

### EWS INFORMATION FOR & ABOUT RESIDENTS OF SOUTHERN ST. JOHNS COUNTY FL

# **Boating and Social Distancing Tips**

COVID-19 is forcing everyone to navigate uncharted waters, including boaters. For the annual celebration of National Safe Boating Week, the National Safe Boating Council and U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-7 recommends



are available for specific boating needs will save lives," added Carmen Gautille, Flotilla Commander of the Saint Augustine Flotilla. "U. S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in four out of every five recreational boating fatalities in 2018. 84% of those who drowned were not wearing their life jackets. We experienced two cases occurring in Saint Johns County just in the last two weeks, so practicing safe boating for everybody on the water not just your kids continues to be part of boating safely." (continued on page 9)

boaters follow local guidance for social distancing and outdoor recreation.

"In many areas, the water is open, however, it's more important than ever that boaters are responsible to limit unnecessary risk not only to themselves, but to other boaters, law enforcement, and first responders,"saidYvonne Pentz, communications director of the National Safe Boating Council, the lead organization of the Safe Boating Campaign.

"Wearing a life jacket available in many approved styles

# **St Augustine South Reflections**

by Ruth Hope, SASIA Board Member

Walking in St Augustine South, I am aware of a sweet, vaguely vanilla sort of scent. It is the unmistakable smell of jasmine, which is with us from mid-April through May. I associate the smell of

jasmine with downtown St Augustine, but like almost everyone else, I have not been wandering around downtown St Augustine during "safer at home".

The Covid-19 closedown has resulted in SAS looking its best by Easter Weekend. Neighbors spruced up their homes, painting, repairing, and clearing out gutters. Gardens are weeded, leaves and prunings bagged, and the new season's annuals planted.

More folks are outside in the fresh air—observing 6 feet of social distance!

There has been a noticeable increase in walkers and cyclists making the most of the very pleasant spring weather, and getting away from cabin fever at home. Mothers have taken their children on nature walks or treasure hunts; grandfathers help grandchildren work off their surplus energy and give parents a welcome break from being cooped up with boisterous youngsters. One father has a chain of three colorful little wagons—like a toy train—for his brood, pulled along behind his bicycle. More folks are fishing than ever before, and our boat ramp carparks are overflowing, even midweek. I'm amazed at how neatly those trucks manage to maneuver and park with their boat trailers.

I am also aware that, despite the lovely weather and beautiful environment, many neighbors are hurting. Too many have been laid off and now have no paycheck coming in but still have the bills arriving, and rent or mortgage commitments, as well as student and other loan payments. Small business owners (continued on page 4)

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# **June Holidays and Celebrations**

#### By Tatiana Diaz

June brings us a new season and a chance at a fresh start. We're mostly ready to get back to normal (or figure out our new normal), and June gives us just the right opportunities to experiment with what that looks like.

June 14, Flag Day - Celebrating "Old Glory" seems like the perfect way to kick off the month of celebration. Even though it is right in the middle of the month, we'll try to look past that. Dating back to 1777, John Adams addressed the Second Continental Congress regarding the official flag of the United States and said, "Resolved, that the flag

of the 13 United States shall be 13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be 13 stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation." Since that day on June 14, 1777, there have been 27 alterations to the flag we know and love today. And it wasn't until 1916 that president Woodrow Wilson declared June 14 Flag Day in the United States. For more information on how to properly display our flag, especially during its shining moment on our calendars in June, check out legion.org, The American Legion's website.

June 19, Juneteenth - Also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day, Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery with the announcement from General Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas in 1865. His General Order Number 3 stated, "The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality

of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer." Although President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation two years prior to General Granger's announcement in Texas, Juneteenth is (continued on page 4)



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• Fairview Condominium Board meetings are

• Greens Condominium Board meetings will

• 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

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p.m. at the Riverview Club.

