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St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Assoc. May Dance Features Roy Olsson Band



The St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association will host its next dance on Saturday, May 12th from 7 to 10pm at the Riverview Club, 790 Christina Drive, in St. Augustine Shores.

Beautiful dance music will be provided by the ever popular Roy Olsson Nostalgia band. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and coffee will be served throughout the evening.

Guests pay \$20. Appropriate guest attire is a dark business suit with tie, or a tuxedo, for the men and a cocktail dress or gown for the women. For a reservation, call Dennis or Mary Larimore at 904-825-4902. For more information and pictures, visit facebook.com/sabdastaug.

Pictured are President Fred Hathorn, and his lovely wife Lynda, taking a break from all the dancing.

St. Augustine Community Chorus Annual Masterworks 2018 Performance

The St. Augustine Community Chorus, under the direction of Mike Sanflippo, is pleased to present "Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten", featuring the premiere of Mass by Loren C. Fortna, as part of its 2017-2018 concert season, Sunday, May 13th at 3:00 pm at Ancient City Baptist Church, 27 Sevilla Street in beautiful downtown St. Augustine. This is an exciting opportunity for the Chorus to perform a premiere of a new work. Dr. Fortna will also accompany his composition on classical guitar. The program includes a trio of pieces as a prelude to the Mass that share themes of peace, equality, and compassion. The Mass is a large-scale setting of the traditional texts in the customary five movement form. Listeners will find great variety in Fortna's writing, from lyrical soaring lines to angular, rhythmic passages, as he explores a wide range of style for the guitar, soloists, and chorus alike.

Concert tickets: Adults \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, \$5 for students and military with ID. Advanced tickets for our upcoming concert can be purchased at these supportive businesses: Carter's Jewelry, Flowers by Shirley, Herbie Wiles Insurance, Southern Horticulture, Sterry Piano, and online at: www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org.

The St. Augustine Community Chorus, under the direction of Mike Sanflippo, has been performing choral music in St. Augustine and St. Johns County since 1948. Our community highly anticipates attending first rate distinctive performances. The chorus traditionally presents three concerts a year: a holiday program including portions of Handel's Messiah and other music; a mid-season 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, donors and grants for support in our musical endeavors. For more information, visit www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org.

The St. Augustine Community Chorus is a recipient of a Music Grant from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs in the General Support Grant program and supports the promotion of CULTURE BUILDS FLORIDA.

St. Augustine
Community Chorus



Loren C. Fortna

Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser

On Saturday, May 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Shores United Methodist Church, the S.W.A.G. Youth Group will be hosting a Bake Sale fundraiser to support their youth ministry activities, summer field trips and retreats. There will be a smorgasbord of baked goodies to buy: Muffins, Nut Breads, Dessert Bars, Cookies, Donuts, Cupcakes, Brownies, and pretty much anything with chocolate in it. There will be coffee, bottled water and other refreshments for sale for those who'd like to be served cafe style. Come and bring your family and friends in support of our youth!

The Bake Sale is located in the Christian Education Building, #B and there is plenty of free parking. The church is located at 724 Shores Blvd between the golf course and Hartley Elementary. Taylor Lowery is the Youth Director. For more information, call 977-4416 or visit www.shoresumc.org.



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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.

St. Augustine Shores Community Calendar

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

• Conquistador Condominium Board

Information should be received by the 15th of the month in order to appear in the following month's issue. Articles or information may be sent to the St. Augustine Observer, 1965 A1A South #180, St. Augustine Florida 32080-6509. Information may also be e-mailed to clifflogsdon@att.net.

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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.

Monthly Meeting:

3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM

• 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.

Women of the Moose-1101 present:

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Keith Rowland - Treasurer

Louis Zimmer - Vice President
Lynn Rowland - Secretary

St. Augustine South Improvement Association

Community Block Grants Topic at Monthly Meeting

by Handly Caraway

The February meeting of the St. Augustine South Improvement Association featured presentations on Community Development Block Grants and on St Johns County Parks and Recreation programs.

Gregory Lulkoski, of SJC Housing and Community Services, stated that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will allocate approximately \$827,000 to St. Johns County for 2018, and invited applications from all eligible community groups seeking to improve and revitalize their neighborhoods.

Applications must be aligned with at least one of the following: those benefiting low-income and moderate income persons, elimination of slums and blight, and particularly urgent community projects covering a wide range of needs. Deadline for applications is May 4, 2018.

Help to eligible individuals with needed home repairs may be made by the St. Johns Housing Partnership, which also receives funding through this grant. More information may be obtained by e-mailing him at glulkoski@sjcfl.us or calling 904-827-6897.

Jamie Baccari, Community Program Manager of the St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department, gave some ideas for increased utilization of the SASIA clubhouse at 709 Royal Road.

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St. Augustine Shores Club News

March 2018 Riverview Club Calendar

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

EARLY SOCIAL Sunday, May 6th

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Entertainment by Nostalgia

BYOB Hosted by: Bill & Marilyn Helman

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



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MAIN SOCIAL Friday, May 18th

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Entertainment by Phil Farino

BYOB Hosted by: Rob & Rhonda Groleau

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

Bridge - Fridays 1:00 pm. Bridge Lesson The class is geared to all levels. Thursday 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! 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. Wednesdays class offers a 30-minute floor stretches after class!

