St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival March 22-24



The 38th St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival is bringing boatloads of seafood, live entertainment and nearly 100 artisans to the Ancient City for three days of food, shopping, and fun March 22 - 24, 2019.

The festival will serve up traditional festival fare plus fish and shrimp, lobster rolls, conch salad, grilled octopus, crab cakes, chowder, Cajun specialties and much more. This a charity fund-raiser for the St Augustine Lions Foundation. Admission to the festival is \$5 for adults and free for active duty military and age 15 and under.

The festival takes place on Francis Field located at 25 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine. The hours are Friday 3-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 pm. Info online at www.lionsfestival.com and www.facebook.com/staugustinelionsfestival.

At Annual Change of Watch Flotilla 14-7 Recognizes a Successful 2018



Staff Officers for 2019. L to R B. Baumann FSO-SR, G. Murphy AFSO-PA, B. Bond FSO-CM, W. Hall FSO-FN, C Gautille FSO-MA & VFC, A. DeQueralta FASO-HR, C. McClelland FSO-NS, L. Rattrie FSO-MS, N. Rattric FSO-IS, G. Young FSO-HR

Flotilla members gathered Thursday at Allegro Senior Living in Harbor Island for their annual Change of Watch to both recognize the achievements of the members for 2018 and celebrate their newly named slate of Officers for the year to come. The business meeting celebrated the achievement of the members in 2018 who had collectively contributed 7,480 hours to local support activities representing Team Coast Guard, stated re-elected 2019 Flotilla Commander, William Candeletti. "Our members volunteered their time (see page 11)

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St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association February 9th Dance at Riverview Club

The St. Augustine Ballroom Dance Association will host its next dance on Saturday, February 9th from 7 to 10pm at the Riverview Club, 790 Christina Drive, in St. Augustine Shores.



Mark and Anita Sanford

A 45 minute dance lesson will be offered before the dance. It starts at 6:15pm and will be taught by dance instructor Tom Sanders from Daytona Beach. After the lesson, dance the night away to the beautiful dance music of Roy Olsson's Nostalgia band and enjoy hors d'oeuvres. desserts coffee, and served throughout the evening.

Guests pay just \$20pp, which includes the dance lesson. Appropriate guest attire is a dark business suit with tie for the men and a cocktail dress or gown

for the women. For a reservation, call Dennis or Mary Larimore at 904-825-4902. For more information and pictures, visit facebook.com/sabdastaug.

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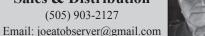
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p.m. at the Riverview Club.

• Fairview Condominium Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 4 p.m. at the Fairview Condo club house.

• Casa Bella Condominium Board 2018



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St. Augustine Shores Community Calendar

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

Shores Monthly Meetings

- Shores Service Corporation monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. 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

- Greens Condominium Board meetings will vary. Contact Penny Chamberlain at Sovereign-Jacobs at 904-461-5556.
- 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. For Information Contact Penny Chamberlain at 904-461-5556

St. Augustine South Community Calendar

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

SASIA Board Members

President - Julie Bruijn 1st VP - Alan Chappell 2nd VP - Dave Whitaker Secretary - Ruth Hope
Treasurer - Margo Geer
Board Member - Ryan Flagler
Board Member - Suzanne Godbout
Board Member - Robert Kennedy
Board Member - Daniel Kennedy Board Member - Frances Lundberg Board Member - Joe Satterelli

SASIA Meeting 3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM

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

Monthly Meetings at Clubhouse

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

Vietnam Vets Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the month Vietnam Vets meet at 7pm.

Bingo - Every Thursday at 1pm except Holidays,light lunch, from 11:30 to 12:30. Open to the Public.

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

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The Observer offers free community classified ads to Shores and South residents. Classifed ads will not be printed without a name, address and phone number included with the request. Free ads Are Not to Promote a Business or Personal Service.

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St. Augustine Shores Club News February 2019 Riverview Club Calendar

FEBRUARY DANCES: RSVP call 904-794-2000 or at www.staugshores.org/

dance-rsvp. Dance Club Members: FREE, Guests:

St. Augustine

EARLY SOCIAL: Friday, February 1st 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Entertainment by ZigZag Duo (New Band) *BYOB*Hosted by Dave & Catty

MAIN SOCIAL: Saturday, February 16th 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Entertainment by **Southern Style** *BYOB* Hosted by: Bob & Judith Zorn

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 -11:30 am. Chicago Bridge: Must have a partner to play, Monday and Thursday at 12:30 pm.

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

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

Chair Yoga: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10:45 am. A gentler form of yoga for those whom balance is an issue. Wednesday class offers a 30-minute floor stretches after

Yoga: With Nancy - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 am. Bring a nonskid mat & wear comfortable clothing. The class is geared to all levels. With Erin on Thursday at 5:30 pm (New).

Exercise Class: Class led by Marcia Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am. NOTE: February 19 - March 12 classes will be at 10:45 am, led by Margina.

Tai-Chi: Beginner classes Tuesday at 9:00 am. Thursday evening class will resume on Feb 7th at 6:30 pm.

Dance Class: Social dance class with Dennis, Thursday at 2:00 pm. Dance Class is FREE for Activities & Dance Club Members.

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

Zumba: Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. Low-impact Zumba with Mary Beth. Come sweat, lose weight, meet people, and have a blast!

