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# WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email answer to pvrecorder@opcfla.com by Monday at 5 p.m.

All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

Only one reader correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for Kamiya 86. The winner was **Debra Braschel**. Congratulations, Debra — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



## ADOPT A PET



# **CAT OF THE WEEK**

Mello is a neutered 4-year-old male. Unfortunately, he came to the Pet Center as an owner surrender because he does not like dogs. This big boy is an all-black domestic shorthair who loves his belly rubbed and to lay around and be cuddled. Come see Mello today at the Pet Center. #50274



Shelby was picked up as a stray with her puppies. Although

her puppies

have been

**THE WEEK** 

DOG OF

adopted, this sweet girl is still looking for a home. She is a 2-year-old spayed lab mix who loves to go for walks, other dogs and to play. She is a quiet dog who just wants to be loved on. Her adoption fee is being sponsored by the Friends of St Johns County Pet Center. Come see Shelby today at the Pet Center. #50145

Any new pet being introduced to a new home will need time to adjust to its new environment. Please reinforce house training and behavioral training, and be mindful of interacting with other pets.

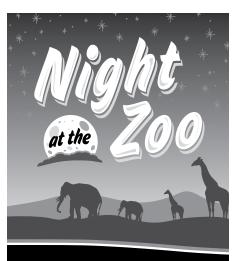
# St. Johns County Pet Center

Cat adoptions are \$30 for males and \$40 for females. Dog adoptions are \$45 for males and \$60 for females. Adoption fees include microchipping, neutering/spaying, rabies vaccinations and shots. The Pet Center is located at 130 N. Stratton Road in St. Augustine, off U.S. 1 between County Road 210 and International Golf Parkway. Business hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed to the public on Sunday. On Monday, the office is open by appointment only to claim a lost pet. For more information, please call the St. Johns County Pet Center at (904) 209-6190.

# **PUZZLE SOLUTIONS**



Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles







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# COLLECTION







# **PORTOFINO @ PONTE VEDRA | \$395,000**

Tuscan themed condo in private community located just a short walk Micklers Beach. This firstfloor unit offers an attached 2-car garage, granite counters, stainless steel appliances, & a screened lanai overlooking the preserve. MIS 1001989

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## **CAMPFIELD** \$218,000

Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 1,764 SqFt townhouse in the gated Campfield community, located in the Baymeadows area off 295. This upgraded unit is perfect for entertaining! Community offers clubhouse, pool, hot tub, & exercise room. MLS 1001511

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## **SOUTH HAMPTON** \$349,900

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community pool. MLS 1000871

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Distinguished pool home featuring large great room with wood-burning fireplace & wet bar, upgraded kitchen with Kitchen Aide appliances & granite countertops, formal dining room, & private master suite with jacuzzi. Enjoy spectacular sunsets & ocean breezes from the extended screened lanai! MLS 999899

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**4 COMMUNITY NEWS** Ponte Vedra Recorder · July 3, 2019

# The Recorder celebrates 50 years; send in your clips

The first issue of the Ponte Vedra Recorder published Nov. 7, 1969. Fifty years later, the paper is a well-established weekly in a community rooted in history and poised for a prosperous future.

To celebrate the wit, wisdom and history of the Recorder's readership, newspaper staff is eager to learn about and share your clippings from past issues. So, take a look in the attic or in those boxes tucked away at the back of the closet to find past issues of the paper. Maybe you have a scrapbook with clippings of family weddings, births or graduations. Was a friend or family



member honored for playing sports, volunteering or engaging in politics?

Whatever the subject, if you have pages from or complete issues of past Ponte Vedra Recorders, contact the staff at pvrecorder@opcfla.com. You can scan or take pictures of pages or clippings and send them in. Or, stop by the office and we'll capture the images for you.

# Voting still open for the Recorder's Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest

More than 35,000 votes cast so far

The Ponte Vedra
Recorder launched
the Best of the Best
of Ponte Vedra contest May 16 in recognition of the newspaper's
50th anniversary, which will be
celebrated in November (#CheersTo50Years). The contest includes ZIP
codes 32082 and 32081. Voting is free
and open to the public at www.pontevedrarecorder.com/BestOf2019.

