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## 30th Anniversary season will go on!

Kim Mayo, Event and Venue Coordinator

Concerts in the Plaza, St. Augustine's free summer-long music series, returns to the Plaza de la Constitución on Thursday, June 3, after the 2020 season was cancelled due to COVID-19. This year's 30th Season is proudly hosted by the City of St. Augustine and the lineup surely will not disappoint. Several favorite bands will be returning to the gazebo along with many new ones who are no strangers to performing in St. Augustine.

The series includes two-hour concerts held every Thursday at 7:00 pm starting June 3rd and continuing through September 2. For complete information including a printable schedule visit [www.CityStAug.com/Concerts](http://www.CityStAug.com/Concerts). (continued on page 6)

## St Augustine South Reflections

by Rugh Hope, SASIA

May 2021 has come in with a social bang but returned to a late Spring cold spell by the middle of the month. The Weather Channel insists the cold wet weather will be the last of this spring. Fortunately, we had gorgeous weather May 1 for the St Augustine South in Bloom Spring Garden Tour. The tour offered a wide range of gardens from the Previous year's prize winning gardens – a lush tropical interest garden and a fabulous kitchen garden with market level productivity – through the whimsical, a pollinator garden, an outdoor room providing extra family living space, a garden with a seashore related feature, gardeners who are great propagators with gardens full of seedlings and cuttings, and gardens enhanced by containers and raised beds. There was something for every interest and our gardeners were in fine fettle talking plants and gardening.

Sadly, a Geron Rd family lost their home to a housefire on May 3, morning. The home went up in minutes generating acrid smoke that was smelt in St Augustine Beach and was visible as far south as Palm Coast. Fortunately, the family themselves and most of their pets are safe. Neighbors and SASIA have rallied round with a GoFundMe account, and donating gift cards. Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q local management made a generous donation, and the new owners of Ned's Southside Kitchen also donated a gift card. The family are still processing the devastating effects of the fire on them, while also pulling together plans for their lives until they can rebuild and move back to a home on Geron Rd. (continued on page 5)



## St. Augustine Lion Club Resumed In-person Meetings May 10th

After several months of online meeting, the St. Augustine Lions Club returned May 10th for regular in- person meetings at the Village Inn due to Covid-19. Regular meeting are held the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

The program director Amy Moring introduced Ms. Joanne Alicea, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Ability Tree First Coast Branch. Joanne Alicea, parent of a spunky boy with Down Syndrome and ADHD and a creative teenage girl with ADHD, anxiety and depression, saw the need for support for individuals with disabilities and their families in St. Johns County.

Joanne collaborated with the Ability Tree parent company and started a branch in SJC. Joanne makes presentations and trains on disability awareness. Among other accolades, she has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology.

Ability Tree's Mission is to educate the community about children and persons with disabilities and provide service activities. They have operated through the pandemic with virtual socials, virtual dances, games, etc. They have held small summer camps for young children has operated for 6 years. Summer of 2021 plans (continued page 8)



Pic LR: Amy Moring Joanne Alicea, & Donna McDowell

## What's Inside The Observer This Month...

- **St. Augustine Shores:**  
Social Dances Begin for June  
Activity Program Begins in June  
Board meetings at 6 pm Virtually
- **St. Augustine South:**  
SASIA Meetings Continue  
Club House Rental Continues  
Spring Garden Tour Awards
- **Computer Corner:** What do you see in the clouds?
- **Financial Focus:** 529 plans: More Versatile Than Ever
- **Health Focus:** What have you lost?
- **High School Citizenship Awards**
- **Diaries of a Shores Grand-Dad**
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First priority will be given to reporting news and activities of the residents of the St. Augustine local communities, and other news and events that directly affects the St. Augustine area. Second priority will be given to articles of general interest as space permits.

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## St. Augustine Shores Community Calendar

**The Shores Service Corporation  
Shores Homeowners Association**  
(904) 794-2000  
www.staugshores.org

### Shores Monthly Meetings

- **Shores Service Corporation** monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Virtual Meetings are at 6 p.m. at the Riverview Club due to the COVID-19 virus until further notice.
- **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** 2020 Board Meetings: March 16th- 6pm (Annual Meeting), April 20th- 6pm, May 4th- 6pm, June 15th- 6pm, July 20th- 6pm, August 17th- 6pm, September 21st- 6pm, October 19th- 6pm, November 9th- 6pm, December 21st- 6pm. For Information contact Ellen Lumpkin at 904-461-5556.

## St. Augustine South Community Calendar

**St. Augustine South Improvement Assoc.**  
709 Royal Rd. St Augustine, 32086  
email: staugsouthimpassoc@gmail.com  
www.staugsouth.com  
(904) 794-5129

**SASIA Meeting 3rd wed at 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.

Residents interested in joining SASIA please see for application below:  
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### Monthly Meetings at Clubhouse

**Yoga** - Join Registered Yoga Teacher Emily Flagler for Gentle Flow Yoga on Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30! Just bring your yoga mat, towel, and water. Try your first class for free!