Writers in the Shores: Tuesday February 12th and 26th at 1:00 pm in the Library. The topic for Feb 26th's meeting is the Shores"Suddenly my mind went blank " For information call Donna at 794-0789.

Upcoming Events at the Riverview Club

Ancient City Artists Art Show: Sunday, March 10th (1pm to 4pm), Wine & Cheese Reception, Paintings, Photography & Jewelry by local Artists from St. Augustine, Palm Coast and Jacksonville.

March Mah-Jongg Madness: Monday, March 25th (10 am – 4 pm)

Early Social: Friday, March 1st (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment JAX English Latin **Band (New Band)**

Main Social: Saturday, March 16th (7pm to 10pm) – Entertainment by Tim Rippey

Riverview Club Events

FREE Introductory Fitness Pole Walking Clinic with Sheila Vidamour:

- Wednesday, January 9th at 12:30 pm Meet at the Riverview Club.
- Pre-registration is required. To register call 904-540-1067, or email Sheila: walkyourpath406@aol.com.
- Pole Walking is a fun and easy way to get a very effective and efficient total body aerobic workout!
 - Please wear comfortable walking shoes and demo Walking Poles will be provided.

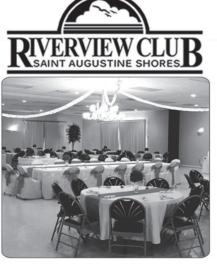
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St. Augustine Shores Service Corporation December 6th Board Meeting Summary

"This Summary is an overview by the Observer Editor and is not the complete meeting minutes. Minutes are to be approved and posted at the Riverview Club and Association Website."

Shores Augustine Corporation's Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Vice President Thomas Filloramo at 7:00 P.M. Present: Director Leonard DiTomaso, Director Michael Amato, Treasurer Claire Lorbeer, Director Phil Van Tiem, Secretary Nicolas Arocha. Absent: President Austin Dietly. Quorum Established. The Invocation was given by General Manager Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made, seconded and approval system project for the tennis courts is of the Minutes of October 11, 2018 and progress. Working with FP&L for power. November 8, 2018.

Treasurers Report - Read by Treasurer Lorbeer accepted for audit. General Manager Smith explained the decrease in the operating fund and the increase in the reserve fund.

Managers' Report

Progress on Board Goals - Discussion on Agreement with St. Johns County by Jeremiah Mulligan. Jeremiah summarized the relationship between the Shores and St. Johns County as it relates to the right of ways and the different responsibilities between the Shores and St Johns County. There was suggestion by the Board to create a Committee and to create specific plans on how to move forward. He explained his concerns about restructuring the agreement. He suggested the Board do a cost benefit analysis about formalizing an agreement. We may have to survey the roads and convey them over to the County. Secretary Arocha, Chair of the PUD Committee, has concerns about the inconsistencies of the various zoning maps. He is very concerned about the drainage issues caused by the construction of the new developments adjacent to the Shores Community. He feels we need to investigate the land dedicated as a school site to see who shoulders the responsibilities associated with the development of a school. He would like to obtain a complete copy of the Master Development Plan including all attachments that are relevant to our PUD. Jeremiah suggests that if this is the will of the Board, we set up a meeting to assess the documents that we have and develop a checklist of the documents we would like to request. It was decided that the PUD Committee meet with Jeremiah after the holidays to get a sense of what else we need. Jeremiah stated that there waiting on an impasse from the mediator on Meeting Adjourned.

Service the Sevilla fence issue.

Curb Appeal - Winter projects still in progress. Edging is complete. Rye grass seed installation complete. Installation of 4 cubic yards of stone at the tennis court driveway complete. Pine straw delivery set for Tuesday December 11. The new door at the main entrance fountain access scheduled to be repaired

Safety and Security - The key access system project for the tennis courts is in

Operations

The gazebo has been donated by Baker Company and it is installed for the benefit of our venue. A landscape buffer will be installed.

Committee Reports

ACC Committee – General Manager Smith: The ACC held one meeting in the month of November. They approved: 1 fence, 1 pergola, 2 swimming pools, 2 swimming pool enclosures. A total of 6 approved. Total YTD 44. Director Amato inquired about the member of the ACC that supposedly had a chicken coup and wanted to make sure this person corrected the issue before being assigned to the committee. He also asked who was responsible to inform Laura Amato of her assignment and projects on the ACC committee she was elected to at the November meeting. Co - Chairs Richard Nowell and Gina Ross

Deed Violation Report - General Manager Smith presented the report and brought the office files for the past two months as requested by Secretary Arocha.

Directors Comments

Secretary Arocha wished all those in attendance a Merry Christmas. Director Amato wished all a Happy New Year. Treasurer Director Lorbeer commented on the vehicles parking on the sidewalks. Director Van Tiem thanked all those attending. Director DiTomaso wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Members Comments

There was inquiry about vehicles for sale on the common property. Darlene Van Tiem commented on parks at the South section of the community. Carol McCutchen inquired about the fountain wall door. Laura Amato is movement on the Pool Deck Litigation and commented on the cars being parked on the that a motion to dismiss has been filed and common property. Darlene Van Tiem inquired this is set to be heard in January. Jeremiah is about the donations from Baker Company.