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### **St. Augustine Shores**

Information should be received by the 15th

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local communities, and other news and events that directly affects the St. Augustine area. Second

priority will be given to articles of general interest

**Community Calendar** The Shores Service Corporation **Shores Homeowners Association** (904) 794-2000

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**Shores Monthly Meetings** · Shores Service Corporation monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are at 7 p.m. at the Riverview Club. Conquistador Condominium Board meetings

are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6

#### **St. Augustine South Community Calendar**

St. Augustine South Improvement Assoc. 709 Royal Rd. St Augustine, 32086 email: staugsouthimpassoc@gmail.com www.staugsouth.com

#### **Monthly Meetings at Clubhouse**

**DAV Meeting** -3rd Tuesday of the month DAV monthly meeting at 7pm.

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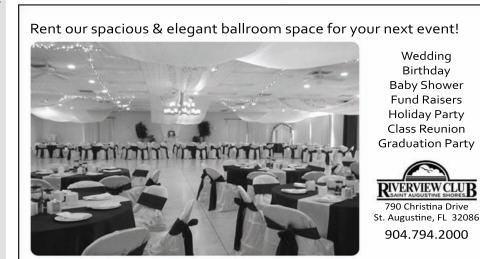
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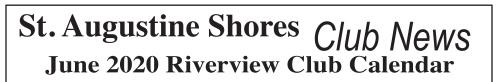
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As per CDC guidelines, the Riverview Club will continue to follow the recommendation that all events of 10 people and more be cancelled/ postponed to try to halt the spread of the coronavirus. Please go to our website for updates: https://www.staugshores.org/calendar

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any questions, please call 904-794-2000.

## **June Holidays**

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observed as the official end of slavery in the United States since Texas was the last state to receive the news. Juneteenth is celebrated across the country with family reunions, festivals, reenactments and acknowledgments and celebrations of African American achievements in the United States. To learn more about Juneteenth, visit www.americaslibrary.gov.

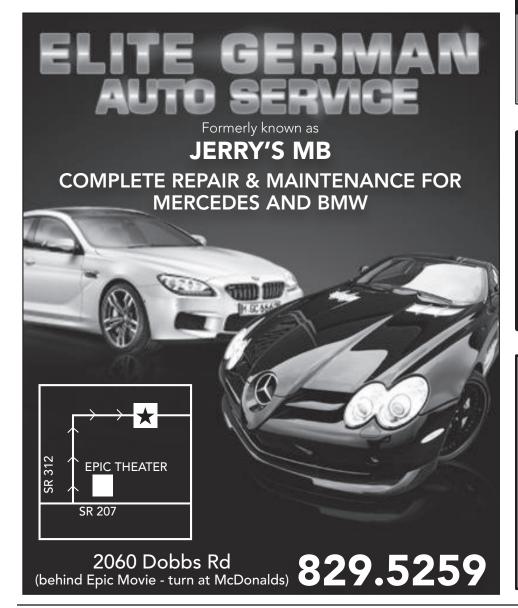
June 20, First day of summer - The name says it all, June 20th is the first day of summer 2020. Sure, this summer may look slightly different than last year's (and we'll probably say that again next year), but there are fun and safe ways to spend the first day of summer this year, even if it's in the backyard with an inflatable pool and burgers on the grill. St. Augustine beaches are back open without any restrictions, but it is still advised to follow social distancing guidelines set by the CDC. What are your favorite ways to celebrate the beginning of summer? Let us know on our social media pages.

June 21, Father's Day - Let's not forget dads in June (or any month of the year really) because dads are great. They taught us to ride our bikes without training wheels, change a tire, reset the fuse box, and many more of life's lessons. For that, we thank you, dads. Not just dads, uncles and grand-dads (Dirk, I'm looking at you) and the father figures who raised us deserve their recognition, too. Have fun this Father's Day and remember to celebrate dad however he likes to be celebrated. Happy Father's Day!

