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# St. Augustine Observer

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## Temple Bet Yam Anticipates Deli Nite



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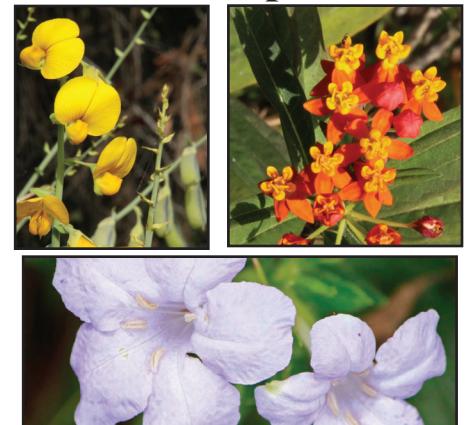


The City Commission presents a plaque at its December 12th meeting to honor Andrea Samuels for her eight years of service as a Commissioner. She also was the City's first woman Mayor, serving in that position in 2014 and 2015. Pictured left to right: Commissioners Margaret England and Gary Snodgrass, Commissioner Samuels, Mayor Rich O'Brien and Vice Mayor Undine George.

## Wild Flower Meadow Group

We plan to mow the meadow in December so don't be surprised when you see it looking bare. If it weren't mowed each year, trees and bushes would grow and crowd out the wild flowers and the space would cease to be a meadow. We believe in letting nature take its course but developers are turning the natural environments into homes, condos, commercial buildings, and lawns. There are fewer and fewer spaces to call meadows and we're preserving this one.

In December we had our annual picnic in Princess Place and the weather was beautiful. Two new people joined us and we hope they will (continued on page ??)



## Ballroom Dancing

The St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association will hold its next dance on Saturday, January 14th at the Riverview Club, 790 Christina Drive, in St. Augustine Shores. The dance starts at 7pm and ends at 10pm.

Hors d'oeuvres, desserts and coffee will be served. Guests pay just \$20 per person. Appropriate guest attire is a dark business suit with tie, or a tuxedo, for the men and a cocktail dress or gown for the women. For an invitation, call President Dennis Larimore at 904-824-4902. Visit facebook.com/SABDASAug for more information and pictures.

Picture Caption: From Left: former association president Peter Canerossi, guest Masako Piper from Australia, former association entertainment chairperson Hatsu-e Wright and guest Bruce Piper from Australia, enjoying themselves at a recent dance.



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### St. Augustine Shores Community Calendar

The Shores Service Corporation  
Shores Homeowners Association  
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- 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 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 2016 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.

### St. Augustine South Community Calendar

The St. Augustine South Improvement Association  
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Joan Nizza 904-687-8726

- SASIA Board Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month is the SASIA Board meeting at 7pm.
- SASIA Member Meeting - 3rd Wednesday of the month is SASIA monthly meeting.
- 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 with a light lunch is available from 11:30 to 12:30.

#### Officers

Theresa Nizza – Acting President  
Louis Zimmer – Vice President  
Ed Olsen – Treasurer  
Jenna Cuzick – Secretary

#### Board Members

Lynn Rowland  
Travis Cuzick

### St. Augustine South January Events

Sunday Jan.22,2017  
Women of the Moose-1101 will host "Sunday Brunch" 10am to 1pm  
Donations: \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 ages 6-12, Free to under 6  
For reservations Call Sandra 806-0535 or Theresa 794-5129

Daisy Troop #2228 will hold their meetings twice a month at St Augustine Clubhouse . Their leader is Mary Strohminger and co-leader Andrea Smith.

SASIA business meeting will be held Wednesday 1/18/17 at 7pm. The speaker will be Mary Strohminger of Daisy Troop #2228.

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# St. Augustine Shores Club News

## January 2017 Riverview Club Calendar

### JANUARY DANCE

#### MAIN SOCIAL

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
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Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Entertainment by Phil Farino  
Hosted by: Angel & Mary Ellen Hernandez  
Dance Club Members: FREE, Activity Members and Guests: \$15.00/pp  
RSVP at [www.staugshores.org](http://www.staugshores.org)



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

**Bridge** Fridays 1:00 pm

**Bridge Lesson** The class is geared to all levels. Thursdays at 10:00 am.

**Card Game** **Calling All Card Players!** New card game group on Tuesdays, at 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Come and share your favorite card game: 500, Euchre, Pitch, Pinochle, Canasta, etc.

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

**Chair Yoga** Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:45 am. A gentler form of yoga for those whom balance is an issue.

**Dance Class** Ballroom dance class with Dennis, **classes will resume February 2<sup>nd</sup>**.  
Dance Class is FREE for Activities & Dance Club Members.

**Exercise Class** Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am.

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

**Mah Jongg** Tuesday at 1:00 pm & Wednesday at 10:30 am.

**Yoga** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 am. Bring a non-skid mat & wear comfortable clothing (no belts or anything tight around your waist). The class is geared to all levels.

**Zumba** Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. Low-impact Zumba to protect joints. Come sweat, lose weight, meet people, and have a blast!

**Writers in the Shores** Tuesday January 10 and 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Library – topic for January 24<sup>th</sup> is "Every time I think about..." For information call Donna at 794-0789.

#### Upcoming Events at the Riverview Club

**Early Social:** Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment by Ernie

**Main Social:** Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment by Southern Style

Check out the latest events at  
[www.staugshores.org](http://www.staugshores.org)

## Shores Riverview Club Committee Activities

FREE Introductory Fitness Pole Walking Clinic for Residents of St. Augustine Shores!

- Wednesday, January 11th, at 12:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Riverview Club, 790 Christina Drive, St. Augustine FL.
- Pole Walking is a fun and easy way to get a very effective and efficient total body aerobic workout!
- Please wear comfortable walking shoes - demo Walking Poles will be provided.
- This Free Clinic has limited space, pre-registration is required, please contact Sheila Vidamour, Certified Pole Walking Instructor: Tel: 904-540-1067.

## Shores Committee Meetings

- **Riverview Facilities & Ground Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm, Riverview Club's library.
- **RV & Storage Compound Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30 pm, Riverview Club's library.
- **HOA Deed Restrictions Committee Meeting:** Monday, January 09, 2017 at 6pm at the Riverview Club's Library.

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## St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation November 10th Board Meeting Summary

"This Summary is a brief overview by the Observer Editor and is not the complete meeting minutes. Minutes are posted at the Riverview Club and on the Association Website."

The St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation's Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Jim Priester at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes of October 13, 2016 were approved and Treasurer report approved. General Manager Smith explained the decrease in the operating fund and the increase in the reserve fund.

2015 -2016 Annual Audit was presented by Todd Neville, Neville, Wainio CPA's. He reported that the allowance for doubtful accounts has improved due to diligent collection efforts by Management and the Corporations Legal Counsel. He summarized the financial statements and reported a surplus for fiscal year 2015 - 2016. He explained that some special procedures were performed by his audit team that provided comfort to the Board and that this presentation was the annual check – up. Copies of the audit were available for the membership.

### Managers' Report - Joseph H. Smith III

#### Progress on Board Goals:

**Curb Appeal** - New plant stock will be planted at the entrances and the Riverview Facility the week of November 14th. Rye seed has been distributed in the medians. A new irrigation well has been installed at the main entrance. President Priester commented on the shoulder work that has been done to correct the issue with the drop off from the recently paved roads at the South entrance to the tennis courts and ball field.