Yoga - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 am. Bring a non-skid mat & wear comfortable clothing. The class is geared to all levels.

Exercise Class - Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am.

Tai-Chi - Beginner Tai-Chi, Tuesday at 8:00 am and Thursday at 7:00 pm. Learn the principals of Tai Chi with John Doody and help your overall health and well-being!

Dance Class - Ballroom dance 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. Class is FREE for Activities & Dance Club Members.

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

Writers in Shores - Tuesday May 8th and 22nd at 1:00 pm in the Library. For information call Donna at 794-0789.

Upcoming Events at the Riverview Club

FREE Android Smartphone Workshop: Tuesday, May 8th @ 10am-Noon

Early Social Dance: Sunday, June 3rd (6pm to 9pm) – Entertainment by Ernie

Main Social Dance: Saturday, June 23rd (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment by Debbie Owen & Tony T.

Riverview Club Events

MAY DANCES

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

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EARLY SOCIAL

Sunday, May 6th 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Entertainment by Nostalgia *BYOB*

MAIN SOCIAL

Friday, May 18th 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Entertainment by Phil Farino *BYOB*

Water Aerobics with Elsa - Starting May 2nd: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:00 am – Must purchase pool pass.

FREE Android Smartphone Workshop, by Technical Tiger - Tuesday, May 8th @ 10am-Noon Easy to understand Android training.

TAI-CHI CLASS - Tuesday at 8:00 am and Thursday at 7:00 pm. Learn the principals of Tai Chi with John Doody and help your overall health and well-being!

FREE Introductory Fitness Pole Walking Clinic with Sheila Vidamour

• Wednesday, May 9th at 12:30 pm – Meet at 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.

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St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation March 8th Board Meeting Summary

"This Summary is an 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 by President James O'Such at 7:00 P.M. Present: Vice President Austin Dietly, Treasurer Claire Lorbeer, Director Philip Van Tiem, Director Jeremy Duncan. Absent Secretary Nicolas Arocha and Director Thomas Filloramo. Quorum Established.

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes of February 8th as presented. Treasurers Report read by Treasurer Lorbeer accepted for audit. General Manager Smith explained the increase in the operating fund and the decrease in the reserve fund.

General Manager Smith presented 2 collection issues. The Homeowner requests a payment plan to pay off the debt of \$1,033 and stay current in 11 months at \$75.00 per month and put \$208 down. Motion made to approve the payment plan as presented, and carried Unanimously. The second issue the Homeowner requests a payment plan to pay off the debt of \$600.56 and stay current in 11 months at \$50.00 per month. Motion made and seconded as requested and accepted unanimsly.

Managers' Report - Joseph H. Smith III

Discussion on Contract Landscaping: General Manager Smith presented a proposal with 4 options for renewal of the contract which expires June 30, 2018.

Option 1: A 3-year contract with a 5% increase each year like the current contract. Baker would also donate the material for a gazebo to be placed in front of the pier.

Option 2: A 7-year contract with a 4% increase each year. Baker would also donate the material for a gazebo. Baker would also donate \$25000 worth of landscaping and irrigation piping for the medians on Christina. This option presents a deferred increase of \$16,000.

Option 3: A 10-year contract with a 3% increase each year. Baker would also donate the material for a gazebo. Baker would also donate \$50,000 worth of landscaping and irrigation piping for the medians on Shores and Christina. This option presents a deferred increase of \$30,000.

Option 4: A 15-year contract with a 2% increase each year. Baker would also donate the material for a gazebo. Baker would also donate \$75000 worth of landscaping and irrigation piping for the medians on Shores and Christina. This option presents a deferred increase of \$74000.

Board Discussion on Options: Director Duncan inquired about the terms of default. The current contract requires 60 days' notice to terminate the contract. General Manager Smith presented the terms of the current contract. Director Duncan inquired about the terms of the donations. The gazebo will be built by students from Pedro Menendez when the pier project is complete. The landscaping donations will be presented as the Board initiates the jack and bore under the County roads which requires design by a Professional Engineer. Director Duncan suggests that we include an option to reconsider half way through the term of the contract. Mike Amato expressed his interest in the longer contract with a lower interest rate considering the current climate of the economy. John Greta inquired as to why the contract was not going out for bid. He feels Bakers contract has never been put out for bid. Director Duncan stated that the Conquistador fired Baker Co. and hired five major landscape companies that failed to perform their contracts at an acceptable level. Duncan asked General Manager Smith to reference the Florida Statute that governs Service Agreements. That is FS 3055 revised in October of 2004. Grexa stated that when the contract went out for bid there were companies with lower bids that were not accepted. General Manager Smith was asked to present the history of the landscaping contract. The membership is concerned about inflation. Motion made, seconded and carried unanimsly to select the 10 year option and revisit the contract 5 years into it and that all the donations presented be completed by the fifth year as a condition of continuing.

Storm Water Drainage Project Update: The Lining of the failed 200 ft section of 24 "corrugated metal Storm Water Drainage Pipe between Baracoa Court and Cecilia Court is complete. General Manager Smith informed the Board that a 210 ft section of 18" corrugated metal Storm Water Drainage Pipe next to 794 Medina Ct. has failed. This pipe takes water to the drainage retention pond behind Medina Court and it belongs to the Service Corporation. Smith presented a bid from G & H Underground Construction to line the pipe for \$32390.00. Director Duncan asked that we set the commencement date at 60 days. Motion made, seconded and carried unanimsly to approve and award the bid to G & H Underground Construction as presented for \$32,390.00.