### St. Augustine South Improvement Association (SASIA) **Upcoming Schedule of Events 2020**

As the Coronavirus restrictions are eased, SASIA has reinstated Food Truck Fridays, and at a greater frequency than previously

Look for details on which Fridays and which food trucks on our road signs and in social media. No movies for now, but beverages on sale at the Club House, 709 Royal Rd



## **St Augustine South Reflections**

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are in dire financial straits. It seems more about them. Complying with safer at home than a double whammy that children have been taken out of childcare because parents are at home, but childcare providers are still expecting payment to retain their child's place for after the restrictions are lifted. I hope that everyone in difficulties is able to talk to their landlord and lenders, and get their agreements and loans adjusted to accommodate their current, unavoidable situation.

It's great that neighbors came together through a bear hunt earlier and an Easter egg hunt: families walking around our streets looking for pictures of colorful eggs stuck in windows encouraged us all to participate. We also safely sit out on our front porches and talk with passersby. Older neighbors are particularly isolated during safer at home as those over 65 are advised not to go out, even to the grocery store. I carry a folding garden chair in my van so that I can sit and talk face to face but at 6' distance, in gardens, without compromising personal safety. We must all work out ways to safely meet and talk face to face, to keep up our spirits during this time of Covid-19. While some are blasé about the risks of infection, many of our older neighbors and those with chronic ill health are fearful.

It's a good time to let our older neighbors know that we understand their fears and care and social distancing, has kept the numbers of infected low in St Johns County, and in our 32086 zip code. That is a success we deserve to quietly celebrate while giving thanks to our front-line workers who have kept vital services going keeping us safe.

We owe a big shout out to our healthcare workers who look after the sick despite their own struggles with lack of personal protective equipment and fears of being swamped with more patients than their facilities can manage. Thank you, all!



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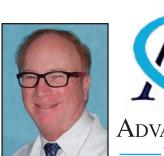
St. Johns County leaders continue to closely follow the Governor's executive orders and phased reopening guidelines in an effort to safely return to standard operations. For more information, please visit www.sjcpls.org or call your branch library.

## County Clerk of Court Resumes Issuing **Marriage Licenses and Processing Passports**

The St. Johns County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller's Office has resumed issuing marriage licenses and processing passport applications for St. Johns County residents by appointment only. Resuming limited services is the first step in a phased reopening of the Clerk's Office. County residents wishing to visit the Clerk's Office must make an appointment by calling 904.819.3632. For more information, please visit www.stjohnsclerk.com.



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## "Diaries of a Shores Grand-Dad"

#### by Dirk Schroeder

Last issue I wrote about The Path and The Pathogen and I had a few calls from friends who enjoyed it. I think a lot of people have learned a lot about their priorities in life as a result of the pathogen. Maybe some have also learned more about who they really are. I know that one of the most difficult things to get used to is physical distancing from family - especially the grandkids since they just don't understand why you don't want to hug them anymore. Claire keeps asking, "When is the sickness going away?" Their innocence in this situation is interesting.

Our parents brought us up on the simple values that have been passed down from their parents and grandparents, and we have passed these values down to our kids. They in turn will pass them to our grandchildren. Some of these are the simple lessons like being fair and honest and like treating others like you wish to be treated. We were also brought up so that when you cause an accident (or deliberately did something wrong) you accept and/or admit responsibility and you apologize for it to anyone affected. We were told that the worst thing that you could do would be to lie about it or cover it up somehow. They told us that we should try to make things right - to undo the damage or harm you caused and, in some cases, to make restitution. They assured us that apologies restore trust. Nowadays, when certain adults cause accidents, their first line of defense is to cover it up, lie about it, deny it and lawyer up and worse yet, blame it on everyone else. I would bet that when you look at many things happening around the world fine print as to where things are made. For 25th), Veterans Day (November 11th) and wish you all, as always, a (or even in your own backyard/home town) example, there are many shovels and rakes Independence Day. This edition of the Mind. Until next month...

you may want to ask yourself, "Should I apply the simple and honest lessons that have been passed through generations or do I want to conduct myself like those other people?" You may wonder why I chose to write about that, but I think you may have an idea.