**Tai Chi** - Join Instructor Katie Monaghan for a donation based Tai Chi class on Tuesday's at 6:00PM. For more information please contact Katie at (904) 377-3390 or email at KatieMonahanTaiChi@gmail.com

### SASIA Board Members

- President - Alan Chappell
- 1st V.P. - Robert Kennedy
- 2nd V.P. - Josh Silcox
- Secretary - Kate Anreise
- Treasurer - Jerri Sue Dawson
- Board Member - Ruth Hope
- Board Member - Cindy Zimmerman
- Board Member - Nicolette Soucy

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Business, Service, seeking work, etc. may be placed in the classified section: (1-4 lines) \$5, (5-8 lines) \$10, (9-12 lines) \$15, (13-16 lines) \$20. These Ads should be paid in advance before placed. Send your listing and payment, if required, to Observer, 1965 A1A South #120, St. Augustine, 32080-6509. You may email your ad to clifflogsdon@att.net. Deadline for all listings or ads is the 15th of every month for the next monthly issue.

**FOR SALE:** Classic 1988 Chevy S-10 pickup, 56,241 actual miles, mechanically good, new battery, very low mileage since new brakes and tires installed, excellent original upholstery and headliner, needs paint. \$3,000. Call to make arrangements to see: 904-797-1984.

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**FOR SALE:** Friedrich electrostatic electronic air cleaner (model C90B). Used less than a year. Good for 500+ square foot room - makes the air smell sweet! \$200. Will deliver locally. 904-495-4524.

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# St. Augustine Shores & South News & Events



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

### What's the Hurry?

Did you know that there are posted speed limits in St. Augustine Shores? Even on Shores Boulevard? Most roads have a 30-mph speed limit with many of the side roads signed as 25 mph. Why do we need speed limits when life is moving faster and faster and we have to keep up? Well, perhaps it is because we can GO faster, but that does not mean that we can REACT any quicker when we encounter the unexpected. On the streets here you will encounter walkers, runners, children, wild animals, pets, other vehicles, and cyclists (sometimes on the wrong side of the road) and we have to respond to them all safely. So please slow down. Speeding probably will not get you to your destination any sooner. You may save yourself a speeding fine or possibly even a life.

### And why all the noise?

We all enjoy music, although not always the same genre – or at the same volume. How about closing the car windows and lowering the volume a little? Your neighbors and car speakers will thank you and eventually your eardrums will too.

St. Augustine Shores Service Corp.  
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**JUNE DANCES:** RSVP required: Call 904-794-2000 or www.staugshores.org/dance-rsvp.

**Guests: \$15.00/pp.** Dance Club Members: Free **\*\*BYOB\*\***



**Early Social**  
**Frank Saffi**  
Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
6 pm to 9 pm



**Main Social**  
**Traces of Gold**  
Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>  
7 pm to 10 pm

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

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**Yoga** Class led by Nancy  
**Mon, & Fri at 9:00 am.**  
**Wednesday at 1:00 pm.**

Evening Yoga class led by Crystal  
**Wednesday at 5:30 pm.**

**Exercise Class** Led by Marcia Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 am.

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

**Deep Water** Starting June 24th, Thursday at 5:30 pm

**Aerobics** Class led by Annamarie you'll need an aqua jogger belt or foam pool noodles to stay afloat.

### Upcoming Events at the Riverview Club

Early Social: Soul Fire, Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm to 10 pm

Main Social: Tim Rippey, Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7 pm to 10 pm

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## SASIA Social Committee June Updated Year of Events

by Ruth Hope, SASIA Board

Lorie Davidson has stepped forward to lead the Social Committee. She is putting her enthusiasm and skills into a calendar of events for everyone in the community. Currently all events in the planning will be outside so that no one is excluded by their observation of Covid-19 prevention actions. However, should the situation improve over the year, the Holiday Event may include an inside party. We would like more volunteers to join Lorie and the Social Committee: please email her l davidson4124@gmail.com to volunteer.

**SASIA Fourth of July Celebration at Shore Drive Waterfront Park:** SASIA is currently soliciting community interest in holding a family event and refreshments late afternoon early evening on Fourth of July. If neighbors are interested in participating, they will be able to join us for the event and then watch the St Augustine Fireworks over the Matanzas in the evening. To express interest in the event, please respond to notices on NextDoor and Facebook, or email RuthSASIA@aol.com.

**St Augustine South Fall Festival** is in planning stage as a fun event for everyone in the community. The date is to be finalized.

**SASIA Arts & Crafts Fair** is for one Saturday in November, date to be confirmed. A great opportunity to find Holiday gifts for family and friends, from local arts & crafters.

**SASIA Holiday Events is scheduled for December 4.** Santa's arrival and Tree lighting, hot apple cider from 5pm to 6-30pm. Mulled wine and adult social from 7pm. SASIA Clubhouse grounds.

General Meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of each Month. Watch for announcements on NextDoor regarding the agenda each month. No meeting in August. Connect with us on our www.Facebook.com and our www.NextDoor.com pages St Augustine South Improvement Association.

The SASIA Clubhouse at 709 Royal Road is available for private hire subject to any restrictions on numbers of participants and the percentage occupation of the building as decreed by the Florida Governor and State Department of Health. Renters are responsible for ensuring the surfaces are sanitized with Lysol or bleach before their event, and for ensuring current guidelines on numbers of participants and social distancing are maintained. Call Theresa on (904) 794-5129 to make your booking.