Shore's Service Corporation Board Director Opportunity

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St. Augustine Travel Club Meeting

by Peter Dytrych

The St. Augustine Travel Club will hold its next gathering on Wednesday, February 13 at 3:00pm at the Southeast Branch Public Library, on U.S. 1 near SR 206. We look forward to seeing you as we will cover TAIWAN AND MATSU ISLANDS. Exploring Taiwan's natural beauty, Matsu Festival and Islands. No reservations are required. Any questions, please call Peter Dytrych at 904 797-3736.

St. Augustine Travel Club Cruise

The St. Augustine Travel Club will again be sailing the seas on Saturday, April 6–13, 2019 on the beautiful Carnival Breeze out of Port Canaveral to the Western Caribbean ports of Cozumel, Belize, Mahogany Bay and Costa Maya for a 7-day cruise. Prices start from \$672.65 per person, double occupancy, for inside cabin, inclusive of all port fees and taxes. Balconies and oceanviews are also available at additional cost. Book now with a \$250 p.p. deposit and receive \$50 per stateroom On Board Credit. Call Peter, St. Augustine Travel Club at (904) 797-3736.

Writers In The Shores

By Donna Johnson

The February meetings for Writers in the Shores will be on Tuesday the 12th and again on the 26th. The chosen subject is to be "Suddenly my mind went blank " and, is suggested for this month's topic to write about on the 26th 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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Shores United Methodist High Tea & Crafts

The Sunset Circle at Shores United Methodist Church is hosting its annual "High Tea & Crafts" on Saturday, February 16, 2019 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This very popular, free event will allow participants to sample a variety of traditional tea sandwiches, desserts, coffee and tea AND to learn a new craft or two. Areas will be set aside for crafting different items that could be used as gifts. The event is free, and reservations are appreciated but not necessary. Call the church at 797-4416 to save your seat!

Shores United Methodist Church is located at 724 Shores Blvd, between the Shores Golf Course and Hartley Elementary. Rev. Carolyn Westlake is the pastor. www.shoresumc.org

Friends of the Southeast Branch Library March 8th & 9th Book Sale

The sale will begin Friday, March 8, 10am to 5 pm. Fiction, nonfiction, hardbacks, trade soft backs, DVDs and CDs will be priced at \$1.00, with rare exceptions. Paperbacks will be \$.50. The sale will continue on Saturday, March 9, 10am to 1pm, and will feature a \$5 bag sale. Bags will be provided. As always, the proceeds will support some of the wonderful children and adult activities at the Southeast Branch.

It is easy to support your library by purchasing books at the sale, or by joining The Friends. Friends of the Southeast Branch always welcomes new members. Membership forms will be available at \$15 single and \$25 family.

Calling all St Augustine South High School Seniors

2019 High School Graduation is rapidly approaching! The St. Augustine South Improvement Association is now accepting applications for the 2019 Neighborhood Scholarship Grant Program for the South Community. For eligibility requirements, guidelines, and an application, please email: staugsouthimpassoc@gmail.com. Applications and required documents must be received no later than Monday April 1st, 2019.

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- Tax Collector's Julington Creek Office 725 Flora Branch Blvd., St. Johns
- Tax Collector's Ponte Vedra Office 5430 Palm Valley Rd., Ponte Vedra Beach
- St. Johns County Beach Services Office 901 Pope Rd., St. Augustine
- St. Johns County Ocean and Fishing Pier Gift Shop 350 A1A Blvd., St. Augustine

Residents must present a valid I.D. with a St. Johns County address or present proof of property tax payments in St. Johns County to purchase a resident pass. When requesting a handicap pass, a handicap hangtag or proof of qualification must be presented. Disabled military are eligible for a free annual pass by presenting military I.D. or a letter from Veterans Affairs verifying disabled status. Vehicles accessing the beach do not need a beach pass until March 1, 2019. After March 1, 2019, beach passes will be available for purchase (at the same rate) at tollbooth locations only.

For more information about annual beach driving passes, please call the St. Johns County Beach Services Office at 904-209-0341. Visit the Reach the Beach Mobile App or http:// www.sjcfl.us/beaches for current beach access updates and beach driving conditions.

Temple Bet Yam's Deli Nite Returns!



Buddy" Murrah

It's Deli Nite! Temple Bet Yam's eagerly awaited and very popular DELI NITE is back for your deli-dining pleasure! Your choice of our famous overstuffed corned beef, pastrami, and/or turkey sandwiches are available along with the usual beverages, sides, and dessert. While dining, prepare to enjoy some really cool karaoke. Deli dinner begins at 6 p.m. at Temple Bet Yam, 2055 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine.

This popular venue fills up quickly so make your reservations early. No tickets will be sold at the door. The cost per person for this fundraiser is \$30. For information please contact Sue Kinkela by email abbeyrd45@comcast.net or by phone: 412-600-9553. RSVP by February 7, 2019.

Invitation to the Living With Cancer Support Group

Whether you're a patient, survivor or caregiver, this is your opportunity to talk about the day-to-day challenges of living with cancer in a group of people who can inspire, relate to and support you along your journey. Meetings are the Third Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am on the first floor of the main hospital building Suite 1010. Our next group will meet on February 20,2019. Please call 904-819-4693 (or 4742) for more information or to RSVP.

Wags and Whiskers Pet Rescue and Adoption

Address is 1967 Old Moultrie Road, Wags 'n Whiskers Parking Lot. The pet shelter is a volunteer organization sheltering and fostering pets (dogs and cats), and works with Petco as a venue for their adoption days. They are always looking for ways to raise funds as they neuter and provide all the pets with their necessary medical needs and tests before any pet is released to a new home. Also included is a chip for each pet. If you are ready to adopt a pet, please check their website for your next companion. Their website is www. wwpetrescue.org.