As a result of the pathogen, it is refreshing to see how most Americans are coming together. There is always going to be a few leeches in the mix, but let's just say that they're not the Americans we know and love. You may not know that I was not born in the United States but I was 9 years of age when we sailed into New York harbor in 1969, and I went back into the city to take my pledge and oath to become an American. Some people still wish to refer to themselves as a "hyphen American", but I don't believe in any of that; you're either an American or you're not. I may be considered a "German-American" but I want to be referred to as an American. If you were born in America then you're not even qualified to refer to yourself as a "hyphen American." You certainly should take pride in your ancestry, but you should emphasize and be proud of your Americanism and conversely, if you really don't like it here please go to where you like it better. Quit your complaining and start working on solutions because that's what smart Americans do and, in a crisis, we are supposed to stick together more than at any other time. Speaking of which, are you "Buying American" first! Remember to envision an American job attached to the things that you buy and to look for the



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This June 14th is Flag Day and, if there is ever a time to raise our flags and pledge allegiance to our flags it is on Flag Day (June 14th), Memorial Day (May

Observer will be delivered after Memorial Day but keep your flags handy for Flag Day on the 14th of June. This year more than ever show how proud you are to be a part of the American Culture, show your colors, show your pride - let us see that you are a part of the great American experiment that is the envy of the world. On that note, I wish you all, as always, a Sunshine State of

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At a time when people are asked to physically distance themselves, being informed, smart and safe is always better. Get with a Realtor who can help you accomplish all of these objectives safely and who keeps you "In the Know".



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# Wildflower Meadow Group

by Cindy Taylor

Sometimes I wonder if visitors to the wildflower meadow notice all our group does for it. The truth is it's hard to see; however, you may have noticed the broken fence post

and split rail that were replaced with new ones, thanks to Richard. Surely you noticed the fire bush (on the woods side of the meadow) is no longer under threat from the Fakahatchee grasses. Those grasses were moved to another part of the meadow and the fire bush can now spread its "wings' (branches). The bush



had been reaching for space and Richard tied it so it can grow more normally now. Then there are all the lawn grasses we pull away from the wildflowers so the flowers can grow and bloom. (I've probably said that before in this article. Probably?) It's harder to see

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what isn't there, than what is, but what you see is at least in part because of what isn't. Thanks to Karen for faithfully watering the meadow every Monday and to Becky for the signs that identify some of the flowers. Thanks to Russell for clearing lawn grasses away from the milkweed and, hopefully, the butterflies will see and come to them.

Pollinators are as important to the wildflower meadow, as the flowers are to the pollinators. Each is a part of the eco-system and, if we focus on only one, it keeps us from seeing the whole. A walk in the woods is enhanced by birds singing and deer sightings, the way a walk on the beach is enhanced by all that's there. The meadow is enhanced by pollinators and all the critters who live there.

Some of the insect photos this month are by Catheryn Calabria of the St. Augustine Camera club

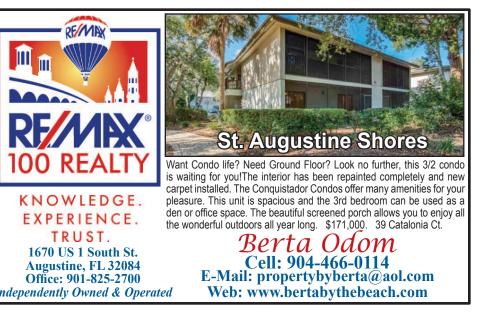
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St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners continue to work closely with the health community and other local officials to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 in St. Johns County, while also implementing our local reopening plan.

Governor DeSantis has lifted State restrictions on youth activities, sports, and summer camps. St. Johns County Parks and Recreation staff is currently reviewing the Governor's executive orders to determine future programming options that will ensure the health and safety of all participants and staff. After a five-month rehabilitation project, the St. Johns County Ocean and Fishing Pier Gift Shop and Visitor Information Center is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week. Phased reopening of the Solomon Calhoun Pool has begun. The pool is available for lap swim only from 6 to 10 a.m. and noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Swimmers can reserve a lap swim time twice a week, for 45 minutes. For more information or to reserve your swim time, please call 904.824.6770.