## St Augustine South Improvement Association "SAS in Bloom Spring Garden Tour Awards"

**The Southern Horticulture award for best pollinator or wildlife garden:**

**Margo Greer, 249 Argonaut Rd**

**The Ace Hardware USIS award for creative use of containers:**

**Lorie, Kathie & Bruce, 1824 Shore Dr**

**The SASIA award for adaptive raised bed gardening:**

**George Martin, 446 Shamrock Rd**

**The Southern Horticulture award for creative garden design:**

**Ann & Brian Adams, 702 Miranda Rd**

**SASIA Gold Medal Gardens:**

**Lou & Lin Greco, 244 Dartmouth Rd.**

**Tom & Gail Hancock, 602 Shore Dr**

SASIA is grateful to all our sponsors including: Dirk Schroeder, Century 21, who off-set the cost of the participating yard signs; Joyce Duffey, Coldwell Banker, who off-set the cost of printing; and United Health Care for donating runners up prizes.

## 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.

Meetings are the Third Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am Our next meeting will be on June 16, 2021. Location: Suite 1010 Flagler Hospital (Cancer Education and Support Center) and via ZOOM. Please call 904-819-4742 for zoom invite or for more information.



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# St Augustine South Reflections

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The gorgeous early May weather persisted through the May 8 SASIA Arts & Crafts Fair. The Fair featured 17 local artists and crafters, and was a lovely event. This writer treated herself to several pieces and was then surprised with more on Mother's Day. SASIA is now planning another Arts and Crafts Fair in the run up to The Holidays and hope that this will become an annual event.

This happy event was also followed by a neighborhood tragedy, when the body of a manatee washed up on the shore at the southern end of the canal from the Douglas Crane Boatramp that hugs the Waterfront Park. This death was reported to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, but a naturalist wasn't able to inspect and perform a necropsy over the weekend. Our resident black vultures quickly cleaned up the remains – these neighborhood public servants work weekends and holidays!

Although, somewhat overshadowed by current events, returning to the history of St Augustine South, we recall that in 1902, Albert and Lily Lewis bought about 500 acres on the north side of Moultrie Creek from Francis Colton of Paris, France. This tract is today's SAS.

At least part of the Lewis land holding became a tourist destination with a dirt road providing access to recreation and picnic facilities at the furthest southeast part of the neighborhood where a small finger of land extends into the confluence of the Moultrie Creek with the Matanzas River.



While the next "big event" in our neighborhood history was the acquisition of the land in 1950 by Lewis Point Properties Inc, of Jacksonville, there are homes in our neighborhood that precede this sale and later formal development of St Augustine South.

In the 200 block of Shore Drive, three homes date back to 1925 and 1935. However, one owner informs that these three homes were moved from King St to their current location to preserve them as homes when their original site was being developed. Further along at 610 Shore Drive is a vintage 1926 bungalow with hardwood floors that remained in the same family for its first 86 years. If walls could talk, we might learn a lot about St Augustine South from prior to its development. Entering, the neighborhood along St Augustine South Dr, the home at number 305 harks back to 1928. Along Osage Rd, number 143 was built in 1929 although the current owners believe their foundation is much older – perhaps the servants' quarters for a larger house now lost, that was closer to the Matanzas River. County land records and historical maps for prior to the 1950s are sadly lacking making research into the history of older houses challenging.

# St. Johns County Public Library Extends Hours and Opens Meeting Rooms to the Public

Beginning Tuesday, May 25, all St. Johns County libraries began open hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

All libraries will remain closed on Sundays and Mondays. In addition, meeting rooms will be available for public use during business hours, and may be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis by calling the branch library.

For more information on the extended hours, or to find the meeting room policy and application packet, please visit [www.sjcpls.org](http://www.sjcpls.org).

## St. Augustine Travel Club

Hi Travel Lovers! As you already are aware, we have not convened our Travel Club meetings at the library due to the coronavirus; and having asked the library staff, there is no commitment yet and probably not for sometime to come. We have been assured that we will be provided a room for our meetings and the library will certainly accommodate us as the Travel Club is very popular.

We will issue an email to everyone when we will be able to resume. In the meantime, please keep yourselves safe; and let's all do the best we can under these challenging times. We look forward to seeing you back. Peter Dytrych 904 797-3736

## St. Augustine Travel Club Cruise

The St. Augustine Travel Club will again be sailing the seas – well, not right now but planning - on Saturday, March 26 –April 2, 2022 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 \$1059.39 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 \$250 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.

## Abstract painter Cyndi Horn is Butterfield Garage's June Featured Artist.

On display will be her newest series of both Cruciform and Minimalist mixed media canvases.



Cyndi Horn graduated from Florida State with a degree in graphic design, most of her career life has ranged from design studios, advertising agencies and TV broadcast networks, where she has been recognized on a local and state level with Addy Awards. She painted at a young age for meditation and gratification, and did not return to fine art until 2014 when she moved from Atlanta to Florida.

Her design influence provides a strong foundation for her non-objective work. Using color, line, shapes, textures and text in her multi media pieces, she works intuitively, allowing her impulses to drive the direction the piece takes. Simplifying and creating a visual rhythm is the underlying esthetic in her work.

Cyndi has become fascinated with using cruciforms as a unifying structure, in which she divides the canvas into active and calm areas. The intersecting crossovers and adjoining elements

captivates the viewers imagination. Her minimalism paintings are stripped down simple compositions that evoke thru color or shape an expansive, restful moment.