Voters can login once each day through 11:59 p.m., July 20 and vote in as many categories (nearly 300) as he or she wants. The nominees who receive the most votes will be named 2019 Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra.

Winners will receive a framed certificate, a Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra window cling and listings in the Recorder's Best of the Best of

Ponte Vedra special section and on the winners' website.

For more information or to find out how to get your nominated business or product involved in promotions throughout the contest cycle, contact your sales representative, email susan@opcfla.com or call (904) 285-8831.

# Sawgrass Country Club breaks ground on new clubhouse

## By Amber Lake

A June 26 ceremony broke first ground for the new Sawgrass Country Club clubhouse. The new facility is projected to be completed in winter of 2020.

Plans include a larger pub and bar area, which will be separate from the banquet rooms, a family activities center and larger men and women's locker rooms. The new additions total up to make 8,000 square feet more room than the current clubhouse. Currently, the original club is still open while they build around it.

"We've largely been able to keep our operations intact with very minimal impact to the members but are doing it out of half of the building we were doing it in previously," said general manager and chief operating officer, C.W. Cook.

As well as being able to host more banquets and events, the new clubhouse will feature a covered veranda for members to drive their golf carts to the building.

The project is part of Sawgrass' Phase III Master Facility Plan, which also includes constructing an ancillary building for golf maintenance, as well as expanding parking at the tennis and fitness center and relocating the practice/putting green. The entire project is projected to cost just short of \$25 million.

The Country Club stated in a previous interview that because of the new improvements, membership is up, even causing a waitlist for



Photo by Susan Griffin

Sawgrass Country Club staff members C.W. Cook (from left), Peggy Grant, Perry Kenney, Brandon Ferrell, Doug Miller, Fritz Skeen, Lisa Hoffman and Gary Winter get shovels dirty at the June 26 groundbreaking ceremony for the new clubhouse.

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# St. Johns County hearing set regarding Outpost development

Recent forum at Ponte Vedra Branch Library only concluded a compromise was not in the cards

## **By Amber Lake**

A June 24 forum hosted by the Ponte Vedra Corporation, a subsidiary of GATE Petroleum, was held at the Ponte Vedra Branch Library's program room. The much-anticipated event regarded the 66-home residential community, "Vista Tranquila." The development is planned for a 99-acre parcel of land within the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, known as The Outpost. The advocacy group against the development, Save Guana Now, has been active since 2016 and turned up to the forum with about 200 followers in protest.

Many of the residents who showed up, however, were disappointed in the way the forum was conducted.

The event was styled as an "open house format," according to Misty Skipper, vice president of marketing and communications for Gate. It included "subject matter experts," including a traffic engineer, attorney, archeologist and an environmental specialist. In addition, Skipper joined president of Gate Lands, Drew Frick, to speak to attendees one-on-one.

Ponte Vedra resident, Lyn McManemy, said she was surprised about how the event was conducted, as well what she perceived as less-than-hospitable conditions

"We thought we'd be coming in and sitting down to hear all the sides of the story and have a chance to ask questions and not be here and be here without air conditioning, which doesn't work," McManemy said. "This affects us here in Ponte Vedra and I think once again we're being gyped."

The packed programming room of the library could be heard erupting into chant, saying, "Save Guana Now."

Skipper said the format for the event was promoted to allow for experts to "have interactive dialogue with individuals who are interested in doing that."



Photos by Amber Lake

A recent Open House event was hosted by Gate Petroleum, the developers of "Vista Tranquila," a 66-home community planned for a parcel of land attached to Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve called The Outpost.



"The intention is for people to be able to come and go throughout the 2-hour period that we were here," Skipper said. "We have been able to get as many of their questions answered as possible. So, this format is consistent with that."

Despite that, many residents voiced they weren't interested in a compromise, regardless of what Gate said.

Judy Diffenderffer said she is mostly concerned about the environmental damage the homes would cause the GTM, although she believes traffic issues already effecting the area also raise concern.

"I think anything that is done out there will disturb the ecological balance," Diffenderffer said. "I don't think 66 more homes are needed. (In addition) our roads can't take it."

