



Monday, July 4 2022

Enjoy the Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks in St. Augustine starting at 6 p.m. with music by The All Star Orchestra in the Plaza de la Constitución. At 9:30 p.m., one of the largest fireworks displays on the East Coast bursts above the ancient Castillo de San Marcos and reflects in the waters of the Matanzas Bay. Admission is free with the best vantage points along the bayfront between the Castillo and the Bridge of Lions.

Schedule of Events:

6:00pm - The All-Star Orchestra will provide two hours of Big Band Music with a Patriotic Flair in the Plaza de la Constitución Gazebo, in the heart of downtown.

9:30pm - Fireworks Over the Matanzas, a stunning fireworks display with a stirring soundtrack. See it all from the downtown Bayfront, the Bridge of Lions, Vilano Beach, and more! Alcohol is prohibited on public property, including parks, streets, and sidewalks. Possession of fireworks that explode or leave the ground is illegal.

Parking and Traffic

Parking in city-owned lots and in on-street spaces is free on Monday, July 4, as it is on all federal holidays. Drivers are encouraged to confirm that they are parked in a city-owned lot and not a private lot where towing may be enforced by the lot owner.

The Historic Downtown Parking Facility, adjacent to the St. Augustine & St. Johns County Visitor Information Center at 1 Cordova St., offers parking for \$15.00 per car, per entry or \$3.00 with the ParkNow Card.

Parking in the lot at the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument is not free and is enforced by the National Park Service from 8:00am - 5:00pm, seven days a week, including federal holidays. There will be no vehicular access to or from the Castillo's parking lot on July 4th from 6:00pm until approximately 11:00pm.

Shuttle Service on Anastasia Island

The free park and ride shuttle service on Anastasia Island only, is provided by the city with support from Old Town Trolley Tours and Ripley's Red Train Tours and will be available from 6:00pm until midnight from parking locations

St. Augustine South Reflections

by Ruth Hope, SAS

I recently had cause to think fondly of my late father. Whenever there was heavy rain, or thunder and lightning, my Dad always burst out singing 'Stormy Weather'. Actually, my Dad was always singing about anything and everything. I found myself singing 'Stormy Weather' on two or three days this past month. One Saturday, I was walking downtown, and was surprised by how quickly torrential rain started as dark clouds rolled in with the unmistakable sound of thunder. I was drenched to the bone in the time I ran the short distance to my parked car. King Street was already awash right the way up to US1. I decided my son's house was closer than mine, so I drove across US1 and turned onto Davis St. I had lost power steering by then – not that I was driving fast but trucks in the outer lane seemed oblivious of what their wake does to old vans like mine. By the far end of Davis at Oyster Creek, my van was over heated and Old Dixie Highway was also flooded. Discretion is the better part of valor and so I pulled over onto a grassy area with space between the trees for me to stop. That was where I amused myself singing for 45 minutes and thinking of my late father. The flooding didn't abate, but my engine had cooled, and the deluge ceased and allowed me to continue on my way.



Of course, we needed the rain – our usual afternoon storms were few and far between in May. By June I was forced to water my containers and raised beds daily – my tomatoes twice daily to keep them fruiting. Now gardens in St Augustine South are lush again. Judging by photos shared on social media, the rain brought on a great showing of purple passionflower, *Passiflora incarnata*. I have always known this a 'Maypop' although this year it was definitely 'Junepop'! And after the rain came the rain flowers, aka rain lily, *Zephyranthes atamasca*. Rain flowers in folks' lawn, rain flowers in the grass triangles at road junctions, (continued on page 7)

includes prohibiting vehicular traffic on the Bridge of Lions, Avenida Menendez, Cathedral Pl., and S. Castillo Dr. Additional street closures include:

- Picolata Rd. between US-1 & San Marco Ave. (8:00pm – 11:00pm)
- San Carlos between US-1 & San Marco Ave. (8:00pm – 11:00pm)
- King St will have two westbound lanes, and one eastbound lane, west of MLK Blvd. (8:00pm – 11:30pm)
- King St. will have one westbound lane and one eastbound lane, east of MLK up to Avenida Menendez
- There will be NO east bound traffic on W. Castillo from US-1 to N. Cordova (8:00pm – 11:30pm)
- N. Cordova will be closed from Orange St. to the entrance to the Historic Downtown Parking Facility (8:00pm – 11:00pm) (continued on page 9)

along Anastasia Blvd.:

- Anastasia Baptist Church (1650 A1A South)
- St. Augustine Amphitheatre (1340-C A1A South),
- R.B. Hunt Elementary School (125 Magnolia Dr.) and
- St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park (999 Anastasia Blvd.).

The Alligator Farm is parking-only location. Those who park there will need to access the shuttle at the R.B. Hunt Elementary School stop by crossing Anastasia Blvd. at the lighted crosswalk just east of the attraction where law enforcement officers will assist pedestrians to cross the road safely.

Street Closures

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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

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St. Augustine Shores Community Calendar

The Shores Service Corporation
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Shores Monthly Meetings

- **Shores Service Corporation's** monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are at 6 p.m. at the Riverview Club.
- **Conquistador Condominium** Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Riverview Club.

