris is a professional vocal talent who is also an exciting entertainer fashioned in the way of the great performers of years gone by such as Sinatra, Martin, and Davis. Chris also performs songs from Motown and contemporary artists as well. Chris Thomas is a master entertainer and vocalist as well as a professional dancer whose mission is to bring big band music back into the mainstream for future generations to enjoy. Come party and dance to wonderful music and vocals that will entertain and excite you. This dance social is BYOB and any snacks that you would like to consume. Shores Activities Club "Dance Members are FREE" and "Club Activity Members and Non-member/Guests are \$15.00".

Sign-ups for this party may be made online by visiting our website at: www.staugshores.org. You may also make your reservations at the Riverview Club office (at 790 Christina Drive in the Shores) or by calling (904) 794-2000. Please make your reservations by Thursday, March 30th, 2017 in order to get the table location that you desire. For more information, call Dennis on (904) 461-6782.

Vessel Safety Checks Available in April

Flotilla 14-7 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, in conjunction with St. Johns County will offer free Vessel Safety Checks and pass out Boating and Safety Information at the Vilano Boat Ramp, on the second Saturday, 8 APR 2017.

Look for our signs and stop by to meet our Certified USCG Vessel Examiners and Public Information Specialists at this location. Future times and locations to be announced. To request a local VSC at times or locations other than those already announced, go to the Flotilla 14-7 website shown below or check this page for more information about the national program or fill in the online form, "I-want-a-VSC" for information 253-4125 or mysafeboating.com or 954-253-4125.

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The function of the St. Augustine Observer is to serve residents of St. Augustine areas Communities.

First priority will be given to reporting news and activities of the residents of the St. Augustine local communities, and other news and events that directly affects the St. Augustine area. Second priority will be given to articles of general interest as space permits.

Information should be received by the 15th of the month in order to appear in the following month's issue.

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

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

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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.

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 - Acting President
Louis Zimmer - Vice President
Keith Rowland - Treasurer
Lynn Rowland - Secretary

Board Members

Lynn Rowland
Travis Cuzick

Women of the Moose--1101 Sunday Breakfast

Come join us for Sunday Breakfast

April 23, 2017 from 9am to 11am

St Augustine Clubhouse-709 Royal Road

Dine in or take out

Donation: Adults-\$6.00 Kids-\$3.00

Call for reservations: Sandra (904) 806-0535
or Theresa 794-5129

St. Augustine South Annual Scholarship Application Deadline is Here!

Reminder to all area high school students, the deadline

for St Augustine South scholarship is April 15th.

Please check your guidance offices for applications.

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 based on space available should be sent.

FOR SALE: (1) Pool Cover 21' x 14' bubble cover used very little, in good condition \$60.00 (2) Toro Lawm Mower ,self propelled, mulcher with 22"cut \$75.00 (3) Scotts rotary spreader in good condition. \$15.00 (4) Generac Generator 4,000 EXL rated watts, 6,200 peak, used very little in good condition, with extras. \$400.00. Call 904-797-5023.

FOR SALE: Havanese Puppys 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: Luxury leather sofa, like new, less than 2yrs old. "Steel" color, 84" X 36". \$225. Call John at 904-794-0291.

FOR SALE: Friedrich C-90B electronic air cleaner in excellent condition. It makes the air in the room smell sweet. This model is the size that is used in bars that allow smoking. \$189 (paid \$389, have receipt). Margie 495-4524.

FOR SALE: Lazy Boy Sofa with 2 electric recliners on each end of the sofa. Excellent condition, micro fabric. Moving, asking \$485.00. Call 904-826-9897.

FOR SALE: Picnic Table - New exterior, pressure treated, custom home made 8' x 35" table top, with 2x10 attached benches. Stainless steel bolts, 125lbs, built to last 20 years. Two coats red wood stain. \$295 delivered and installed.

FOR SALE: Elliptical with 3 interval settings 200\$, love seat with full size hideaway bed micro suede fabric brown 200\$, Recliner with heat and massage micro suede fabric dark green 200\$ Wood/Glass coffee table 50\$, 4 chairs \$5.00 each. Call Bob 3863852183.

FOR SALE: (1) 5 piece Ludwig Drum Set. All hardware, 5 cymbals and carryig cases \$600 obo. (2) Azetic Stone Chess Set. Excellent condition.\$15. (3) 2 Simmns Swivel, rocker, recliner chairs. Dark beige. Good condition. \$350. (4) 22 x 26 black Luggage travel bag on wheels, excellent condition. \$75 obo. (5) 94 Piece Professional Decoratinetips-stainless steel.\$75 obo. (6) Cooking for Fifty Complete Reference Cookbook-Hard Cover by Holden. \$75 obo (7) 2 Granite bar top 5'10"x 1'7" bull nose \$200 obo. Call 904-794-5637.

FOR SALE: (1) 42" round taable w/2-12" sleeves and 6 side shairs. Country style Hickory wood. \$100. (2) 4 Moen Kingsley Chrome Designer Grab Bars. 1-36" 2-24" 1-12" New. \$275 for all. (3) Realistic Lab 2000 Turntable. \$25. (4) 300 LP's Rock, Pop, Soul, Country, Polka, & Christain. \$50 for all. Call 904-687-9149.

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: (1) Dining table 52" w/6 chairs, 2 leaves 18" each. \$425. (2) Depression glass dishes green & amber. (3) Pheasant soup tureen. \$25. (4) Royal Doulton "Melrose" china.10 place settings. \$450. Call 904-797-7436.

FOR SALE: Elliptical with 3 interval settings \$200, love seat with full size hideaway bed micro suede fabric brown \$200, Recliner with heat and massage micro suede fabric dark green \$200, Wood/Glass coffee table \$50, 4 chairs \$5 each. Call Bob 386-385-2183.

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St. Augustine Shores Club News

April 2017 Riverview Club Calendar

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

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

Sunday, April 2nd
Entertainment by Chris Thomas Band ← NEW BAND
Hosted by: John & Phea Stark
RSVP at www.staugshores.org

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

Friday, April 21st
Entertainment by Ernie
Hosted by: Frank & Jackie Phillips
RSVP at www.staugshores.org



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

Activity	Details
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. No classes April 13th and 20th. 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 April 11 th and 25 th at 1:00 pm in the Library – topic for April 28 th is "The strangest thing happened..." 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, May 7th (6pm to 9pm) – Entertainment by Phil Farino

Main Social: Friday, May 19th (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment by Frank Saffi

Saturday, April 1st Shores Spring Yard Sale!

8 am - 1 pm at the Riverview Club Grounds, Rain Date: Saturday, April 8th

Riverview Club Events

FREE Introductory Fitness Pole Walking Clinic with Sheila Vidamour!

Wednesday, April 12th at 12:30 pm - Meet in the outdoors Pavilion 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.

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

St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation's Annual Membership Meeting

Date: Friday, May 5th, 2017

Time: 10:00 am (doors open at 8:00 am)

Place: The Main Hall of the Riverview Club
790 Christina Drive | St. Augustine, FL 32086

- You will be receiving the Annual Meeting package via mail.
- Please complete the green Proxy and vote for 4 (four) candidates.
- All ballots & proxies must be in by Thursday, May 4th at 4:00 pm.
- Questions? Call the office at (904) 797-6441.