Cyndi is a member of SOMMA, Society of Mixed Media Artists, and has won several awards in the groups exhibits. She has been a member of Butterfield Garage Gallery for the last two years. Visit us during artwalk June 4th from 11am-9pm to view her paintings. We are also open 7 days a week from 11-5pm. Free parking is available in front and back of the building.

## Do You Have Community News to Share?

Do you have news, events or personal interest information that are relevant to our communities in Southern St. Johns County? Please forward them to the Editor for consideration for the monthly Observer.

Please contact Editor

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## News From Around St. Johns County

### First Coast Card & Newcomers Club

provided by Leanne Dally

June

1) First Coast Florida Lifestyles Newcomers Card/Games Club Events:  
Saturday, June 12th. Card Playing. Dunkins. St. Augustine.  
Arrival: 2:00PM. Cards: 2:15PM. Must buy 1 Item. Masks Worn.  
Sunday, June 20th. Card Playing. Kookaburra Coffee. St. Augustine.  
Arrival: 2:00PM. Cards Begin: 2:15PM. Must buy 1 Item. Masks Worn.  
Sunday June 27th. Lunch/Card Playing. Mexican Restaurant/Dunkins-Next Door, St. Augustine. Lunch Arrival: 1:15PM. Cards: 2:00PM. Must buy 1 item at Dunkins. Masks Worn.

Tuesday, June 29th. Board Games-Rummykub. Rummy w/Tiles. Kookaburra Coffee, St Augustine. Arrival: 2:15PM. Game Starts: 2:30PM. Masks Worn.

Please Contact Our Club Organizers To RSVP Yes In Advance and to receive the Venues & Addresses To: 904-829-0643. Days/Evenings. Phone Calls Only. Open To Both Men/Women. Smoke/Drug Free.

2) First Coast Florida Lifestyles Newcomers Recreation & Activities Club Events:  
Friday, June 4th. Dinner/Classic Rock N Roll. Poolside Grill, Near St. Augustine Beach, FL. Arrival: 5:20P. Masks Worn. Open-air cabana. No Cover.

Saturday, June 5th. Dinner/Country Music. Seafood Grill-Fruitcove, FL. Arrival: 5:20P. Bring Mask. Outside On Patio. Masks Worn After Eating. No Cover.

Thursday, June 10th. Bus Stop-Comedy Play. Community Theatre, St. Augustine. Arrival: 7P. PRICE: \$17. Masks Worn. Social Distancing. Contact Us Soon. Seats Do Fill Up.

Sunday, June 13th. Little House On The Prairie-Musical. Community Theatre. Fleming Island-Clay Co. Arrival: 1:30pm-Doors Open. Meet in Lobby. PRICE: \$15. Seats reserved at time of reservation. Cash at door or Credit Card In Advance. Masks Worn. Social Distancing.

Wednesday, June 23rd. Dinner/Classic Rock N Roll Duo. Seafood Restaurant, St Augustine. Arrival: 5:20PM. Outside on Deck. No Cover.

Please Contact Our Club Organizers for additional June Club Events. Call Us To RSVP Yes In Advance, How To Join Our Club, For the Venues & Addresses To: 904-814-9612. Days/Evenings. Phone Calls And Texts Welcome. Open To Both Men/Women. Smoke/Drug Free.

### Galimore Community Pool Opens for Summer Season

On Saturday May 28 the Galimore Community Pool opened its doors to kick off the 2021 summer swim season for regular hours of operation, starting at 10:00am.

The 2021 schedule will run from through September 30, with modified hours going into effect on August 9. Hours of operation vary by day of the week and swim schedules will include times for lap swim, camp swim, and family swim. Swim lessons will be announced when they become available based on CDC guidelines and interest in the program.

Programming and the pool schedule are operated by the St. Augustine Family YMCA. The daily rate for admission to the pool is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 13 and seniors over 60. Summer passes are also available at \$39.00 for adults and \$24.00 for children and seniors. Credit cards, debit cards, and bills larger than \$20 will not be accepted, but checks payable to The City of St. Augustine will be accepted. Passes can be purchased at the pool starting Memorial Day weekend. Small camp groups and other groups with six or more children will need to make a reservation through the YMCA. For reservations, inquire via email to Megan Hansson at mhansson@fcmca.org.

For a complete schedule, visit [www.CityStAug.com/pool](http://www.CityStAug.com/pool), or with specific questions regarding the pool schedules, contact the YMCA directly at 904.471-9622.

### Food Distribution At Awaken City Church

Awaken City Church distributes food every Tuesday evening from 5:30-7:30 pm at 84 Theater Drive suite 400 (two doors down from Epic Theater in St Augustine) - no requirements.

### Concert in the Plaza

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On street parking is available near the Plaza and is free in all city-managed lots and on street parking after 5:00pm. Parking is also available in the Historic Downtown Parking Facility (HDPF), 1 Cordova St., located at the St. Augustine Visitors Information Center, a 10-minute walk from the Plaza. The cost for parking in the HDPF is \$15 per entry or \$3 with a ParkNow card.

Concerts may be cancelled or postponed due to weather. A cancellation or postponement will likely be a last-minute decision, due to the unpredictability of Florida's summer rain showers.

If a concert is cancelled, the public will be notified on the city website at [www.CityStAug.com/Concerts](http://www.CityStAug.com/Concerts) and on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/CityStAug](http://www.Facebook.com/CityStAug).