St. Johns County Public Library branches reopened for expanded essential services. Services include returns, grab-and-go service, and computer usage up to one hour. Seating areas, meeting rooms, and play areas are not accessible at this time. Building capacity is limited, in accordance with State of Florida executive orders, and all returned materials are to be placed in the book drop.

St. Johns County's Plan for Opening Short-Term Vacation Rentals has been approved by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations. The plan outlines details regarding a variety of factors including reservations, staffing, cleanings, and inspections.

In order to assist local businesses with employee retention and recovery efforts, St. Johns County is now offering the St. Johns County Back to Business Grant Program. The program offers up to \$10,000 in grant funding for eligible businesses to assist with expenses related to rent or mortgage, utilities, and payroll. The program application is available on www.sjcfl.us. For more information on the St. Johns County Back to Business Grant Program and eligibility requirements, please email btb@sjcfl.us or call 904.209.1278.

### Councel On Aging Programs Closed Through June

All COA senior centers in St. Johns County (Coastal Community Center, River House, Hastings, Trout Creek and THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center in Ponte Vedra), all Integrative Memory Enhancement Program (IMEP) classes, and the Sunshine Center adult day care facility will remain closed through June 30. While these programs will be closed, Meals on Wheels will continue to be delivered,

While these programs will be closed, Meals on Wheels will continue to be delivered, and COA caseworkers and staff will continue to be available by phone and via email. Seniors and caregivers in need of COA's assistance are encouraged to contact COA at 904-209-3700 Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, via email at info@coasjc.org, and via their website at www.coasjc.org. COA has implemented new virtual programs which are free and available to the public to support senior members of the community and caregivers. A growing library of River House Presents video courses in a range of subjects are available for viewing online on COA's YouTube channel and via Zoom. COA is also offering online support groups for caregivers, as well as a dedicated support group for grandparents and other guardians caring for grandchildren. In addition, COA's Sunshine Center is now offering a new activity program via Zoom for those dealing with dementia, as well as their caregivers.

To learn more about resources available through COA visit their website at www. coasjc.org or contact them at 904-209-3700 or info@coasjc.org. COA will continue to post updates via Facebook at www.facebook.com/coasjc/, via Instagram at www. instagram.com/councilonagingsjc/ and via the COA weekly e-newsletter. To sign up to receive the e-newsletter, please visit www.coasjc.org. COA's YouTube channel may be found at http://bit.ly/COAYoutube.



## Health Department Offers Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing

Florida Department of Health in St. Johns County has expanded COVID-19 Specimen Collection Testing to include those individuals who are asymptomatic (without signs or symptoms of COVID-19) and wish to know their current status. This point-in-time testing is not antibody testing, it is diagnostic testing to show if an individual currently has the COVID-19 virus. This will provide information regarding the prevalence of COVID-19 within our community so we can best prepare and respond to this public health threat.

Department of Health in St. Johns County's expanded testing initiative began on May 7, 2020 in support of the Governor's "Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery". Starting on Friday, May 8th, Florida Department of Health in St. Johns County's COVID-19 Specimen Collection for Lab Testing will be offered, while supplies last and weather permitting, on a first come, first served basis, Monday through Saturday from 9am to 4pm and on Sunday from 9am to 12 noon.

Those who wish to be tested, please note the following:

• This Expanded COVID-19 specimen collection/testing is a free service;

No more than four (4) people in the car;
A form of photo identification is needed
http://StJohns.FloridaHealth.gov/.

for each person to be tested;

## **Boating and Social Distancing Tips**

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Now is a great time this summer to use the following proven safety tips for safe boating and social distancing on your boat next water outing:

Follow state and local guidance for outdoor recreation.
Share a float plan with a family member or friend with the details of your trip in the event of an emergency.

• Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket suitable for your vessel and activity. With so many styles, colors, and uses, you can find the right one for you and your family water activities.

• Carry all required boating safety equipment such as flares, navigation light, a horn or whistle, a first aid kit.