**Safety and Security:** Tree removal has been the main focus to protect the membership. The three phases of the clean – up effort were summarized. Removal of trees from structures. Removal of trees threatening pedestrians and vehicles. Clean – up of downed trees from the common areas. The safety fence has been installed at the foot of the pier.

**Operations:** General Manager Smith reported that Hurricane Matthew had swept away approximately 110 feet of the pier and the gazebo. Yelton Construction estimates that it will take \$75,000 to \$100,000 to repair the pier using the existing wood and the pilings that can be salvaged. A total replacement would be around \$300,000. There is \$300,000 budgeted in the Reserve Replacement Fund. There is a disaster loan available for homeowners associations at a rate of 2.85 percent. The Board will solicit a written estimate and make a decision. Board Member Janet Cassford has resigned from the Board for personal reasons.

#### Committee Reports

**ACC Committee – General Manager Smith:** 2 variances were brought to the Board. Sommers, 900 Viscaya Blvd. – Approved request for a variance to bring their fence 8 ft. forward of the rear of the house. Approved request by George Thanos, Deltona Corporation, 405 Maribella Ct. for setback of the pool. The ACC reviewed 8 applications: 5 fences, 2 new homes, 1 pool. Total approved YTD 275.

**Riverview Building and Grounds Committee – Holly:** Suggestions offered for consideration: dry erase board for meetings; no pets allowed sign for the Kiddie Park; entrances to the Riverview Facility painted blue and the hinges and the hardware need to be replaced; pool table be removed from the Game Room.

**The Deed Restriction Review Committee – Charlie Bouton:** Suggestions offered for consideration: Fences as a starting point; Sidewalks in the cul de sacs in Tuscany. Next meeting is January 9, 2016.

#### New Business

#### Home Office Applications

Following approved: Lehman Norman, 1023 Mindello Ave. for the purpose of an inshore fishing charter company office; Heather Ann Warren, 248 Marius Court for the purpose of handmade body care products to be sold at craft fairs.

#### Directors Comments

Vice President O'Such inquired about filling the vacancy on the Board. We will ask all candidates to submit a resume for review and vote a secret ballot at the next meeting.

Director Burrell thanked the Management and contractors for their efforts after Hurricane Matthew.

#### Members Comments

Charles Bouton requests that we move the ACC manual to the governing documents section of the web site. Rita Latchis 591 W. Bianca Circle requested the Board of Directors to remove her neighbor's continuous hedge planted on the side of her house for safety concerns.

## Message from Shores President Jim

### Happy New Year!

A new year and for many another opportunity to start fresh or anew.

If you're thinking about or have considered serving your community. Now's a good time to throw your hat in the ring for the upcoming election in May. Contact the office for more information on the process of putting your application in.

The clean up from hurricane Matthew has been completed but we will continue to monitor the trees along Shores Blvd. We cut back on the usual tree lights for the Holidays to save a little money. The rebuilding of the pier is being taken into consideration and a final decision will be made within the next 30-60 days.

The county continues to replace the main drain covers. They are currently on Shores Blvd between Christina and Alieda and working their way to the north end of our community.

Our Committies continue meet and are making some great progress in bringing our Club House, Grounds, Activities and Documents up to speed.

If you would like to be a part of any of these Committies call the office and ask about the dates they meet. As always I would like to remind you that we serve on the Board and Committies for you. It is our desire to make St Augustine Shores the jewel Community in the southeast part of our county. I can be reached at [president@staugshores.net](mailto:president@staugshores.net) for comments or questions. Our Board meets the second Thursday of every month at 7PM in the clubhouse. All our property owners are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

Jim Priester, President

# News Around South St. Augustine

## St. Augustine Travel Club

by Peter Dytrych

Our next travel club will be held on Wednesday, January 11, at 3pm at the Southeast Branch Public Library. We look forward to seeing you as we cover HEARST CASTLE, SAN SIMEON - William Randolph Hearst's story of building his dream high above the central California Coast, influenced by the spectacular European castles and art treasures.

### St. Augustine Travel Club Cruise

The St. Augustine Travel Club will again be sailing the seas on Sunday, March 26 to Sunday, April 2, 2017 on one of the largest ships in the world, the magnificent Royal Caribbean Oasis of the Seas out of Port Canaveral to the ports of Labadee, Falmouth and Cozumel for a 7-day cruise. Prices start from \$906.54 per person, double occupancy, for inside cabin, inclusive of all port fees and taxes. Oceanview and balcony cabins are available at higher cost. Book now with a \$250 pp deposit and receive \$25 per stateroom On Board Credit. Call Peter, St. Augustine Travel Club at (904) 797-3736 for more information and reservations.

## Friends of the Library Southeast Branch Book Sale

The Friends of the Library Southeast Branch invite the community to the January book sale from 12 pm to 8 pm Jan. 9; 10 am to 8 pm Jan. 10, and 10 am to 3 pm Jan. 11. Start the New Year with gently used books meant for enjoyment. The Southeast Branch Library is located at 6670 US 1 South.

Most hardbacks, including fiction, nonfiction, history, bios, cookbooks, craft books, arts, and entertainment will be \$1. Trade softbacks will be \$1 and paperbacks will be 50 cents. DVDs and CDs will start at \$1. Young readers and children's books will be 25 cents. Collectible books and those of special merit will have individual prices. All sales benefit programs and services provided by the Southeast Branch Library.

If you are a patron of the Southeast Branch Library and enjoy the services of this excellent facility, show your appreciation by joining the Friends of the Library for 2017. Yearly membership is only \$15 for individuals; \$25 for families and businesses. Membership forms will be available at the sale, and are always available at the circulation desk, or in the Friends of the Library Book Shop located in the main lobby.

Your membership helps support and enrich library programs and services for children and adults. There is always something interesting happening at the Southeast Branch Library. Please be a Friend to your library. For additional information, 827-6900.

## Writers In The Shores

By Donna Johnson

The January meetings for Writers in the Shores will be on Tuesday the 10th and again on the 24th. The chosen subject is to be "Every time I think about ...." and, is suggested for this month's topic to write about on the 24th. Come join us, you just might like us! Everyone is welcome and we would like to invite anyone who loves to write. You do not have to be a member. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, at 1pm here at the Riverview Club Library. 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.



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## Wild Flower Meadow Group

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continue to come. We appreciate having the extra help, company, their perspectives, and knowledge.

Did I say our group doesn't talk politics? There are members on both sides of the political aisle, but our group focusses on wild flowers, being outside, and enjoying the natural environment in and around St. Augustine. See? There is life outside of political differences. In October Hurricane Matthew cut short the fall blooming season. It blew away most of the blossoms of blazing stars and bushy asters and we're hoping there will be more next year. Under the hurricane's debris and all the grasses, coreopsis were hiding, though not by choice. We cleared away what kept sunlight from them, hoping they would bloom before the end of the season. Well, maybe next year.

In the upper end of the meadow near the path someone in our group strategically placed a bare branch because? Dragon and damsel flies like having a place to rest where they have a good view of their surroundings, so do the little anoles. The meadow isn't just for wild flowers; it's for all the pollinators and critters who have a role in the meadow and live there. The flowers that bloomed in October and November were golden aster, coreopsis, swamp sunflower, rattle box, Spanish needle, bushy aster, wild petunia, wire weed, casia, scorpion's tail, scarlet milkweed, and spider lily. The Elliot Love grasses and Muhly grasses weathered the storm without seeming to have suffered and, likewise the blue stem grasses.