- **Fairview Condominium** Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 4 p.m. at the Fairview Condo club house.

- **Greens Condominium** Board meetings will vary. Contact Jeff Edwards at Sovereign-Jacobs at 904-461-5556.

- **Casa Bella Condominium** Board Meetings are 3rd Mondays of each month at 6pm. Meeting location will be determined & posted on bulletin board 48 hours prior to each meeting. (March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19). For Information contact John Glisson at 904-461-5556.

St. Augustine South Community Calendar

St. Augustine South Improvement Assoc.
709 Royal Rd. St Augustine, 32086
email: info@staugsouth.com
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SASIA Meeting 3rd Wed at 7PM

We'd love to have you join us at any of our community meetings. They are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the SASIA clubhouse but not in July & August. Most meetings have outside speakers on topics of interest to St. Augustine South residents.

If you can't make it in person, join us via Zoom.

SASIA Zoom
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Residents interested in joining SASIA, please complete the application on the new SASIA website - <https://staugsouth.com/join-sasia>

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- Southeast Library
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St. Augustine Shores & South News & Events

Shores Riverview Club Activities July 2022

July DANCES RSVP required: Call 904-794-2000 or at www.staugshores.org/dance-rsvp. **BYOB*** **Guests: \$15.00/pp**
Dance Club Members FREE – **Open seating**

EARLY SOCIAL Soulfire
Saturday, July 9th
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

MAIN SOCIAL Tim Rippey
Saturday, July 23rd
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

GUESTS \$5/pp/class

Exercise Class Led by Marcia **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 am.**

Barre Workout Class led by Mary, **Tuesdays at 5:30 pm.** Classic Barre is dance-based fitness class designed to sculpt, stretch, and strengthen. Please wear sneakers or supportive fitness shoes and bring a yoga mat and water. Class size is limited.

Tai-Chi Class led by Robin, **Tuesdays at 5:00 pm.** Learn the principles of Tai Chi and help your overall health and well-being!

Chair Yoga Class led by Nancy, **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 10:45 am.** A gentler form of yoga for those whom balance is an issue.

Yoga Class led by Nancy, **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 9:00 am.** Class is geared to all levels. Bring a non-skid mat & wear comfortable clothing.

Evening Yoga Class led by Annamarie, **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.**

Line Dancing Class led by Jinny, **Mondays at 6:30 pm and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.**

Art Group Class led by Una, **Wednesdays at 1:30-4 pm.** Bring your current project and share expertise and ideas on all aspects of drawing/painting, including composition, perspective, color, mediums, etc.

Dance Class Class led by Shawn, **Mondays at 1-2pm.** Bring your dancing shoes and a partner!

Dance Synergy Class led by Mary, **Thursdays at 10:30.** Learn the fundamentals of dance while strengthening your core.



Upcoming Events

Early Social
Frank Saffi
Saturday, August 6
7-10pm



Main Social
ZigZag Duo
Sunday, August 21
6-9pm



Shores Communications Corner News & Information from the Shores Service Corp.

An Interview with the President Austin Dietly

At the Annual Membership Meeting Austin Dietly was chosen to serve as president for the next year. The President was interviewed after the election for this article.

Q) As a wife, mother and with a full time career, you must be a very busy person. How do you find the time to also serve the community in this capacity?

I do wear many hats. I work full time, I am married, I raise three young children, I volunteer for the Saint Johns Police Athletic League and I serve on the Shores board. Looking back to 2013 when I first began my journey of service to the Shores I just wanted to offer a younger perspective to the board. I knew that for quite some time the board was comprised of mostly retired folks. Now, I look towards my service as bettering my community for my children. It has always been important to me to better the community that I live in, but it feels even more imperative now that I am raising the next generation. You always make time for the things that feel important to you.

Q) You have served on the board for a number of years now. In that time, what are you most proud of that the corporation has achieved? What has been your greatest disappointment?

My greatest achievement is not one solitary item. It is simply that we as a community have stayed positive through some difficult times. We have had two fierce hurricanes rip through our community, and we are still battling through unprecedented times with the COVID-19 pandemic. When it would have been easy for our community to come forward and complain about the things that we could not afford to do, they instead chose to focus on the positives during those times. We worked through the large cost of tree removal and pier repair after the hurricanes. We also made it through COVID-19 thus far, with lots of office closures, reduced staff, and little or no activity in the Riverview club. We worked through zoom meetings, emails and lots of phone calls. I am proud of the way that we prevailed through these times. I am extremely thankful for Joe and our other office staff for getting us through and facing the community.

On the other hand, community support has also been my greatest disappointment. Each year I think that my time serving this community may be coming to an end. While I do enjoy serving, I do think that I should not overstay my welcome and I think of enforcing term limits. I am disappointed that no other members of our community have come forward with interest in serving. I wish more of our members would become involved on the board and committees.

Q) Looking ahead, how do you see the Shores community developing and changing?