Nicole Crosby, cofounder of Save Guana Now, said although the format wasn't what she expected, she believes their presence at the event made an impact.

"It was a big disappointment when we walked in," Crosby said. "Many people complained bitterly about it. I really feel like we turned a lemon into lemonade, (however), because it really emphasized

how many of us there were."

Two dates have been set for county hearings regarding the development. The first hearing will be at the Planning and Zoning Agency on Aug. 15. Then, on Sept. 17, the Board of County Commissioners will host a "transmittal hearing" on whether the state should make a recommendation for the case.

Crosby said she plans to attend both meetings with as much support as will join her.

"Our goal is to kill the project in the transmittal hearings," she said.

# County to host River-to-Sea Loop Trail public meeting

St. Johns County is hosting a public meeting regarding the St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop trail from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, July 11 at the Guy Harvey Resort, 860 A1A Beach Blvd.

At 260 miles, the St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop, also known as SJR2C or the Loop, is the longest multi-use loop trail underway through the American Southeast. County staff will provide information about the FDOT-funded proj-

ect and planning study. The public is invited to attend and. Attendees are encouraged to walk or bike to the meeting.

For more information about the trail or to give input, email rcooper@sjcfl.us or call (904) 209-0111.

"Working with the YMCA is a calling," said Bob Conklin, vice president of operations at the Ponte Vedra YMCA. He's worked for the organization at several locations since he was 19 years old.

# Bob Conklin

## What can you share about your background?

I grew up in another ocean community, Newport, Rhode Island, which is the sailing capital of the world. I have strong ties to New England and love being again, so close to the ocean. I am a graduate from the University of Rhode Island and worked for years in the YMCA movement in both Newport and the state capital, Providence.

# Your involvement with YMCA dates back to the 70s. How did you initially become involved with the Y?

I was a member of the Y in my youth, all the school athletes went to the Y to play sports and for recreation. When I was 19 years old, they offered me a job and I have worked for the Y movement continuously since that time. I care deeply about the impact the Y makes in the communities that we serve.

# Did you come to Ponte Vedra because of the YMCA? Or, what led you to relocating in the Ponte Vedra area?

Fourteen years ago I vacationed in Ponte Vedra, my wife and I fell in love with this community. When I got the opportunity to provide leadership here at the P.V. YMCA I was thrilled. This is a great community that supports what we are doing in Youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

### Tell us about your role at the local YMCA.

I am a vice president of operations for the Florida First Coast YMCA. We have 12 family branches throughout the Jacksonville area. My current duties are, acting executive director at Ponte Vedra and supervision of the Winston and Brooks YMCA executive directors.

# What do you like to do when you're not at work? Do you use YMCA facilities?

Yes, I have the opportunity to use our YMCA facilities every day. What excuse can I give to not work out? We have the best facilities in the First Coast area. I am a step counter and to get to my goal of 10,000 steps per day I have to work out. The PV Y is a wonderful facility to help our community meet its wellness goals. We have the staff and expertise to get all the community on the right path for health and

#### What do you like most about Ponte Vedra?

I live in St. Johns and enjoy the quality of life that we have here in Northeast Florida. The ocean, the beauty and relaxed atmosphere that you get in a beach community is wonderful. Also the local sports, arts, entertainment and concert scene make our area very enjoyable to live in. There is so much to do right here in this area.

# What's one thing even your close circle of friends would be surprised to learn about you?

When I was 10 to 12 years old, I played a drum in a marching band and found out I had rhythm. I am a very serious person and few people know that I love to dance. My wife is a better dancer than I am, and I really enjoy getting her out on the dance floor.



hoto by Christine Rodenbaugh

Bob Conklin, vice president of operations at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, has been with the YMCA movement since the 1970s, and with the local Y since August 2018.

## Do you prefer travel or "staycations"?

I love to travel and find the state of Florida to be very enchanting for me. The east coast, the west coast, southern Florida or the Keys — there is much to do and see in this beautiful state. Certainly I go back to Rhode Island in the summer would never visit in the winter it is too cold.