We occasionally visit state and county parks and welcome newcomers, even if you want only to come on the outings. Our group meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 by the Riverview Club House. Our goal is to preserve the wild flower meadow, learn about native plants, and those that grow in this location. We're an informal group without officers or dues and hope you will join us. Call Claire at 904-826-5366 for more information.

## Local Coalition's Book Bag Project Huge Success

Every fall and spring season, the Early Learning Coalition of North Florida (ELC) host a book-bag distribution for both three and four-year-old children in Putnam, St. Johns, Clay, Bradford, Baker and Nassau counties.

In 2016, more than 1000 book bags were distributed to local child care and preschool classrooms. Each bag consisted of 10 age-appropriate books as well as information for parents about the importance of reading to children.

The bags were delivered to the children by ELC volunteers, ELC Early Outreach Manager Joan Whitson and various children's book characters. This year's characters included Eric Litwin's Pete the Cat and Curious George.

"At ELC, we want to provide books for every child, especially those from families with lower incomes so they all can have the same advantages that reading brings," Joan Whitson, Early Literacy Outreach Manager said.

Studies show children who are read to at an early age is the single biggest factor in improved school readiness scores and vocabulary in young children. ELC funds this program through grants, book donations and donations from local civic groups.

ELC welcomes groups to conduct book drives for them. The books need to be pre-school age appropriate. To help support this program contact Joan Whitson at 904-342-2267 or [jwhitson@elcnorthflorida.org](mailto:jwhitson@elcnorthflorida.org).

## SJR State Law Enforcement Cadets Recognized

St. Johns River State College criminal justice academy cadets were recently recognized during a graduation ceremony. Cadets representing Clay, Putnam, St. Johns, Duval and Flagler counties received their certificates of completion for the law enforcement basic recruit program. St. Augustine Beach Police Chief Robert Hardwick addressed the graduates as the keynote speaker.

Special recognition in the class went to Jonathan Roszel, of St. Johns County, for "Highest Academic Achievement." St. Johns County resident Jesse Truscio received the award for "Highest Marksmanship Achievement," and Kenneth Ithier, also of St. Johns County, received the "Warrior Award." Pedro Ramos, of Clay County, received the "Medallion Award" for highest overall achievement. Law enforcement basic recruit graduates from Clay County: Michael Babcock, Timothy Geoghagan, Jeff Naeyaert, Pedro Ramos, Kennisha Taylor and David Widergren.

Law enforcement basic recruit graduates from Putnam County: Holly Griffith, Nicholas Hale and LaGarren Wellon. Law enforcement basic recruit graduates from St. Johns County: Adam Bergman, Walter Clough, Jared Davis, Austin Ferrell, Kenneth Ithier, Christian Maysonet, Ryan Rado, Adiel Ramirez-Cruz, Jonathan Roszel, Abdul Toubaili, Jesse Truscio, Laura Welty and Ramy Yousef. Law enforcement basic recruit graduates from other counties: Mark Ambrose (Duval), Michael Johnson (Duval) and Tyler Mitchell (Flagler).

The ceremony was held at the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts. The Thrasher-Horne Center is owned and operated by SJR State College and is located on the Orange Park campus. The criminal justice certificate programs provide job-related training to prepare cadets for entry-level employment in their career field. Cadets who complete the certificate program will be eligible to take the state certification exam. The certificates also provide credit hours to be transferred into SJR State's associate in science degree in criminal justice technology. The program is located on the St. Augustine Campus.

Applications are currently being accepted for 2017 enrollment. Daytime and evening classes for SJR State's Florida Law Enforcement Academy will begin in July. Applications are also being accepted for enrollment in SJR State's Florida Corrections Officer Academy. For more information about SJR State's criminal justice programs, call (904) 808-7490 or visit the website at [SJRstate.edu](http://SJRstate.edu).



## News From Around St. Johns County

### Quit Smoking Class at Flagler Hospital

It's the perfect time for a new start! FREE six-week Quit Smoking class at Flagler Hospital on Tuesday, January 10 – February 14, 2017 from 11:00am – 12:00pm. Free patches, lozenges, and gum! FREE quit plan, workbook, water bottle, stress ball and more. Call to register and learn about more classes in your area: Northeast Florida AHEC (904) 482-0189.

### Beach Passes Now on Sale! Great Gift for the Holidays

Annual passes to drive vehicles on St. Johns County's beaches are now on sale at all office locations of St. Johns County Tax Collector Dennis W. Hollingsworth, CFC.

Passes are required to drive on the beaches during the 2017 season, March 1 through September 30. St. Johns County residents can purchase passes at the preseason rate of \$30.00. Non-St. Johns County residents can purchase passes for \$40.00. Passes for disabled persons, regardless of residency, are available for \$20.00. There is no fee for 100% disabled military veterans.

Customers will be asked to provide proof of residency and disability status to receive the passes at the specified rates. All fees increase by \$10.00 March 2, 2017, at which time passes will no longer be available for purchase at the Tax Collector's office.

For questions regarding the beach passes, please contact the St. Johns County Parks & Recreation Department, 904-209-0333. For more information about the St. Johns County Tax Collector's office locations and hours of operation, please visit [www.sjctax.us](http://www.sjctax.us) or call 904-209-2250.

### First Coast Card Club Let's Play Cards!

Tuesday, January 3rd St Augustine Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St Augustine 1:30pm

Wednesday, January 11th-Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach 1:30pm

Wednesday, January 18th-Fleming Island Main Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Fleming Island 1:30pm

Tuesday, January 24th-St Augustine Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St Augustine 1:30pm

We hope we can meet more interested people in our community each month.

### Temple Bet Yam's Eagerly Anticipated Deli Nite Here Thursday February 16th

On the menu is your choice of corned beef, pastrami, or turkey sandwiches along with typical deli sides, a dessert, and a beverage. Bill Rosenthal, magician, will provide the entertainment. Get your reservation in now! Tickets go fast! The cost is \$30 per person. RSVP by February 7, 2017.

Checks to be made payable to Temple Bet Yam with Deli Nite indicated in the check memo and send to Temple Bet Yam, PO Box 860098, St. Augustine, FL 32086. For further information, contact Barbara Carman at 904-826-3676 or email [wandmtby@gmail.com](mailto:wandmtby@gmail.com).

### Election of officers for the Library Advisory Board (LAB)

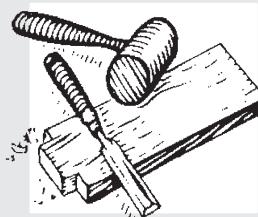
At their regular monthly meeting on November 9, 2016, the St. Johns County Library Advisory Board elected their new slate of officers for 2016-2017.

- St. Augustine resident and At-Large representative, Mr. Mike Macnamara was elected Chair.
- St. Augustine resident and District 2 representative, Ms. Mary Geer was elected Vice-Chair.
- St. Augustine resident and District At-Large representative, Ms. Katherine Dvornick was elected Secretary.

The Library Advisory Board meets the second Wednesday of each month, at 9:30 a.m. and the meetings are open to the public. The meeting calendar, agendas, and meeting minutes are posted on the library's website.

Created by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in 1977, the LAB serves as an advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners, and is liaison between citizens, the Library, and the BCC. Contact: Angelina Gervasi, Library Administration at (904) 827-6931 [agervasi@sjcfl.us](mailto:agervasi@sjcfl.us) or visit the library's website at [www.sjcpls.org](http://www.sjcpls.org).