The next "Garage Sale" will be March 9th. If you are interested in selling, we ask for your \$10.00 donation. Bring your own table or tarp/blanket to display your merchandise. There may be some tables available to borrow as a nice lady offered to bring extra tables for those of you who don't have one - limited.) Please call Lana Bandy at 317-450-0505 to reserve a spot. Would love to have buyers as well....we need you! Thank you and hope to see you there.

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main hospital building Suite 1010.

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First Coast Card & Newcomers Club

First Coast Card Club Playing Dates
Tuesday, February 5th. Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine. 1P. Refreshments. Walk-Ins-Guests Welcome. Free.

Saturday, February 9th-Monthly Lunch/Cards. St. Augustine Restaurant. Lunch: 12:30PM. Cards: 1:30PM. Limited #. RSVP Yes To Club Host.

Tuesday, February 19th. Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine. 1P. Refreshments. Walk-Ins-Guests Welcome. Free.

Tuesday, February 26th. Coffee Shop. St. Augustine. 1PM. Limited #. RSVP Yes To Club Host. Free.

Meet more card players at our Community Libraries and at Our Club Events Every Month. Club Host Contact: 904-829-0643 for further Event Information.

First Coast Newcomers Club Of Northeast Florida Events

Monday, February Ilth. Dinner/Trivia. Mexican Restaurant.St. Augustine Beach.Dinner: 6P. Trivia: 7P. Limited #. RSVP Yes To Club Host.

Wednesday, February 13th. Valentine Holiday Lunch & Games Day. Lunch: 12:30P. St. Augustine Restaurant-US 1. Limited #. RSVP Yes To Club Host.

Thursday, February 21st. Scotland Talk Loch Ness Monster/Highland Games.6:30P. Clay Library. Guests Welcome. Free

Sunday, February 24th. Afternoon Hockey Game-Jacksonville. Time: 3PM. Cost: \$17. Car Park: \$10. Guests Welcome.

Meet your new friends in our community every month. Contact Our Club On How To Join And Verification of All Club Events. Club Host Contact: 904-829-0643.

Native Plant Program

Learn how to enhance your yard and attract wildlife with Florida native plants on February 13 at the GTM Research Reserve, 505 Guana River Rd, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL from 2-4pm. Habitat designer and founder of Native Plant Consulting, Renee Stambaugh, will share tips on how to give your yard character, preserve precious resources, and attract birds and butterflies. Following, from 3-4pm, experience hands-on learning and creativity in the pollinator garden. Feel free to bring gardening hand-tools. This program is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.nativeplantconsulting.com or call 904-671-2880.

St. Augustine Jazz Society Meetings

St. Augustine Jazz Society monthly Jazz Jam, Royal St. Augustine Golf Club, 301 Royal St. Augustine Pkwy., off SR 16 the last Sunday of each month, except December, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Open to the public. Admission is \$7.00/non-members. A non-profit, money goes for scholarships to St. John's County jazz band members in middle, high school, and college. Live music from local and famous musicians and vocalists, dancing, drinks for purchase. www.staugjazzsociety.org for more info on scholarships and jazz jams. Contact Jamie Lee, Vice President, 904-237-9268.



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Enhance Your Yard Attract Wildlife with Florida Native Plants

Would you like to learn how to attract birds, butterflies and pollinators to your yard? Don't miss this exciting, educational presentation by Renee Stambaugh, habitat designer and founder of Native Plant Consulting on Tuesday, February 26, from 2-3 pm at the Main Library, 1960 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd., St. Augustine.

Discover how Florida native plants give your yard character, reduce maintenance, and provide environmental benefits. In addition to backyard, beachfront, residential and commercial projects, Stambaugh is the landscape consultant for St. Johns County Parks and Recreation. This program is FREE and open to the public. For more information, visit www. nativeplantconsulting.com or call 904-671-2880.

Old City Scrabblers

Join us for a low-key, friendly game of Scrabble! All skill levels welcome. Tables and game equipment provided. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 pm. We are located at the St Augustine Record Building, One News Place (corner of Routes 312 and 207), St Augustine, 32086. There is no fees involved. If you have questions please call Maggie Borst at 904-599-3456.

Festival de San Agustin

Presented by Historic Florida Militia at Fountain of Youth, St. Augustine FL

February 15, 2019, marks the 500th Birthday of Pedro Menendez de Aviles, founder of Saint Augustine. To commemorate the event, The Historic Florida Militia will present a week long celebration, the "Festival de San Agustin". This celebration of our City's Spanish Heritage will start on Saturday February 9th and conclude on Saturday February 16. For information see - https://www.historiccoastculture.com/event/festival-de-san-agustin/

Junior ROWITA Fellowship Applications

The St. Johns Cultural Council is seeking applications for their Junior Recognizing Outstanding Women In The Arts (ROWITA) Fellowships. The fellowships are available to all graduating St. Johns County high school women (public, private or homeschooled) who are entering arts based programs of higher education to advance their creative development.

Deadline for applications is on the last day of February of each year. Applications must be emailed to hala@stjohnsculture.com, mailed, or delivered to the St. Johns Cultural Council Office located at 15 Old Mission Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084. For more information, contact the St. Johns Cultural Council at hala@stjohnsculture.com or call (904) 808-7330.

