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2018 SASIA Scholarships Awarded

By Shirley Jennings, St. Augustine South Communication



Selia Zimmerman & Alyssa McMandon

Each year, the St. Augustine South Improvement Association presents scholarships to eligible high school students who live in The South and are graduating and heading to college. This year, the Association was pleased to present two awards, each in the amount of \$1,000, to two deserving young ladies.

Selia (Reide) Zimmerman plans to attend the University of Florida starting this fall, where she will major in chemical engineering. She hopes to use her years at the university to raise awareness of how important it is to protect our oceans. Upon graduation, she hopes to become part of a team of engineers who will help find new ways to rid the oceans of oil.

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Pets from all across St. Johns County and the surrounding areas are gearing up for the St. Augustine Humane Society's 8th Annual Pin Up Paws Calendar Contest. The Pin Up Paws Calendar celebrates local pets, and is the largest fundraiser for the St. Augustine Humane Society. All of the money raised from the calendar will help support the Humane Society's lifesaving programs and resources, and will help ensure that every pet in St. Johns County has access to the medical and rehabilitative care they need to live happy and healthy lives with their loving families.

This year's Pin Up Paws Calendar theme is "The Fast and the Furriest," and the Humane Society is excited to announce a partnership with the St. Augustine Cruisers Car Club, whose cars will be entered into the contest. The calendar will be revealed at the annual Pin Up Paws Party, which will be held this year at the F.O.P. Lodge. This special fundraiser will feature some of the winning cars, a dinner, and live auction. Calendars will also be available for purchase for \$10, with all of the money supporting the Humane Society.

All members of the community

are encouraged to enter their pets into the contest. Simply visit www.pinuppaws.com and click the "Enter Contest" button, then be sure to spread the word so all of your friends and family know to vote for your pet! Each \$1 donation will count as one vote. The pet and car contestants with the most votes will be featured together on the coveted cover spot, and the next twelve highest pet and car contestants will be paired together throughout each of the monthly images in the calendar. (continued on page 9)



SonRise National Park Vacation Bible School

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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.



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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 2018 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 Meetings at Clubhouse

SASIA Meeting

3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM

Please join us and bring your ideas on how to improve our wonderful neighborhood! Connect with us on our Facebook.com and NextDoor.com pages: St. Augustine South Improvement Association.

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.

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Business, Services, seeking work and others may be placed in the classified section according to the following rate schedule: 1/2" (1-4 lines) \$5, 1" (5-8 lines) \$10, 1 1/2" (9-12 lines) \$15, 2" (13-16 lines) \$20. These Ads should be paid in advance before placed.

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FOR SALE: Small white Freezer. Good condition. \$200 Call 904-347-4899.

FOR SALE: Time Share at St. Augustine Tennis and Beach Club. Any reasonable offer considered. Call 570-460-4985.

FOR SALE: Dining Room Set, antique. 6 chairs, table, cupboard and china buffet. \$1,495. call 904.797.6501.

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St. Augustine Shores Community Calendar

The Shores Service Corporation Shores Homeowners Association

(904) 794-2000

www.staugshores.org

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

- **Conquistador Condominium** Board

St. Augustine South Community Calendar

The St. Augustine South Improvement Association

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St. Augustine Shores Club News

July 2018 Riverview Club Calendar

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

EARLY SOCIAL Sunday, July 1st – Independence Day Celebration!

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Entertainment by Tim Rippey

BYOB Hosted by: Dennis & Kathy Salvati

MAIN SOCIAL Saturday, July 21st

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

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Entertainment by Ernie

BYOB Hosted by: Lana Cipriani & Joan Olson



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

Bridge - Fridays 1:00 pm.

Bridge Lesson - Classes will resume in September.

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

Card Game - Card game group on Tuesdays, at 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. no game on July 3rd. 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 - Class led by Marcia Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am.

Tai-Chi - Thursday at 7:00 pm. No class on July 5th. Learn the principals of Tai Chi with John Doody and help your overall health and well-being!

Dance Class - Classes will resume in September. 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 – no classes on July 3rd and 17th. Low-impact Zumba to protect joints. Come sweat, lose weight, meet people, and have a blast!

Writers in the Shores - There will be no meetings of the Writers in the Shores for July or August. Meetings will resume in September – have a great summer! For information call Donna at 794-0789.

Upcoming Events at the Riverview Club

Early Social Dance: Saturday, August 4th (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment by Nostalgia

Main Social Dance: Saturday, August 25th (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment by Phil Farino

Riverview Club Events

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6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Entertainment by Tim Rippey

MAIN SOCIAL - Saturday, July 21st

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Entertainment by Ernie

Exercise Class Led by Marcia Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am. Low impact standing and chair exercises. Get in shape for the summer!

Water Aerobics with Elsa - Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 9:00 am – Must purchase pool pass.

TAI-CHI Class - Thursday at 7:00 pm - No class on July 5th. Learn the principals of Tai Chi with John Doody and help your overall health and well-being!

Pole Walking - FREE Introductory Fitness Pole Walking Clinic with Sheila Vidamour. Wednesday, July 11th 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! Wear comfortable walking shoes and demo Walking Poles will be provided.

Free Introductory Bellydance Classes with Gina Marie. Starting July 17th at 3pm. Call 904-540-2313 or see www.bluelotustribal.com

St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation May 10th 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 Thomas Filloramo and Secretary Nicolas Arocha. Quorum Established. The Invocation was given by General Manager Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes of April 12, 2018 was approved unanimously. The Treasurers Report was accepted for audit. General Manager Smith explained the increase in the operating fund and the decrease in the reserve fund.

General Manager Smith presented 1 collection issue. The Homeowner has a balance of \$867.59 as of May 2018. They propose to make 12 consecutive payments of \$102 which will pay off the debt, keep the account current and pay all fees and interest. The total is \$1227.59. Motion made, seconded, and approved the payment plan as presented.