## Would you like to tell us about your family?

I am married to my beautiful wife Colleen and we are empty nesters. I have three grown children; one daughter and two sons. My daughter lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, my sons live in Dallas Texas and Reston Virginia. I have two grandkids in Albuquerque who are 16 and 14 years old.

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# Thursday, July 4

# Riverside Arts Market: Greenl Fourth of July celebration Join Ma

Riverside Arts Market is throwing a party for Fourth of July! Join on July 4 at 6 p.m. as the city celebrates under the Fuller Warren Bridge, where the market is normally located. Enjoy some family-fun with food trucks, such as Eddis and Sons Hand Crafted Cheesesteaks, Island Girl Seafood, GuanaBana Ice Pops and more, along with vendors and makers from Riverside Arts Market. Listen to live music, grab a beer and enjoy the celebration with the City of Jacksonville. Don't forget to stay for the fireworks show at 9:45 p.m. The celebration will be located at 715 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.

# 97.9 KISS FM's 2019 'Red, White and Boom'

This Fourth of July, 97.9 KISS FM, Channel 4 and PRI Productions present 'Red, White, and Boom,' a patriotic celebration at the River City Brewing Company from 8 to 10 p.m. Celebrate the Fourth with some drinks, loved ones and entertainment. Get ready for the City of Jacksonville's fireworks show out on the deck at River City Brewing Company with special guests, Christian Paul, Dean Lewis, and Ally Brooke! Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Can't make it? Watch it all live on Channel 4. River City Brewing Company is located at 835 Museum Cir. in Jacksonville.

#### **Celebration 5k**

The Celebration Run is a fun and healthy way for the entire family to start their Fourth of July. The run, starting at 7:30 a.m., features moisture wicking shirts to all participants, custom designed medals to all 5K finishers and 1st Place Sports fun run medals to all mile finishers. To register or for more information, visit www.1stplacesports.com/races/celebration5k/ or call (904) 731-3676. 1st Place Sports is located at 3931 Baymeadows Rd. in Jacksonville.

# Friday, July 5

### GreenhouseYoga

Join Maggie's Herb Farm every Wednesday and Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a mindful Kripalu flow yoga practice in the greenhouse at Maggie's Herb Farm. Soothe body and mind in the fresh air, grounded on natural, river pebbles for a unique greenhouse yoga experience. Practice yoga surrounded by beautiful greenery, butterflies, herbs, hummingbirds and free-range chickens. Attendees are encouraged to bring their yoga mat, towel and water bottle. Pre-registration is not required. Maggie's Herb Farm is located at 11400 Country Road 13 N. in St. Augustine.

## **First Friday Cosmic concert**

On the first Friday of every month, the MOSH's (Museum of Science and History) Bryan-Gooding Planetarium presents "total sensory entertainment" as lasers, HD images and digital sound work together to create a Cosmic Concert. On July 5, four concerts will be presented each hour from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., with listening options such as The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd. Admission is \$5 per show for museum members and \$10 per show for non-members. Arrive 15 minutes early to show chosen and be aware that laser shows and light effects may cause seizures in certain individuals. The MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville.

#### **AARP Smart Driver course**

Recognized by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, this Smart Driver course held on July 5 aims to boost safety awareness, refresh and improve driving skills and minimize crash risks for drivers ages 50 and older. Cost is \$15 for AARP members or \$20 for non-members to receive course material and the certificate of completion. Those who buy class materials and the certificate of completion may be eligible for an insurance discount. Attendance is free for those who wish to sit in the class without recieving materials or certificate of completion. Class runs from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. so remember to pack a drink and lunch. Bring a valid driver's license and AARP membership card. Cash, personal check, or money order only. The St. Augustine Main Library is located at 1960 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd. in St Augustine.