Pier Project Update: General Manager Smith presented pictures of the pier reconstruction progress to the Board. They lack some more handrail and the covered sitting area to completion. They should be finished in about 2 weeks. Then we must stain and light the pier. (continued on page 13)

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St. Augustine South Improvement Association Scholarships Awarded at May Meeting

Each year the St. Augustine South Improvement Association seeks applications for scholarships from graduating high school seniors who are residents of the subdivision. Over the years, the association has awarded over \$35,000 to students enrolling in colleges and post-secondary vocational education. Applications and requirements are distributed each year to area high schools. Application for 2018 scholarships is closed.



Awards this year will be made at the May 16th meeting of the association at the clubhouse, 709 Royal Road, beginning at 7 p.m. Complimentary refreshments and a cake cutting by the recipients will conclude the meeting.

The association meets on the third Wednesday of each month, except for July and August, at 7 p.m.

Temple Bet Yam Thrilled to bring back Klezmer Concert

Back by popular demand, Temple Bet Yam is presenting the Klezmer group of Joseph and Lynn Goldovitz, Jacob Goldberger on the clarinet, and Ray Guiser on the saxophone. Joseph and Lynn have performed at Klezmer festivals in Israel and around the U.S. Jacob plays the clarinet with the Gulf Coast Symphony and performs klezmer around the United States and Israel. Ray, who has played in various musical venues and recorded with top performers here in the U.S., developed an interest in klezmer adding those special notes of the sax to the group.

What is klezmer? It's the music style that originated in the ghettos of Eastern Europe. It was played at weddings – remember Fiddler on the Roof? - and holiday celebrations. Its roots reflect not only Eastern Europe, but gypsy and Balkan music, and today, American jazz and Israeli sounds have been added to the mix.

Come to Temple Bet Yam, 2055 Wildwood Drive, just off SR 207 in St. Augustine on Saturday night, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. You can expect a hand-clapping, sing-along, dancing-in-the aisles evening. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Contact Carol Levy at 954-895-7332 or bernie.levy@att.net for additional information.

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SonRise National Park Vacation Bible School is for children starting Pre-K 4 to 5th grade and rising 6th graders. Students entering the 7th grade can register as helpers. VBS is Monday through Friday, July 23 – July 27, 2018 from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is greatly appreciated for planning supplies. Download the registration form at www.shoresumc.org located at the bottom of the Home page. The church office offers free Notary service available M-F from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Shores United Methodist Church is located at 724 Shores Blvd, between the Shores Golf Course and Hartley Elementary. For more information, call 797-4416.

Anytime Fitness

Joined Lift for Fight Against Veteran Suicide

Lift For The 22, a national 501c3 nonprofit that provides one-year gym memberships to military veterans has partnered with Anytime Fitness - St. Augustine.

The owners of Anytime Fitness St. Augustine have donated five one-year gym memberships to Lift For The 22 to be given to local veterans. The partnership aims to fight veteran suicide and increase the health and wellness of the veteran community locally.

Veterans can apply for these memberships at www.LiftForThe22.org immediately. All veterans of all eras are eligible for these memberships.

Lift For The 22's mission is to fight veteran suicide by bringing the veteran community together through health and fitness. Lift For The 22 partners with fitness facilities all over the country to provide these memberships to veterans.

If your agency has further questions or would like to conduct an interview please contact Carter Davis, the founder of Lift For The 22 at (503) 701-1875 or Carter@Liftforthe22.org. You may also reach Ritchie Yu at (904) 297-2300 saintaugustinefl@anytimefitness.com to conduct an interview with their staff on this impactful partnership.

Stop Smoking using Hypnotherapy

On May 12th at the Riverview Club a "Smoking Cessation" class will be held from 10 am to 12 noon by Cheryl Robertson, Clinical Hypnotherapist.

Hypnotherapy is drug free and has no side effects. Like snowflakes, no two clients are the same and the results may vary from client to client. However, hypnotherapy has the capacity to reach the subconscious mind where our beliefs and emotions are stored. Almost every person has a different reason and time in their life when they started to smoke. If you have tried patches, lozenges, etc. and nothing has worked, maybe it is time to try hypnotherapy.

The cost for the group session is \$45.00 (regular \$125.00) and payment must be paid in advance and is non-refundable. Please wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat, small blanket and pillow as you will be in a lying position.



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First Coast Card - Newcomers Clubs

First Coast Card Club Dates For April 2018:

Saturday, April 7th-Lunch 1PM. Cards: 2P-4:30P. Coffee Cafe. St. Augustine. Contact Lea to be added to Attendee List. Limited To 12. RSVP EARLY!

Tuesday, April 10th. Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine. Refreshments. 1:00P

Saturday, April 14th-Lunch/Cards. 2 Story Paddle Wheeler 2 Hour Boat Tour. Arrival 1PM-Sets Sail 2P. Pick From 4 Meals. \$19.95 + Tax, Gratuity + \$2. Port Fee=\$25.72. Lea has Location/Address. Been Before-Great Experience! Contact Lea to attend. Limited To 10. RSVP Early!