Managers' Report - Joseph H. Smith III

Progress on Board Goals

Curb Appeal - Working with St. Johns County on the drop off issue on the new road project on Shores Blvd. We are also collecting data and soliciting bids to have the irrigation damage addressed. Commissioner Paul Waldron is in attendance. His staff drafted a report. General Manager Smith read the report. Fiscal Year 2016, 2017, 2018 St. Augustine Shores Improvements. Seasonal cut back on all plant stock at the Riverview Facility. New Penta's at all the entrances. Shrubs and trees have all been fertilized. Turf will be fertilized as the irrigation repairs are completed. Smith provided a copy of the St Johns County Ordinance for Tract S Unit 1, The Storage Facility and Maintenance Compound.

Committee Reports

ACC Committee – General Manager Smith - The ACC held one meeting in the month of April. They approved 12 applications: 2 Driveway Extensions, 5 Fences, 1 Patio Cover, 1 Screen Room, 1 Swimming Pool, 2 Utility Sheds, Total YTD 123.

Home Office Applications - (1.) 867 Viscaya Boulevard, for the purpose of a carpentry business. All work is done on the client's property. They agree to abide by County Ordinance 95 – 9. Motion made, seconded, and approved for the Home Office Application as presented. (2.) 260 Deportivo Drive, for the purpose of making craft items to sell at markets and events. She agrees to abide by County Ordinance 95 – 9. Motion made, second, and approved the Home Office Application as presented. (3.) 240 Phoenetia Drive, for the purpose of a computer business all work done off site. They agree to abide by County Ordinance 95 – 9. Motion made, second, and approved the Home Office application as presented.

Deed Violation Report - The report was presented to the Board. The Riverview Building and Grounds Committee donated health and fitness books. Request to set appointment with Sir Grout to obtain a bid. Secretary Arocha requested some action from the Board on the spreadsheet items.

Directors Comments

Treasurer Lorbeer inquired about parking on the sidewalks. She commented on the landscaping at the Riverview Facility and how nice it looks. Director Van Tiem thanked the residents for coming and asked that they bring their neighbors. Director Filloramo inquired about the downed light pole on Shores and Madruga. Secretary Arocha inquired about a light pole on Domenico Circle. He is interested in looking into having the Scouts build a fence for the wildflower meadow or maybe build some benches if we provide the materials. Secretary Arocha inquired about open spaces and parks in the undeveloped areas of Unit 7 and wondered if a list exists. Vice President Dietly inquired about the School bus at 215 Deltona Blvd. President O'Such asked how the Board wanted to fill the vacant position on the Board and after discussion decided to interview interested members at 6:00 p.m. on June 14 prior to the next Board meeting. President O'Such discussed the negativity at the last Board meeting. He requested an effort to increase attendance.

Members Comments

Request that another sign to inform members that there is a two-pole limit on the pier and inquired about the bait stations and water for the pier. Consider canvassing the community to try and get some of the Declaration of Restrictions amended and request requested for a committee to help in this effort. Comment on the traffic issues by Hartley Elementary at drop off and pick up time during school season. Comment on the speeding in the Shores. Inquiry about the shifting on the pier. Inquiry about a power outage on the weekend at the pier. Question asked if the Scouts were members of the Shores. Suggestion to remove the word club from the name of the Facility. There was discussion about trespassing from the abutting communities.

Meeting Adjourned



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July Book Sale at Southeast Branch Library

July 13 and 14 are the dates for the Friends of the Southeast Branch Library book sale. Interesting subjects and great reads await book lovers and bargain hunters. Sale hours are Friday, July 13, 10 am – 6 pm and Saturday, July 14, 10 am – 1 pm featuring a \$5 bag sale. Bags will be provided and multiple bags can be purchased.

Most hardbacks, trade softbacks, DVDs and CDs are priced at \$1.00. Books and items of special merit are individually priced. All sales benefit Southeast Branch Library programming. The Southeast Branch Library is located at 6670 U.S. 1 South. 904-827-6900.

St Augustine Genealogical Society Meeting

The St Augustine Genealogical Society (SAGS) will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 1:00pm at the South East Branch Library located at 6670 US 1 South, St Augustine, FL.

The Society will be celebrating their 29th Birthday, in addition, a English Tea will be the theme, as we pay tribute, to our past member Susan Harrison Gill. SAGS members, family, friends and, the public are invited.

St. Augustine Travel Club Meetings

by Peter Dytrych

The Travel Club will be on summer recess for July and August. Wishing you a safe and pleasant summer. We will be back again in September at the Southeast Branch Public Library and will make an announcement at the appropriate time. Any questions, please feel free to contact Peter Dytrych at (904) 797-3736.

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Writers In The Shores

By Donna Johnson

There will be no meetings of the Writers in the Shores for July or August. Meetings will resume again in September as we have before on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, at 1 pm at the Riverview Club Library. Come and check us out, everyone is welcome and we would like to invite anyone who loves to write. You do not have to be a member. We are a casual group who enjoy sharing their work and related discussion with each other. There are no officers, dues or requirements. All genres are encompassed. For information call Donna at 794-0789. Have a great summer and we'll see you again in September!

First Coast Card & Newcomers Club July Events

First Coast Card Club

Tuesday, July 10th. Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine. 1PM
Saturday, July 14th. Cards/Lunch. Restaurant-Sawgrass Village Shop Ctr., Ponte Vedra Beach. Just Off A1A. 1PM.

Tuesday, July 24th. Ponte Vedra Beach Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. 1PM

Sunday, July 29th-Special Card Playing Event! Hawaiian Island Luau. 4PM. Please Bring Hot Dish, Salad, Veg, Dessert. Own Beverage. Cards: 5-7:30P. Limit 12. Room for 5. Contact Club To Attend.

Tuesday, July 31st. Anastasia Island Library-124 Sea Grove Main St., St Augustine Beach. 1P.

Meet more card players at our Community Libraries, Coffee Cafes, and other venues Every Month. Your Support Is appreciated. Club Contact: 904-829-0643.