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE - MAKE IT COUNT!

Message from Shores President

Spring is upon us and before you know it the heat will be here. As stated in last month's letter the pier will be under way on its repair from Hurricane Matthew real soon. Please check in on our website to follow along with that progress. Our next St Augustine Shores Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday April, 13th at 7pm. Please mark it on your calendars and come on out to have your voices heard. If anyone has any questions or concerns please email me at president@staugshores.net and I will try to resolve any issues or point you in the right direction to have any issues resolved. Thanks again.

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

St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation February 9th Board Meeting Summary

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

The St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation's Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Vice President James O'Such. Present were Treasurer Claire Lorbeer, Director Philip Van Teem, Director Winston Burrell, Director Austin Dietly, Director William Ney and Secretary Sue Chitwood.

January minutes were approved and treasurers report accepted. General Manager Smith explained the increase in the operating fund and the increase in the reserve fund.

General Manager Smith presented one collection issue with a balance of \$1634.29 as of January 31, 2017. Requested payment with \$500 down, which has been received and monthly payments and was approved.

Managers' Report - Joseph H. Smith III

Discuss Rental Rates Public Services - There is a request to rent the Main Hall to the Pedro Menendez Cheerleaders for a banquet sponsored by a Commander for the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department. They would like the room at the residence rate with no damage deposit and no charge to use the kitchen. Motion made and approved to transfer the Activities Club revenue back to the Service Corporations operating account. Motion made and approved to rent the Main Hall to the local Sheriff's Department, the local Firefighters and the three local schools for school events at the Shores resident rate Mondays through Thursdays.

Progress on Board Goals

Curb Appeal - Sidewalks are being edged, trimmed and weeded cul de sacs, trimmed all the Pindos Palms, pressure washed signs, and installed new landscape at the South Entrance to San Savino.

Safety and Security - We are concentrating on the trees after Hurricane Matthew and purchased and installing new swings for the playground.

Operations - Motion made and approved to award the pier project to Yelton Construction for repair/replacement of our pier at a cost of \$115750 as presented at the January meeting. General Manager Smith suggests that we schedule the 2017 - 2018 Budget Presentation on February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Action Status List - General Manager explained that we are addressing Hurricane damage and have spent over \$50,000 on clean-up.

Committee Reports

ACC Committee - The committee met once in January and approved: 1 commercial sign, 6 fences, 1 miscellaneous, 3 sheds, Total approved YTD 302. There was one Variance Request to move their fence forward of the rear of the house to match the neighbors fence. Motion made and approved to grant the variance.

Riverview Building and Grounds Committee - Motion made and approved to change the color of the entrance doors to coastal plain which would match the mailbox. A member advised the Board that he and his wife have offered to donate the new hardware for the door project.

Boat and RV Storage Compound - Address sign has not arrived, still two piles of trash that have to be cleaned up. There is a broken pole light that needs to be addressed.

Deed Restriction Review Committee - Committee on recess until annual annual meeting.

Parks Trails Open Spaces and Recreation - Committee goals and directives report at the next Board meeting.

Home Office Applications - Motion made and approved application for the purpose of hand lettering, monograms and calligraphy. Motion made and approved for the purpose of establishing a publishing company for children's books.

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

Election of Officers Who Have Resigned

Motions made and approved for the following offices of the Shores Service Corporation: Vice President O'Such for President and Diety as Vice President.

Directors Comments

Stated that the new Board members need to sign an affidavit that they have read the Governing Documents of the Association. Stated that Committees provide a 6 month projection of expenditures because we are not a zero balance budget and if we go over budget we go over budget.

Members Comments

Stated that Committees be included in the budgeting process. A comment on the bathroom renovation project. Member explained the Captain program. A comment on waiting till the end of the meeting to speak. A comment on the sidewalks and FPL damaging the utility easement (powerlines).

Meeting Adjourned.