Thursday, April 19th. Anastasia Library-124 Sea Grove Main St., St. Augustine Beach. Bring Your own food, food to share, beverages. Refreshments. 12:00Noon.

Tuesday, April 24th. Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine. Refreshments. 1:00P

Sunday, April 29th. Lunch: 12:30PM. Cards: 1:30-3:45P. Cobblestone Plaza-St. Augustine. Please contact Lea to be added to Attendee List. Limited To 12. RSVP Early!

Meet more card players at our Community Libraries Every Month. Contact Lea: 904-829-0643 for locations, more information, & verification of events. Your Support Is Appreciated.

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Friday, April 13th. Florida Friendly Landscaping St. Johns County. 10AM-11AM Free.

Saturday, April 21st. Spring Dance Show. Good Experiences. St. Augustine. 7P. \$15.At The Door. Contact Lea: 904-829-0643 to Join Our Club & how to attend events. Your Support Is Appreciated.

St. Augustine Travel Club Meetings

by Peter Dytrych

May Meeting - Our next Travel Club will be held on Wednesday, May 16, at 3:00 pm, at the Southeast Branch Public Library. The topic will be Germany's Romantic Rhine and Rothenburg. The Travel Club is free to all St. Augustine residents and their friends and no preregistration is necessary.

June Club Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13, at 3:00 p.m. at the Southeast Branch Public Library. The topic will be English Countryside and Classic London. The Travel Club is free to all St. Augustine residents and their friends and no preregistration is necessary. Any questions, feel free to call Peter Dytrych at 904 797-3736.

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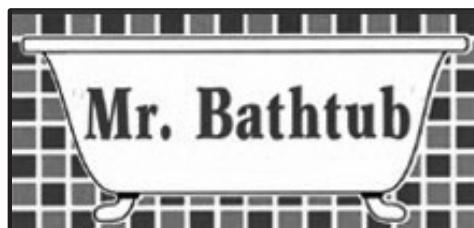
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Wags 'n Whiskers Pet Shelter at 1967 Old Moultrie Road, St. Augustine will be organizing a monthly flea market at their parking lot, every second Friday of the month for the remainder of the year. The next one will be on Saturday, May 12, 8:00 - 3:00.

Sellers would be able to buy space for \$10.00 for the day, bringing their own tables and marking their goods to sell. They are looking for 10 or more vendors to participate. The function will last from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please call Abigail at 904-347-6829 to reserve your spot. Your merchandise sales are yours to keep. If you would like to donate any unsold items to the shelter, it would be appreciated. Learn more at website www.petrescue.org

St Augustine Genealogical Society Meeting

The May meeting will be May 19, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Southeast Branch Library to learn how to organize a state by state or county by county genealogy search of courthouses, libraries, cemeteries & archives.

Jinny Barrs will speak about: "Searching Local Records, Making Digital Copies and Downloading". She moved to St. Augustine from San Diego, California. She began investigating her family roots after retiring. After finally proving her own ancestral line, she decided to share all of the records she collected during her research. She had authored three books with plans to write several more covering all of her family born since 1870.

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Wild Flower Meadow Group

by Cindy Taylor

We planted some wildflowers the first Saturday in April and are taking turns watering them every other day, till they settle into their new home. We now have a second rosin weed, near the one that's already established, and another St John's wort and honeysuckle vine, since the others are doing so well. We also added a native porter weed, swamp hibiscus, climbing aster, and a new partridge pea since Hurricane Irma destroyed the last one.

The black roots we put in last year came back and there are more cudweeds than last year. We're hoping they'll attract larvae of the Painted Lady butterfly. Some native wildflowers are plain-looking but are hosts to flying flowers (butterflies), so don't let their "weedy" appearance tempt you to think they aren't worth keeping. And don't be offended by the false dandelion. It's a native wildflower too.

As of early April the honeysuckle vine is blooming profusely, the showy primrose are back and field sorrel, toad flax, and lyre leaf sage are still blooming. Fleabane are beginning to bloom, coreopsis



and spiderwort are spreading across the meadow; and by the way, you have to go in the morning to see the spiderwort. They don't bloom in the afternoon. The ground cherry is about to bloom but it's a subtle flower. It faces the ground and you have to look carefully to see it. That's the thing about a wildflower meadow: its blooms aren't always obvious, like in gardens. Sometimes you need to look past superficial appearance and preconceived notions about "weeds" to see the flowers.

We occasionally visit state and county parks and welcome newcomers, even if you want to come only on the outings. Our group meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM 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.



Letter Carrier Food Drive May 12 for United Way of St. Johns County

Mailboxes can be stuffed with more than letters, bills, or solicitations on Saturday, May 12. Instead, residents are encouraged to place non-perishable food donations in their for collection by letter carriers for the annual food drive held by the National Association of Letter Carriers, the U.S. Postal Service, the Rural Letter Carriers Association, the AFL-CIO, and United Way of St. Johns County. Locally, over 30 thousand pounds were collected during last year's, 2017, drive. Carriers, United Way-SJC, volunteers and local nonprofits work together to distribute the collection to county food banks or shelters.