This upcoming year we will see some large changes in the community as KB Homes begins their development in the south end. I look forward to having some new neighbors, as well as the expansion of Shores Blvd. Even though we are adding new neighbors, I still thoroughly enjoy living in what I would consider an established neighborhood. I am hopeful that the board and our community grow and adjust to the changes that we will face in the future. I also look forward to a day in which we may have more involvement from the community and we may be able to change some of the outdated deed restrictions to better flow with the current times and vision that we have with our community.

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SASIA News and Calendar of Events

July 2022

Check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/staugsouth and our Nextdoor page (search for St. Augustine South Improvement Association). Like and follow us so you can see what is happening at the SASIA clubhouse each week.

Visit our website www.staugsouth.com to sign up for our monthly newsletter and community event reminders. Everyone is welcome to subscribe, you do not have to be in a member. If you'd like to join SASIA or rent our clubhouse you can easily do so online, www.staugsouth.com, or contact us at info@staugsouth.com or 904-615-6916.

Join us for our Trunk Sale – Saturday, September 17th – 9am-1pm

A trunk sale is a fun alternative to a yard sale. Simply fill up your car with items you are not using and bring them over to 709 Royal Rd. (our community clubhouse) and sell them. This event has a cost of \$10.00 to secure your space. If you need a table, they are available for \$5.00. Reserve your spot: <https://staugsouth.com/trunk-sale>

Upcoming Events

No SASIA Community Meetings in July and August

Trunk Sale – Saturday, September 17 - 9am-1pm

Garden Tour - TBA

Fall Festival - Saturday, October 29th

Fall Arts & Crafts Fair - Saturday, November 5th

Holiday Celebration with Santa - Saturday, December 10th

The Calendar of Events is posted and updated on our website.

All events are held in the SASIA Clubhouse at 709 Royal Road. If you wish to contact SASIA please email info@staugsouth.com.

Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine

David McIntyre, Cathedral Director of Music

Upcoming music program schedules for the summer:

1. First Friday Art Walk Concert Series

First Fridays of the month at 6:00PM - <https://thefirstparish.org/music-schedule/>

July - No First Friday Concert -- St. Augustine Music Festival performance at 7:30PM that evening July 1st

August - 5th 6:00PM – David McIntyre, Countertenor and Michael Giuliani, Organ

2. SAMF - St. Augustine Music Festival

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<https://www.staugustinemusicfestival.org/>

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St. Johns Politics Meetings

The Primary Election is August 23rd and the General Election is November 8th. Do you know who you're voting for? Meet the candidates running for local and state office. The free events are open to the public. For more information visit sjchamber.com

- July 27, 2022 - Ponte Vedra Concert Hall
- August 11, 2022 - Solomon Calhoun Center

An Invitation to the Living With Cancer Support Group

Whether you're a patient, survivor or caregiver, this is your opportunity to talk about the day-to-day challenges of living with cancer in a group of people who can inspire, relate to and support you along your journey. We are a group of people with common experiences and concerns who provide each other with encouragement, comfort and advice. We welcome all those who have walked this path and seek support.

Meetings are the Third Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am. Our next meeting will be on July 20, 2022. In the Whetstone Building, 100 Whetstone Place, Suite 303

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The St. Johns County Public Library System is pleased to announce the "Community Cooks!" culinary literacy program, made possible by a recently awarded Innovation Project Grant. This new program allows participants of all ages to experience hands-on food preparation in a fun and health-enhancing way. Throughout the summer, the "Community Cooks!" program is offering four unique and exciting classes at the Southeast and Hastings branch libraries. Each class will cover topics ranging from creating easy, affordable, and healthy meals, learning new cooking techniques and food safety, and discovering ways to snack smarter. Registration is required as space is limited. Participants may register for one or all of the classes. Classes are offered on the following dates, times, and locations:

Tasty Affordable Meals for Busy Families

10 a.m. on Friday, July 29, at the Hastings Branch Library

Sauté, Simmer & Steam

6 p.m. on Monday, June 27, at the Southeast Branch Library

3:30 p.m. on Friday, July 22, at the Hastings Branch Library

Added Sugar is not so Sweet

10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, at the Southeast Branch Library

3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 5, at the Hastings Branch Library

Snack Smarter

6 p.m. on Monday, July 25, at the Southeast Branch Library

10 a.m. on Friday, August 12, at the Hastings Branch Library

"Community Cooks!" is supported with funds provided by the Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN) and was created in partnership with the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, and utilizes recipes from the American Heart Association.

For more information about this program and other services of the St. Johns County Public Library System, please visit sjcpls.org.

St. Augustine Music Festival Baroque to Romanticism, Saturday, July 2nd

The St. Augustine Music Festival final performance held at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine concludes its' Concert Series Saturday July 2nd at 7:30 PM. It features Songs of a Wayfainer and Emily Birsan, Sopranos. The London Telegraph said of Ms. Birson, "...she sang with radiant delicacy." The American soprano has shared her engaging skills with many of the world's finest opera houses and orchestras, including the Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Welsh National Opera, the Edinburgh Festival and the Boston Lyric Opera. For additional information please contact: Peter Gladstones at 443-465-5312 or email: pogsgf@gmail.com.