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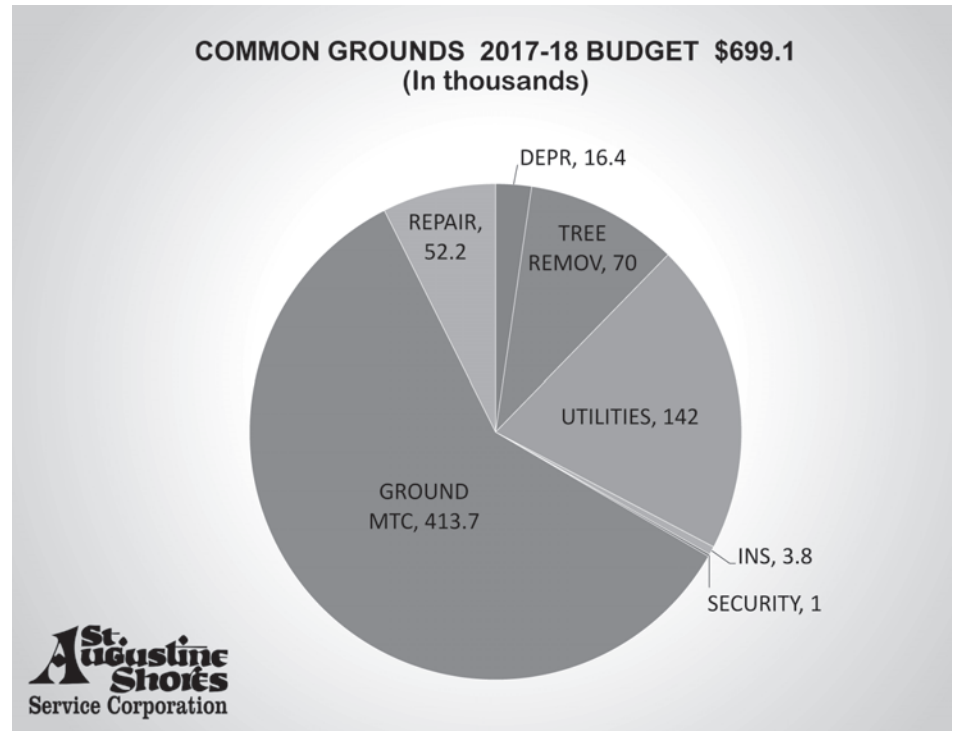
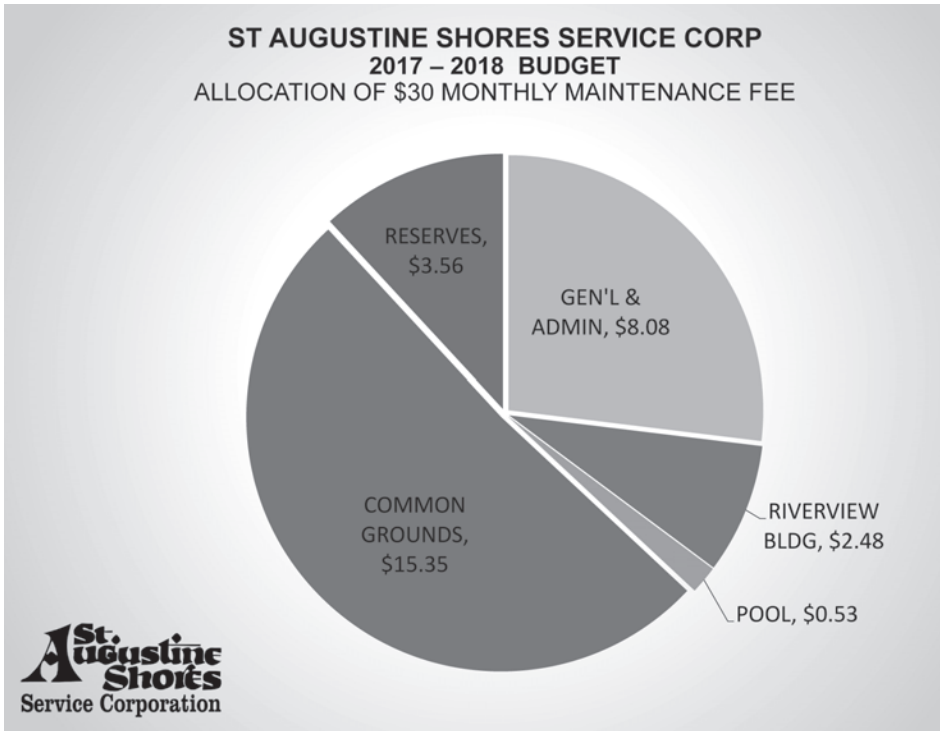
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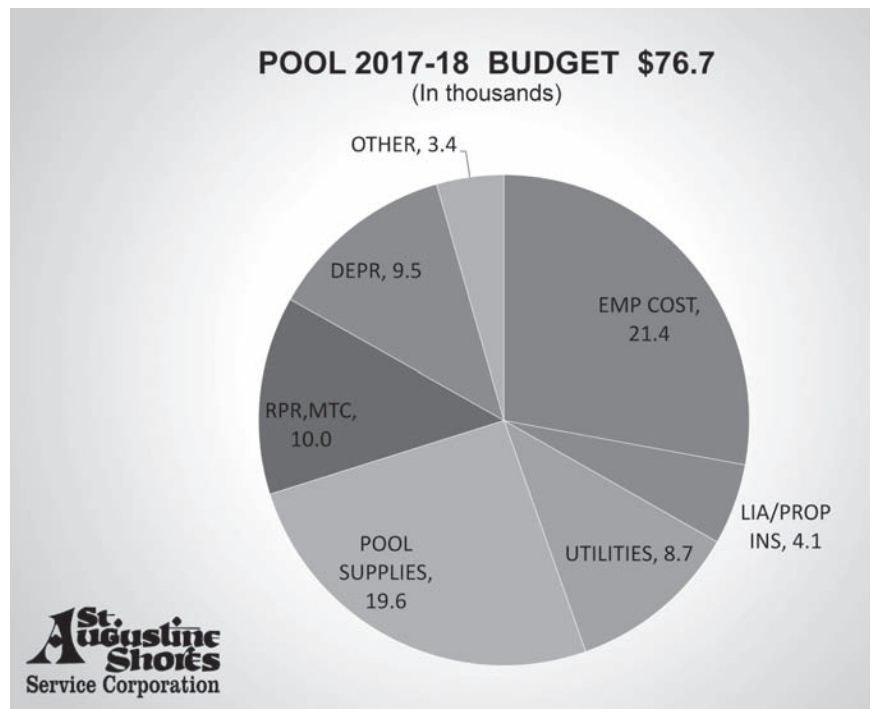
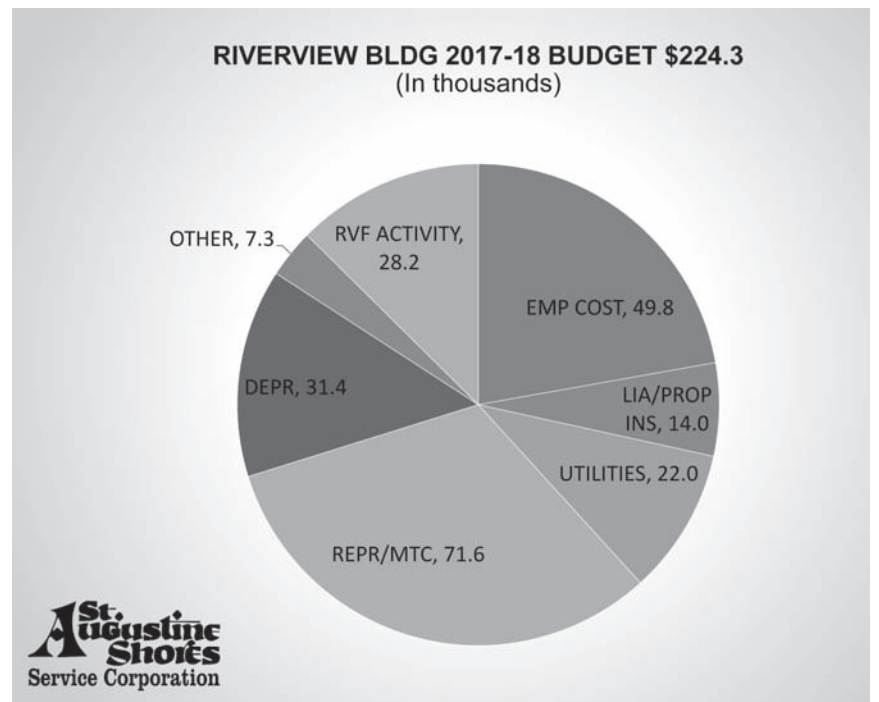
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St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation Annual Budget 2017-2018