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Wildflower Meadow Group

During our January meeting we prepared the meadow for its annual mowing by marking a few places we don't want mowed. Most places in the meadow benefit from mowing but some of the plants would suffer or die. The latter are grouped together not only because they keep each other company, but it's easier to see them and protect them from the mower. Besides, Nature groups plants of the same kind together and we're trying to work in partnership with it.

In late November I found some Conradina (false rosemary) in bloom. They're the ones I transplanted early last spring so they could have their own space, but last summer I worried they were dying or were dead. Well, they finally accepted their new location and are thriving again. All they needed was a little time to adjust. Other flowers in bloom in December and early January were the honeysuckle vine, Spanish needle, spiderwort, salt and pepper bush, rattlebox, and salt marsh myrtle.

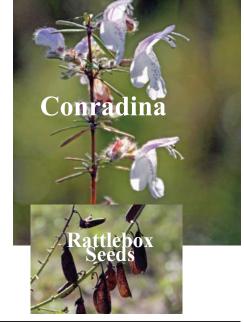
The flat-topped goldenrod that bloomed



profusely last fall had gone to seed by December, but in the right light and with a little imagination they look like flowers. Most everything in the meadow had gone to seed by January but the seed heads can be just as pretty as the flowers they used to be. You see? "Gone-byes" have beauty too.

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







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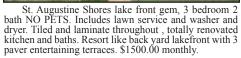


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"Diaries of a Shores Grand-Dad"

by Dirk Schroeder

If my timing is right, this edition of The Diaries will be coming out around Valentine's Day and I hope that everyone is in great spirits for a day of Love. The Christmas Holiday this year left me somewhat unenthused as the noise and hype surrounding the shopping and other hype tend to hijack the meaning of Christmas into something it was never intended to be – a retail marathon. Just think that there are people camping out for sales and others stampeding over one another to get that big screen TV. You talk about Humbug! And what would Jesus think? As a newborn, with the three wise men bearing gifts of frankincense (deity), gold (kingship) and myrrh (mortality), what exactly do the gifts that we give one another represent? Maybe your gift at Valentine's Day will truly represent love this year.

There is so more "hot noise" in the world today. The average American is exposed to 4,000 to 10,000 ads each day; that's not just noise but mostly visual blight. Yet today, the noise is louder and more devious than ever. The scams in our inboxes (14 Billion spam mailings daily) and the calls at our home, business and cell phones will be so rampant in 2019 that we'll have to be more vigilant than ever. One of your unspoken resolutions will be to avoid becoming a victim of a scam (80,000 fall victim to scams daily) or identity theft. Never mind the data breaches over which you have no control. I'm not just talking about the data mining (which you agreed to when you checked "accept" at the bottom of the End User License Agreement, aka EULA), data selling and re-distribution and those algorithm games at Facebook, Google, Twitter and Instagram. I'm talking about the personal information that continues to be hacked at outfits like Target, Home Depot, Amazon and Starwood Hotels and also at gas pumps everywhere. In 2019, be ever so mindful about what data you provide to anyone anywhere. Be resolved to take all available precautions that you within your control to make as little noise as possible. For example, when you are out of town and taking pictures; do yourself a favor and wait until you get back to post to Social Media if you are so inclined (or addicted). If you post while you're out of town you may come home to an empty house – you just told 4 billion people on Facebook that you're not at home. Resolve to be smarter than the people who are trying their hardest to rip you off and avoiding a real job.

Wow, that whole paragraph veered off Cupid's target. Getting back to Valentine's Day, what will



you do to represent your love? Valentine's falls on a Thursday this year so maybe you can take a day off from work and spend it with the ones that you love. Time with one another is a great gift. A break from cooking would be nice so maybe a nice lunch or dinner date would be good. A walk at the beach or downtown or an evening without TV, phones or computers might be a good way to end the day. When it comes to a gift maybe you can cut past all of the noise and hype. I will update you much more next issue on Grand-Dad updates so stay tuned. Until then, I wish you, as always, a Sunshine State of Mind.



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- The increase in the number of Single Family (SF) sales over 2017 was at 13%*.
- Anastasia Island had over 24% of reported SF sales* and average price of \$390,000*.
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- The most popular price range was between \$200-300,000 with 1145 SF Units sold*.
- The second most popular price range was \$100-200,000 with 830 SF Units sold*.
- The third most popular price range was \$300-400,000 with 683 SF Units sold*.
 - The average Single Family sales price in St. Augustine

South was \$229,000*.

- The average Single Family sales price in St. Augustine Shores was \$253,000*.
- The average Single Family sales price for the Greater Wildwood area was \$272,000*.
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Florida Legislature Reduces Sales Tax on Commercial Leases in 2019

by Andrew Jackson J.D., LL.M. **Jackson Law Group** 904-823-3333

Tax on Commercial Leases Beginning

Florida imposes sales tax on rental payments for the lease of commercial real estate. The 6% state- level tax was reduced to 5.8% for 2018. The Florida legislature passed another law to further reduce the state-level rate to 5.7% for occupancy periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

There is no reduction in the local option surtax that many Florida counties impose in addition to the 5.7% rate. The local option surtax varies between 0.5% to 1% for those counties that impose

it. In St. Johns County for example, the surtax is an additional 0.5%.