The St. Augustine Music Festival is the largest, free world-class music festival in the United States performing to 6000 concert guests over six evenings the last two weeks of June. Musicians from the Jacksonville Symphony are joined by internationally-known guest artists who perform everything from Bach to Stravinsky, intimate solo recitals, chamber music ensembles, and full orchestral works plus world-premier presentations of new works.

St Augustine Genealogical Society

Unless otherwise noted, the general meeting of the St Augustine Genealogical Society meets the 2nd Saturday of each month in the public room of the Southeast Branch of the St Johns County Library.

The library is located at 6670 US 1 South, St Augustine, FL. Check-in begins at 12:45, July 9th and our meeting starts at 1:00 PM. Our Genealogical Society is open to all. We encourage visitors, as well as current and former members to join us.

Our program for July will be "Final Resting Places" presented by Charles Tingley. This program will discuss the various types of cemeteries that you may find while searching for ancestors. For additional information, you may contact Georgia Horsley 770-337-6137 Refreshments are served.



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News From Around St. Johns County

St. Augustine Travel Club

The St. Augustine Travel Club that meets at the Southeast Branch Public Library will be on summer break for the months of July and August. We resume in September. Until then, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer whatever your plans may be. Happy and safe travels if you are exploring! And, thank you for being part of our Travel Club. See you in September. Peter and Linda Dytrych 904-797-3736



St. Augustine Travel Club Cruise

The St. Augustine Travel Club will again be sailing the seas on Saturday, February 25 – March 4, 2023 on the beautiful Norwegian Escape out of Port Canaveral to the Eastern Caribbean ports of Puerto Plata (Dominican Republic), Tortola (British Virgin Islands),

St. Thomas and Norwegian's private island Great Stirrup Cay in the Bahamas for a 7-day cruise. Prices start from \$778.65 per person, double occupancy, for inside cabin, inclusive of all port fees and taxes. Balconies, Oceanviews and Studio Singles are also available at additional cost. Book now with a \$125 p.p. deposit and receive \$100 per stateroom On Board Credit, Free Beverage Package and more. Should NCL have to cancel the cruise, full refund would be issued by NCL. Call Peter, St. Augustine Travel Club at (904) 797-3736.

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VIP TICKETS – \$175/person

Admission to the event plus admission to the upstairs VIP lounge with seating, private gaming tables, an open bar, a variety of hors d'oeuvres plus charcuterie board station, music and silent auction

To purchase tickets visit

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Free Concert Series

St. Johns County Pier

Wednesday Evening

Music by the Sea

Fall Dates

August 17th	The Committee	Pop - Rock - Dance
August 24th	Soulfire	Disco - Pop - Dance
August 31st	Amy Alysia & Soul Operation	R & B, Jazz, Blues
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Beach Resident Eugene Vest Authors New Book of Christian Historical Fiction

Longtime St. Augustine Beach resident Eugene Vest, 86, who has been active in the church and the study of Bible history his entire life, is the author of a newly published book in the Christian historical fiction genre.

CALEB: Along in a Dangerous World, a Young Boy Grows to Manhood, Becoming a Force for Good, depicts first-century life in the lands of Israel and Judea as related to the beginnings of the Christian movement. In it, reasonable fiction augments Biblical facts to evoke a feeling of "being there."

CALEB was published May 27 and is available for sale at many online stores, including amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. (ISBN:978-1-7375505-2-5; 218 pages; \$14.95; Published by Legacies & Memories, LLC, St. Augustine, Florida; LegaciesandMemoriesPublishing.com.)

For many years, Vest, a retired engineer, volunteered services to an international ministry dedicated to the formation and growth of in-home Bible study groups. The ministry has expanded from the United States to at least sixteen other countries.

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The Wildflower Meadow Group

by Cindy Taylor

The learning never ends working in a wildflower meadow. You may think you know how to nurture native wildflowers and then someone who knows more suggests a better way. I thought pulling lawn grasses away from the swamp sunflowers would give them more light and space to thrive but it can also create a problem. Near-by grasses keep the ground moist, without them the sun dries the ground, and that isn't good for sunflowers. After all, they are called SWAMP sunflowers. Where we already pulled the grasses away, we put down some mulch and a woman in the group who has sunflowers in her yard said, "they'll be just fine" and she would know.



What one person doesn't know another does; and when we listen and respect each other, we learn. You'd think after twenty years of working in the meadow there would be nothing left to learn but there is, there always is, no matter how much we think we know.



Day Flower

Late in May our group walked in Moses Creek Woods South from the western trail head. I am always amazed at the wide variety of wildflowers there are in a relatively small area. Each kind requires slightly different soil, sunlight and shade and we needed to walk only a few feet to see something different.



Wild Petunia

If we went to the same places in a few weeks we wouldn't see what we saw before because the season and conditions change things. The lesson here is you don't have to go to far-away places or walk long distances to see something new.

We meet at the meadow near the Riverview clubhouse at about 8:30 the first Saturday of each month and usually work for a couple of hours. We also try to have a hike once a month. We're an informal group without officers or dues and hope you will join us. You can join us for hikes only, work in the meadow only, or both.