ST AUGUSTINE SHORES SERVICE CORPORATION
APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

	GENERAL & ADMIN	COMMON GROUNDS	RIVERVIEW BUILDING	POOL	2018 TOTAL BUDGET	2017 TOTAL BUDGET	% CHANGE FROM 2017
REVENUE:							
MAINTENANCE FEES	\$1,192,596				\$1,192,596	\$1,192,596	0.0%
LEASE INCOME-COMPOUND		12,508			12,508	14,067	-11.1%
ACC PERMITS	3,000				3,000	3,000	0.0%
TRANSFER FEES	7,740				7,740	6,504	19.0%
ESTOPPEL FEES	14,496				14,496	12,600	15.0%
RIVERVIEW ACTIVITY FEES			38,601		38,601	300	12767.0%
POOL FEES				45,247	45,247	37,055	22.1%
RIVERVIEW RENTALS			52,408		52,408	74,579	-29.7%
COMPOUND RENTALS		38,934			38,934	38,664	0.7%
OTHER INCOME	12,743				12,743	13,159	-3.2%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,230,575	\$51,442	\$91,009	\$45,247	\$1,418,273	\$1,392,524	1.8%
EXPENSES:							
PAYROLL	\$171,934		\$32,533	\$18,260	\$222,727	\$222,213	0.2%
PAYROLL TAXES	13,941		2,638	1,481	18,060	18,021	0.2%
WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	3,128		591	1,010	4,729	4,312	9.7%
DISABILITY INSURANCE	1,824		360		2,184	2,023	8.0%
EMP MED/LIFE INSURANCE	47,108		12,269		59,376	46,452	27.8%
PENSION COSTS	10,806		580		11,386	4,962	129.5%
LIABILITY & PROP DAMAGE INSURANCE	11,095	3,820	13,988	4,115	33,019	36,741	-10.1%
LEGAL SERVICES	12,700				12,700	37,100	-65.8%
ACCOUNTING SERVICES	17,898		818	459	19,175	22,643	-15.3%
OFFICE EXPENSE	28,642				28,642	26,819	6.8%
POSTAGE	10,322				10,322	10,304	0.2%
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE	12,320				12,320	12,736	-3.3%
TRAINING	150			220	370	465	-20.4%
SECURITY		1,032	1,600		2,632	6,278	-58.1%
CONTRACT LANDSCAPE SERVICE		322,954			322,954	307,575	5.0%
REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	267	20,892	19,845	5,010	46,014	45,022	2.2%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	4,880		620		5,500	5,170	6.4%
ELECTRICITY	1,098	138,436	11,775	5,475	156,784	155,563	0.8%
WATER	337	3,499	3,616	3,255	10,707	10,801	-0.9%
PROPANE			2,560		2,560	2,700	-5.2%
TRASH SERVICE	3,990	7,517	3,416		14,923	13,214	12.9%
GAS AND OIL	2,825				2,825	2,963	-4.7%
SUPPLIES			6,328	19,622	25,950	24,437	6.2%
OUTSIDE SERVICES	1,380	31,300	51,756	8,000	92,436	90,814	1.8%
MISC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	2,599				2,599	2,464	5.5%
MISC RIVERVIEW EXPENSE			7,670		7,670	8,238	-6.9%
MISC COMMON GROUNDS EXPENSE		19,478			19,478	22,240	-12.4%
RIVERVIEW ACTIVITY CLUB EXPENSE			28,200		28,200		
BAD DEBTS	0				0	24,138	-100.0%
TAXES AND LICENSES	238		2,625	350	3,213	4,359	-26.3%
LAKE TREATMENT		30,000			30,000	28,350	5.8%
TREE REMOVAL		70,000			70,000	58,940	18.8%
ANIMAL/PEST CONTROL		2,800			2,800	1,750	60.0%
PLANTS, MATERIALS AND MULCH		26,545			26,545	26,220	1.2%
COMPOUND COST		4,420			4,420	3,200	38.1%
SERVICE CHARGES/CREDITS	10,929		(10,929)		0		
DEPRECIATION	8,437	16,425	31,480	9,446	65,788	67,839	-3.0%
TOT OPERATING EXPENSES	\$378,847	\$699,118	\$224,339	\$76,704	\$1,379,008	\$1,357,066	1.6%
NON CASH EXPENSES	\$8,521	\$16,425	\$31,493	\$9,446	\$65,885	\$67,934	-3.0%
CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$860,249	(\$631,251)	(\$101,837)	(\$22,011)	\$105,150	\$103,392	1.7%
RESERVE FUNDING					\$146,274	\$103,392	41.5%
ACQUISITION OF NEW ASSETS					\$0		
FEE CHANGE					(\$41,124)	\$0	
INCREASE (DECREASE) PER UNIT PER MONTH					\$1.00		



Wild Flower Meadow Group

by Cindy Taylor

Many thanks to Jerry Zinn for trimming the wax myrtle tree that Hurricane Matthew damaged. The core of the tree has many new shoots and the branches of the old tree that had to be removed were cut into pieces that now help to line the path. So? We still have the old, as well as the new.

The attached picture is from our outing to Ravine State Gardens in February. Next month we may have a picture from the outing late in March to the Deland Wildflower and Garden Festival. There also might be few new native plants growing in the meadow.



In early March there were blooms on a few coreopsis, fleabane, field sorrel, southern bee balm (gaura), ground cherry, and blue berry bushes. By the time you read this

there will probably be more blooms, as well as some showy primrose, powder puff, toad flax, and wood sage. We're updating the fliers with information about the flowers, which you will find in the box next to the fence at the upper end of the meadow. Please return to the box after reading.

Many thanks also to the man who anonymously made another financial donation to the meadow again this year. It will buy some new native plants or a needed fence post.

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.



Temple Bet Yam's Congregational Passover Seder

Temple Bet Yam is pleased to invite you to our traditional Congregational Passover Seder held at TBY, 2055 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine, FL, on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.



The cost for adult members and their guests is \$36 each, \$15 each for children twelve and under, and each non-members is \$46. Please let us know by March 31, 2017, how many of each will be attending and send a check for the total amount payable to Temple Bet Yam, P.O. Box 860098, St. Augustine, FL 32086. Vegetarian meals will be provided if indicated. We look forward to a delightful and meaningful Seder.

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News Around Southern St. Augustine

Southeast Library

April Book Sale - Out of the Box

Friends of the Library Southeast Branch, 6670 US 1 South, invite the community to explore boxes of books containing exciting literary treasures, gently read, and awaiting discovery by the next reader.

Monday, April 3, 10 am – 8 pm; Tuesday, April 4, 10 am – 8 pm, and Wednesday, April 5, 10 am – 2 pm.

Most books priced at \$1.00. Exceptional finds at reasonably higher prices. Sale includes fiction, nonfiction, bios, miscellaneous, young readers, collectables, hardcover, trade and paperbacks.

Digital finds include CDs, and a limited collection of DVDs and audio books.

What you haven't read, heard or viewed is probably waiting for you at the Southeast Branch Library. Come on down! All sales benefit Southeast Branch Library programs and services. Southeast Branch Library is located at 6670 US 1 South.

Holy Week Activities at Shores United Methodist Church Announced

The congregation of Shores United Methodist Church invites the community to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with them in several ways this year during Holy Week.

- On Palm Sunday, April 9th, Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem will be celebrated during both worship services (9 a.m. Traditional Worship and 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship). Sunday School, for all ages, will be held in between the services.

- A Maundy Thursday service will be held on Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m.

- Good Friday services will be held this year at First United Methodist Church (King St.) at noon on Friday, April 14th.

- Easter Worship Services will be held on Sunday, April 16, 2017 at 8:45 a.m. (Traditional Worship) and 11 a.m. (Contemporary Worship). A live biblical representation will be performed at both services.

Devotions will be held at the outdoor cross at 10 a.m. and attendees are encouraged to bring cut flowers to decorate the cross.

The community is welcome to participate in all of these activities. Shores UMC is located at 724 Shores Blvd, between the Shores Golf Course and Hartley Elementary School. For more information call 797-4416 or visit www.shoresumc.org. Rev. Randy Strickland is pastor.

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 April meetings for Writers in the Shores will be on Tuesday the 11th and again on the 25th. The chosen subject is to be "The strangest thing happened" and, is suggested for this month's topic to write about on the 25th. 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 April monthly meeting of SAGS is April 15 at 1:00 pm at the Southeast Branch Library.

The program will be "Picture this: Family Photos and other files, and what I learned" presented by Lori Miranda, Board Member of the Amelia Island Genealogical Society. She will share her knowledge of the subject. All are invited. For information contact Joan Lucian at 794-5370.