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## January 2017

**January 1-31**

**Nights of Lights of Lights Continues – [www.nightsoflights.com](http://www.nightsoflights.com)**

**January 1**

**Villa Zorayda's Candlelight Tour:** Join the Villa Zorayda this holiday season for its annual Candlelight Tour. The museum is beautifully decorated for the holidays with a spectacular Christmas tree decorated in the colors of the Zorayda, red and gold. More than 100 candles are aglow throughout the museum as docents lead the tour by candlelight. The tour begins at 5:30 p.m. Tours last approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Admission is \$15 adults; \$7 children 7-12; free for children 4-6. This tour is not recommended for children 3 and under. Reservations required. 83 King St., St. Augustine 904-829-9887 [www.villazorayda.com](http://www.villazorayda.com)

**January 6 & 8**

**Puccini's Madame Butterfly:** Puccini's tragic cross-cultural love story remains one of the world's most popular operas. Be transported to early 20th-century Japan through this production fully-staged at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. This story is sung in Italian with projected English supertitles. General admission is \$40; students are \$10. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-417-5555 [www.firstcoastopera.com](http://www.firstcoastopera.com)

**January 6-29**

**2017 Black, White & Shades of Gray Exhibition:** The St. Augustine Art Association presents the Black, White & Shades of Gray exhibition. Back by popular demand, this juried exhibit is bold and sophisticated, featuring 2D & 3D colorless works of art of any subject or medium. The exhibition is free and open to the public. The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday noon-4 p.m. and Sunday 2-5 p.m. 22 Marine St., St. Augustine 904-824-2310 [www.staaa.org](http://www.staaa.org)

**January 7**

**Tastes of Chocolate Holiday Tour:** Experience an indulgent walking tour of St. Augustine's historic district and experience the most unique chocolate selections that our nation's oldest city has to offer. Guests will explore unique culinary venues and foodie hotspots to sample delicious chocolate in all forms, including wine, sauces, toppings, dips, desserts and much more. This two-hour walking tour departs from Tour Saint Augustine at 1 p.m. The cost is \$59 per person. Advance reservations required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 [www.staugcitywalks.com](http://www.staugcitywalks.com)

**EMMA Concert Association Presents Carpe Diem String Quartet:** Carpe Diem is an ensemble that has earned widespread critical and audience acclaim for its innovative programming and electrifying performances. With programming that reflects its passions for Gypsy, tango, folk, pop, rock and jazz-inspired music alongside the traditional string quartet repertoire, the quartet continues to rack up accolades and awards. The performance is at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$35. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-797-2800 [www.emmaconcerts.com](http://www.emmaconcerts.com)

**January 7, 14, 21 & 28**

**It's All Greek! Cultural Workshop at St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum:** Learn traditional Greek dancing and how to cook Old World Greek dishes that are still a part of a healthy Mediterranean diet. Add to that an introduction to Greek language for a complete cultural experience! The 4 week session takes place each Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$90 for all 4 sessions, plus materials. 81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine 904-829-0745 [www.staugustinelighthouse.org/education/folkworkshops](http://www.staugustinelighthouse.org/education/folkworkshops)

**January 12**

**Sunset/Moonrise at the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum:** Enjoy the sunset and moonrise from the top of the Lighthouse at 5:15 p.m. The \$30 admission includes a champagne toast, provided by San Sebastian Winery, hors d'oeuvres from The Reef and an informative overview of the history of the St. Augustine Light Station. 81 Lighthouse Ave., St. Augustine 904-829-0745 [www.staugustinelighthouse.org](http://www.staugustinelighthouse.org)

**Full Moon Nights of Lights Tour by Florida Water Tours:** Enjoy the view of St. Augustine's Nights of Lights, which will be enhanced by a full moon, on a Florida Water Tour cruise. The 7:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. tours provide a magical experience full of romance and holiday cheer. Admission is \$59.99 per person ages three and up. The tours depart from Camanchee Cove Marina. 282 Yacht Club Dr., Dock A-19, St. Augustine 904-827-7728 [www.floridawatertour.com](http://www.floridawatertour.com)

**January 14**

**St. Augustine Military Ball:** This elegant, formal gala, hosted by Forward March, honors St. Augustine's proud military presence. A buffet dinner, complimentary open bar, music for dancing and a unique silent auction await guests. The event will be held take place 6-11 p.m. at the Mark W. Lance Armory. The cost is \$100 per person. 190 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine 904-794-2883 [www.4wardmarch.org](http://www.4wardmarch.org)

**January 15**

**EMMA Concert Association Presents Telegraph Quartet with Pianist Simone Dinnerstein:** Pianist Simone Dinnerstein is a graduate of The Juilliard School. She has fast been gaining international attention as a commanding and charismatic artist and as one of the most compelling women pianists performing today. The Telegraph Quartet was formed in 2013 with a commitment to a passionate approach to the standard chamber music repertoire as well as contemporary and nonstandard works. The performance is at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College, 2-4:30 p.m. Admission is \$35. 14 Granada St., St.

Augustine 904-797-2800 [www.emmaconcerts.com](http://www.emmaconcerts.com)

**Los Lobos Performs at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall:** After celebrating their 40th anniversary with the cleverly titled 2013 live album *Disconnected* in New York City, the hard working, constantly touring Los Lobos – David Hidalgo, Louie Perez, Cesar Rosas, Conrad Lozano and Steve Berlin – leaps headfirst into their fifth decade with an invitation to join them as they open fresh and exciting new *Gates of Gold*, their first full-length studio album since 2010's *Tin Can Trust*. Doors open at 7 p.m.; performance at 8 p.m. Admission ranges from \$66.50 to \$46.50. 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-209-0367 [www.pvconcerthall.com](http://www.pvconcerthall.com)

**January 16**

**I Have a Dream Walking Tour:** In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, you are invited for a 1.5-hour walking tour where you will hear stories and see history come alive as you follow in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King and visit some of the locations in the historic district of St. Augustine that played a significant role in the Civil Rights Movement. This tour departs at 1 p.m. from Tour Saint Augustine. A portion of the proceeds from the ticket sales will be donated to the ACCORD Civil Rights Museum in St. Augustine. Tickets are \$12 per person and advance reservations required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 [www.staugustineblackheritagetours.com](http://www.staugustineblackheritagetours.com)

**January 20-22**

**Saint Augustine Film Festival:** This three-day film festival takes place at various locations throughout St. Augustine, including the Corazon Cinema and Cafe, Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College and Limelight Theatre. The festival starts at 11 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon on Sunday. There is a party each evening of the festival. Tickets to see the films are \$10 for general admission; \$8 for seniors and students. Visit the website for the film screening schedule. 904-461-3993 [www.staugfilmfest.com](http://www.staugfilmfest.com)

**January 21**

**Matanzas 5000 5K & Fun Run:** This is one of Florida's fastest 5K races on a scenic USAATF-certified course through historic St. Augustine. Run in the morning and stay for the famous St. Augustine Nights of Lights. The 5K begins at 8 a.m. and the fun run begins at 9:15 a.m. at Francis Field. The cost to register is \$35 day of race, \$30 from January 2-20, and \$25 through January 1. 29 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine 904-945-6811 [www.matanzas5k.com](http://www.matanzas5k.com)

**January 24**

**Ideas & Images at Flagler College - Business as a Force for Good:** A Flagler College graduate with a master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury College, Margaret Fenwick published a green living guide for Spain with a prologue by Dr. Jane Goodall, worldrenowned anthropologist. Her philosophy – “By committing to sustainability, companies around the world can take shared responsibility for creating a more peaceful and prosperous world. Together, the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations provide a blueprint for creating a more sustainable and inclusive global economy that delivers lasting benefits to people, communities and markets.” The free event is at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College at 7 p.m. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-819-6443 [www.flagler.edu](http://www.flagler.edu) for more visitor information visit [www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com](http://www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com) or call 904-829-1711