First Coast Newcomers Club Of Northeast Florida Social

Monday, July 2nd. July Monthly Trivia. St. Augustine Beach. Arrival: 6P Dinner. Trivia-7P. Limited 10. Contact Club To Attend. Reservations Must Be In 1 Week Ahead.

Friday, July 6th. Dinner/Classic Rock N Roll Music. 50's-60's. Julington Creek. St Johns. 6P No Cover

Monday, July 16th. Sahara Silk Arabic Music & Dance Show. Free. Coffee/Snack Social After. 2PM

Friday, July 20th. Board Games And Lunch: 1PM. Coffee Cafe, St. Augustine. Limited 10. Contact Club to attend.

To join and for more information/verification of club events Contact Club: 904-829-0643. Your Support Is Appreciated.

St. Augustine South Mosquito Control Traps

St. Augustine South has been chosen to participate in a new project being conducted by Anastasia Mosquito Control District. The project involves the District placing about 1500 mosquito traps in select areas of SAS. The new type of trap, which contains no pesticides, was developed to help reduce the number of container breeding mosquitoes which spread the Zika virus and dengue fever.

Placement of the traps is critical to the study, and residents are asked not to move them. If one is in an inconvenient area for you, call Mosquito Control at the number on the trap, and they will work with you to relocate the trap to a more suitable area.

Hopefully, this project will yield positive results, giving Mosquito Control another tool to use in our never-ending battle against those pesky little critters.



The trap, which operates on the same principle as the familiar sticky fly traps, holds the same type of sticky material. Mosquitoes are drawn to the bait and become stuck. Mosquito Control employees monitor the traps regularly, and some lucky soul gets to count each and every stuck bug. Results

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Wags 'n Whiskers Pet Shelter Buy a Table Spot Flea Markets

Wags 'n Whiskers, 1967 Old Moultrie Road, St. Augustine, will have their next garage sale on Saturday, August 11, from 8 a.m to 1:00 pm to raise funds for the rescue/adoption center. This is a volunteer organization sheltering and fostering pets

(dogs and cats), and works with Petco as a venue for the adoption days.

They are always looking for ways to raise funds as they neuter and provide all the pets with their necessary medical needs and tests before any pet is released to a new home. Also included is a chip for each pet. If you are ready to adopt or foster a pet, please check their website for your next companion. Their website is ww.petrescue.org (not www).

Sellers are asked to call Lana Bandy at 317-450-0505 to reserve a spot. Sellers provide their own tables. The cost is \$10.00 to participate; but outside of that fee, all monies you raise are yours to keep.

Wags 'n Whiskers will also have a table or two selling items that have been donated to them, and can use help manning those tables. We could use volunteers at these garage sales. You can volunteer as well as sell your items!

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15th Annual COA Championship Golf and Gala

2018 marks the 15th Annual Council on Aging (COA) Championship Golf and Gala. This means 15 years of pictures, a competitive golf tournament, dancing under the Florida night sky, great food, faithful community partners and supporters, a fun auction, and, most importantly, 15 years of supporting Council on Aging. Join us at the gala on Sun. Aug. 26 at 5:30 p.m. and then tee off at the Slammer and Squire Course on Mon. Aug. 27 at 8:30 a.m. "This has been such a fantastic journey," Becky Yanni, COA Executive Director, said. "We have felt the love and support of our community for fifteen years and look forward to hosting the Championship Golf and Gala for years to come."

At the gala, Chef's garden will cater a delicious all you can enjoy buffet with choices for different tastes. After dinner, the Frank Saffi band will play high-energy music so you can dance the night away! Throughout the evening, guests are encouraged to bid on hundreds of silent and live auction items, including art, gift cards, tickets to theme parks and events, sports packages, gift baskets, and so much more. Later on, guests can enjoy a beautiful Matanzas sunset on the dock with a cold beer or wine in their hand.

The next day is the Golf Tournament at Slammer and Squire. It is a challenging and classic course that allows for hours of golfing fun under the Florida sun! There will be both breakfast and lunch served and awards will be given to the winning teams.

The Championship Golf and Gala is the biggest and most important fundraiser for Council on Aging. It raises funds for numerous programs and services, like Meals on Wheels, four senior centers, transportation, Adult Day Care, Coastal Home Care, Prescription Assistance, and so much more. These services and programs allow older adults to live independently in their home. They may even be life-saving in some cases.

COA is in need of participants, donations for the auction, and sponsors. We are seeking donations of new items or experiences (cruises, family vacations, collectibles, artwork, antiques, etc.) Perhaps you have a very special talent and/or service which you would like to donate. We will be grateful for all items and services that will bring bids from our 300+ patrons in attendance. In recognition of your gift or sponsorship, you will be named in our COA Championship Gala program. For more information or to donate, please contact Cindy Walker at 904-209-3687 or cjwalker@stjohnscoa.com

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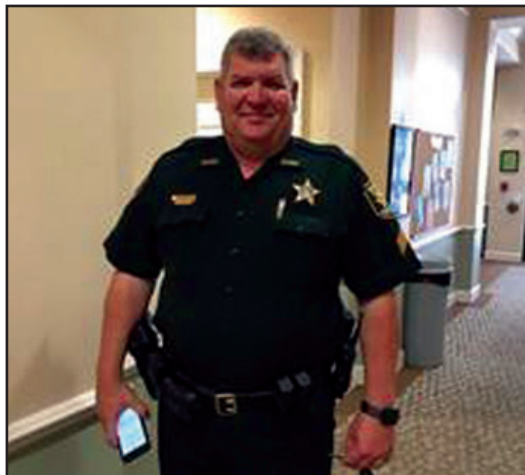
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Selia Zimmerman Alyssa McMandon Receiving Scholarships at SASIA Monthly Meeting

Alyssa (Allie) McMandon will be attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University to study Aerospace Physiology. She would also like to continue her soccer career, as she was on the varsity team for all four years in high school. Allie hopes to continue on to medical school after earning her degree in Aerospace Physiology and eventually become a neurologist.