- Limit the people aboard your boat to people in your immediate household.
- Stay at least six feet away from other people who do not live in your house.
- Maintain safe distance at the fuel dock or loading up at the marina.

• Wash hands frequently or use a hand sanitizer, such as after touching a marina gate or fuel pump.

• Do not raft up to other boaters or pull up onto a beach next to someone else. It could put you in close proximity to others.

• Go right from your house to the boat and back so that you do not have unnecessary contact with anyone.

• Pack food, water and other things you may need as restaurants and marina stores may not be open.

- Never boat under the infuence.
- No distracted boating and travel at safe speeds.
- Have more than one communication device that works when wet.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all its service missions. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit www.cgaux.org or your local flotilla's web site, http://mysafeboating.com.



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• For the health and safety of public health

Florida Department of Health in St. Johns

responders, all people in the car over age 2

must have a mask or other alternative face

County's COVID-19 Specimen Collection

Site will be staged in the parking lot of the

St. Johns County Health and Human Services

Building located at 200 San Sebastian View,

St. Augustine, FL 32084. Additional sites

may be utilized on an occasional basis, as

deemed necessary, to meet the needs of

vulnerable populations, which may require a

testing effort, the COVID-19 Specimens for

Testing will be shipped to a state-contracted commercial laboratory. Results of COVID-

19 testing will be provided as the lab results

become available to the Florida Department of

Department of Health in St. Johns County's

COVID-19 Expanded Specimen Collection for Testing, please call 904-209-3250 or visit

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change in days or times at this location.

completing testing forms;

• No pets in the car.

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**Computer Corner** 

by Steven Aldrich 904-479-5661

## **Do You Need a Color Printer?**

expensive than the printer they go into. I ask many of my clients this question: "Do you need Color?" Most hesitate before answering, but eventually tell me that they really do not "need" color.

In my home office I have two printers (yeah... I'm a geek, what can I say?). The point is that my color printer is rarely turned on. But then it is also a Laser Printer, so I don't worry about how seldom it gets used (why this is important is addressed below). My Mono-Chrome Laser (Black and white) is the primary printer. Mono-Chrome Laser printers are fast, and the toner cartridges are inexpensive when you figure that they last for a year or longer.

Additionally, Laser cartridges do not dry up like the ink cartridges used in color Inkjet printers. The reason is that Inkjets use "wet" ink, while Laser Toner is a powder. There is no wetness to dry up. So, if you have a home up north, and are away in the summertime, a Laser Printer could be even more attractive.

Laser printers used to be only for larger offices, but not any longer. If you watch the sales, you can find Laser Printers for as low as \$80. I prefer the HP Laserjet Printers over such brands as Canon and Brother. This is

Ink cartridges are expensive, often more because HP has perfected (simplified) the setup process.

If you have ever used your color Inkjet to print a photograph, you will have noticed how wet the page is after printing. This is also why the print looks "muddy," not a really sharp color picture.

A very high percentage of my clients realize that nothing they print "must" be in color. And the few items that they really want printed in color are quickly and inexpensively done at the local drug or office supply store.

The next question is do you need to be able to scan/copy/fax, or do you only need a printer? Laser "Multi-Function Printers" are more expensive. Even so, if one watches the sales, they are quite affordable.

The next time you are printing something, ask yourself, "Do I really need this to be color?" Maybe the next printer you buy will be a Mono-Chrome Laser.

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# **Financial Focus**

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## **Know Risk Tolerance at Different Stages of Life**

As an investor, you'll always need to deal with risk of some kind. But how can you manage the risk that's been made clear by the recent volatility in the financial markets? The answer to this question may depend on where you are in life.

Let's look at some different life stages and how you might deal with risk at each of them:

When you're first starting out ... If you're early in your career, with perhaps four or even five decades to go until you retire, you can likely afford to invest primarily for growth, which also means you'll be taking on a higher level of risk, as risk and reward are positively correlated. But, given your age, you have time to overcome the market downturns that are both inevitable and a normal part of investing. Consequently, your risk tolerance may be relatively, high. Still, even at this stage, being overaggressive can be costly.