**January 26**

**Lightner After Hours:** Kick off the weekend in style in the Lightner Museum's Grand Ballroom Gallery for this monthly social held the last Thursday of every month 6-8 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Music and refreshments are provided. A \$5 donation per drink is suggested. 75 King St., St. Augustine 904-824-2874 [www.lightnermuseum.org](http://www.lightnermuseum.org)



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**January 27-February 19**

**Hedda Gabler at the Limelight Theatre:** The Limelight Theatre presents Hedda Gabler, Henrik Ibsen's great social drama about a caged woman in the late 19th century. The play explores her tormented desire for escape and her yearning for individual and spiritual freedom. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$26 general admission; \$24 seniors; \$20 students and military. 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine 904-825-1164 [www.limelight-theatre.org](http://www.limelight-theatre.org)

**January 28**

**EMMA Concert Association Presents National - Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine:** Formed in 1918, the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine is considered to be one of the finest symphony orchestras in Eastern Europe. Its first conductor was Oleksander Horilyj, followed by Natan Rachlin from 1937 until 1962. The performance is at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$40. 14 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-797-2800 [www.emmaconcerts.com](http://www.emmaconcerts.com)

**January 29**

**Florida Chamber Music Project Performance at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall:** The Florida Chamber Music Project and St. Johns County Cultural Events Division present a season of performances at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. This performance features Quintet in C Major by Schubert. The concert begins at 3 p.m. Admission is \$25. 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach 904-209-0367 [www.pvconcerthall.com](http://www.pvconcerthall.com)

**Ongoing Events By Days**

**Wednesday - St. Augustine Beach Wednesday Market:** The Wednesday Market is a unique and enjoyable shopping experience at the St. Johns County Pier Park. Approximately 60-80 vendors participate each Wednesday morning from 8 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Vendors, most local and others from as far away as Orlando, Fla., display an array of produce, prepared foods, local seafood, art, crafts, jewelry and fair trade goods. 350 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach 904-347-8007 [www.sabca.org](http://www.sabca.org)

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday - Historic Weapon Demonstrations at Castillo de San Marcos:** National Parks Service volunteers and personnel demonstrate the weapons and relate the experiences of the Colonial Spanish soldier stationed in St. Augustine in the 1740s. Demonstration times are 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults; children 15 and under are free. The Castillo is open 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. 904-829-6506 [www.nps.gov/casa](http://www.nps.gov/casa)

**Saturday - Old City Farmer's Market:** Shop for fresh produce, baked goods, fresh seafood in season, hand-crafted items and plants directly from the producers. There's always live entertainment. The Old City Farmers' Market takes place every Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. 1340 A1A South, St. Augustine 904-209-0367 [www.staugustinefm.com](http://www.staugustinefm.com)

**Sunday - Salt Air Farmer's Market:** Whether you are looking for home-grown produce or creative local art, this market from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. has a wide assortment of items. 9505 Oceanshore Blvd., St. Augustine 904-315-0952 [www.saltairfarmersmarket.com](http://www.saltairfarmersmarket.com)

**First Wednesday, Lightner Museum Curator Tours:** Lightner Museum curator provides a themed interactive tour designed to give participants an opportunity to see acquisitions in operation rather than just as static displays. The tour, which is included in admission, takes place at 10 a.m. on the second floor of Lightner Museum. Regular admission is \$10 adults; \$6 for active duty military; \$5 college student and youth ages 12-18; under 12 are free. 75 King St., St. Augustine 904-824-2874 [www.lightnermuseum.org](http://www.lightnermuseum.org)

**First Friday - Garden Walk:** Visit Washington Oaks Gardens State Park on the first Friday of every month for a guided tour of the beautiful gardens. Meet in the garden parking lot at 10 a.m. and wear comfortable shoes. The tour will last approximately one hour. Admission into the park is \$5 per vehicle, up to eight people; \$4 per vehicle for single occupancy or \$2 per person on bicycle. 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd., Palm Coast 386-446-6783 [www.floridastateparks.org/park/washington-oaks](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/washington-oaks)

**First Friday - Art Walk:** From 5-9 p.m. on the first Friday of every month, the Art Galleries of St. Augustine feature new exhibits, refreshments and live music at more than 20 galleries. The event is held rain or shine inside the member galleries and is a free, self-guided walking tour. Tour maps are available at participating galleries. Free Art Walk Trolleys and Trains are provided by St. Augustine Sightseeing Trains and Old Town Trolleys. 832-779-2781 [www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.org](http://www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.org)

**First Saturday - GTM Research Reserve Guided Exploration Hike:** The first Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m., take a guided exploration hike that focuses on



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**First Saturday - Militia Muster and Training at Fort Mose:** Visit Fort Mose on the first Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. of each month to be transported back to the 18th century. The members of the Fort Mose Militia come together to practice their firing drills, teach new Militia members historic weapons use and safety and generally have an enjoyable Saturday at Fort Mose. Visitors will experience historic weapons demonstrations including musket firingdrills. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to participate in the children's militia training using wooden toy muskets and authentic uniform accessories. The park is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission into the park is free. Admission into the Visitor Center is \$2 per person. 15 Fort Mose Trl., St. Augustine 904-823-2232 [www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose)

**First Saturday - Drum Runner Series Barrel Racing at St. Johns County Fairgrounds:** Saddle up and head over to the St. Johns County Fairgrounds for monthly barrel, pole and other timed speed horse events. The event is open to public; free for spectators. Participants must have own horse. Participation fees are \$15 for St. Johns County Horse Council members and \$25 for non-members. Awards will be presented for each age group in each event. The races are held at the St. Johns County Fairgrounds. 5840 S.R. 207, Elkton 904-588-8017 [www.sjchc.org](http://www.sjchc.org)

**Second Saturday - Free St. Augustine Pet Walk Pup Crawl:** Explore the timeless streets of St. Augustine and hear tales of the city's rich history while touring with your beloved pets. This free, one-hour guided walking tour covers several square blocks of the downtown plaza area. All pets must be leashed and all city pet ordinances followed. This is a great way to share quality time with man's best friend and explore the nation's oldest city. Tour departs at 10 a.m. from Tour Saint Augustine. Reservations required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 [www.staugcitywalks.com](http://www.staugcitywalks.com)

**Second Saturday - Plant Sale:** Washington Oaks Gardens State Park hosts its monthly plant sale from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Regular park entrance fee of \$5 per vehicle, up to eight people; \$4 per vehicle for single occupancy or \$2 per person on bicycle applies. 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd., Palm Coast 386-446-6783 [www.floridastateparks.org/park/washington-oaks](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/washington-oaks)

**Second and Fourth Saturday - Family Seining at the GTM Research Reserve:** Join GTM Research Reserve docents from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to learn how to pull a seine net collecting species of fish, crabs and more. Learn about the animals and their roles in the habitat. Waders and boots will be provided. The program is included with regular admission to the reserve and takes place in the Environmental Education Center. 505 Guana River Rd., Ponte Vedra Beach 904-823-4500 [www.gtmnerr.org](http://www.gtmnerr.org)