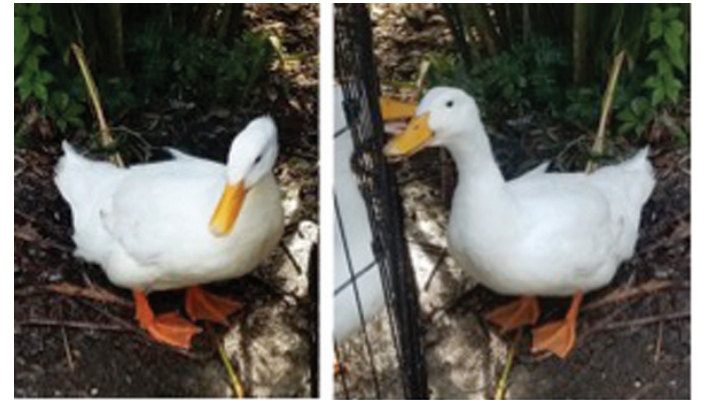
Call Cindy at 904-797-3931 or Marlene at 305-968-0447 for more information. If we can't answer, leave a message and we'll call you back. Also feel free to call if you're interested in sharing your photos of the meadow.

St Augustine South Reflections

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rain flowers in pots: they are delightful with color range from white to deep pink. Of course, rain brings on less loved flora and fauna, too. I am currently walking my garden each morning pulling out stinging nettles, *Cnidioscolus stimulosus*. By the evening, I see the give-away white flowers again and know if I do not get them out, they will just as quickly go to seed, and I will have many more growing next year. Native they may be, the Florida Native Plant Society tells me they attract butterflies. Nonetheless, I do not want them taking over my yard. Other foes that have appeared since the rain are snails. I have snails climbing up my house walls, all over my night flowering cactus – which also had a splendid show of blooms this year – and eating my vegetables. I gather the snails and throw them out on my drive in the hope that they will feed the birds.

Update on Huey and Dewey, the two pekin drakes rescued at the beginning of May. They have completed quarantine—essential as there is a lot of avian 'flu in Florida. Both have put on weight and have a clean bill of health. They are ready to move to forever homes – ducks are social beings and need the company of other ducks. These boys would be happiest each joining a flock of female ducks. Dewey has a possible new home, but Huey – in the photos – is still looking. If anyone has female ducks and would like a young healthy drake, please contact me by email: ruth.hope@verizon.net.



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Saturday, July 9, 2022, 7:30 a.m. at Castillo de San Marcos

The Bridge of Lions 5K 2022 will take place on Saturday, July 9, 2022, along the scenic bay front in historic downtown St. Augustine. The course will take runners past the Castillo de San Marcos, over the historic Bridge of Lions, and through Davis Shores on Anastasia Island. Registration fee is \$50.00.

The race begins at the Castillo de San Marcos located at 1 South Castillo Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084, and end at Oglethorpe Park on Anastasia Island. Water stations will be set up at the start, at 1 mile, 2 miles, and the finish. Digital time clocks will be viewable at 1 mile, 2 miles, and the finish line. The Bridge of Lions 5K course is 5K USATF Certified.

All runners who registered by June 24, 2022 will receive a T-shirt, a finisher's medal, a goody bag, and post-race refreshments. Those who register after this date may or may not receive these items due to limited availability. Free race photos will be taken.

Runners in all age categories will be considered for awards. Overall Male and Female finishers and the top three runners in the following age groups will receive awards: 9 and under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, and 75 and older.

There will be free parking at the Castillo de San Marcos until 10 a.m. or at the finish line in Davis Shores. No transportation will be provided for runners between the start and finish. However, it is only about a half-mile walk when taking a direct route. Many of our participants prefer to park at the finish line and walk to the start, before the race.

The race begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2022. The race begins at the Castillo de San Marcos located at 1 South Castillo Drive St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Ancient City Game Fish Challenge

*Ancient City Game Fish Association (ACGFA) Challenge Tournaments!
Challenge dates are July 7 - 9, 2022.*

The Ancient City Challenge Tournaments is a three-day tournament and celebration of fishing in the Ancient City. Our beloved, not-for-profit and locally produced fishing tournament has nearly two decades of history in St. Johns County and is a tournament that celebrates family fun, our waterways and our community. Most proceeds from the event go to support local charities and to our offshore restoration efforts including the upkeep of our 40-acre artificial reefs which include Andy King Reef, Honest Jim Blalock Reef, and our "Eternal Reef" which is dedicated to the placement of reef balls that provides the opportunity for families to place the ashes of loved ones as a final resting place.

For the fourth year, as part of our conservation efforts, we are



encouraging live release of all redfish after weigh-in. The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) will be on site to assist with proper release, questions and techniques.

This tournament would not be possible without the help of our many volunteers and sponsors. (continued on page 14)



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by Paul Slava

First Friday, July 1st will Feature Artist of the Month, Leah McCarthy.