Commercial property owners and management companies should be aware of this reduction for

lease payments related to periods starting next year in 2019. It is recommended to adjust invoices for rental periods commencing on or after January 1, 2019 to account for the 0.1% reduction in the state tax rate.

It is also important to remember

Florida Legislature Reduces Sales that a lease of residential property is subject to the sales tax on transient rentals unless the rental is under a bona fide written lease for a period of longer than six months. The rate of this tax on transient rentals will remain at 6% (plus local option surtax).

Furthermore, a lease of residential real property that is taxable as a transient rental (because it does not satisfy the six-month bona fide written lease requirement) is also subject to local tourist-

development taxes. The rate on these local tourist-development taxes varies from 5% to 7% for most major counties. There is no reduction in the tax rates of these local touristdevelopment taxes.

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Shores United Methodist Church High Tea and Crafts

The Sunset Circle at Shores United Methodist Church will once again hold a "High Tea & Crafts" on Saturday, February 16, 2018, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This very popular, free

event will allow participants to sample a variety of traditional tea sandwiches, desserts, coffee and tea AND to learn a new craft or two. Areas will be set aside for crafting different items that could be used as gifts. The event is free and reservations are appreciated but not necessary. Call the church at 797-4416 to save your seat!

Shores United Methodist Church is located at 724 Shores Blvd, between the Shores Golf Course and

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At Annual Change of Watch Flotilla 14-7 Recognizes a Successful 2018

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and unique talents in 2018 to support recreational boating safety interests at local marinas all over the area. We visited 495 partners - WestMarine, various marinas and other local venues where we were invited to exhibit, meeting one-on-one with visitors at those locations."

"While meeting with the public at other venues, we spent 144 hours at public events -local shows and exhibitions- giving out our safety brochures, information about our organization. We provided information to the local community, to young and old, about water safety and how to best be safe on the water in all their recreational activity. We proudly performed 159 Vessel Safety Checks through the year, including those to our own vessels. Our crew members were on the on the water 328 hours working with recreational boaters." Candeletti concluded, "We hope to improve our participation in 2019."

Among the honored guests recognized at the function on 6 DEC 2018 was the Commander of the USCG Station Mayport, CWO Jason Fealy, who addressed the gathering.

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 information about Flotilla 14-7 see, www.mysafeboating.com. For more information about the US Coast Guard, please visit www.cgaux.org.



Outgoing Staff Officers, 2018. L-R: V. Aquino, W. Candeletti, B. Baumann, B. Bond, W. Hall, C Gautille.



Presentation of Auxiliary Performance Awards to Libby Rattrie, Steve Parsons for Operations, 2018. L-R- Candeletti, Rattrie, Parsons.



L-R- Carmen Gautille, VFC and Bill Candeletti, FC -2019 Elected Officers sworn in by DCDR David Patrick



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Computer Corner

by Steven Aldrich 904-479-5661

Is it Time to Consider Windows 10?



If you are one of the many folks still running Windows 7, you are now in the minority. Early last month it was announced that Windows 10 installs now exceed the number of Windows 7 installs still active.

Many of my clients are still running Windows 7. Normally this is because they have heard horror stories about switching to Windows 10. Windows 10 has had its share of issues. Early Windows 10 upgrades from Windows 7 did have a higher than expected failure rate. Windows 10 also automatically upgrades itself and in many cases has caused issues of varying severity.

Microsoft says that support for Windows 7 (specifically Security Updates) will end January 14th 2020. This means that we have less than a year to decide what to do about our Windows 7 machines.

You can continue to run Windows 7 for a long time after end of support. Many folks still have XP machines running and support for XP ended April 8th 2014. But the risks introduced by no longer having security updates loom large on the security landscape.

If you happen to be running Windows 8.1 the end of support is scheduled for January 10th 2023, so you have more time. The differences

If you are one of the many folks between 8.1 and 10 are fairly minimal for typical home users, but Windows the minority. Early last month it was 10 is much more stable.

What does it cost?

If it is time to consider Windows 10, you may not need to purchase a new computer to do so. It is still possible to upgrade to Windows 10 (at no cost) from your current Windows license, provided you have the license key for your current "Genuine" Windows installation. This is typically found on a sticker on the computer.

A qualified and responsible service technician can do the upgrade (at no cost for the Windows 10 license). Of course, there is labor involved, and costs will vary depending on the provider you use. Any technician worth their salt will ensure that the upgrade includes a fully updated copy of Windows 10, and that all of your files are intact.