**Third Tuesday - GTM Research Reserve Marineland Lecture:** This lecture series is held on the third Tuesday of the month from 10-11 a.m. at the GTM Research Reserve Marineland Field Office. The series is designed to inform the public about their coastal natural world. The lectures are free. Tickets must be purchased online. Please bring ticket to the Marineland gift shop on the day of the scheduled presentation to gain entry. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. at the gift shop to be escorted to the classroom. 9741 N. Oceanshore Blvd., Marineland 904-823-4500 [www.gtmnerr.org](http://www.gtmnerr.org)

**Third Friday - VIP Gallery Art Stroll & Tasting Tour:** Enjoy St. Augustine's art and history with a professional tour guide on this intimate, entertaining VIP walking tour through the ancient streets of St Augustine's historic district. During this 2.5-hour

experience, you will learn how St. Augustine's art, architecture and culture create one of the most unique old world cities in the United States today. You'll also enjoy culinary tasting stops for wine and light tapas that will be relevant to St Augustine's art scene. The tour departs at 4:30 p.m. from Tour Saint Augustine. Tickets are \$25 per person. Advance reservations required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 [www.vipartwalk.com](http://www.vipartwalk.com)

**Third Saturday - Photography Challenge Event:** Photographers, from beginners to professionals, compete to take the best photo at three designated locations within Washington Oaks Gardens State Park. Maps to the featured locations can be obtained from the Ranger Station or from volunteers in the main parking lot. Each month, park volunteers will select the winning photo, which will then be displayed at the Visitors Information Center kiosk and the park's gift shop. There is no cost to compete. Park admission is \$5 per vehicle; \$2 per pedestrian/bicyclist. The park is open from 8 a.m.-sunset. 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd., Palm Coast 609-247-8146 [www.floridastateparks.org/park/washington-oaks](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/washington-oaks)

**Third Saturday - Guided Beach Exploration Guana South Beach:** Join GTM Research Reserve docents from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for a beach walk at the Guana South beach location on A1A, South Ponte Vedra Beach. Learn about the animals that call the beach home as well as seashells and other interesting facts. This is a Beaches 101 experience that the entire family will enjoy. There is a \$3/per vehicle parking fee. 1798 Ponte Vedra Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach 904-823-4500 [www.gtmnerr.org](http://www.gtmnerr.org)

**Third Saturday - Tolomato Cemetery Guided Tour:** Tour the oldest extant planned cemetery in Florida with burials from the First Spanish Period, 1565-1763. Admission is free; donations are encouraged. Tours are from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 14 Cordova St., St. Augustine 904-257-3273 [www.tolomato-cemetery.com](http://www.tolomato-cemetery.com)

**Third Saturday - Free Black Heritage & Civil Rights Walking Tour:** Join St. Augustine Black Heritage Tours for a walking tour of historical sites in St. Augustine where more than 400 years of African American History lives. Visit locations that were significant to the Civil Rights Movement of St. Augustine, hear stories and see history come alive as you follow in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King and Andrew Young. Visit Lincolnville, established by freedmen following the American Civil War, which is now on the National Register of Historic Places. This 1.5-hour tour departs from Tour Saint Augustine at 4 p.m. Advance reservations required; individual bookings only. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 [www.staugustineblackheritagetours.com](http://www.staugustineblackheritagetours.com)

**Third Saturday - Nocatee Farmer's Market:** Nocatee Farmer's Market takes place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every third Saturday. This free, family-friendly event has more than 80 local vendors selling everything from produce, crafts, jewelry, herbs, unique foods and more. Free face painting is available for the little ones, along with a bounce house. 245 Little River Rd., Ponte Vedra 904-924-6863 [www.nocatee.com](http://www.nocatee.com)

**Fourth Saturday - Free Historic Walking Tour:** History comes alive on this tour through the narrow brick streets of our nation's oldest city. A professional guide will relate more than 400 years of St. Augustine's past during this 1.5-hour history lesson with tales from the Colonial Exploration Period, the opulent Henry Flagler Development Period, and the modern Civil Rights Movement. Departs from Tour Saint Augustine at



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**Fourth Sunday - Pet-Friendly Food Tours:** This special pet-friendly tour is also a fundraiser for the local Humane Society. To help support this wonderful cause, City Walks Food and Wine Tasting Tours will donate \$20 directly to the Humane Society for every furry friend that joins the St. Augustine Pet-Friendly Food Tour. Spend the afternoon sampling wonderful food and wine while visiting select eateries that welcome your pet. This 2.5-hour walking tour departs at 2 p.m. from Tour Saint Augustine. Tickets are \$59 per human and, of course, free for their furry companions. Advance reservations required. 4 Granada St., St. Augustine 904-825-0087 www.staugcitywalks.com

**Last Saturday - Uptown Saturday:** Uptown Saturday is the perfect event for fashionistas, art lovers and antique shoppers from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month. Uptown Saturday takes place year-round and combines a festive party atmosphere with hospitality and special deals in the unique shops on St. Augustine's San Marco Avenue, concentrated between Ripley's Museum and the Mission Nombre de Dios. Many participating shops also serve refreshments. The Mission Nombre de Dios provides free parking most months. 904-829-6831 www.facebook.com/uptownstaugustine

**Last Sunday - Music in the Box:** On the last Sunday of the month, enjoy live acoustic music by some of the area's best up-and-coming bands and musicians from 6-9 p.m. on stage at the Limelight Theatre. Admission is \$5. Refreshments available for purchase. 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine 904-825-1164 www.limelight-theatre.org

**Editor's Note**

Please call to confirm events before driving long distances as some dates and times could vary. An updated calendar is available every 2-4 months. In addition, an updated calendar of events is available at the VCB's website, www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com or www.NightsofLights.com, or by calling 800-653-2489 or 904-829-1711.

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  - Wednesday, January 18th-Fleming Island Main Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Fleming Island 1:30pm
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**Ann McGlade**  
**January Featured Artist**

The Art Studio of St. Augustine Beach is proud to feature Ann McGlade as our showcased artist for the month of January. Ann McGlade, a native of New York, currently resides in St. Augustine, Florida and Eugene, Oregon. She travels frequently in pursuit of her passion for art. Her work is featured in numerous private collections and has been exhibited in major cities throughout the country. McGlade's painterly style has been recognized with regional awards in Oregon, New York, and Florida as well as national awards including an award from Artist's Magazine as a finalist winner in the portrait category. McGlade's oil paintings have been featured at the American Artists Professional League Grand National Exhibitions, Pen and Brush Society National Exhibit, Catherine Lorillard Wolf Art Club's annual Exhibitions in New York City, and the International Museum of Contemporary Masters of Fine Art in San Antonio, Texas. McGlade is a member of the Oil Painters of America.



A reception at The Art Studio of St. Augustine Beach is planned during the First Friday Art Walk, January 6th, from 5:00pm-8:30pm. Please plan to visit The Art Studio to meet Ann and view her work!

The Art Studio is available to rent for

classes or as meeting space. Membership is offered at just \$20.00/year although it is not necessary to become a member to participate in any of the variety of classes offered. Our regular studio hours are Monday-Friday from 12:00pm-4:00 pm. Please see our calendar at www.beachartsstudio.com for a list of classes, events, and special hours. For more information, contact Judy Shaulis at 904-671-5843. The Art Studio is located in the Cultural Arts Center Building at

St. Johns County Pier Park 370 A1A Beach Blvd. St. Augustine Beach, Florida ~A statement from the artist, Ann McGlade~

How I see: As I look around my living quarters, I see my life hanging on the walls. They are my paintings- paintings of people- people who live on this earth. People at the moment posing for me, but they do not know it. Each person's movement is unique. Never quite like anyone else. Each movement has a beauty all its own. I've changed backgrounds to make my paintings different, but the people keep their beautiful movement and shapes. Stop and look at all the wonderful pictures and movements you can get. Look at people! There's nothing quite like them. This is what feeds my brain. Don't pose for me, your movements tell it all.