In St. Johns County, nearly residents are food insecure. By adding just one or two non-perishable food items in with outgoing mail, St. Johns County carriers will again collect thousands of pounds of food. Carriers seeing that red flag upright on their route, will be thankful to collect the donation, as well the pantries and nonprofits. Photo from 2017 Letter Carrier's Drive at Main Post Office.

Please For information, contact Jenny Harvey of United Way at 829-9721 or 285-2606 or email jenny.harvey@unitedway-sjc.org.



SJR State Registering for Summer Courses

Registration for St. Johns River State College's summer sessions is underway. Three sessions will be offered, with Summer classes to be held May 9 – August 10, Summer A classes May 9 – June 22, and Summer B classes June 27 – August 10. Orientation is required for all new students before registering for classes. Orientation details will be provided to students once their college application has been processed.

The last day to apply for admission for the Summer and Summer A terms is May 1. The last day to register is May 8. The last day to apply for the Summer B term is June 19. The last day to register for the Summer B term is June 26. Students are encouraged to apply early.

The course schedule for all summer sessions is available online at SJRstate.edu/courses.html. For more information regarding registration and courses offered, contact your local campus at the numbers listed below or visit the SJR State website at SJRstate.edu.

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Impact of Tax Reform on Estate Planning

by Julie Ickes, J.D., LL.M.
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How did tax reform affect estate planning? The tax reform enacted on December 22, 2017 increased the federal estate and gift tax exclusion from \$5.49 million in 2017 to slightly over \$11 million(1). The estate tax is a tax on property transferred upon your death, but only estates valued in excess of an exclusion may owe tax. In general, assets of the deceased plus any gifts the deceased made during his or her life in excess of the annual gift tax exclusion(2) on which no gift tax has been paid, are included in the calculation. Most individuals and couples do not have assets exceeding \$11 million and \$22 million, respectively, so an even smaller group of people will now be impacted by the estate tax.

Therefore, income tax planning is more relevant to most people now. There are strategies to minimize taxes to your beneficiaries. Property generally keeps the same taxable characteristics when it is transferred to another. For example, a traditional IRA will still cause your beneficiaries to report income when they take distributions, a sale of a home could cause capital gain tax, and sales of stock could cause capital gains or losses.

Due to tax rules, if appreciated property (property that increased in value as one has owned it) is given while the giver is alive, this can result in higher taxes for the recipient when it's sold than if it had been gifted at death. On the other hand, it could be advantageous to gift depreciated property to beneficiaries during your life.

However, it's not quite that simple. A major complication can be long-term healthcare issues. Healthcare costs for assisted living or nursing homes is very expensive and you should consider how you could pay for healthcare costs or caregivers as you age. Gifting assets can have consequences for qualifying for financial assistance for healthcare costs. Another problem is that even if you only add another owner, doing so may take away your ability to control the asset. Since no two cases are exactly alike, it is recommended to consult with professionals, such as a tax attorney, accountant, financial planner and estate planning attorney when you create an estate plan and before you gift significant assets.

(1) For 2018 it is \$10 million with an inflation adjustment, however the IRS has not yet posted the actual figure. (2) \$15,000.00 (2018)

Julie Ickes is an associate at Jackson Law Group. Her primary practice areas are 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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St. Augustine Beach Civic Association

by Bill Jones, President
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Improved Economy Impacting Local Business & Music By the Sea



If you tried to go out to dinner at any of our popular restaurants here at the beach lately you have noticed two things. First most places are very busy with a wait even on weeknights and you see signs that say, "now hiring". Our local economy appears to be booming and that is good. But it also brings about some challenges for business owners and even our organization as we plan Music by the Sea.

We've had a few of our regular Music by the Sea restaurant participants decline this year because they are all experiencing staffing challenges. Unemployment is lower than ever and as the old adage goes "good help is hard to find". If you know of someone that is a hard worker, is drug free and needs work, please send them to one of our many local eateries that need help. We have filled our restaurant schedule at our concerts with a couple of local businesses that also cater so they have staff and gear to handle this type of event and we've also added a couple of locally owned food trucks that are mobile and are set up for events like ours. We think you'll find the food to be tasty, affordable and local.

Music by the Sea opens this year with a fundraiser on May 16th for local artist and community volunteer Paul Slava. Paul has suffered with rheumatoid arthritis for years and medications he was taking caused his liver to fail. Paul is a father of 3 wonderful children and has given thousands of hours to our

community. He has received a liver transplant and is doing well. The transplant came at a very high cost. We hope to raise \$5000 for his medical fund that evening with a silent auction and more. All proceeds from food and beverage sales will go to his fund. Entertainment that night will include free swing dance lessons by Adam Morely and his much better half Janine LeBlanc and music will be provided by DJ Dan of VIP Entertainment. A complete schedule for the 2018 edition of Music by the Sea can be found on our web site www.sabca.org

A quick Wednesday Market update. The county has published a request for proposal for someone to operate a Wednesday morning market at Pier Park. So we find ourselves competing with others to operate a market we created 19 years ago. Can you imagine creating and running a business for two decades only to have your landlord say "thanks for building this but now we're going to take what you've built and make it available to anyone". Essentially that is what is occurring here.

We are trying to stay positive and will submit a proposal. It is our hope the County is looking at the big picture and not just how much rent they will collect from the operator. For now, we remain open each Wednesday morning and hope you'll continue to support our great family of vendors. The Wednesday Market is open from 8 AM until 12:30 PM at Pier Park.