We wish both of these deserving young ladies the very best as they pursue their admirable goals. Following the scholarship presentation, the recipients and members of the Association enjoyed refreshments and celebrated the occasion.



Sargent Jim Priester, Shores resident and past Board Member, came to THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center to give life-saving tips on how to survive an active shooter situation. At the end of his presentation, Priester was happy to answer individual questions and personally meet the community members. Afterward, the seniors felt safer knowing that people like Sgt. Priester and the JSO were on call to intervene in an emergency.

"Diaries of a Shores Grand-Dad"

by Dirk Schroeder

By this point, you have hopefully read about all of the Grand-dads family members and their "Word of a Lifetime" or better yet their "Virtues of a Lifetime" – compassion, sacrifice, discipline, devotion, faith and purpose. You may be wondering what's next – what about the Grand-dad himself? My word is: "will" as in, I will try to keep this one short.

The interesting thing about the definition of "will" is that Dictionary.com shows the word to be an "auxiliary verb", a "verb" and a "noun". As an action (verb) it is applied to everyone indifferently: I will, you will, it will and they will. As a noun it is a statement – it is the "power of choosing or asserting one's own actions" and a "wish or desire" and a "purpose or determination (often hearty or stubborn determination)". It is also something that hopefully you leave behind - as in "your last will".

What's that got to do with me? I already have a Last Will. I also have a "stubborn determination" and that has served me well. What I need and what we all need is "Will Power". Will power is all about what you "will" and "will not" do or are "willing" or "not willing" to do or say. Yet, it's also NOT about talk but determination (sometimes stubborn determination) "to assert one's own action." That's why "will" is about me – I like to get things done and yet things don't necessarily have to be done my way – they just have to get done (purpose) and then I move on to the next thing. I will also create things and concepts and ideas from scratch and, if they don't work out, I move on to the next item. Being considerate of others in the mission is something I will try to incorporate but if they have a better idea then let's just get their idea done.

I will question just about everything because I need to determine if things can be done better. Equally important are the things I will NOT do or say – this goes back to self-discipline. Many things can be said better or written better. Others better not be said.

Sometimes people use that old line – "does that" or "doesn't that make sense?" You're asking me to agree with your thinking by default? Answer: NO, that may make sense to you but I have to call that into question. I may need to consider alternatives first. It's in my DNA – the willingness not to accept the norm since normal is compared to what? who's establishing the norm? based on whose criteria? Maybe I need to question the criteria. I'll listen and observe and process items yet, if you're trying to force your will on me (or anyone else for that matter), I may have to break out my stubborn determination again.

"Will" allows us to be free-thinkers without constraints. Thank God we're all human and can think for ourselves (a concept not available in all countries). And don't let others define you either - you are what your own "will" determines you to be.

Finally, the most life changing, free-thinking thing that I have done in my life that I didn't need to question is to say - "I will." On that note, stay tuned to The Observer for your next Diaries of a Shores Grand-Dad and, as always, I wish you a Sunshine State of Mind.



DID YOU KNOW

With all of the Development that is taking place you may be wondering, "How are people getting approvals for all of this?" "Why is land being stripped left and right?" - great questions.

In 1985, the Florida Legislature knew that Florida would grow exponentially so they passed the "Growth Management Act of 1985" - it's main missions were to curb urban sprawl and to contain the proliferation of wells, septic tanks and absorption fields. The Dep't. of Community Affairs (DCA) was to oversee and the review the Act. All of the Counties and Cities (municipalities) had to submit their respective growth management plans to the DCA for approval. St. Johns County (SJC) got their plan approved in late 1989. SJC mapped out where existing water and sewer lines were located and what type of existing uses and development areas were in place and where they were located. Then they drew a map to provide incentives to develop in the "Infill" areas and those areas where central utilities and services were located and heavy restrictions in the outlying areas.

The Land Use Map (which accompanied the growth management manual) was released in 1990 and has been amended many times - some by owners/developers request and some by statute - the Counties and Cities are to review their plans regularly.

Many property owners already have development rights based on the Land Use Map and there is little that the PZA and the Commissioners can do to object. Yet, when Land Use Amendments come before them and a development is considered sprawl or may not have sufficient services, those can be denied. Why are developers taking down so many trees? The codes for drainage and storm water runoff are the main reason that trees need removal - to provide home sites that are above road grade.

If you ever have questions about anything real estate related please ask an expert. I didn't make the rules but I stay informed about what the rules are.



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Hurricane Planning for Community Associations

by Andrew Jackson, Esq.
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Is your condominium or homeowner's association properly prepared for a natural disaster event such as a hurricane? The Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1st of this year and will continue until November 30th. The season began with a bang as tropical storm Alberto proves you need to be ready now. It is predicted for 2018 that we will have 12 named storms, 6 of which will become hurricanes.

Florida condominium and homeowner associations are encouraged to take the following steps to ensure that they are properly prepared for an upcoming weather event and to put themselves in the best position to respond should damage to property occur. The list below is not all inclusive but should provide a solid basis for preparation. In addition to seeking advice of legal counsel, community associations should work carefully with their Community Association Manager (CAM), insurance advisors, property maintenance staff, and providers.

Resident Information

- Confirm that you have up to date information for residents and guests, including phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contact numbers
- Consider developing emergency contact system to notify owners if mandatory evacuation is required

Insurance

- Meet with your insurance agent to make sure that you have proper coverage
- Ensure that you have copies of your policies that are readily available
- Ensure that you have emergency contact information for directors and officers available in case of a claim

Financial Information

- Bank account information should be readily available, including institution name and account number
- Consider making arrangements with bank for line of credit depending on financial status of community

Property Documentation

- Take pictures of existing structures, amenities, and other real and personal property prior to a significant weather event
- When possible, create a database or inventory of property and equipment with identifying information such as serial numbers, or product vendor and models (continued page 12)

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Council on Aging Upcoming Activities

NEW! Financial Fridays

Please join us on the final Friday of the month to discuss financial issues that may impact senior citizens. River House (179 Marine Street) will host various local professionals that will share their knowledge, tips, and expertise to assist seniors with numerous financial situations. Please call 904-209-3655 for your reservation to our next session on Friday, July 27th at 10am. Complimentary for River House members / \$3 non-members.