St. Augustine Orchid Society

April 4 Monthly Meeting & Spring Orchid Auction

We'll be having our spring auction at the meeting in April. An advance listing of the plants to be auctioned will be posted to wet your appetite. We'll also have a sales table of some plants at reasonable prices for those that don't get into the bidding frenzy. And don't forget to bring plants to the show table! Friends and guests are always welcome.

TIME: Tuesday April 4, 7 pm to 9 pm

PLACE: Watson Realty Rear Conference Room, 3505 US1 South, St. Augustine, 32086. For information call Sue at 797-4306 or staugorchidsociety.org/

April 1 Orchid Clinic at Ace Hardware

Repotting and Plant Clinic

Representatives of the St. Augustine Orchid Society will be available with the Master Gardeners at Ace Hardware at Saturday April 1 at 3050 US1 South from 9 am to 1 pm. Feel free to bring any orchid you think might need repotting or that needs special attention and any questions that you have.

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

Here is our Event Dates for April 2017 For Both Community Clubs:

(1) The First Coast Card Club - Dates for April 2017:

- Tuesday, April 4th - St Augustine Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St Augustine 1:30pm.

- Wednesday, April 12th - Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach 1:30pm

- Tuesday, April 18th - St Augustine Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St Augustine 1:30pm

- Wednesday, April 19th - Fleming Island Main Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island 1:30pm

- Saturday, April 29th - Cantina Mezcal - Ponte Vedra Beach. Private Room. Lunch-12:45pm. Cards-1:30pm. Please call Lea at: 904-829-0643 for more information.

(2) St Augustine Jacksonville Newcomers Club Of Northeast Florida:

- Guided Boat Excursion/Dinner Sat April 8th 2:30PM.

- Our Club's Annual Easter Dinner Golden Corral Sun April 16th 1PM.

- Symphony Woodwind Quintet Music Concert Ponte Vedra Wed April 19th 4PM

- Legally Blonde Musical St Augustine Fri April 21st 7PM \$15.

- April Trivia/Dinner St Augustine Restaurant 6PM. Trivia 7PM. Wed April 26th

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St. Augustine Area Guide

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

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.

March 31-April 2: Rhythm and Ribs Festival - Non-stop music and award-winning barbecue all weekend is featured at St. Augustine's Francis Field. Festival hours are Friday 5-10 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 29 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine 904-687-9037 www.rhythmndribs.net

April 1: Spud Run and Cabbage Crawl - For complete details including preregistration, course maps and more, visit the website. 6195 S. Main St., Hastings 386-747-3532 www.racesmith.com

April 1-2: • EPIC Celebration of Spring Annual Flower & Garden Expo - The expo takes place Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the St. Johns County Agricultural Center. 3125 Agricultural Center Dr., St. Augustine 904-829-3295 www.epicbh.org • **Miniature Marks Exhibition** - This is a juried exhibition at the St. Augustine Art Association. 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

April 2: • Steve Miller Band at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre - Psychedelic rock and pop legend Steve Miller returns to the St. Augustine Amphitheatre with Los Lonely Boys. Doors open at 6 p.m.; performance at 7 p.m. Admission ranges from \$104-\$54. 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 www.staugamphitheatre.com

April 6: • Flagler Forum on Government and Public Policy - The lecture begins at 7 p.m. in Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-829-6481 www.flagler.edu/news-events/community-events • **Flagler College Writers-in-Residence** - 7 p.m. at the Flagler Room in Ponce Hall at Flagler College. 74 King St., St. Augustine 904-819-6339 www.flagler.edu/news-events/community-events/lectures

April 7-30: • Annual Honors Show - 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

April 8: • Run for Peace 5K - Benefits the Betty Griffin Center. 350 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine 904-808-8544 www.runforpeace5k.org • **Festival of the Chariots** 352-316-4560 www.festivalofchariots.org • **Chocolate Datil Pepper Eating Contest** - 47 Cordova St., St. Augustine 904-824-7898 www.hotshotbakeryncfe.com • **Dish N Fish**: 145 Vilano Rd., Vilano Beach 904-540-0402 www.vilanoeachfl.com • **Alan Jackson at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre**: 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 www.staugamphitheatre.com • **EMMA Concert Association Presents Rachel Barton Pine and the New York Chamber Soloists Orchestra**: 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-797-2800 www.emmaconcerts.com

April 8-9: • Old Town Art Show - Admission is free. 29 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine 904-794-0084 www.oldtownartshow.com

April 9: • Blessing of the Fleet - 904-824-9725 www.staugustineyachtclub.com • **Buddy Guy with Special Guest The Rides at the St. Augustine** - 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 www.staugamphitheatre.com

April 10: • Sunset/Moonrise at St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum - Enjoy the sunset and moonrise from the top of the Lighthouse 81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine 904-829-0745 www.staugustinelighthouse.org

April 16: • Easter Parade - The parade lasts approximately 1.5 hours. 904-669-7992 www.oldestcityeaster.org

April 19-22: • Taste Academy 2017 - Local music on April 22 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Visit the website for the class schedule. 904-829-2273 www.epicbh.org

April 21: VIP Gallery Art Stroll & Tasting Tour - Advance reservations required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 www.vipartwalk.com

April 21-30: • St. Augustine Plein Air Paint Out - 22 Marine St., St. Augustine 904-824-2310 www.staaa.org

April 21-May 14: • I Ought to be in Pictures at the Limelight Theatre - 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine 904-825-1164 www.limelight-theatre.org

April 22: • 5K Run for K-9s United - 245 Nocatee Center Way, Ponte Vedra www.k9sunited.org • **Earth Day Celebration** - 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd., Palm Coast 386-446-6783 www.washingtonoaks.org • **5K Race to the Taste** - 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-829-3295 www.racetothetaste.org • **A Taste of St. Augustine** - 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-829-3295 www.epicbh.org • **Changing of the Guard** - St. Augustine Garrison. 48 King St., St. Augustine www.hfm.club/garrison/cog

April 23: Florida Chamber Music Project Performance at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall - 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-209-0367 www.pvconcerthall.com

April 26: 4th Annual St. Jude Miracle on the Bayfront Gala - Benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. 1 King St., St. Augustine 850-907-1901 www.stjude.org/miracleonthebayfront • **Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre** - 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 www.staugamphitheatre.com

April 26-30: • Florida's Birding & Photo Fest - The event takes place at the GTM Research Reserve Environmental Education Center. 505 Guana River Rd., Ponte Vedra Beach 904-829-1711 www.floridasbirdingandphotofest.com

April 29: • Family Fest - Benefits the Alpha-Omega Miracle Home. Celebrates fun, family and food for kids of all ages at Francis Field in downtown St. Augustine. 29 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine 904-823-8588 www.aomh.org • **Under the Sea Second Chance Prom** - Hosted by Ponte Vedra Woman's Club at 10034 Golf Club Dr., Ponte Vedra Beach 904-373-5018 www.pontevedrawomansclub.com • **A Great Gatsby Affair** - 75 King St., St. Augustine 888-338-5603 www.gatsbyforcharity.com

April 30: Tour de Forts Classic - 3205 Varella St., St. Augustine 386-336-0637 www.caamevents.com/event/tour-de-forts

Passion for Sailing! by Captain Kim Walther

As people rely more on electronics for navigation, entertainment, communication, and people become removed from actually living their lives in first-person, it seems there is a backlash against so much organization and distance from nature and a real desire to reconnect with Mother Earth.