Concerts in the Plaza is produced by the City of St. Augustine as a free cultural enhancement for residents and visitors. For more information, call 904.825.1004 during weekday office hours or email [events@citystaug.com](mailto:events@citystaug.com).

This year's line-up includes:

June 3	Ancient City Slickers	Old-time Americana
June 10	Billy Buchanan	Rock and Soul, 50's to 80's and beyond
June 17	Str8up	Country, Rock, R&B, Soul
June 24	I-Vibes	Reggae
July 1	Jolie	
July 8	Morrow Family Band	Americana, Country and Bluegrass
July 15	Victoria Rose	
July 22	Last 2 Leave	
July 29	The Grapes of Roth	Classic Rock
August 5	LizaMarie	
August 12	Lonesome Bert & the Skinny Lizards	Folk, Bluegrass, Jugband
August 19	Timberwood Band	Acoustic Folk Rock
August 26	Big Pineapple	Hawaiian Jazz
September 2	The Driftwoods	Bluegrass and Beyond



### St. Johns County Job Openings Now Posted on GovernmentJobs.com

St. Johns County is transitioning to a new employee recruitment and selection system that will streamline and expedite the evaluation, interviewing, and selection processes for all job applicants. Beginning May 17, 2021, all St. Johns County job openings will be posted on GovernmentJobs.com.

GovernmentJobs.com will allow the County to deploy a strategic recruiting program where applicants will be able to track the hiring process and upload supporting documents, including resumes and cover letters, in a variety of digital file types. All prospective job applicants must create a [www.governmentjobs.com](http://www.governmentjobs.com) account to apply for open St. Johns County positions. For additional information, please contact St. Johns County Human Resources at 904.209.0635 or [BCChiring@sjcfl.us](mailto:BCChiring@sjcfl.us).

### St. Johns County Art in Public Spaces Exhibit Features Members of the Foster Care Community

St. Johns County's Art in Public Spaces program is excited to host the "Experience and Expression" art exhibition through July 5 at the County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View. Launching during National Foster Care Month, this exhibition features artwork by youth in St. Johns County's foster care community and is hosted in partnership with the St. Johns County Cultural Council, the St. Johns County Family Integrity Program, St. Augustine Youth Services, Fostering Connections St. Johns, and the Florida Guardian ad Litem Program. Visitors are invited to view the exhibit from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. To learn more about the St. Johns Cultural Council, please visit [www.historiccoastculture.com](http://www.historiccoastculture.com).

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## The Wildflower Meadow Group

A special thanks to Pat Piccione for her donation of swamp sunflowers and to members in our group who planted them.

A few days later a couple of us went over to water them and, oh, how they needed it. They were drooping, sadly, and looked much healthier even before we left. When we went back a couple of days later to water them again, they didn't look as desperate, but we'll make sure they have the water they need for the next couple of weeks.

The lesson here is planting the flowers isn't enough. You have to help them adapt to their new environment. All it takes is a little care and time for a couple of weeks, till their roots take hold, and then they're good to go on their own. In late summer and fall their flowers will reward us for our care – we hope.

The spring blooms in the meadow again aren't, this May: *powderpuff* (*mimosastrigillosa*), *false dandelion*, *Blueflower Eryngo* (*Eryngium integrifolium*), *Indian plantain*, *Wild onion* (*Allium canadense*), *honeysuckle vine*, *coreopsis*, *fleabane*, *coral bean*, *black root*, *bastard indigo* (*Amorpha fruticosa*), *prickly pear*, and *blackberry*.



Ladies Tresses



Coral Bean



Indian Plantation

In addition we saw more *ladies tresses* than in previous years and wonder why. That's for us to learn. We also saw a *white spiderwort*, among all the blue and purple ones. See? There's still some individuality out there. And oh by the way, if you expect to see the *spiderwort* in bloom in the afternoon, you'll be disappointed. They bloom only in the morning, when the sun is just right.

Thanks again to Marlene for some of her photos. Our next field trip will be at the end of May in Matanzas State Forest.

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 please leave a voicemail or message and we'll call you back.

Call also, if you're interested in sharing your photos of the meadow.



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## St. Augustine Lion Club Resumed In-person Meetings May 10th

are to ad a Youth Camp for ages 12-18. The organization is launching a mobile sensory unit that they hope to have in place by October for Disability Awareness Month.



Ability Tree is one of the many non-profit organizations the local Lion Club provides donations each years.

Ability Tree First Coast is volunteer-driven and always looking for individuals to join their team as a volunteer, board member, and/or resource council member. They are also seeking individuals and businesses to partner with them financially to develop their supports to the disability community, which in turn impacts the community at large. If you would like to learn more, check out their website (<http://abilitytreefc.org>).

org), or if you would like to get involved, contact their founder and CEO, Joanne Alicea, at [joanne@abilitytreefc.org](mailto:joanne@abilitytreefc.org) or 904-494-8583.



## Full Moon Friday Luau! Pier Park & Splash Park

Join the City of St. Augustine Beach for an evening in paradise. Come with the spirit of "aloha" as we celebrate the kick-off to Summer in our first annual Full Moon Friday Luau!



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Witness the dynamic performance as the show culminates with a spell binding Samoan Sword Fire Dance. Take a stroll on the historic Beach Pier, enjoy some tasty treats, and peruse the local artist booths offering one-of-a-kind goods for purchase.