NEW! Gypsy Skirt Dancing (Ongoing Class)

Many cultures around the world including India, Egypt, Spain, Africa, Mexico and the Caribbean dance with big skirts. Join us on Mondays (starting July 2nd) from 10am-11am at River House (179 Marine Street) for a fun, festive class that celebrates diversity & the gypsy in us all! Moves are basic, but it's still a great workout. Plus, other fun props (fans, umbrellas, etc.) will be added to our gypsy repertoire. Loaner skirts will be available in each class. The cost for each session is \$4 members/\$5 non-members. Please call 904-209-3655 for your reservations.



NEW! Greeting Card Creations

Have you ever wanted to learn how to make your own greeting cards? Join us at the River House (179 Marine Street) on Monday, August 13th from 11am-12:30pm to learn how to make greeting cards for EVERY occasion! You will learn the basic techniques and supplies needed to make your own unique cards from home. ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED in the cost of \$12 for members/\$15 for nonmembers. Please call 904-209-3655 for reservations.

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New! Author Appreciation Event

Join us at River House (179 Marine Street) on Friday, September 14th at 10am with our featured local authors K. Ross Lee and Betsy S. Lee. They will be discussing their books Andrew Ranson: St Augustine's Pirate and The Relic: Jerusalem to St Augustine. Autographed copies of books will be available for additional purchase. Cost for attendance is \$3 for River House Members / \$4 for non-members. Please call 904-206-3655 for your reservation.

For more information about our various ongoing classes, please visit our website www.coasjc.org or call River House at 904-209-3655.

United Way of St. Johns County Announces Federal Emergency Food & Shelter Funds

United Way of St. Johns County is pleased to announce that \$18,640.00 in federal funds has been awarded to St. Johns County through the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

A local board made up of county, city, and human services agencies along with United Way of St. Johns County will determine how funds are to be distributed among emergency food and shelter programs in the local service area. The board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive funds in this cycle and, as well as, funds awarded in future cycles.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations, whether nonprofit or governmental, may apply. To receive funds, the organization must conduct an annual audit, practice non-discrimination, and have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and shelter programs. Examples of how program funds can be used include the following: food (served meals or groceries), lodging in a mass shelter or hotel, one month's rent or mortgage payment, one month's utility bill and/or equipment necessary to feed or shelter people.

Qualifying programs are urged to apply or gather additional information by contacting United Way of St. Johns County, jenny.harvey@unitedway-sjc.org or 904-829-9721. To learn more about United Way of St. Johns County, visit www.unitedway-sjc.org.

St. Augustine Humane Society's Annual Fundraiser is Underway

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All of the winners will receive a special photoshoot with award-winning photographer, Addison Fitzgerald. The deadline to enter your pet is Thursday, August 2nd, and all votes must be submitted by 8:00pm on Saturday, August 4th. And remember, each donation will ensure that the Humane Society can continue to provide its lifesaving resources to the community.

If you would like to help the St. Augustine Humane Society in other ways, they are always looking for passionate volunteers to help with their resources and programs. The St. Augustine Humane Society's charity Veterinary Clinic relies on volunteers for its success, and they are looking for people to help Monday mornings, and all day Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If you are interested in volunteering with the Humane Society, or have questions about the calendar contest, please contact Mike Murphy at 904-829-2737x111 or mmurphy@staughumane.org.





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Wild Flower Meadow Group

by Cindy Taylor

Spring rains this year helped us water all the transplants and almost all of them are thriving. Spring rains also nourished our nemesis: lawn grasses, as well as a little vine that loves to wrap itself around the wildflowers. Now our work focusses on removing what isn't native so what is native will bloom. The bad news is the work never ends and? That's also the good news.



Why not use chemicals to get rid of lawn grasses? They're costly, would kill more than non-native grasses, and endanger the lives of pollinators and critters who find refuge in the meadow. Artificial chemicals are not native and our goal is to keep the space natural



... so we can see what nature is.

The flowers blooming, as I write this, are honeysuckle vine, coreopsis, spiderwort, coral bean, black root, queen's delight, false dandelion, mimosa strigillosa, Baldwin's eryngo

(Eryngium baldwinii), gaillardia, Spanish needle, dune daisy, wild petunia, frog fruit, beauty berry, St. John's wort, morning glory vine, and twin flowers. The wildflower meadow is heading into summer when blooms aren't as prolific as they are in the spring and we'll see which do well in the summer Florida sun and heat. We updated the flyers in the box on the fence, if you want help identifying the flowers. Please return them to the box when you're done looking at them.



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 and learn about native plants, especially those that grow in this location. We're an informal group without officers or dues and hope you will join us.

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St. Johns County Sheriff's Corner

By David Shoar, St. Johns County Sheriff

Hurricane Awareness

With the extreme effects our area received during Hurricanes Matthew and Irma over the past two years, I feel this is an excellent time to remind our citizens and visitors to develop a Hurricane plan. Before those two devastating storms, it had been over 50 years since a hurricane struck the first coast directly from the east and that hurricane, Hurricane Dora has been the only one to strike from the east since records have been kept dating back to 1851. Hurricane season began at the beginning of last month and lasts until the end of November and meteorologists are calling for a near or above normal amount of storms this year. They predict a total of 10 to 16 named tropical storms, of which will be 5 to 9 hurricanes with winds greater than 74mph, and 1 to 4 major hurricanes with winds greater than 115mph. You should be familiar with the terms Hurricane Watch and Hurricane Warning. A Watch is issued when conditions are favorable that a hurricane could strike in 36 hours. A Warning is issued when hurricane force winds are expected to strike in 24 hours. By this time you should already have an emergency plan for yourself and family and begin implementation of that plan.