**St. Augustine Beach**  
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by Bill Jones, President  
www.thecivicassociation.com  
**2017 is a Big Year**  
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The new year is bringing lots of changes to our community. I feel certain that our activities will be impacted as our community grows and welcomes more visitors. And let's not forget about the hundreds of new residents that will come with the new construction happening here on the island. We are excited about the prospects that come with this growth and we hope to be a part informing the public as we deal with some challenges that come with this growth!

In the new year the Civic Association will be celebrating it's 15th season of Music by the Sea. Our free concert series comes from small and humble beginnings and has evolved into one of our county's biggest tourist attractions. We're working hard on the 2017 schedule which will include some of our long time favorite bands and a couple of surprises to help make this season stand out as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

In January we'll kick off our 2017 membership drive. Individual Memberships are \$12 per year while Family and Corporate Memberships are \$25. Membership supports our many activities including The Wednesday Market, Music by the Sea and Taste of the Beach. Members also will enjoy free shuttle service to our concerts and the Taste. Our membership program also includes a merchant discount program. There is no charge for merchants to participate. Merchants simply offer a discount to our over 500 members. Part of this effort will be updating the Participating Merchant List. We'll be contacting local merchants to either enroll them or confirm their

participation in the program. You may join or renew at The Wednesday Market at the Pier Park or online on our website at <http://www.sabca.org/>

Finally our January membership meeting will take place on Tuesday January 10th and our guest speaker will be Police Chief Robert Hardwick. The Chief will be introducing the newest member of his staff K9 Officer Kilo and his partner / handler Officer Bruce Cline. For more information please visit our website at [www.sabca.org](http://www.sabca.org)

  
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Every 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer; one in five won't survive, and those who do often suffer long-term effects from treatments too harsh for their developing bodies. Kids are special, and at St. Baldrick's we treat them that way. From its beginnings, St. Baldrick's has believed that kids deserve the chance to be kids – fun-loving, carefree, refreshingly honest, and always a little goofy – and deserve the chance at a future. That's why donations raised at events like this have made it possible for St. Baldrick's to fund more than \$200 million to support the development of childhood cancer treatments that are as unique as every kid.

The Brave the Shave at Meehan's Irish Pub will include local musicians, civic leaders, hospitality industry volunteers who are all coming together to raise funds for this most worthy cause. Please visit [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org) to learn more about the St. Baldrick's Foundation. You can also register to be a Shavee, Volunteer, donate or join an existing team. Are you brave enough?

About St. Baldrick's Foundation: As the largest private funder of childhood cancer research grants, the St. Baldrick's Foundation believes that kids are special and deserve to be treated that way. St. Baldrick's funds are granted to some of the most brilliant childhood cancer research experts in the world and to innovative explorers who bring with them the promise of a future free from childhood cancers. Kids need treatments as unique as they are – and that starts with funding research just for them. Join us at [StBaldricks.org](http://StBaldricks.org) to help support the best cancer treatments for kids.

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## Financial Focus

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### Estate Planning Tips for Blended Families

Most of us need to do some type of estate planning, but it's especially important if you are part of a "blended" family. And the best time to start is now – before these plans need to be implemented.

Estate planning can be complex, so you will need help from a qualified legal professional. But here are a few general suggestions that can be suitable for blended families:

- Update beneficiary designations – and think about multiple beneficiaries. Update the beneficiary designations on your retirement accounts and insurance policies to reflect the reality of your blended family. These designations can supersede the instructions you provided in your will. So if your will states that your current spouse should inherit your assets, but you had named your former spouse, or a child, as the primary beneficiary of an IRA, then your former spouse or your child – not your present-day spouse – will indeed receive the IRA.

To ensure that "everyone gets something," you could name your current spouse as primary beneficiary and your children from a previous marriage as equal contingent beneficiaries. But the primary beneficiary will receive all the assets and is free to do whatever he or she wants with the money. To enact your wishes, you can name multiple primary beneficiaries and designate the percentage of the asset each beneficiary will receive.

- Create a living trust – and consider a professional trustee. A living trust can help you avoid the time-consuming and costly process of probate, while giving you great freedom to determine how, and when, you want your assets distributed. After you pass away, the trust, if structured properly, can provide your surviving spouse with income for life; then, after your spouse dies, your children from an earlier marriage would receive the remainder of the trust.

So far, so good. However, issues can arise if you name your surviving spouse or one of your children as the "successor trustee" who will take charge of the trust upon your passing. Your spouse, acting as successor trustee, could choose to invest only in bonds for income, but if he or she lives another 20 or so years, the value of the investments within the trust will probably have diminished considerably – leaving your children with very little. Conversely, if you name one of your children as trustee, the child could invest strictly in growth-oriented investments, leaving your surviving spouse with greatly reduced income. To be fair to everyone, you may want to engage a professional third-party trustee. This individual, or company, is not a beneficiary of the trust, is not entitled to share in the assets of the trust, and, ideally, should have no "rooting interest" in how proceeds of the trust are distributed.

- Consider a prenuptial agreement. When it's time to settle an estate, a prenuptial agreement can help avoid disputes among members of a blended family. If you and your new spouse have agreed to keep your assets separate so that each of you can pass an inheritance to your own children, you need to spell out that separation in your "prenup," your will, your living trust and any other relevant estate-planning arrangements.

Above all else, share your estate-planning intentions with members of your blended family. You may not be able to satisfy everyone, but through open communications, you can help prevent bad feelings – and unpleasant surprises.

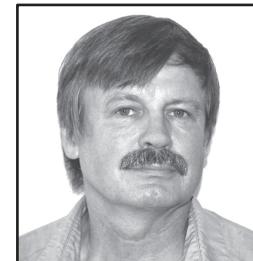
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## Computer Corner

By Gary Herrick, Computer Professor

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### New Year Computer Resolutions

Happy New Year from Computer Professor! New Year computer resolutions suggestions:

1. Back up "your" data, that means all your pictures, music, documents. Anything you have saved on your computer. What stops most people from doing this; first they may not know where their "stuff" is on the computer. Your computer is like a paper driven office, you control where things go. Second, back-up means put a copy of all your files on something other than your computer. Put the data on a USB drive, online storage or external hard drive; here again most people say "how do I do that". I am not a fan of programs that say they will "do it all for you". I have seen to many people think they have a backup but are never sure and don't know how to access it. Backing up can be learned, I have spent my life teaching people of all ages, it just takes time, desire and understanding.

2. No more getting fooled by fake phone calls claiming to be from "Microsoft" or that message on your computer saying

you are seconds away from vaporizing your computer unless you call this number. It's a good thing we didn't have credit cards when they were selling the Brooklyn Bridge.

3. Social media (Facebook etc), most Internet news and maybe even previously trusted news stations all deal with "rumors" and "opinions", check your facts before you go flying off embarrassing yourself or hurting someone from something someone made-up.

4. Just like the older automobiles, computers need to be tuned-up once in a while. They are cleaned of dust in the cooling vents, "stuff" that has falling in the keyboard, as well as your hard drive and registry issues. Hard drive will develop problems and eventually die, say goodbye to all your data – see number 1 above. Computer viruses or malware may also have left remanence lying around on your computer. This you could learn to do or take it to a trusted, qualified technician.