The Luau is Friday, June 25th, from 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. Pier

Park/Splash Park 350 A1A Beach Blvd. Contact Melinda Conlon for more information: [eventspio@cityofsab.org](mailto:eventspio@cityofsab.org) or 904-295-2271. Prince Pele's Polynesian Revue performance sponsored by the St. Johns Cultural Council and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs. Full Moon Friday Luau design by Katherine Slava. [@cityofsab.com](mailto:@cityofsab.com)

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**ST. AUGUSTINE SHORES** - (these statistics are for the last 6 months) **Hyper-local**

**Modular homes** are averaging between \$147-165/SF depending on condition.

**Homes built prior to** (the Concrete Block Revolution of 1981) sold on average at \$168/SF

**Homes built 1981** or later sold between \$173/SF to \$186/SF. Condition/Upgrades a major factor

A **hyper-local** look at **newer neighborhoods** in the Shores - **Tuscany** has averaged \$161/SF, **Tuscany Ridge** at \$163/SF and **San Savino** \$204.5/SF. Many factors go into **hyper-local** evaluations here: location, pool and size of home. Larger homes

typically bring less per SF (think volume buying) unless they have a superior location, excellent condition and a pool. **Condos** - **Conquistador** had 21 sales averaging between \$114-193 (location, age & condition being the key factors). **The Greens** had 15 Sales average \$145.5/SF. **Grand Ravine** - New sales are at \$172/SF whereas resales are averaging \$155.5/SF.

**Outside of the Shores** - **Southwood** had 9 sales at \$162/SF avg. **Belle Haven** - the 1272 SF Units are at \$147/SF while the 1376 SF Units are at \$162/SF. **Winding Creek** had 3 sales at \$151/SF yet the 1407 SF Units brought \$158/SF. **Villages of Valencia** has 5 sales averaging \$158.4/SF and on the market on average 111 days.

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## "Diaries of a Shores Grand-Dad"

by Dirk Schroeder

It's the end of May and Memorial Day will be the 31st and Summer will be officially here before you know it? The month of May makes me ponder many questions: may I take some liberties this May to ask some of these questions? Some topics may be universal and others that may be local and some hyper-local that warrant asking...

Here's a question: is the tilt of the earth's axis contributing climate change? According to NASA, the earth's orbit changes from 22 to 24.5 degrees regularly (every 40,000 years or so) and is at about 23.5 degrees today and yes that may be true.

Here's another: has magnetic North has moved since it was established in 1823? Yes, that is true. It used to be at roughly 70 degrees (aligned with the Northern parts of Canada) and it's at nearly 90 degrees today (the North Pole) and heading rather rapidly toward Siberia. That may be true. What results may that shift provide in future climate change discussion.

How about a Florida headline: 1.4 Million new residents are expected to move to Florida by 2025. That's four years from now and that may be 350,000 new residents per year and what effect may that have on our water supply or our ecology, our environment? That may be about 5.4 new people per square mile (sounds like a lot) and there are nearly 28 million square feet in a square mile (640 Acres in a square mile).

How about a local headline - St. Johns County sees 1st Quarter of 2021 Closed Real Estate Sales Volume increase nearly 45%

over 2020. Maybe that's a good thing but it may be that prices are rising at a rate that may not be sustainable. Maybe it's impossible to predict at this point but inflation surely has set in for new construction supplies, in particular lumber prices. Maybe some gouging going on somewhere in the supply chain? Maybe the tariffs on Canadian Lumber could be lowered? Maybe reducing or temporarily eliminating capital gains on properties under \$350,000 could loosen up "investor-owned" properties for the resale supply side?

On a hyper-local level, maybe the US 1 Southbound signal at US 1 and Wildwood could use another 30 seconds on the green light to stop the back-up between 4:30 and 6 PM? Maybe the driver cutting the ruts in the swale at Shores Blvd. at San Remo could quit doing that? Maybe we could have some nicer fencing like white vinyl plank fencing by Holiday Lake at Shores Blvd. instead of those parking lot bumpers that are planted there like the Cadillac graveyard?

It may be true that you enjoy some or all of my Diaries of a Shores Grand Dad and I surely enjoy writing for The Observer. You may take issue with some of my writings and that's ok because I don't take any of it personally anyway. Universal or hyper-local, my goal is to provoke thought and dialog and maybe a smile.

May is a great word because it is non-committal. And so it goes with the month of May; not committed to being Spring or Summer. You have my commitment though to wish you all, as always, a Sunshine State of Mind!

## June Poetry News

by Chris Bodor

On the last Sunday of May, share two or three of your polished poems or bust out some fresh ink from your notebook during St. Augustine, Florida's longest running open mic poetry event. Invite a friend or two or three to view the livestream on Facebook Live to cheer you on.

Since Mother's Day happens this month, May is known as the season to celebrate mothers. There are other holidays in May, such as Memorial Day, and that is fair subject matter, as well. Maybe, you are one of the folks who associates this month with grilling and chilling. The writing prompt is just a suggestion, and you are free to follow it or not. What is important, is that we get to know you and your creative words. If you would like to share a poem, please show up at 2:30 pm on Sunday May 25th and get your name on the list. There is room on the list for fifteen poets at five minutes each. At 3:00 pm the readers will be called to the podium in the order their names appear on the sign-up sheet.