May 16 - Party for Paul
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St. Johns County Sheriff's Corner

By David Shoar, St. Johns County Sheriff

E-Commerce Awareness

Here is an example of an advertisement placed on a popular e-commerce classified site: "For Sale: 2005 Denali Yukon. Excellent condition. 46,000 miles. Must sacrifice as I am being deployed to Afghanistan next month. Will deliver anywhere in Southeast United States."

This used car ad is most likely fraudulent and could result in someone being scammed for a lot of money. This month I would like to share with you some tips for safely using e-commerce sites or for that matter, any online classified buy and sell social network.

E-Commerce sites are a great resource for selling things, finding apartments, locating services and meeting people. Most of the time transactions go smoothly and both seller and buyer are satisfied with the experience.

One e-commerce site advises that any business dealings be done with people locally. Trust your instincts and if the offer appears too good to be true, it probably is and be leery. If you have something for sale and someone emails or calls offering more than you are asking be skeptical and careful. This is usually the first step in getting some of your cash. In this scenario you may be asked to put some money in a phony escrow account supposedly to insure a safe transaction for both parties. Even being asked to make a deposit in legitimate escrow service such as BidPay, Squaretrade or PayPal should raise a red flag to proceed with caution. In all e-commerce transactions I would like to add "let the buyer be smart" to the old adage of "let the buyer beware"

E-Commerce scams frequently involve rental property. If you are seeking a home to rent, do not send deposit money or first and last month rent before you confirm the property is actually a legitimate rental. The FBI has posted a warning about such a scam operated from Nigeria. The response to a "wanted to rent ad" will say they have a home available in your community because they are missionaries and have accepted an assignment from their church in Nigeria. They will e-mail you pictures of the home then tell you they will give you the address after you send a Western Union money order for the deposit.

These sites are also popular for personal ads. If you post such an ad never reveal contact information. Many sites will allow you to setup an email response box that will be forwarded to your undisclosed email address. When meeting someone in response to a posting, always make it in a very public place. Always tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you plan to return.

Even after you have met the individual and start to feel comfortable don't let your guard down too soon. If during the first meeting the other person suggests to go to some place quieter say no and use your best intuition as to whether you want to continue the meeting and conversation.

Using e-commerce or other social sites can be fun and rewarding if you use some of these tips to insure your safety and protect yourself from being scammed, or worse, harmed.

Thank you for taking the time to read my column and if you have suggestions for future topics or any issue related to law enforcement and public safety in St. Johns County please contact me at dshoar@sjs.org.

Computer Corner

by Steven Aldrich
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Computer Repair Gone Wrong

I have a customer who decided to take her laptop to a store-front repair shop. They told her that the motherboard was damaged, and it would cost hundreds to fix her laptop. So, she bought a new computer, and paid them to transfer her files and data. She then asked me to come and set the new computer up for her and install her printer.

When I arrived, she told me that they were unable to get her email and contacts transferred. They told her it could not be done. It took me 15 minutes to get her email and contacts transferred to the new computer. Then I recovered all of the files they had not been able to get. At least they gave her a discount on the partial migration.

What is even more disturbing is that when I looked at her "dead" laptop, I found that it simply needed some updated drivers. There was nothing at all wrong with the motherboard. I guess their attitude was; "Why bother fixing this laptop, when we can sell an overpriced new computer?"

If you are told that your computer is dead, it might be a good idea to get a second opinion. My customer paid nearly \$1,000 for the new computer, and an incomplete

file transfer. Then she paid me to finish the job. All the while, her laptop only needed a few updates to be running like new. That is just a dirty rotten shame!

Having computer problems is bad enough without having to wonder if the repair shop is going to do the right thing, or not.

When you have a problem with your computer, you have choices as to who you want to fix it. You might think that the "brick & mortar" store is a good choice, and typically they are. But you have to take it to them. This is why I chose to set up First Coast Computer Services as an On-Site Repair service. I come to you, so you don't have to worry about unplugging everything and remembering what plugs in where when you get it back.

Steven Aldrich is a technology advisor with decades of experience as an IT Director and is the owner of First Coast Computer Services. Contact Steven if you need a trusted advisor to come to your business or home and help with your technology. See my ad on this page. Steve@fccspro.com or (904) 479-5661.

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Pain and Posture

By Rob Stanborough
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Recently, I examined a patient who told me he experiences bothersome neck pain almost every time he travels. He is rather tall, and like most of us these days, he doesn't fit properly in those tiny airplane seats. Because of his height, his head is well above the headrest, and if he naps during his journey, he wakes in pain.

The reason for his pain is simple. Without support, his head falls forward, pulling on the posterior neck muscles. The prolonged pull on these muscles causes them to "guard," or contract just a little, which leads to that feeling of tightness and pain, and can even result in a headache—not a good way to begin a vacation. The same kind of thing can happen if you read in bed or watch TV slouched in your favorite chair.

As you probably know, the pain doesn't go away just because you wake up and change position.

Not every painful condition is complicated. In this case, I showed the patient how best to sleep on a plane, and during treatment, we devised a simple intervention for the pain using two tennis balls inserted into a sock. They conform nicely to the right and left sides of his neck. The solution resolved his pain so quickly that he's decided to carry these items in his luggage from now on.