When you're in the middle stages ... At this time of your life, you're well along in your career, and you're probably working on at least a couple of financial goals, such as saving for retirement and possibly for vour children's college education. So, you still need to be investing for growth, which means you'll likely need to maintain a relatively high risk tolerance. Nonetheless, it's a good idea to have some balance in your portfolio, so you'll want to consider a mix of investments that align with each of your goals.

When you're a few years from retirement Now, you might have already achieved some key goals - perhaps your kids have finished college and you've paid off your mortgage. This may mean you have more money available to put away for retirement, but you'll still have to think carefully about how much risk you're willing to take. Since you're going to retire



soon, you might consider rebalancing your portfolio to include some more conservative investments, whose value is less susceptible to financial market fluctuations. The reason? In just a few years, when you're retired, you will need to start taking withdrawals from your investment portfolio - essentially, you'll be selling investments, so, as much as possible, you'll want to avoid selling them when their price is down. Nonetheless, having a balanced and diversified portfolio doesn't fully protect against a loss. However, you can further reduce the future risk of being overly dependent on selling variable investments by devoting a certain percentage of your portfolio to cash and cash equivalents and designating this portion to be used for your daily expenses during the years immediately preceding, and possibly spilling into, your retirement.

When you're retired ... Once you're retired, you might think you should take no risks at all. But you could spend two or three decades in retirement, so you may need some growth potential in your portfolio to stay ahead of inflation. Establishing a withdrawal rate - the amount you take out each year from your investments - that's appropriate for your lifestyle and projected longevity can reduce the risk of outliving your money. Of course, if there's an extended market downturn during any time of your retirement, you may want to lower your withdrawal rate temporarily.

As you can see, your tolerance for risk, and your methods of dealing with it, can change over time. By being aware of this progression, you can make better-informed investment decisions

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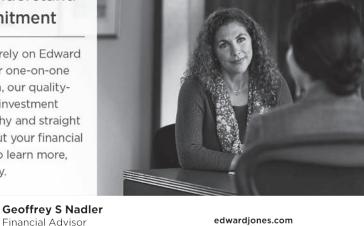
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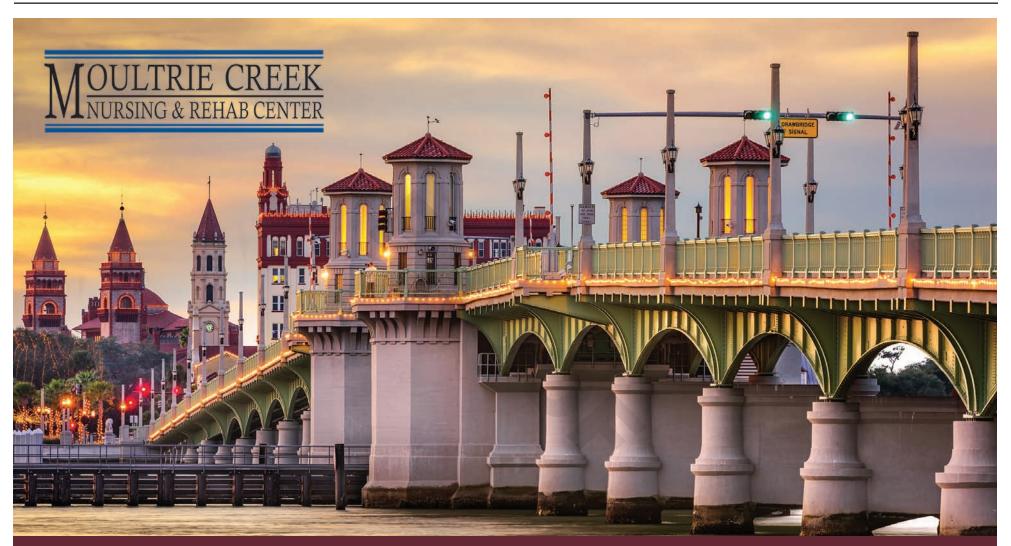
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