Leah is a wife, a mother, an educator and an artist. She spent my childhood in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She had inspiring and compassionate art teachers in every school she attended. They inspired her to become an educator. Leah had the privilege to be a volunteer for four years for the Broward County Public Schools in the Meet the Masters Art Education Program. She very much enjoyed art education at the elementary level. "Not only was it extremely fun, it was an incredible hands-on learning experience" stated Leah. "I credit Meet the Masters with awakening my inner artist. I went from approaching art as a subject of study to embarking on a journey to find myself as an artist".



Leah has a background in Hospitality and Tourism Management and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Millersville University of Pennsylvania. She was fortunate to complete and participate in the Art Galley Docent Programs at the Florida Institute of Technology's Foonsaner Art Museum and the Orlando Museum of Art. "I very much enjoyed leading the children's tours throughout the Foonsaner. It was very rewarding to introduce children to the wonderful world of art. I am very blessed to have had so many exciting and enriching opportunities to work with children and the general public. My professional experiences and educational training have brought me great joy and a deeper appreciation for the arts", says Leah.



She tries to reuse/recycle/re-purpose as much as possible. Her current focus is on acrylic painting, fluid art, mixed media and intuitive painting. "I very much enjoy experimenting with new styles and mediums. Doing what I love each day is truly a gift and I never take it for granted".

You can See Leah's Show with our Brand New Member's Show all starting at 5pm. Music, Refreshments and snacks will be available.

The Art Studio is located at 370 A1A Beach Blvd. in the St. John's County Pier Park and is open 7 days a week from 12pm to 5pm. We are a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization that brings Art and Culture to the community and offers classes, special events, exhibitions and rental space. For more information visit us at www.beachartstudio.org, Facebook or call 904-295-4428.

Fireworks Over the Matanzas

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Arriving by Water

The Bridge of Lions will not open for marine traffic, starting after the 8:00pm opening, until approximately 11:00pm. Vessels will be prohibited in an area north of the Bridge of Lions to a point approximately in line with Castillo de San Marcos National Monument. View the No Boat Zone map. Marine law enforcement will patrol Matanzas Bay and notify vessels in violation of the prohibited area.



The St. Augustine Municipal Marina is currently holding a wait-list for overnight reservations and will have limited hourly dockage on the 4th of July, as well as throughout the holiday weekend. Contact the marina directly on VHF CH 16 or CH 71 for availability and docking instructions.

Fireworks over the Matanzas is produced by the City of St. Augustine with support funding from the St. Johns County Tourist Development Council.



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ONLY YOU KNOW & I KNOW - NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The St. Augustine Observer is delivered to over 7,400 Residents on the South Side of Town. There are a lot of happenings going on right now in our area. Some developments include:

- **Redevelopment:** US 1 @ Shore Drive was a Veterinary Clinic – will be Take 5 Oil Change

- **Redevelopment:** US 1 @ St. Aug. South Dr. was Krystal's – will be Huey Magoo's Chicken

New Developments:

- **SR 207 AREA** – Borland Groover Clinic (Dobbs Rd. Cutoff), Outparcel at the Movie Theatre – the corner is slated for a 6,000 Retail Center and a Drive-thru, Twin Fox Trail Commercial Corner, Cottages at St. Augustine - 250 Multi Family Units and, on another parcel, Pioneer School (both on Rolling Hills Drive), Encompass Health and Rehab, new Veterans Clinic, Arbors at Lightsey – 185 Units, Elliano's Coffee Shop (next to the Dollar Store), Entrada, Three separate Workforce Housing projects, Wildwood Self-Storage across from the new Treaty Oaks

Publix, Marketplace Multi-Family (250 Units) across from Parrish Farms, the Quadrant (SE I-95 @207) – 134 Acre Commercial Project, Baptist South, Best Bet and more.

- **US 1 SOUTH** – Island Doctors Expansion at Old Moultrie and Lewis Point, Southwood Phases 3 & 4 (100 Units), Bella Terra (200 Units), Binninger Office Complex (10,000 SF), Car Museum Expansion, Watson Road Center (18,000 SF), Deerfield Forest, Love's Travel Stop (SW Corner of I-95 and 206), Sabal Estates (old plat within S.A. Shores – 300 Units) and Canopy Shores (10 Units). Parrish Farms will also connect to Watson Road.

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"Diaries of a Shores Grand-Dad"

by Dirk Schroeder

My Mom and Dad know who is in charge. I had to dictate this Diary to my Dad; he takes orders from me readily. I want to set the record straight though that I am single, I have no children nor grandchildren so technically I am not a "Grand-Dog" but I am the main protector of Claire and Laurel, grandchildren of Mom and Dad. This is my house on Gallardo Circle and whoever messes with my family will get a taste of my teeth.



I'm Toby. I'm middle aged but sexy and very affectionate. I have lots of girlfriends in the neighborhood – all the women love me, especially Jackie. She always offers treats and any other dog trying to take it from me gets to see my teeth – Klaus, Brody and others. Jackie says my parents are mean but I know she's only joking. Bob loves me and I love it when he puts his cologne on me – I will smell awesome for hours. Everyone in the neighborhood is super nice, even the other dogs are pretty cool. There are some that give me the evil eye but I ignore that.