You might be surprised to learn how many painful conditions and musculoskeletal dysfunctions can be alleviated by simple adjustments to daily patterns, especially those soft tissue-related injuries that arise

from postural or habitual imbalances. For example, if you wake up with persistent neck pain, your pillow could be the culprit. Over time, pillows compress and flatten, which can change the stresses on your neck. If you wake up with back pain, it may be time to invest in a new mattress. Pain with standing sometimes indicates that you need to change which "stance" leg you habitually use. This kind of pain can be relieved by using certain stretches and by stabilizing your back. Back pain can also come from an ill-fitting chair, or from sitting at the computer for too long without a break. Try getting up from the computer every thirty minutes to change your posture and exercise your eyes. We've all experienced foot pain caused by shoes that don't fit properly, but even a pair of tight pants can restrict your motion and lead to pain.

It's easy to accept these kinds of pain as part of our daily lives, but simple solutions are often within reach. Stretches, exercises, and changes in your routine can help you become stronger and more flexible. Your body is responding to the stressors placed upon it. If you do nothing, your body will

become debilitated, weak, and tight.

Of course, not every physical pain is caused by a musculoskeletal imbalance, and you should consult a physician to rule out a medical origin for your pain. The key is determining the source of the problem. Physical and occupational therapists are trained to analyze and correct musculoskeletal imbalances. If your pain and dysfunction originate there, the solution may be simpler than you think.

Rob Stanborough is a physical therapist, president and co-owner of First Coast Rehabilitation. He is co-author of *Myofascial Manipulation: Theory & Application, 3rd ed* by Proed Inc. He has been in practice for over 13 years, is a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Therapists and trained/certified in a number of soft tissue techniques.



First Coast Rehabilitation Shores Ribbon Cutting

First Coast Rehabilitation opens new office to serve Southern St. Augustine and St. Johns and Flagler Counties.

Jim Viti and Rob Stanborough opened their first office in September 2006 off South Park Blvd with the goal of treating one patient at a time – the same therapist throughout for consistency of care. They grew quickly and moved to 1 University Blvd in by Flagler Hospital in September 2007.

They have continued to grow and add services including vestibular, women's health, lymphedema along with all manner of orthopaedic and neurological dysfunctions.

First Coast Rehab opened a second clinic in Palatka as well and now a third on Blackford Way, across from St. Augustine Shores offering more convenient service to Southern St. Johns and Flagler counties.

They continue to treat one patient at a time with patient's having the same therapist from initial exam through discharge.

Rob commented, "We have a wonderful support team in the way of office staff."



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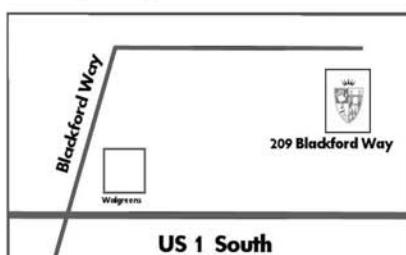
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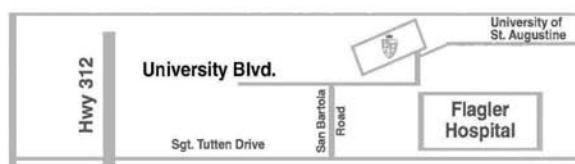
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St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation March 8th Board Meeting Summary

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Progress on Board Goals

Curb Appeal: We are currently edging the sidewalks. We have installed rock at tract S in the maintenance area. The pool deck and the signs have been pressure washed. We have fertilized the flowers and the shrubs. We have treated the landscape beds and turf for weeds.

Committee Reports

ACC Committee – General Manager Smith. The ACC held one meeting in the month of February. They approved 7 applications: 5 fences, 1 home addition, 1 utility shed, Total YTD 85

Home Office Applications - 988 Altara Ave. for the purpose of selling online silver jewelry and rings. She agrees to abide by County Ordinance 95-9. Motion made, seconded and carried for the home office application for 988 Altara Ave.

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

Directors and Member Comments

Treasurer Lorbeer commented on the bike paths in the Shores and enjoying the outdoors. President O'Such mentioned that we need to have a closed meeting with legal counsel to discuss the litigation issues on the fence violations at 551 Sevilla and 432 Escalante. The Board set the meeting for March 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Darlene Van Tiem wants the Board to stand firm on the fence violations. She would also like a park at the south end of the community. Charles Bouton inquired about what day the ballots will be mailed out. He asked about the status on the fire house. The fire house belongs to the County and they will sell it to the highest bidder. John Grexa inquired about speed bumps on Domenico Circle. Mr. Brady commended the Board and Baker on the maintenance in the Shores. He inquired about forcing the Golf Course to bring their lakes into compliance. President O'Such stated that SJRWM is good with the condition of the lakes. Sue Chitwood commented on dressing up the lights at the main entrance. She inquired about regaining ownership of Tract T unit 1. Meeting Adjourned.

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Take Steps to Control Your Investment Taxes



Tax Season is finally over. Of course, how much you pay in taxes depends on a variety of factors, many of which you can't control. But you might give some thought to how you can manage your investment-related taxes.

Here are some suggestions to consider:

- Contribute to your employer's retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b) or 457(b), contribute as much as you can afford. The more pre-tax dollars you put in to your retirement plan, the lower your taxable income. Your employer also may offer a Roth 401(k) option, under which you invest after-tax dollars, so your annual income won't be lowered and your withdrawals will be tax-free.