# Saturday, July 6

**Repticon Expo** 

Repticon, a recognized leader in hosting reptile and exotic animal expos, is back in Jacksonville at the Moracco Shrine Center on July 6 and 7 with an array of vendors, breeders and educators. The fun, family-oriented event offers the opportunity to learn about animals not normally seen in local pet stores, such as seminars on animal-related topics by experts in the herpetology field. Guests can also find their new family pet, buy cages and supplies, as well as get expert advice about caring for their new friend. Doors open at 10 a.m.on both days. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12, and free for children under 5. Vip options are available. Advanced tickets may be purchased at www.repticon.com . The Morocco Shrine Center is located at 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road S. in Jacksonville

## JAX Cooking Studio: Southeast Asian Cuisine

Have a unique Saturday night on July 6 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the JAX Cooking Studio as Chef Spencer whips up an iconic, yet not-so-authentic Southeast Asian dinner. Learn all the tips and tricks of creating tom kha gai (thai coconut) soup, a sweet mango salad and the ever-so popular pad thai where guests can choose from chicken, shrimp or tofu. Complimentary wine will also be served during the cooking experience. Cost for the experience is \$65. For more information, call the Cooking Studio at (904) 742-5906. JAX Cooking Studio is located at 14035 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.

#### **BREW's five years in Five Points**

Local coffee shop BREW Five Points is turning five years old and wants to celebrate with the community! Join in anytime on July 6 for a day full of free cake, new art installations and scratch-offs for each customer. Specials will be available throughout the day while also serving all the already loved dishes and sweets from baker Calli Marie. The new art collection in the shop will feature work from Dustin Harewood, Mark Creegan, Toni Smailagić, Malcolm Jackson, Chad Landenberger, Mark George, Elena Øhlander, Blakeley Anne Miller, Madeleine Peck Wagner, Thony Aiuppy, and many more. BREW Five Points is located at 1024 Park St. in Jacksonville.

# Sundays at Surfer the Bar

Every Sunday, join Big Fish Power Yoga for a free Music & Flow class at Surfer the Bar. The class is held upstairs at the bar and runs from 10 to11 a.m. every week. Bring friends and family and enjoy brunch and mimosas downstairs following class. Register under classes on bigfishpoweryoga.com. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville Beach.

Sunday, July 7

#### 904 Beach Yoga

Join yoga instructor Jordyn Dines for a weekly solar vinyasa flow at Oceanfront Park in Jax Beach. This class is for yogis of all skill levels who want to soak up some sun and break a little sweat. Salute the sun, dive into breath work, and end with presence and prayer. Cold therapeutic-grade aromatherapy cloths will be provided towards the end of class to help everyone cool down and get grounded. Jump in the ccean after class and get some energy for the week ahead. \$10 donations are recomended. 904 Beach Yoga will start at 9 a.m. on July 7 at Oceanfront Park, located at 429 First St. S. in Jacksonville Beach.

#### **First Coast Arts Market**

On the first Sunday of the month, the community gets together with 20 of Jacksonville's artists and crafters for a four-hour market that features local crafts and goods. This month's First Coast Arts Market will feature vendors such as Random Fandom Gifts, Oceanside Boutique 16, Teresa Cook Art and more. The First Coast Arts Market will run from noon to 4 p.m. on July 7 at Jax Antique Market Inc. at 5816 Saint Augustine Rd. in Jacksonville.

### **Summer movie classic: Little Giants**

The Turner Home Summer Movie Classics series will present the classic 1994 film, 'Little Giants,' at 2 p.m. on July 7 at the Florida Theater for its 25th anniversary. In the film, Danny O'Shea runs a gas station, while his brother, a former football star, Kevin, coaches the local youth football team. When Kevin rejects Danny's daughter, Becky because she's a girl, Danny starts a rival team to prove himself against his brother. For tickets and more information, visit www.floridatheatre.com. The Florida Theater is located at 128 E. Forsyth St. in Jacksonville.

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# Monday, July 8

#### **Castaway Cantina features** 'Monday locals' weekly specials **Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens**

#### On Mondays, Castaway Cantina at the Embassy Suites in St. Augustine Beach invites locals to come out for weekly Monday specials. Enjoy \$3 Tecates and tacos and \$5 frozen margaritas. Listen to live music, enjoy complimentary valet parking and a spectacular oceanfront view of the Atlantic from 5 to 8 p.m. Castaway Cantina is located at 300 A1A Beach Blvd. in St. Augustine Beach.