Take control of your computer and have a safe fun time.

### Quit Smoking class at Flagler Hospital

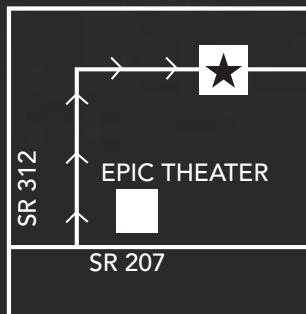
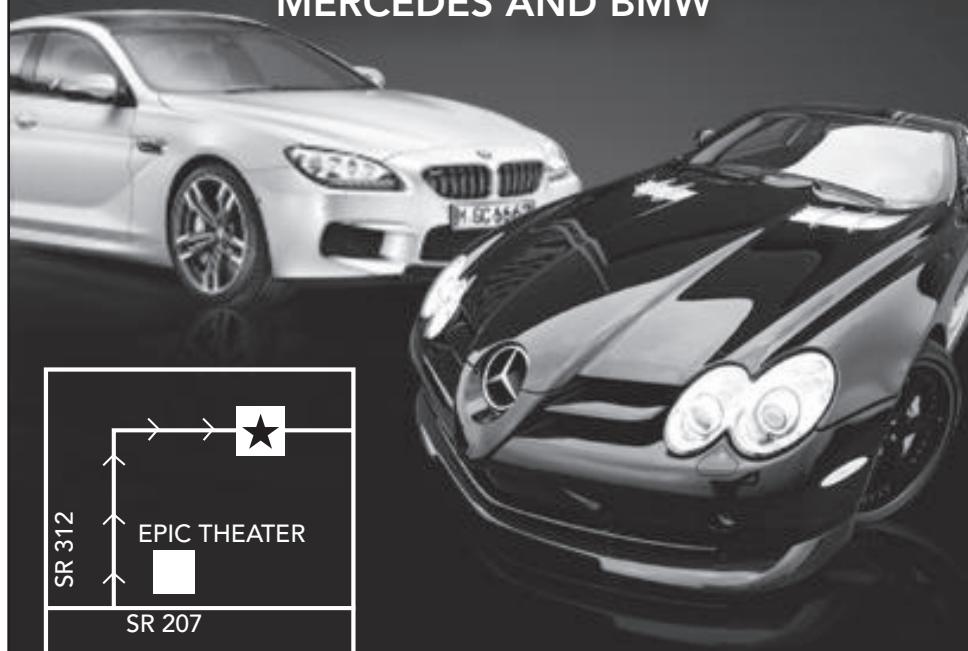
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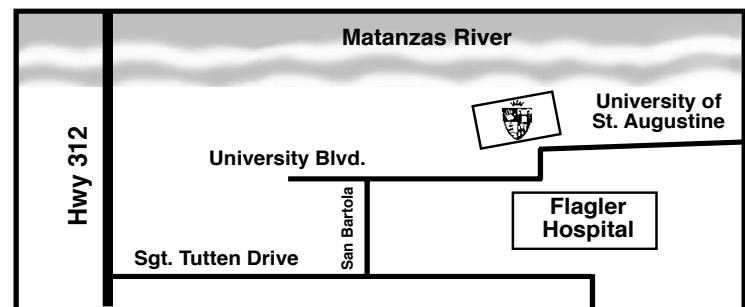
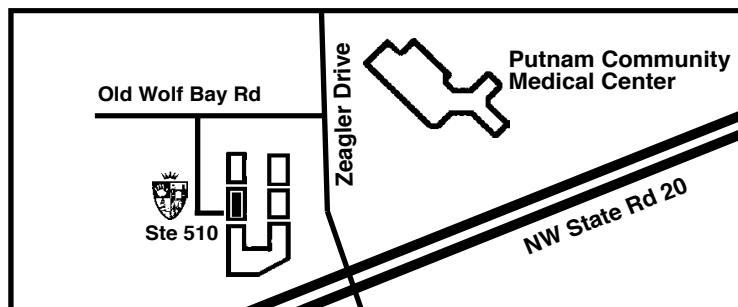
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Other Areas of training are Greeter, Tax Preparer, Site Coordinator and Quality Reviewer. Detailed information about each position can be found under "Income" on RealSense web site: <http://www.unitedwaynefl.org/volunteer/>

New volunteers interested in preparing taxes must attend the full 3-day (24 hours total) series, to ensure you get the information needed to become certified.

Returning volunteers are not required to attend the 3-day training class, but are required to attend a Link & Learn Orientation class.

Volunteers interested in becoming a Tax Site Greeter must attend a greeter training class about 2.5 hours.

Two tax site locations are Wells Fargo on US 1 and Hwy 312 and at St Johns River State College that will be open Saturdays from 9-1, with a third option possibly available Tuesdays and Thursdays location TBA.

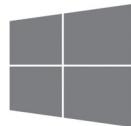
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## Nerve Compression

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Stenosis is defined as "a narrowing or constriction of the diameter of a bodily passage or orifice." Spinal Stenosis is defined as "narrowing of the lumbar spinal column that produces pressure on the nerve roots resulting in sciatica and a condition resembling intermittent claudication and that usually occurs in middle or old age." (<http://www.merriam-webster.com>)

Such 'narrowing' can occur anywhere in the spine but is most often found in the cervical or lumbar spine, and its causes are varied. As the discs start to degenerate (DDD) the space between the vertebrae closes down. As the joints in the spine (facet joints) deteriorate the spaces can narrow. Osteophytes (little bony stalactites or stalagmites) can encroach on the space. In these cases the vertebrae approximate and the spaces either on their side (lateral foramen) place pressure on the nerve root or the space down the middle of the spine (spinal canal) narrows, placing pressure on the spinal cord.

Many people have wear and tear but not all have pain. Contributing factors might be trauma such as falls, motor vehicle accidents or a history of high impact sports. Other factors may include lack of spinal stability, weak abdominals, poor posture, muscle imbalances and carrying additional weight.

During an examination, physical therapists ask questions about function and pain. "Do you have pain with prolonged standing or walking that is relieved with sitting or bending?" I recently examined a woman who did not complain of pain in the neck but instead in the shoulder and arm. He pain worsened with rotation and looking up - both movements that cause further compression. She also has difficulty finding a comfortable position sleeping and has to get her pillow "just right".

Treatment for stenosis begins with identifying the level of compression, decompressing and treating the surrounding muscles. She was surprised how quickly this worked. After seven

weeks of pain she experienced a significant reduction during treatment and after. Her treatment consisted of heat, massage, traction and stretching. The heat allowed her to relax. The massage brought blood flow to the tight/sore muscles. The traction opened up the vertebral spaces, taking the pressure off the nerves. And the stretches allowed her to maintain the results post treatment.

She was treated for cervical stenosis but lumbar stenosis is treated much the same way: heat, massage, traction and stretches such as drawing one's knees to the chest to open the spine spaces up. Exercises are prescribed to provide the stabilization that was lacking. Simple modifications in daily activities may also need to be examined and modified including shoe wear for the lumbar spine and pillows for the cervical.

Stenosis can be mild or serious. The sooner it is addressed the better so contact your healthcare professional today.

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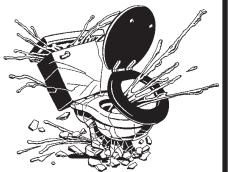
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