This event will be held at the outdoor art patio at 137 King Street in the San Sabastian Art District, St. Augustine, Florida 32084. Pop-up coffee and sweet treats for sale by Ancient City Brunch Bar. At 3:00 pm EST on Sunday, May 30th, the FB Live feed for this reading will appear on the following site: <https://www.facebook.com/ancientcitypoets>. For more info, please go to the groups website at [www.bodor.org](http://www.bodor.org).

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### 529 plans: More Versatile Than Ever



If you have children or grandchildren, you may already be somewhat familiar with the 529 plan, a popular education savings vehicle. But you may not have kept up with some recent changes in the plan's capabilities and in the educational environment in which the plan might be used.

Let's start with the learning environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities switched to online classes, or at least to a hybrid of in-person and online. And even before the pandemic, many schools offered remote classes, though obviously not to the same extent. But after COVID-19 subsides, it's likely that the online component will remain an important part of higher education. What does this "new world" mean for you, when you're saving for college? Will a 529 plan still be relevant?

In a word, yes. First of all, a 529 plan can offer tax advantages. Earnings in a 529 plan are federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. And if you invest in your own state's 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes as well as a 10% penalty.) Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before investing.

Online learning costs are eligible for a 529 plan's tax benefits just as much as those incurred from in-person classes. Tuition, textbooks, supplies, computers and services – all of these should qualify, assuming the school meets certain criteria. Also, students enrolled half-time or more don't have to live in a dorm for room and board expenses to be covered by a 529 plan – they can live in off-campus housing. However, these room-and-board costs typically must equal the

cost of living on campus. Some schools identify a specific cost for "com-muters" or "at-home students," so you will need to contact the college directly to determine qualified room-and-board costs.

Now, let's take a quick look at what some changes in the rules governing 529 plans over the past few years might mean for you. Eligible expenses from your 529 plan include the following:

- K-12 expenses – Parents can withdraw up to \$10,000 per student, per year, from their 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at elementary and secondary schools. So, if you intend to send your children to a private school, this use of a 529 plan might interest you.

- Apprenticeships – 529 plans can be used to pay for fees, textbooks, equipment and other supplies connected to apprenticeship programs registered with the Department of Labor. These programs, typically offered at a community college, combine classroom instruction with on-the-job training.

- Student loans – Families can withdraw funds from a 529 plan to repay the principal and interest for qualified education loans, including federal and most private student loans. There's a life-time limit of \$10,000 for student loan repayments per each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary's siblings.

All of these newer uses of 529 plans may contain additional guidelines and exceptions, and state tax treatment varies, so you'll want to consult with your tax advisor before taking money from your account. But it's valuable for you to know the different ways you can put a 529 plan to work.

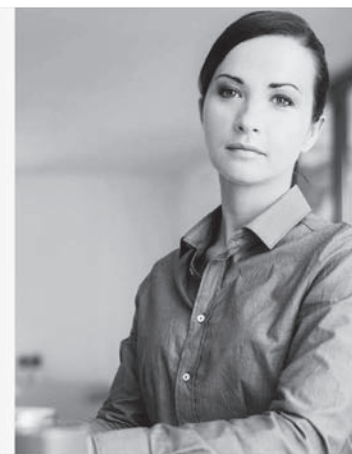
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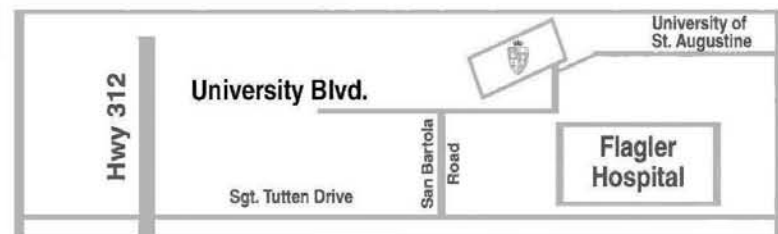
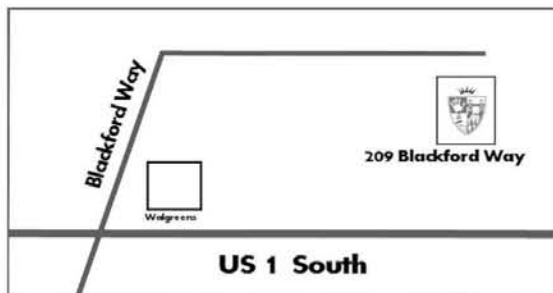


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## What Have You Lost?

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I recently read an article titled, *The Forgotten Art of Squatting Is a Revelation for Bodies Ruined by Sitting*. The article described squatting as more than the motion often used to sit down or bend at the hips. The author described the forgotten art of squatting as fully flexing the back, hips, knees, and ankles - bending all the way down to the ground while keeping both feet firmly planted. In much of the world this is a position used through life for daily cooking, work, sharing a meal, using the toilet, or even giving birth. Children are often seen making this motion when picking something up off the floor vs bending from the waist, which is seen later in life as a compensation. As long as they remain flexible, children will fully squat and return to standing with relative ease. It is not until years later, with loss of flexibility and balance where this motion, or 'art of squatting', fades. It is a simple movement but can indeed be lost when not utilized regularly. Joints get stiff. Muscles and soft tissue lose flexibility. And power wanes, making it difficult to control a full squat. This may not seem like a big deal since we have modified our life requirements (raising our front-loading washers/dryers) making it rarely necessary but, there seems to be carry over into other activities, functionality and interestingly enough - health.