Some things to consider in your preliminary plans are:

- Take photos of your property from all angles, it may not look the same once the storm passes.
- Plan for elderly/handicapped/invalid care at a shelter or at home.
- Learn which routes will be safe during a storm.
- Learn where official shelters are located.
- Trim any dead wood from trees prior to the storm.
- Check for, fix or take note of loose items on your structures (shutters, screens, eaves, gutters, antennas, satellites).
- Get and use a hurricane tracking chart
- Plan what you and your family will do if you have to evacuate.
- Get necessary supplies and secure them in safe area.
- Plan for pet care.
- Review your insurance coverage.
- Protect your important documents.
- Show others in the family how to turn off/on gas, electricity, and water.
- Make outside repairs.

When a Hurricane Watch for your area is issued you should do the following:

- Listen to official bulletins on radio, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio, and Internet for updates.
- Check all supplies you already have to see if they are in satisfactory condition include batteries.
- Fill gas tank of vehicles, check oil and tire pressure.
- Inspect mobile home tie-downs.
- Board, tape, cover windows and doors or skylights.
- Secure boat.
- Secure any objects and furniture that are outside.
- Check on all medical supplies, special needs for elderly, handicapped, etc.
- Plan to evacuate if necessary.

When a Hurricane Warning is issued here are some suggestions:

- Stay tuned to TV, radio, Internet or NOAA Weather Radio.
- Move valuables to higher location
- Move furniture away from windows and cover.
- Fill containers (bathtub, plastic jugs) with drinking water.
- Use phones only in an emergency.

- Bring in/secure pets (food & water).
- Shut off water and electricity at main breaker switch.
- Leave mobile homes.
- Leave low areas. If evacuating--leave early.

Sometimes a hurricane path may not be predictable and evacuation orders could come at any time. If you are asked to evacuate, please do so early and know the route you will be taking. Remember there will be many folks taking the same route from a very large area so be sure to give yourself plenty of time to leave safely.

Finally, if you refuse to leave following an evacuation order, here are some safety tips for riding out the storm:

- Make sure your building is well-constructed.
- Turn the refrigerator to maximum cold.
- Freeze water in plastic containers, if the electricity goes off you can use the ice to keep food cold in the refrigerator.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by the authorities.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Fill bathtub and containers with water.
- Stay indoors.
- Prepare for storm surge and possible flooding.
- Plan what to do if the winds become too strong.
- Stay away from windows and doors, even if covered.
- Stay in a small interior room, hallway, or closet.
- Close all inside doors, brace exterior doors.
- If you have a two-story house, stay on the first floor.
- Lie on the floor or under a table or other sturdy object.

Now is the time to go over your hurricane preparedness. If you have not made any emergency plans, you should do them now. Planning ahead will save you unnecessary stress from not knowing what to do or not having the supplies you will need to get you through the hurricane watch, warning, storm, and aftermath. Print and post this list on the refrigerator or somewhere it will be easily seen. Here are a couple of links you might be interested in concerning Hurricane Preparedness; the National Hurricane Center at <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>, and the St. Johns County Office of Emergency Management at <http://www.sjcemergencymanagement.org/>. Of course feel free to drop me a line at dshoar@sjso.org. It is our hope at the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office that you have a safe and happy summer. Also, if you sign up for the Sheriff's Office social media sights on Facebook and or Twitter you will receive important updates anytime.



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Computer Corner

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Thinking about Switching to a Macintosh?



Customers are asking about switching to Macintosh with increasing regularity. They might have heard that there are not as many viruses, or they are tired of dealing with Windows update issues. Some are considering an Apple product because their children or grandchildren use are Mac users and have suggested that they make the switch.

You might be concerned about the learning curve. This is not nearly as big a deal as one might think. For the most part, we use our computers for only a few tasks. Browsing the internet, reading and writing email, Facebook, or creating documents to print or send to someone. The fact is that all of these tasks are accomplished in the same way on a Mac as they are on Windows.

Once you see how similar it is, it only takes a little while to be completely comfortable on a Mac. If you want to learn more, the Apple Stores have free classes on how to use your Mac, iPad, and iPhone.

If you have an iPhone or iPad, switching to a Mac will be like coming home. All of your files can be moved to a Mac and for the most part, will open and work just like you would expect. If you have a lot of Microsoft Office files, you'll want to get Office for Mac. If you already have Office 365, it can be easily transferred to your new Mac. The user experience in Word is the same on your Mac as it was on your Windows machine.

All of your bookmarked websites can be moved as well. As long as you have a password book or ledger, you will find this part of the transition pain-free.

Switching to a Mac is mostly about learning where things are, and for the normal user that is very intuitive.

If you are considering a Mac, and want to see one in action, let me know. For a small fee to cover my time, I can stop by with my MacBook Pro and show you how things work. Occasionally I have refurbished Macs on hand, and with a little lead time I can probably find you a great deal.

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Hurricane Planning for Community Associations

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Official Records

- Store electronically, if possible, with proper data backups and security
- Ensure that documents are in a safe location with minimal risk of being damaged

Disaster Committee

- While not required, it may be advisable to establish a committee authorized by the Board to make immediate decisions in case of emergency if the Board members are not available
- For condominium associations, Section 718.1625 of the Florida Statutes (2016) establishes emergency powers to be exercised by the Board of Directors.
- For homeowners associations, Section 720.316 of the Florida Statutes (2016) establishes emergency powers to be exercised by the Board of Directors.

Post Disaster

- After a substantial weather event, communities are encouraged to consult with their CAM, insurance agent, and legal counsel
- Avoid the temptation to make quick decisions based on direct marketing at expense of valid quotes for services
- Review your insurance contract regarding repairs and whether they are required to be made during the submission of a claim
- Keep copies of all invoices, receipts, and any other documentation related to post-disaster services and products
- Timely submit claims as required by insurance policies

Is There A Pebble In Your Shoe?