I love my house. Mom and Dad have a routine. They get up a daybreak and then I usually take Dad out for some fresh air and then I fertilize his lawn a little bit. I let them have some breakfast but if they don't give me fresh water and food, I will bark at them until they listen up. They will

get cleaned up and then go off to work so they can pay my bills. During the day, I protect the house from intruders. I like to watch my friends go by our front window but, when certain bikers or any truck comes by, I scream at them to scare them away from my property. Dad (sometimes Mom) comes home for lunch so that I can take him out for some more exercise and then I fertilize other people's lawns. Strangely enough, they'll pick it up #2 in a plastic bag and take it back to the house – I guess they want that to fertilize their own lawn.

I skip lunch but I like to have an early dinner and then I will take Mom and Dad out a couple more times for exercise. After dinner, I like to watch a little TV with them and then I hit the hay around 11. I like to catch the late news weather report. I have a crate to sleep in but I sleep with one eye open – if you know what I mean.

I love my Mom more than anyone else although the grand-girls take a close second. Dad's ok – he does take me on more rides in the car and I do enjoy that quite a bit. I like to visit and have sleep overs with my half-brother, Zollie at Grammie's house. She's super nice to me.

Now that you know who the real boss is, get it right next time you see me prancing through the neighborhood. On that note, I wish you all, as always, a Dogma State of Mind!

Sea Turtle Nesting Season

To comply with regulations that protect the turtles, beach driving and lighting rules are in effect May 1 to October 31. Vehicular traffic on the beach is only allowed from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and all beachfront properties are required to reduce the impact of interior and exterior lighting which may impact nesting sea turtles. If You See a Turtle in Distress, find a sick / injured / dead sea turtle do not put them back into the water as they may need medical attention. Please call the Sheriff's Office: (904) 824-8304, SJC Habitat Conservation: (904) 209-3740, or FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's 24-hour Wildlife Alert Number: 1-888-404-FWCC (1-888-404-3922).



St. Johns County Clerk of Court recognized for Best Practices Excellence



Clerk Brandon Patty (center, at podium) introduced staff leaders in Best Practices to the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners during his remarks at the June 21 meeting. Pictured (left to right) are Criminal Department Director Tara Schultz, Civil Department Supervisor Jasmine Reardon, Certified Probate Court Clerk Haley Adelsperger, Recording Department Director Yolanda Mack, Clerk Patty, Chief Operations Clerk Julio Cruz, Senior Civil Clerk Katy Spence and Inspector General Nilsa Arissa.

St. Johns County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Brandon J. Patty and his team has been recognized by Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers (FCCC) for completing the association's Best Practices Excellence Program and receiving Recognition of Excellence certificates in all categories.

Florida's clerks and comptrollers have collaborated on best practices for more than 14 years. The Best Practices Excellence Program was established last year as an opportunity for clerks to receive recognition for completing assessments that evaluate acceptance of certain best practices.

"Best practices are helping clerks across the state achieve more efficient ways to complete our vast, complex mission," said Clerk Patty. "I congratulate my team of dedicated and committed public servants here at the St. Johns County Clerk's office for being relentless in completing our mission as efficiently and effectively as possible and achieving this notable distinction."

Of the 68 clerks and comptrollers statewide, 55 offices participated in the Best Practices Excellence Program.

Clerk Patty was among 30 clerks and comptrollers receiving Recognition of Excellence certificates in every category that applied to their designated office. Categories are: *Eviction, Evidence Storage and Destruction, Public Records Requests, Requests to Redact Exempt Personal Informations, Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult Injunction, Bail Bonds, Compliance Services, Confidential Judicial Records, Guardianship Audits, Marriage License, Recording Fundamentals, Service of Documents by Clerks for Pro Se Litigants.*

"In the second year of our FCCC Best Practices Excellence Program, we aimed to expand the program with categories that captured additional local processes that were customer-centric and applicable across offices of varying sizes and resources," said 2021-2022 FCCC President and Manatee County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Angelina "Angel" Coloneso, Esq. "We continue to be inspired by the reception of and participation in this program by Clerks and Comptrollers committed to improving efficiency and collaboration with our justice partners and providing better services to constituents. I'm proud to honor my fellow colleagues with these recognitions and thank them for their hard work."

"The Best Practices Excellence Program has exceeded our expectations as a means to showcase Clerk's commitment to continuous improvement and greater consistency across standard processes," said FCCC CEO Chris Hart IV. "I'm thrilled with the new categories implemented under the leadership of FCCC President Angel Coloneso and FCCC Best Practices Chair Laura Roth, and I'm excited to see the program's continued growth and participation from members engaged in achieving these carefully crafted professional standards."