- Contribute to an IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you may still be eligible to contribute to an IRA. With a traditional IRA, your contributions may be fully or partially deductible, depending on your income level; with a Roth IRA, contributions are not deductible, but your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½.

- Follow a "buy-and-hold" strategy. You can't control the price movements of your investments, but if you do achieve gains, you can decide when to take them – and this timing can make a substantial difference in your tax situation. If you sell investments that you've owned for one year or less and their value has increased, you may need to pay capital gains taxes at your personal income tax rate, which, in 2018, could be as high as 37 percent. But if you

hold investments for more than one year before selling them, you'd be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which is 0, 15 or 20 percent, or a combination of those rates.

- Consider municipal bonds. If you're in one of the higher tax brackets, you may benefit from investing in municipal bonds. The interest on these bonds is typically free of federal taxes, and possibly even state and local taxes. Interest from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). However, because of the new tax laws, the AMT exemption amounts were increased significantly.

You might be wondering what these new laws mean to investors. In terms of your regular investment activities, the effect might not be that significant. The tax brackets for qualified dividends and capital gains – such as those realized when you sell stocks – will remain about the same. This means that most investors will continue to pay 15% to 20% on long-term capital gains and dividends. Consequently, the new tax laws shouldn't really affect you much in terms of your decisions on buying and selling stocks or investing in companies that may pay dividends. Of course, it's still a good idea to consult with your tax advisor on how the totality of the new laws will affect you.

Ultimately, your investment decisions shouldn't be driven only by tax implications – nonetheless, it doesn't hurt to take steps to become a tax-smart investor.

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"Diaries of a Shores Grand-Dad"

by Dirk Schroeder

It's one thing for this paper to be spared from being sorted out in the garage on the way into the house (think recycle bin) and another for this article to be read (since lately I have not included any photos to go with the article and people love pictures). It is truly the loyal die-hard readers among you who appreciate the personal connection that is lost in today's "read-point-click" world. Thank you to all of you who appreciate reading the paper. Think of the upside; your personal information can't be compromised by this activity.

This month, I feature another person whose "Lifetime in a Word", in my humble opinion, goes to the core of humanity. This month's word is "Faith". I'm not talking about your freedom of religion - I am talking about your ability to trust others as they would trust you. You unconditionally believe that they are trustworthy, honest and respectful.

Dictionary.com defines "Faith" (outside of the religious references) as: confidence or trust in a person or thing, belief that is not based on proof, obligation of loyalty, steady allegiance and a belief in things like a Code of Ethics, Standards of Merit and other doctrines, one is thought to be "reliable" and "believed". These are the things that I have come to know about my wife - Kathy. Her "Lifetime in a Word" is Faith.



When I first met Kathy, I had no idea whether I could trust her but she certainly didn't look like someone that needed to be questioned (if anything, she should have been the one to question me). Of course, her great smile, beautiful face and slender figure may have overwhelmed my opinion. Smart, attractive, well-travelled, fun-loving and available - my intuition told me that I could put Faith into this relationship. Two years after we met, on April Fool's Day, we were married.

Although marriage has no defined "Code of Ethics" or "Standards" and "Doctrines" it does have sacred vows. This faith-based relationship must be bilateral or it doesn't work. When you say "I Will" - you are saying that you are committing and desiring and determined to give your solemn promise of unconditional loyalty to each other. I doubt that anyone knows for sure if it's going to work for a lifetime but the "lifetime in a word" is faith.

In today's world, people are so "proof driven". Even the great Paul Simon's song "Proof" has that famous line - "Faith is an Island in the setting sun - Proof is the bottom line for everyone." Of course having Faith has its risks but if you need proof for everything that you do then you may never experience so many things in life including love.

Kathy has proven to me over the last 29 years of marriage that my faith in her was the best risk of my lifetime. She has been my best friend, a wonderful wife, a fantastic mother and made her parents proud as a daughter. Now, she is also a caring Grandmother.

It has been said, "For there are these three things that endure: Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is Love." My contention is that "Faith is Love". On this note, I wish you all as always, a Sunshine State of Mind.



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• A new small subdivision of homes called the Arbor at Valencia is just being cleared for development on US 1 (Adjacent and North of the planned Car Museum).

• Deerfield Meadows (Watson Road West) is open and being built by Dreamfinders. It's located South of Deerfield Trace. The next phase will be known as Deerfield Forest.

• Did I mention that there is a Waffle House coming in next to the Racetrack at I-95 & State Road 16 (aka Charles Usina Memorial Highway).

Some interesting NOTES for PROPERTY SELLERS

• Listing your property should be a simple process and it can be if your agent or broker will explain the process to you properly. For example: Is there a standard listing time period or commission rate? The answer is "NO". Both are totally negotiable.

• Another question - Is there a cancellation fee if I want to get out of my listing agreement? Some brokerages charge a fee and some fail to mention it - we charge \$0.

• Is there a "transaction fee" over and above the commission? Some brokerages have a fee and some sellers say they were unaware of it. We have never charged "transaction fees". Brokerages charging such fees need to show what they provide for such fees.

• Should I get a Competitive Market Analysis (CMA) in writing? Absolutely, in writing!

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