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Think about the number of hours our feet are used either to stand, walk, run or kick. We shove them in all kinds of footwear giving little thought to the mechanics of the joints or other tissues. We usually don't even think about our feet until something goes wrong and they hurt. There are a number of painful foot dysfunctions people are aware of such as gout, bunions, plantar warts and blisters. But one that is often missed yet still give people trouble is the compression of interdigital nerves.

Between the toes are small nerves that supply the muscles and neighboring tissues. When the foot functions normally there is enough space for the nerves to do their job without any problem. But when the ligaments of the foot become overstretch

or the mechanics of the foot starts to be altered, these nerves can get compressed resulting in very specific symptoms.

One of the symptoms is numbness in the ball of the foot and/or into the middle toes. Sometimes it even feels like burning. But one of the symptoms that can go misdiagnosed is the sense that something is in your shoe, such as a small pebble or that your socks are all bunched up. You may then take your shoe off and examine your feet only to see there is nothing wrong.

There are a variety of conservative ways to treat this problem, in combination or isolation. First, the joints need to be checked for proper mobility and muscles for adequate strength. The joints can be manually treated and exercises prescribed for the muscles. Second, footwear should be inspected for fit and wear patterns. Tight and restrictive shoes, even if they are your favorite, can compress the foot, bones and nerves causing problems. Third, orthotics can be inserted into the shoe to help support the foot. Inserting a simple tarsal bar or tarsal post, although initially feels strange, it can lift the foot just enough to make room for the nerves, prevent compression and soon ignored.

There are simple solutions to many foot problems, but its deciphering through the symptoms that can be tricky. There are 26 bones in the foot and 33 joints, some moving more than others. It is a complex structure that is taken for granted. If you have foot pain or problems, start the New Year with getting a consult and maybe treatment. Don't wait. These types of problems only get worse with time and do not go away on their own.

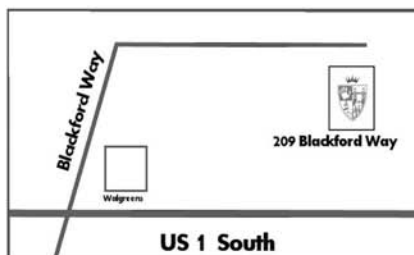
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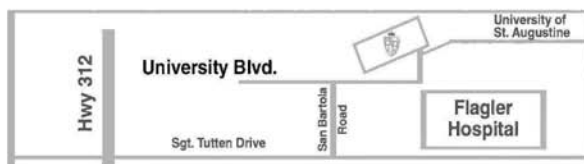
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Fire Prevention Corner

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Children and Fire Safety

Children “playing” with or starting fires is dangerous and costly. Each year these fires cause hundreds of injuries, millions of dollars in damage, and are most likely to kill young children under the age of 5.

Some children play with fire out of curiosity, boredom, or peer pressure, not realizing its danger. But other children misuse fire because they are struggling with problems or emotions. Without proper intervention and instruction, children who misuse fire will very likely do it again. However, if punishment is the only intervention strategy used, it could actually contribute to the problem. What can you do?

Follow these tips to keep your family safe:

- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children, up high, preferably in a locked cabinet.

- Closely supervise children, making sure that they are kept away from other fire sources, including lit candles, cigarettes, bonfires, and stoves.

- It is natural for young children to be curious and ask questions about fire, play with fire trucks, or pretend to cook. Use these opportunities to teach them about fire safety.

- Explain that fire moves very fast and can hurt as soon as it touches them. Tell them that this is why matches and lighters are tools for adults only.

- Teach young children to never touch matches or lighters. They must go tell a grown-up when matches or lighters are found.

- Establish clear rules and consequences about unsupervised and unauthorized uses of fire.

- Be a good example! Always use fire sources — matches, lighters, candles, fireplaces, and campfires — in a safe manner. Never treat them as toys, or children may imitate you.

- Talk with children about what their friends or other children are doing with fire. What are they seeing online in video games, on TV, in movies, and on social media? Teach them specific ways to resist the peer pressure to misuse fire.

- Give praise for showing respect and age-appropriate responsible behavior toward fire.

- Teach young children that matches and lighters are tools not toys

IMPORTANT - Understand that children and fire are a deadly combination. If you suspect a child is unusually interested in fire or is setting fires, take immediate action. Follow these safety tips. Contact your local fire department, school, burn center, or counseling agency to get help from specially trained experts. I

FACT - Many fires happen simply because matches and lighters are left within a child’s reach. About 300 people per year are killed and \$280 million in property is destroyed in fires attributed to children playing with fire