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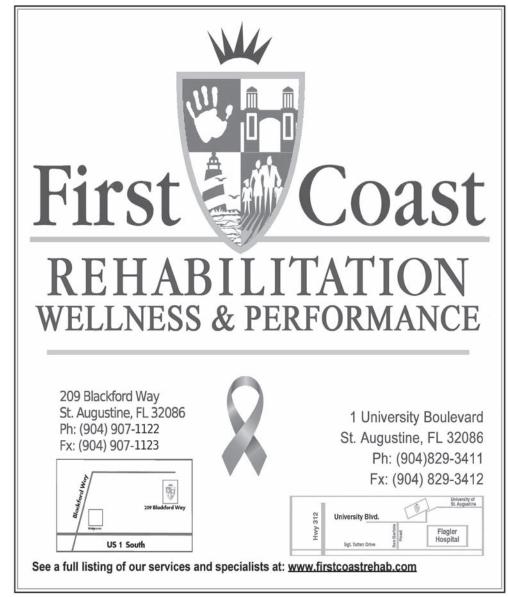
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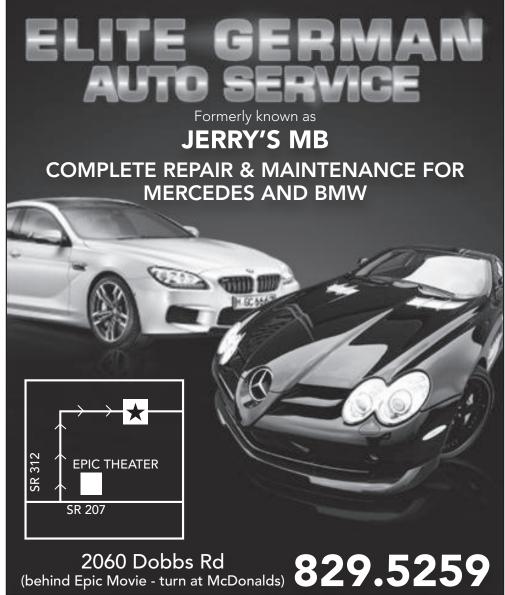
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Financial Focus

Information Provided by Edward Jones

Review Your Fixed-Income Strategy as Interest Rates Rise



your fixed-income investments, such as bonds, will typically fall. If this happens, how should you respond?

First of all, it's important to between interest rates and bond prices. Essentially, when interest rates rise, investors won't pay you full price for your bonds because they can purchase newly issued ones that pay higher rates. So, if you sell your bonds before they mature, you could lose some of the principal value.

You may be seeing a price drop among your bonds right now, because interest rates generally rose in 2018 and may continue to do so in 2019. While you might not like this decline, you don't necessarily have to take any action, particularly if you're planning to hold these bonds until maturity. Of course, you do have to consider credit risk – the chance that a portion of the principal and interest will not be paid back to investors – but unless the bond issuers default, which is usually unlikely, particularly with investmentgrade bonds, you can expect to receive the same regular interest payments you always did, no matter where rates move.

Holding some of your bonds particularly your longer-term ones – until they mature may prove useful during a period of rising interest rates. Although long-term bond prices – the amount you could get if you were to sell these bonds – tend to fall more significantly than short-term bond prices, the actual income that longerterm bonds provide may still be higher, because longer-term bonds typically pay higher interest rates than shorterterm ones.

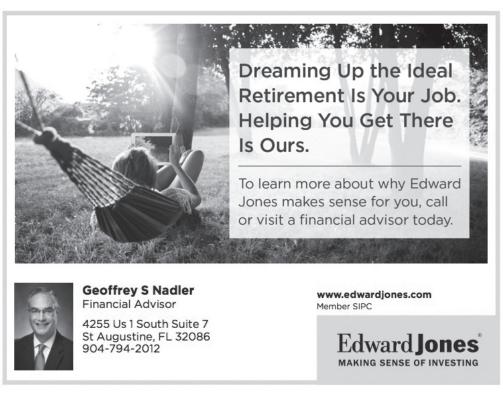
To preserve this income and still take advantage of rising interest investment strategy.

When interest rates rise, the value of rates, you may want to construct a ur fixed-income investments, such bonds, will typically fall. If this intermediate- and longer-term bonds. Because a ladder contains bonds with staggered maturity dates, some are understand this inverse correlation maturing and can be reinvested – and in a rising-rate environment such as we're currently experiencing, you would be replacing maturing bonds with higheryielding ones. As is the case with all your investments, however, you must evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

You can build a bond ladder with individual bonds, but you might find it easier, and perhaps more affordable, to own bond-based mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) that invest in bonds. Many bond funds and ETFs own a portfolio of bonds of various maturities, so they're already diversified.

Building a bond ladder can help you navigate the rising-rate environment. But you also have another incentive to continue investing in bonds, bond funds or ETFs – namely, they can help diversify a stock-heavy portfolio. If you only owned stocks, your investment statements would probably fluctuate greatly – it's no secret that the stock market can go on some wild rides. But even in the face of escalating interest rates, bond prices generally don't exhibit the same sharp swings as stocks, so owning an appropriate percentage of bonds based on your personal circumstances can help add some stability to your investment mix.

As an investor, you do need to be aware of rising interest rates, but as we've seen, they certainly don't mean that you should lose your interest in bonds as a valuable part of your





St. Johns County Sheriff's Corner

By David Shoar, St. Johns County Sheriff

Move Over Law

This month, I would like to address a law that has been on the books for some time now however, many people are still unaware of it. It is called the Move Over Law. Drivers are required to MOVE OVER and/or SLOW DOWN when passing emergency vehicles on a roadway with their emergency lights on! Also included in the law from the Florida Legislature are utility service vehicles as well as sanitation trucks to join emergency vehicles and tow trucks.

Drivers are required to "move over" or "slow down" when approaching an authorized emergency vehicle that is stopped on a highway in the state of Florida. The "Move Over Act", [F.S. 316.126(1)(b)] was passed during the 2002 session of the Florida Legislature.

There are several important provisions concerning this law. On interstate highways or other highways with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle, and except when otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer, drivers approaching a law enforcement or other authorized vehicle, parked on a roadway with their emergency lights activated, are required to vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle, as soon as it is safe to do so.