When is the last time you learned a new skill or unplugged with friends on the water? Remember the water-based vacations from your youth; adventures in canoes on lakes or trips to the seashore. Reminiscing about seeing the white sails of sailing vessels offshore at the beach, or even a photo on a coffee mug, and wanting to live that life – away from shore, propelled silently and freely by the wind, carefree with eyes on the horizon, where two hours can equate to the relaxation of a week-long vacation. St. Augustine Yacht Club Member Elise Sloan of St. Augustine said for her, the draw of sailing is, “To be freely in nature, under the natural wind-power of nature.” She added that it’s only a minor technicality that happens quite comfortably on a \$80,000 boat.

Reasons to sign up for sailing lessons vary widely. Some want to retire and sail away, others want to learn a new skill and more often someone in their family has a bucket list item and they want to either support the new venture or be a part of it. Greg and Andrea Matthews lived for years in Massachusetts, sailing out of Boston Harbor. Life got busy; they moved to Florida, started a new company, and took a six-year unintentional break from sailing. A couple of weekends ago they were drawn back to the sailing life and walked the docks at Camachee Cove looking for people to ‘talk sailing too.’ Their desire to get back on the water was almost palpable. Greg said, “We miss being out on the water. It is the simplest reason I can think of.”

“So many of my memories are from on the water, I grew up at the beach, and as a little girl looking for treasures on the beach, I would make up stories of the sailboats’ adventures and travels,” said Jeri Cancel, currently working as an ER nurse at Flagler Hospital. “I find an inner peace when I am on a sailboat. “Life gets balanced when I am sailing. I can release and work just about anything out while sailing. I get refreshed and revived! For me, the connection balances my inner self with the rest of the world. It is my therapy, my drug of choice,” said Cancel.

It’s never too late to learn, never too late to unplug and never too late to build new memories with friends. To quote John F. Kennedy, “We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch - we are going back from whence we came.”



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News From Around St. Johns County

St. Johns County Medical Marijuana Workshop

St. Johns County is hosting a Medical Marijuana Workshop at 4 p.m. on April 13, 2017 at the St. Johns County Permit Center, 4040 Lewis Speedway, to discuss proposed zoning and permitting regulations for medical marijuana retail stores and treatment. The public is invited to attend and provide feedback. For additional information, please call 904.209.0805 or email psoria@sjcfl.us. For additional information, please contact .904.209.0549 / 214.493.2983.

Sea Turtle Release at Surfside Park

St. Johns County is partnering with the South Carolina Aquarium to release six sea turtles at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9 at Surfside Park, 3070 Coastal Highway. The public is invited to watch as the juvenile turtles are placed back into the Atlantic Ocean after three months of rehabilitation and care. To find out more information on the turtles, please visit www.scaquarium.org.

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.

Lee Weaver's "The Shooter" at Temple Bet Yam

Join us on Saturday April 1, 2017 at Temple Bet Yam, 2055 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$20. Refreshments will be served.

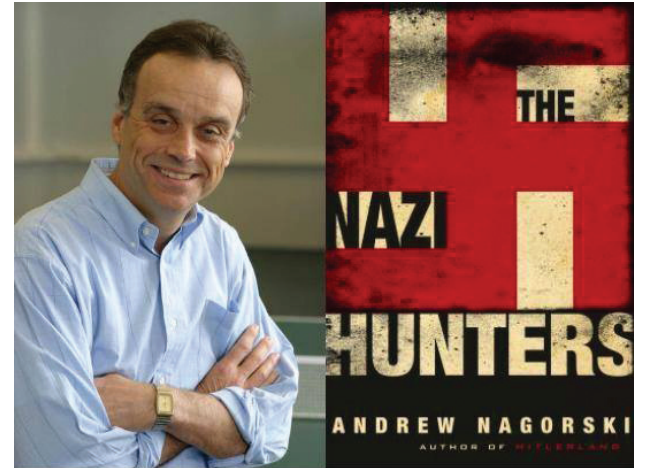
"The Shooter" – Gun Violence in America" -- the fourth in the current series of socially-significant dramas written and performed by Lee Weaver, St. Augustine's own brilliant playwright-actor, had its world premiere performance September 29, at the sold-out Corazon Theatre in St. Augustine.

In "The Shooter", Lee and Nan are husband-and-wife in the throes of producing a documentary for television. Lee as a confident gun-lover and second-amendment advocate, while Nan is the opposite – reform-minded, equally adamant in favor of increased gun control.

A line-up of nine chairs at stage-rear, each with a distinctive garment or prop, is a visual hint as to "The Shooter" format. Interviews with the individuals, nine in all – reveal how their lives have been impacted by gun violence: Sandy Hook police officer, father of dead first-graders, husband of slain wife, a Muslim now connected to The Pulse shooting in Orlando, a first responder Doctor at the AME church in South Carolina, and more; all impressively portrayed by Weaver in an amazing series of character portrayals. Call Andi Marx at 904-460-9569 or e-mail her at amarx46@comcast.net to reserve a seat.

Author Andrew Nagorski at Temple Bet Yam

In remembrance of Yom Hashoah, (the Holocaust) Temple Bet Yam of St. Augustine presents Andrew Nagorski, award winning author and journalist who will discuss his latest book, The Nazi Hunters, on April 23, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at Temple Bet Yam. Mr. Nagorski, who now lives in St. Augustine, previously was a Newsweek bureau chief in a succession of European capitals. His most recent books, Hitlerland: American Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power and The Nazi Hunters have received rave reviews. His discussion of The Nazi Hunters will be based on archival research as well as numerous interviews



with a Nuremberg prosecutor, Simon Wiesenthal, the Klarsfelds, Mossad agents who apprehended Adolf Eichmann, the deputy prosecutor at Eichmann's trial, and many others.

The Nazi Hunters is available on line and hard copies will be available for a book signing at the presentation. Mr Nagorski's bio and information on his other works may be found at www.andrewnagorski.com.

The public is invited to attend. There is no charge for this event. For further information, call Temple Bet Yam at 904-819-1875. Please RSVP to the Temple by April 14 via phone or email www.templebetyam.org.

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Since the Fall of 2014, Cynthia Pierson has been offering classes in pastel painting. Many of her students are residents of St. Augustine, Palm Coast, Ponte Vedra and Jacksonville. Some are Snowbirds that return to class in the Fall and Winter months. Cynthia Pierson's classes are held on Monday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm. She is the current President of The First Coast Pastel Society, a juried member of the Pastel Society of America, a member of the St. Augustine Art Association, The Art Studio, the Pastel Society of North Florida, the Southeastern Pastel Society and the Portrait Society of America. Her work can be seen at the Aviles Gallery in Downtown St. Augustine and online at www.cynthiaperson.com. She can be reached at 904-819-1944 or cinpier@hotmail.com for class information.