I was surprised to find in 2014, the *European Journal of Preventative Cardiology* showed those who had difficulty getting off the floor without support of the hands, an elbow or leg resulted in a 3-year shorter life expectancy than subjects who got up with ease, which brings me to the purpose of this column.

Don't allow short term losses become long term. What have you lost during COVID?

It has been over a year since COVID caused many changes in our lives - some

of which may never return to "normal". But as people begin to venture out and attempt to return to the life they once knew, care should be taken, especially when it comes to returning to physical activity. At First Coast Rehab, we've recently seen a number of people who attempted to jump back into their previous routines only to be met with discouragement. It's not unreasonable for them to think "I used to be able to do this" instead of making themselves sore or worse, suffer injury. But just like losing the "art of squatting", if you've not remained active during COVID, that which you did prior to COVID was over a year ago. Chances are you've lost mobility, strength, coordination, balance and more. It's possible to regain and rebuild but it will take time and patience. Give yourself at least half that time to work your way back. And if you are not sure how to start, or have experienced an injury, before becoming too discouraged, consult your physician or physical therapist.

Start smart. Start slow. Start simple - but start before your body forgets.

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## Chefs of Florida's Historic Coast Recognized at Virtual State of the Tourism Industry Celebration

During the May 6, 2021 annual State of the Tourism Industry (STI) Celebration, VCB Board of Directors Chairman, Virginia Whetstone welcomed the local tourism industry for a virtual presentation about the current and future local tourism industry, together with the announcement the 2020 Tourism Impact Award.

Each year the STI event celebrates our local tourism community, and with the Annual Tourism Impact Award, recognizes those who have made a positive impact on the economy and growth potential of Florida's Historic Coast. In a pre-recorded presentation Chair Whetstone announced the award recognizing the collective 'Chefs of Florida's Historic Coast' who have made our area a sought after and up-and-coming culinary destination.

Accepting the Award on behalf of the culinary leaders in St. Johns County live from the STI studio presentation at the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine were *Chef Tyrone Bennett*, Host of The Hot Plate and Founder of We Feed St. Augustine; *Chef Joe Natoli*, Vernon's at Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa; and *Chef Matt Brown* Chef at Lēna Urban Asado.



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## St. Augustine Commission Presents Citizenship Awards to local high school seniors

On Monday, May 24, the St. Augustine City Commission recognized St. Johns County's graduating high school seniors for their leadership and service to school, community, and to other students.

The 2021 Citizenship Awards presentation took place at the beginning of the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting Monday, May 24, at 5:00pm in The Alcazar Room of City Hall, located at 75 King St.

Participating school and receive a commemorative plaque, a city lapel pin, and \$200 to assist with further educational endeavors.

### The 2021 Citizenship Award Recipients

- Abigail Huber**, Bartram Trail High School
- Jacob Douberly**, Creekside High School
- Ja'Myra Harris**, Florida School for the Deaf and Blind-Deaf High School
- Peyton Gatlin**, Pedro Menendez High School
- Lucy Morfit**, Ponte Vedra High School
- Devon Philcox**, St. Augustine High School
- Seth Bowman**, St. Augustine Technical High School
- Chiara Brambilla**, St. Joseph Academy

For additional information about the Citizenship Awards, contact Kim Mayo, Event and Venue Coordinator, at 904.825.1004 or via email.



## Computer Corner

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### What do you see in the clouds?

Many of my clients are unaware that they are storing files on the cloud. In fact, many don't really know what the cloud is, or if they should care. Let's start with what it is.

The Cloud is a general term referring to online storage of files. These might be business or personal files that that can be accessed from anywhere on any computer or device. The files can be accessed by going to the website of the service and entering your username and password. As with the clouds in the sky, you can see these files on 'the cloud' from many different places.

So, what does the cloud look like to you?

Windows users will see and possibly use OneDrive. Similarly, Mac, iPad or iPhone users will have iCloud, which is Apple's 'cloud' storage system. Android and ChromeOS users will see Google Drive.

There are other services which provide storage for all types of devices and computers. This includes Dropbox, Carbonite, iDrive, and CrashPlan (to name a few of the biggest). Microsoft, Apple, and Google also provide cross platform capabilities for their users.

The fact that many folks don't know if or why they are using a cloud backup is surprising to me. As a security minded

person, I like to think that a person should be aware of where their files and personal data are stored and have an understanding of how secure it is.

At a very basic level, knowing how to access these files is important. If for no other reason than to review what is there and consider what sort of security issues that might raise. Once they see what is there, they often want to make their passwords a bit stronger.

If you are using Windows, you most likely see that OneDrive is running, and if you look at the file explorer, you'll notice a folder called OneDrive. Anything in this folder is stored on Microsoft's 'cloud' storage system.

iPhone and iPad users can look at Settings / iCloud and see what files are being uploaded to iCloud. Android users would look for the Google Drive App.

What do you see in the clouds? Pink colored whimsical figures during sunrise, or dark and brooding concerns?

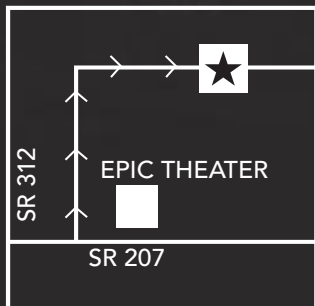
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