When approaching a law enforcement or other authorized vehicle parked on a two-lane roadway with their emergency lights activated, and except when otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer, drivers are required to slow to a speed that is 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or greater; or travel at five

miles per hour when the posted speed limit is 20 miles per hour or less.

The "Move Over Law" is designed to protect law enforcement, tow truck drivers, and other workers on our roadways. There is a hefty fine for violating the law and is also a moving violation, which causes three points to be assessed to the driver's license of anyone guilty of violating the statute.

Moving over also means making way for emergency vehicles. Moving over not only saves lives and prevents needless injuries to our deputies and fire fighters; it also improves the effectiveness of their response. When you hear a siren or catch a glimpse of flashing lights, prepare to react in a safe and prudent manner. If the emergency vehicle is approaching from ahead or behind, you need to pull over. If you are nearing an intersection and an emergency vehicles is approaching from the cross street, you should yield the right-of-way. Don't slam on your brakes because that might cause another emergency. Instead, put on your turn signal, slow down and pull over at the first safe spot you can find. After the patrol car, ambulance or fire truck has passed, use your signals again and carefully reenter the roadway.

Moving over in emergencies is common sense and common courtesy, and in Florida it's the law. Feel free to email me with any questions you may have as well as any topics you would like to see addressed here at dshoar@sjso.org. Also, if you sign up for the Sheriff's Office social media sights on Facebook and Twitter, Instagram or Next Door, you are sure to receive important updates anytime.

St. Augustine Beach Civic Association

by Bill Jones, President www.thecivicassociation.com

County Commission Doubles rent -Music by the Sea Still a Go!



leaner Music by the Sea and perhaps even a shorter season thanks to your St Johns County Board of County Commissioners. The County has doubled the rent on the Pavilion and did so after our Tourism Development Grant submission. Do our TDC grant application, and for that matter our entire budget was set well before this occurred. When asked why a major user of the facility like the Civic Association wasn't notified of meetings and discussions by the Parks & Rec staff, Administrator Michael Wanchick said "this must have been an oversight". It seems to be more of a pattern between the County and our

The County has also triggered a heated discussion on "pay to park" in our community. A parking fee will be implemented this year, according to Administrator Wanchick in remarks to the County Civic Roundtable group this will happen sooner than later. Our City has quickly pursued a similar option. Many residents called this a rush and another segment says it's not needed. In our Board of Directors opinion, we believe and have been encouraging the both bodies to stand down. The impact of hourly workers like servers and cooks in our local

Fans this summer may see a businesses will create two issues. In the Music by the Sea and perhaps and perhaps the season thanks to your Johns County Board of County Interest and perhaps the season thanks to your Johns County Board of County Interest and perhaps the season thanks to your find or the cost of a hamburger will literally go through the roof. Neither is good for our City's economy.

The most disappointing thing about all of this is the "kick the can down the road" mentality that exists in our government. We've been talking about the lack of parking for almost a decade here without any significant action. And while both bodies had little or no problem finding a pay to park app, no one has come up a single additional parking space or trolley program. It's nice to see the community engage. As I write this column, we're just a few days away from Commissioner Margaret England speaking to our membership about this situation. By the time you read this I hope there'll be new developments that include some solutions.

Finally we've retooled the Civic Association website www.sabca.org! Our webmaster Wayne Fusco has done a remarkable job. The site is clean, easy to use and includes a new page of Community Resources and Contacts. You can join SABCA or renew your membership too! Of course the site will soon have the 2019 Music by the Sea schedule. Please visit the site and tell us what you think.

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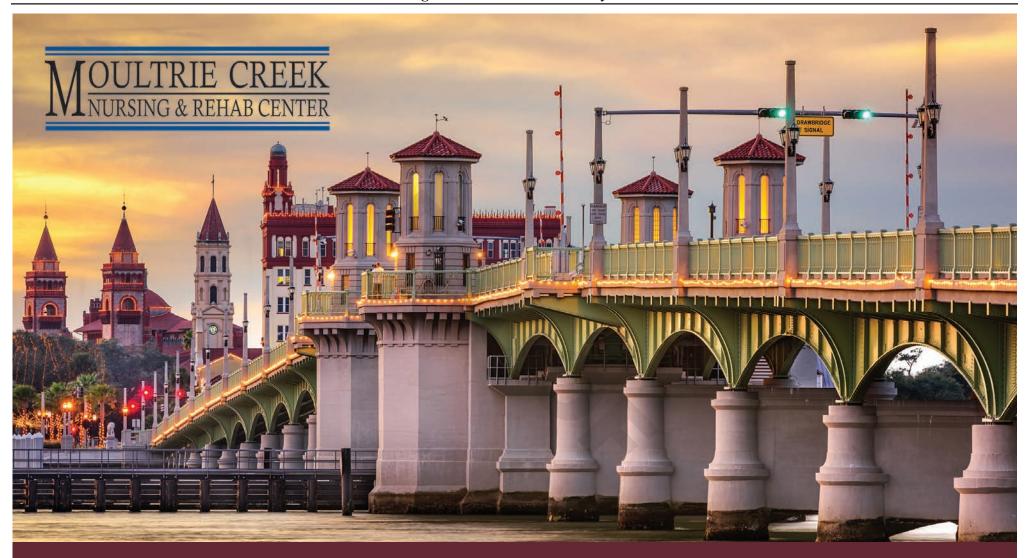
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