5:00pm-8:30pm. Please plan to visit The Art Studio to meet Cynthia and some of her students!



In April, The Art Studio will feature works by these students. Cynthia says she is blessed to have so many talented and dedicated artists that attend her classes. Many of these artists will offer sales of their work, and will be attending our First Friday Art Walk Reception on April 7th. The reception at The Art Studio of St. Augustine Beach will be held from

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 visit The Art Studio for a list of classes, events, and special hours. For more information, please call 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
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by Bill Jones, President
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**Market Attendance and
Memberships Up!**

Market attendance up along with Memberships 2017 is off to an amazing start. Over 3000 people have signed the Save the Market – Save the Music petition, our Market because of the extra publicity has experienced a bump in the number of shoppers and our 2017 membership numbers are also on the rise! The support for our organization and the activities we sponsor and produce has been overwhelming. The community really deserves a big thank you for all of the emails, phone calls, signatures and other forms of support!

In March County Commissioner Henry Dean spoke to our Civic Association members about the many things the County is involved in. Beach re-nourishment and the recovery from Hurricane Matthew is still taking its toll on County personnel as well as many families that are still not back in their homes.

According to Commissioner Dean the effort can be broken down into three races. "We're running a spring quarter mile and a marathon all at the same time," Dean said. "The sprint is the urgent stuff like permits and documentation to get assistance projects going, the quarter mile getting the as much of the real work done on dredging and moving sand and the marathon getting our coastline and the properties near it ready to deal with future challenges". The Commissioner reiterated his support for parking spaces

in the County owned easement on Pope Road here in our City and improved public beach access and more parking for beach goers north of the Vilano Inlet. The Civic Association's next meeting is Tuesday April 11th - 7 PM at City Hall. Our City's Building Official Gary Larson will be our guest speaker. The meeting is open to the public.

Let me add a disclaimer to my closing this month by saying this last paragraph is not directed at everyone. I heard the words be grateful not greedy many times as I was growing up. It was good advice then and is still solid advice now. The Civic Association started a Participating Merchant program about 12 years ago. The program was designed to encourage people to patronize local businesses in our community and save our members a little money. Please support local business and please be grateful for your discounts. Recently we've heard a couple of stories about people trying to use coupons and then after receiving a discount some are asking for the Civic Association discount on top of the already discounted price. And if you're using the card when you are shopping for something like home improvements please show your card BEFORE you start negotiating. Please be grateful and not greedy when shopping. These local business owners are also our neighbors and we want them to do well too!

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Guardianships: New Laws Aim to Protect Society's Vulnerable

by Julie Ickes, Esq.
 Jackson Law Group



Friends and family members often worry about how to protect their elderly loved ones. Particularly at risk are elders with advanced dementia, making them vulnerable to scammers and sometimes unable to take care of themselves. Florida's Department of Elder Affairs reports that nearly 12% of Florida's senior population has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, which often manifests through dementia. A visit to an attorney frequently leads to the discovery that estate planning, including advance directives that give voice to one's future wishes and help avoid a guardianship, has not been done. As a result, guardianships are often considered as a last-resort solution.

A guardianship is a court process where someone petitions the court about a person he or she believes is incapacitated. Next, a three-person committee will each meet with that person and investigate the claims. If the court determines that the person is incapacitated, a guardian is needed. If no family member is willing or able to serve as a guardian, the court will appoint a public or professional guardian.

Guardianships are meant to be a last resort because they are the most restrictive form of decision-making available. Sacred rights, such as the right to marry, vote, have a driver's license, sign contracts, and make medical and social decisions may be taken away by the court. Some rights may be delegated to an appointed guardian or to the court, and some may be

removed entirely.

Many guardianship laws changed recently to prevent fraud, waste and abuse. Instigated by reports of abuse described in legislative hearings, Florida lawmakers responded to those who claimed they had been victims of the guardianship process. In 2014, the legislature made the background screening process more intense for prospective guardians, and gave the clerk of court more power to review and oversee assets under control of the guardian. In 2015, many laws were updated to provide further protection for the person whose abilities were being questioned. In 2016, the legislature created the Office of Public and Professional Guardians (OPPG). The OPPG is charged with regulating and disciplining professional guardians to protect against abuses.

Many clerks have already been working with OPPG to investigate complaints against professional guardians. The OPPG is currently in the process of rulemaking to regulate professional guardians.

Consider contacting an attorney to discover how estate planning can proactively diminish the necessity of guardianship.

Julie Ickes is an associate at Jackson Law Group who specializes in estate planning, trust and probate administration and guardianships. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Smith College. Julie earned her J.D. and LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Florida Levin College of Law.



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Financial Focus

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Use Your Tax Refund Wisely

It's tax time again – which for many Americans means that a tax refund is on its way. If you're going to get a refund this year, how can you use the money to your best advantage?

Of course, it's always tempting to spend the check from Uncle Sam on something fun. But a tax refund could be sizable – the average amount in 2016 was \$2,857, according to the IRS – so putting this money to work could help boost your progress toward your financial goals.

Here are some possibilities for using your refund:

- * Help fund your IRA. If you were to receive a tax refund of \$2,857, you'd have slightly more than half of the \$5,500 annual IRA contribution limit for 2017, although, if you are 50 or older, you can contribute an extra \$1,000. Consequently, you may find it much easier to fully fund your IRA for the year – and you should do exactly that, because an IRA is a great retirement savings vehicle. If you have a traditional IRA, your contributions may be fully or partially deductible, depending on your income, while your earnings can grow tax deferred. (Taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) With a Roth IRA, your contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

- Help diversify your portfolio. If a market downturn hits one asset class, and that's where you keep most of your money, you could take a big hit. Owning an array of investments – such as stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, and so

on – can help prepare your portfolio to weather the effects of market volatility. By adding new investments, or increasing your holdings of existing investments, you may be able to further diversify your portfolio – and you can use your refund for this purpose. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

- Contribute to a 529 plan. If you have children or grandchildren whom you'd like to help send to college, consider using your tax refund to help fund a 529 plan. Your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes, and your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (However, withdrawals not used for higher education expenses may be subject to both income tax and a 10% penalty.)

- Pay off some debts. You can help improve your financial picture by reducing your debt load – but it may make sense to prioritize these debts. For example, rather than make an extra mortgage payment, you might want to first tackle those debts or loans that carry a high interest rate and that don't allow you to deduct interest payments. After all, your monthly mortgage payment will remain the same even if you make an extra payment, but if you can get rid of some smaller debts, you will free up some cash that you could use to invest for your future.

Think carefully about how to use your tax refund. It represents an opportunity that you won't want to waste.

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Computer Corner

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Are They illegally Monitoring Your Computer?

Greetings from Computer Professor

The top two most common computer problems are still going strong. The first is the phone call or computer message telling you, “they” are associated with Microsoft and your computer is in trouble. Just how do they know that? Are they illegally monitoring your computer? Gee, since they are a criminal let us talk, let them on our computer and give them our credit card. Sounds silly in writing but many have failing to the con, at least enough to let them on your computer. Within seconds they can get things off or plant things on your computer. Often, I would hear people say something like “But they said...” They are a con artist, why are you talking to them? As for the window on your computer that says all sorts of bad things are wrong with your computer – you probably had a search hijacked to a web page and that is what you are reading, just like a sign on the wall. Would you believe a sign on the wall saying your house is burning down?