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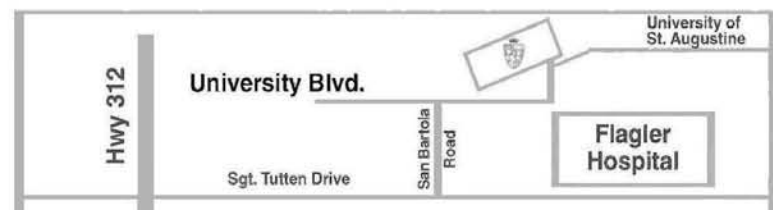
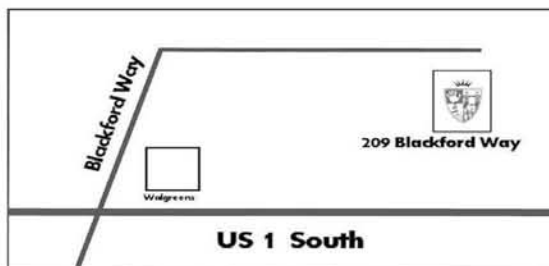
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Years ago, I wrote a column on accumulating dysfunction. In it I stated my belief that pain is not a consequence or factor of aging but of a life-time of compensation. We are made to move and move efficiently. Many factors can alter our 'mechanics' but we are constantly compensating. We make little changes in the way we do things, which in turn can create imbalances in the musculoskeletal system and place undue stress on our tissues. This can be ignored for a while but at some point, we will eventually have to stop and take notice.

Recently came across a TED-talk video of a 93-year-old gentleman who spoke about parallel concepts of needing to move throughout our lives. His name is Charles Eugster. His video is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGgoCm1hofM>. Although he focuses on body building, his underlying message is our body's need to move, which is timely given the amount of immobility that has occurred due to COVID. The day before writing this column I heard a patient say, "I've been home for two years." I would encourage all to start slow and start moving.

In his presentation he states the following facts:

- Worldwide obesity has doubled since 1980
- 12% of the world's population is obese & 26% in USA
- 50% of the US population is estimated to be obese by 2030
- 10% of the world's population has diabetes

He blames most of these statistics on two things: (1) our Paleolithic bodies and (2) retirement. He could add Covid. He convincingly reports that our Paleolithic bodies have changed little over time. Where we were once forced to be very active searching or hunting for food, this is no longer true as most of us have food easily accessible. He further states the obvious, that we consume too much. Once upon a time we may have needed to consume as much as possible when food was available to sustain us during long periods between meals. In most cases, this is no longer the case. He also

says, where we once avoided unnecessary activity in order to conserve energy for the same reasons – long periods between meals – even though our bodies may urge us to conserve, inactivity has become hazardous. In fact, he states inactivity has become a major cause of death, quoting 92% of those over 65 have a chronic disease and that 50% of 80-year-olds have lost 50% of their muscle mass since the age of 50, replaced by fat.

Being 93 and retired, he put forth the challenge that instead of becoming less active, retirement can be a new beginning to develop dormant talents and start a new life. In this column, I am suggesting the same, not just for retirement but for making a post-Covid new start. He suggests "3 factors to successful aging" are (1) Work, (2) diet and (3) exercise. He not only states that the body can be rebuilt at any age, but he also shows how he is an example. Muscle mass can be restored at any age or any time. Neither disease nor pain should be viewed as a consequence of aging. Instead, they should be viewed, in many cases, as a consequence of inactivity. The treatment for many diseases is in fact exercise.

We at First Coast Rehabilitation understand these facts and the challenges that go with them. We've spent several years helping individuals in this community of all ages, one at a time. Watch the Mr. Eugster's video and if you're not sure where to go from there, our therapists can help you develop a plan specifically designed for you.

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Ancient City Game Fish Challenge

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The Ancient City Game Fish Association (ACGFA) was organized in 1958. We currently have approximately 130+ members. Our membership year is



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Computer Corner

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Help, my printer is offline

You may not print often, but when you do, it should just work! Right? Sometimes the printer is turned off, other times it has lost it's wifi connection. What I have noticed is that if neither of these "fixes" is helping, maybe it is time to remove the printer and then add it back.

You know how some computer "geeks" will ask you if you have rebooted your computer, as if that magically fixes all problems? (side note, it does fix a bunch of them)

Well, removing and adding a printer back can have the same magical effect.

On Windows the fastest way to do this is to press the "windows key", which is always two keys to the left of the space bar. Then simply type the word "printer". This utilizes Windows Search and will quickly find the Printers and Scanners Settings Module and give you an Open button. Yes, Windows search is extremely powerful and worth getting familiar with. It will save you tons of time looking for where something is.

First, please click the "Add Device" button and see if it finds your printer ready to be added. If we can find your printer in the add device screen, then it is online and ready to be added. Now, we can click cancel, and remove the non-

functional instance of the printer.

You can quickly find the troubled Printer in your list of devices. Depending on which version of Windows you are running you'll see different ways to remove the printer:

Windows 11 has a stack of three dots at the right end of the printer listing space.

Windows 10 shows the Remove device button when you click on the printer.

Next, you'll need to add the printer back in. We'll return to the Add Device screen that you were in just a moment ago. Select your wayward printer and click Add Device. It'll take a bit, but very soon you will be able to do a test print.

Magic, or sleight of hand, is sometimes what we think when tech support make it look too easy. Once you have used this "fix" you'll be the new magician in the house.

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