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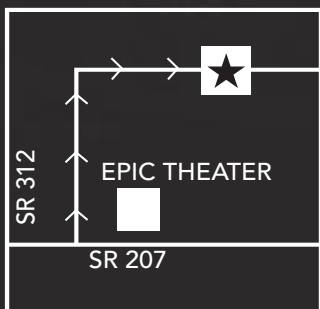
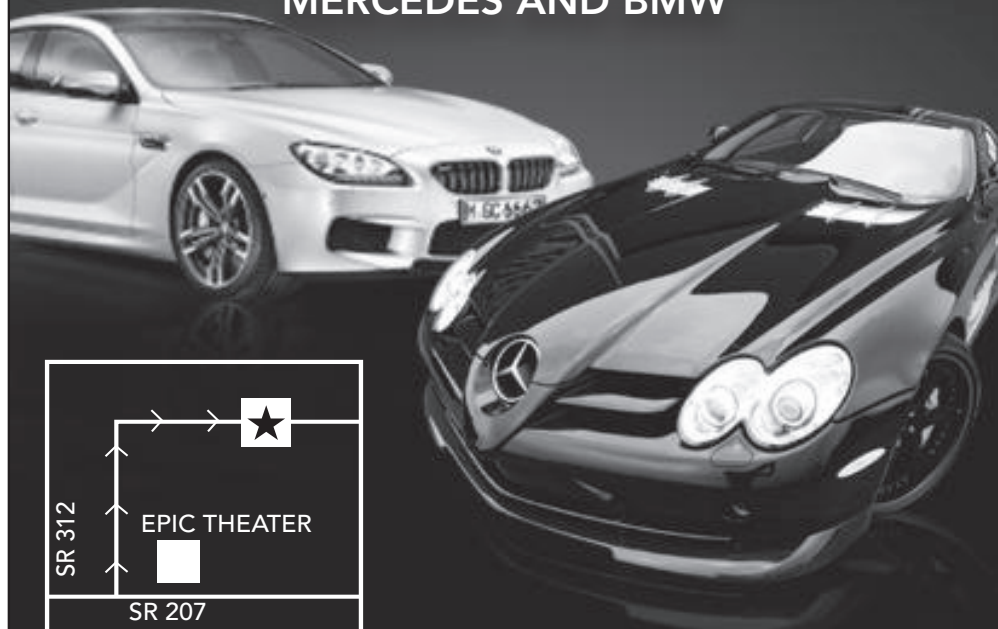
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RFP and change to Market a bad trade for community



As many of you know the Wednesday Market created and built by the Civic Association almost 20 years ago has been hijacked by the County. In 2013 a handful of people with agendas of their own started lobbying for the county to put the market out for bid (RFP) and 5 years later they have succeeded. An RFP was put out requirements and terms that were very favorable to a for profit organization and not so favorable to non-profits. This was evidenced as 3 for profits and only one non-profit submitted proposals.

The RFP issued by the county was required the bidders to pay \$250 dollars per week to operate the market plus a percentage of its weekly revenue. \$250 equates to 24% of our weekly revenue before other expenses. Add in traffic / police, and administrative costs including insurance and marketing we found ourselves at over 55% of budget. Add in the 20 or so percent it would have taken to win the bid and we would have been up near 75% of our revenue. The leaving us just 25% or about \$13,000 a year in profit. A good deal for the County's budget but a bad deal for the community. Our proposal would have paid the County its \$250 a week and all necessary market expenses and would have allowed us to fund Music by the Sea, Taste of the Beach, and Surf Illumination. Additionally we would have been able to give \$4000 to sponsor City events and continue to make donations to other community non-profits. Our proposal would have more than covered any expenses incurred by the County and put another \$40K plus back into the community.

The top two for profit companies are operated by good people with some experience but they have no obligation to do anything more than run the market and enjoy the profits. One has to ask if this trade was really good for the community as a whole. The County Commission will take on this topic we think in July. They may accept the scoring and give the Market to one of the for profit groups. The Commission still has the power to say the greater community benefit lies with the Civic Association. We'll see if the Commissioners believe the public interest outweighs a few extra bucks. By the way the RFP also includes a clause that allows the County to relocate the market to ANY other county facility with a 30 day notice. So was this all a ploy to satisfy voters in an election year and then move the market out of Pier Park after the vote?

On a brighter note The Civic Association raised more than \$2000 for local artist, volunteer and father of 3 children, Paul Slava. Paul is a recent liver transplant recipient and our fundraise will help ease a little of the financial burden that comes with this type of thing. Thanks to all that gave and good luck to Paul and his family.

Finally there will be no market and no concert on July 4th. At the request of County Parks & Rec and our Police, we are standing down on Independence Day to ease parking pressure at the Pier Park and will be back for everyone on July 11th. To see the concert and restaurant schedule please visit our website at www.freebeachconcerts.com

Financial Focus

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Don't Let Your Investments Go on "Vacation"



Summer is here – and so is vacation season. Americans spend a lot on their summer getaways – more than \$100 billion in 2017 alone, as reported in Travel and Leisure magazine. When you hit the road, you will enjoy getting away from your regular tasks, but there's one part of your life that should never take a break – your investments.

To keep your investments working consistently and efficiently for you, consider these suggestions:

Match the right investment with the right "job." You hire an electrician to install a light fixture, you employ a plumber to clear a clogged drain, and you would not expect either one to work on the other's project. In a way, this view of a division of labor is similar to how you might look at different investments. In general, you purchase stocks with the hope of achieving the growth necessary to help you meet long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. On the other hand, when you purchase certain fixed-rate investments such as certificates of deposit (CDs) or money market accounts, you know they won't provide as much growth potential, but are available to fund a short-term goal – such as a dream vacation.

Evaluate investments' performance relative to your goals. Some people think the only way to evaluate their investments' performance is to track them against a well-known market index, such as the S&P 500. However, using an index as a measuring stick has some drawbacks, one of which is the lack of a personal connection to your situation. Look at it this way: In many types of organizations, you typically go through performance reviews, where your work is assessed in terms of how

well it helped you move toward your goals – and you can follow the same process with your investments. Specifically, you can measure their performance by how effective they are in helping you move toward your financial objectives. For example, if you need your portfolio to provide you with a certain rate of return to meet specific retirement goals at a designated age, but you find that you are not currently on track toward meeting these goals, you may need to adjust your investment mix to potentially provide you with a higher return. Be aware, though, that seeking higher return potential will likely mean taking on more risk. You may want to consult with a financial professional to make sure you find a risk/reward ratio suitable for your goals and risk tolerance.

Look for hard-working investments. Some investments work especially hard. Some stocks, or investments containing stocks, pay dividends. Instead of taking the dividends, you can choose to reinvest them, purchasing even more shares – and increased share ownership is one key to helping build financial resources for the long term. Dividend reinvestment is typically automatic, so once you have chosen this option, there's really no extra work on your part. (Keep in mind, though, that companies are not obligated to pay dividends, and they can be reduced or eliminated at any time.)

In the investing arena, as in many endeavors, hard work can be rewarding. So look for opportunities to keep your investments gainfully employed throughout your life.

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