The second most common problem can cause you to fall for the first, fundamental computer operator knowledge. Why? The generation that invented this stuff is alive and well. The educational system takes far longer than that to realize what they are not teaching and should. So, we get to figure it out on our own. Just imagine getting nothing but “word of mouth” training to drive a car, fly a plane, do surgery, or build a house. It is not the fault of the everyday person, even the “experts”

falter, and I find the problem stems from some fundamental item they didn't know about. For those of you who have searched for knowledge in books, I understand your frustration. Learning from computer books is like learning to speak English from a dictionary.

Once in the past I promised everyone another source of practical information presented in a way one can apply and understand. I have found the time needed wasn't there but I have not given up on it. I have found a way to make this happen and hope to start rolling this out this year. There is no cost so I am not trying to sell you something. It may turn into something that aspects of it, I can use to pay for my existence but we'll see. Happy computing





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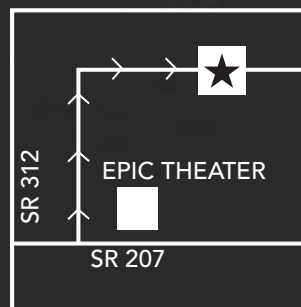
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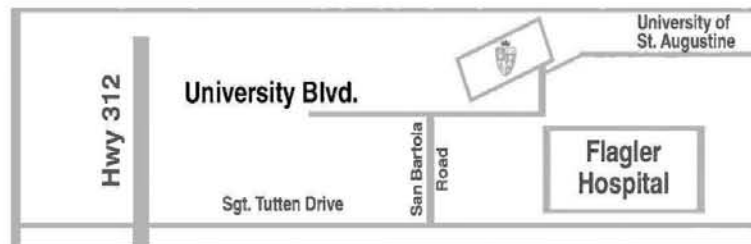
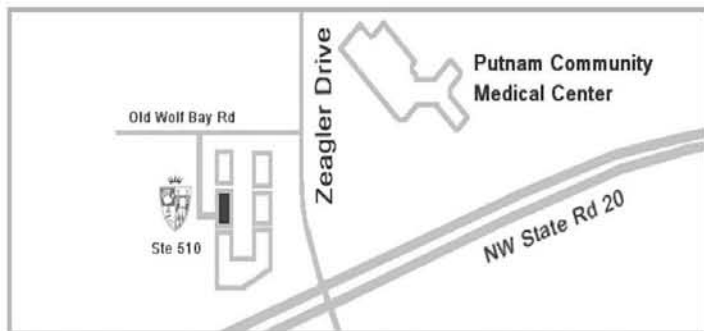


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Friends of Scenic A1A Coastal Byway Elect New Board of Directors

The Friends of A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway welcomes the 2017-19 Board of Directors overseeing the 72-mile national scenic Byway through St. Johns and Flagler counties.

Leading the efforts as the President of Scenic A1A on behalf of St. Johns County, is Bill McClure, former St. Johns County Commissioner and current CEO of the U.S. Bamboo Coalition. McClure's dedicated involvement in issues on the local and national level keep the priorities of community in the line of sight for policy makers.

Vice President of the organization is retired business executive Marge Rooyakkers. Heavily involved in organizations such as the Flagler Audubon Society and currently serving as President of the Hammock Community Association, Rooyakkers brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise from Flagler County to the Friends of Scenic A1A, of which she has been a part of for twelve years.

Taking the helm as Treasurer of the Friends of Scenic A1A is banking executive Lisa McGowan. Currently Vice President of VyStar Credit Union in St. Augustine Beach, FL, McGowan is a regular speaker at the University of North Florida's Coggin School of Business. New to Scenic A1A, she has embraced her role within the organization with enthusiasm.

"I am very proud to be serving as President of the Board of Directors," said Bill McClure. "Having been an active member since 2012, and having a residence on A1A, I recognize the importance of A1A on the environment, economic development, and critical infrastructure of our beautiful 72 miles along the Atlantic Ocean. Without a group like Friends of Scenic A1A, our 72 miles of beauty might not exist," he said.

The Friends of A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway is a non-profit organization that protects, preserves and enhances resources along the A1A National Scenic Byway. This citizen's advocacy group partners with municipalities, governmental agencies and other civic groups to maintain and improve resources along the corridor.

Designated in 2002, the Byway is rich in history, nature, archeology, culture, scenery and recreation. The Friends of A1A's efforts benefit residents and travelers alike by maintaining the identified intrinsic resources while allowing economic development.

St. Johns Office is located at 2175 Mizell Road, St. Augustine, FL 32080. For additional information contact 904.425.8055 or see www.scenic1a.org.

Move to Last

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Appliances used to be built to last. It seems now-a-days everything is built for temporary use only to be replaced. Fortunately for many joints of the body can be replaced with a high percentage of success but many people don't realize the way they move and perform their daily functions may either increase or decrease joint stress. Simple suggestions on how we move and function can significantly reduce these stresses, maybe enabling them last longer, and potentially reduce the need for replacement or surgery later in life. Such suggestions include:

1. When getting out of bed in the morning, bend your knees, roll to the side and sit up sideways. This 'log roll' significantly reduces twisting, shearing and compressive forces in joints of the low back.

2. When sitting in a car, computer or chair at home and work, place a small pillow in the curve of the low back. This reduces pressure within the discs of the low back, supports the back so muscles don't have to work as hard and places the neck in a more neutral position.

3. When standing up after sitting, keep the back straight and lean forward at the hips. This too reduces stress in the low back.

4. When standing for prolonged periods (like in line at the store), place one foot slightly forward of the other and rock slowly back and forth. This keeps the muscles firing, lubricates the joints and reduces stress on the hips, knees and spine.

5. When bending and lifting, keep your back straight, bend your hips and knees and do not twist your spine. Turn by moving your feet, not with your back.

6. When getting in the car, sit first then lift and swing your legs in. When getting out of the car, lift and swing both legs, then lean forward at the hips and stand up. This significantly reduces torsion forces on the back, hips and knees.

7. When performing activities like vacuuming, shoveling or cutting the lawn, lean forward at your hips and bend your knees, as if you were lunging forward. This reduces the need to bend forward in the low back region, reducing pressure within the discs.

8. Overhead activities can place undue stress on the tendons of the shoulders, so use a stool or ladder to reduce the amount you have to reach overhead.

9. Low impact aerobic exercise like walking or cycling improves nutrition to the joints, which improves overall joint health. Exercise improves cardiovascular function, burns calories, reduces weight gain, and may therefore decrease compression on all joints.

10. Finally, at the end of the day, when it is time to sleep, make sure your pillow supports your head and neck in a level position, both when you are lying on your back or lying on your side. This helps reduce stress on joints, muscles and nerves of the neck during one of the times you are most immobile.

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Jim Viti has been treating patients with low back pain for over 25 years. He is board certified in orthopaedic physical therapy and lectures to physical therapists throughout the United States regarding low back mechanics, injury and treatment.

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