



# St. Augustine Beaches

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## St. Augustine Beach Light Up the Night!



### City holds New Year's Eve Fireworks Show

St. Augustine Beach's New Year's Eve celebration was back with a new name and a new mission to support local businesses. As in years past, the event included large fireworks display at 8:30 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021, at the St. Johns County Ocean Pier.

The city is moving in a new direction, designed to invite visitors and locals to patronize local businesses. There was no festival in Pier Park and in lieu of having thousands of people in that one small area, people spread out all along the Blvd.

and enjoyed the fireworks from multiple locations.

Local businesses took the place of the many vendors that would have been crowded into Pier Park. While the city provided a fabulous fireworks show, people were encouraged to patronize businesses for their food, beverages, and entertainment.

Three locations on A1A Beach Boulevard were designated as Fireworks Viewing spots, so guests could spread out along the beach road. Designated viewing spots were at the St. Johns County Ocean Pier, on A Street, and on 10 Street.

There were no on beach viewing at Pier Park this year due to recent storms and erosion.

Limited shuttle service was provided from Anastasia Baptist Church to the three viewing locations on the beach. Public Parking was available at City Hall, Ron Parker Park, Amici's Restaurant parking lot on the Southside close to Pope Road, and at the YMCA. These were park and walk lots, there is no shuttle pick up or drop off at these locations.

Beach driving and parking was allowed as normal from A Street South.

For more information, about the City of St. Augustine Beach visit [ww.staugbch.com](http://ww.staugbch.com).



## City of St. Augustine Beach Recycling Update City resumes curbside services in January 2022

The City of St. Augustine Beach is pleased to announce that curbside recycling services will resume for residential customers on January 3, 2022.

Due to an ongoing labor shortage with the provider, the City of St. Augustine Beach made the difficult decision to temporarily suspend recycling services for residential customers back in October. The city worked diligently to bring the services in-house and is looking forward to servicing the residents with this new program.

Important Information for Residents: The recycling pick-up day will be the SAME as trash pick-up day for residents. In addition, the city is only collecting the city issued blue 18-gallon bins. Recyclables put in any type of closed container, large or small, will not be picked up. Recycled items should be loose in the bins, not in a plastic bag or any other type of bag. Bagged items will not be picked up. In addition, the city cannot accept the following items:

No plastic bags of any kind will be picked up, plastic bags get tangled in the sorting equipment. No glass of any kind and no milk or juice cartons. The city cannot accept pizza boxes or soiled fast-food bags.

The city will accept: Type 1 and type 2 plastic, paper and flattened cardboard, metal cans and aluminium cans. For a complete list of items, the city can and cannot accept, please visit our website [www.staugbch.com](http://www.staugbch.com) or contact the Public Works department at 904-471-1119.

The City of St. Augustine generously provided temporary dumpsters for residents in the City Hall parking lot. The dumpsters will remain available through the first week in January 2022. For more information, visit [ww.staugbch.com](http://ww.staugbch.com), The City of St. Augustine Beach Facebook page, and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter by texting CITYOFSAB to 22828.



## 12th annual Saint Augustine Film Festival January 20-23 in St. Augustine venues

Celebrating its twelfth season, the Saint Augustine Film Festival returns to downtown St. Augustine venues of Lewis Auditorium, Gamache-Koger Theater at Flagler College, and the Alazar Room at St. Augustine City Hall (Lightner Museum). From January 20-23, 2022 more than 50 independent and international films will be featured.

The Saint Augustine Film Festival is organized by Gregory von Hausch, the CEO of the acclaimed Ft. Lauderdale International Film Festival who says, "We are so excited to be back with in-person screenings in beautiful downtown St. Augustine and enjoying film festival openings and parties."

The Saint Augustine Film Festival has a reputation of showing films that aren't usually available in North Florida. The films chosen are created by talented independent filmmakers from around the globe. The film guide at [staugfilmfest.com](http://staugfilmfest.com) has descriptions of all the films, including the filmmaker, actors, a film trailer, the run time, and the festival schedule.

For 2021, the Film Festival went completely virtual in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some virtual options will still be available for those who may not be quite ready to join the festival in person.

Dramas, comedies, and documentaries from the US and all over the world are chosen by talented independent filmmakers, giving The Saint Augustine Film Festival a reputation for showing films that aren't usually available in North Florida.

See all 50 films in-person and virtually for \$90 or snag an All-Access pass for \$150. All-Access passes include admission to all films at all venues, access to all virtual screenings, and admission to all events including the Harbor Cruise, Dinner at Lightner, and a party at Colonial Quarter.

Volunteers are needed to help at all screenings. (continued on page 5)



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