## Theater camp at the Alhambra

This two-week summer camp for aspiring young actors offers theatrical opportunities for both newcomers and experienced actors alike. Campers will train and rehearse a production throughout the two weeks for the grand performance and three-course dinner held the Monday following the last day of camp. A dinner ticket for the camper, plus one family member is included with registration. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. from July 8 through 19 at the Alhambra. For prices and more information, call the Alhambra at (904) 641-1212. The Alhambra Theater & Dining is located at 12000 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.

## **Kanine Social: 'Paint Your Pet'**

Get creative with a furry friend at Kanine Social's "Paint Your Pet" event hosted with Gogh Paint. Use acrylic paint on a 12"x12" canvas to create a precious puppy portrait. Participants are encouraged to bring pictures that can assist with inspiration. Just leave the leash at home or even bring a buddy the pup! Cost for the event is \$35 and includes all needed materials and a complimentary drink. "Paint Your Pet" starts at 6 p.m. on July 8 at Kanine Social. For tickets, visit www.904tix.com/events. Kanine Social is located at 580 College St. in Jacksonville.

## Trivia at Mellow Mushroom

Join Mellow Mushroom on Monday nights at 7 p.m. for trivia with Trivia Nation. This event is free for all to play, with prizes available for the winners. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.

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Tuesday, July 9

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The University of North Florida's news and media publication, UNF Spinnaker will be hosting a luau for fellow Ospreys from 6 to 11 p.m. on July 9 at Yogurt Mountain in the St. Johns Town Center, UNF students can recieve half off frozen yogurt with a valid student ID and have the chance to win some prizes. Enjoy a sweet treat during this hot and humid Florida summer. Yogurt Mountain is located at 4906 Town Center Pkwy., #406 in Jacksonville.

## Free quit smoking class

Ever thought about quitting tobacco? Join for a free Quit Smoking Now class from the Northeast Florida Area Health Education Centers at the Flagler Hospital-Wellness Center. Classes meet once a week for six weeks starting on Tuesday, July 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. Free patches, lozenges and gum will be provided, along with a quit plan, workbook, water bottle, stress ball and more. For more information or to register. call Northeast Florida AHEC at (904) 482-0189. The Flagler Hospital-Wellness Center is located at 120 Health Park Blvd. in St. Augustine.

# Wednesday, July 10

### Twilight golf league at St. Johns Golf Club

Sign up a three-person, captain's choice team for St. Johns Club's drop-in every Wendnesday evening at 5:30 p.m. The league runs through fall and costs \$17 for members and \$23 for non-members. For more information, contact Tommy Aycock at taycock@sjcfl.us or (904) 209-0350. The St. Johns Club is located at 4900 Cypress Links Blvd. in Elkton.

# Pint Night at Engine 15 Brewing Co.

Relieve the hump-day stress at pint night from 4 to 7 p.m. on July 10 at Engine 15 Brewing Co. Sailfish Brewing Co. beer will be on tap offering some free samples of four different craft beers. Buy a brew and recieve a free pint glass for the purchase! Engine 15 is located at 1500 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.

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## **Caregiver support group**

This group encourages caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical and emotional health, as well as optimal care for the person with dementia. It also provides a break from caregiving responsibilities. The group will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.on July 10 at the Palms Presbyterian Church library. RSVP is required and can be done by calling 1-(800)-272-3900. Palms Presbyterian Church is located at 3410 Third St. S

# **Boardwalk Talk: Gary Monroe**

Thursday, July 11

Free to Beaches Museum members with a suggested \$5 donation for nonmembers, this Boardwalk Talk will feature auther Gary Monroe. Monroe will speak about the Highwaymen, Florida's African American landscape painters who taught themselves to paint idyllic versions of the Florida landscape and sell their creations door-to-door during the Civil Rights Movement. Monroe has given voice to disenfranchised, yet fascinating people, and in doing so, he has enriched lives by introducing new ways of thinking about art and culture. Monroe is from Miami Beach and has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts, Florida Humanities Council, and the Fulbright Foundation. His Boardwalk Talk will run from 6 to 8 p.m. on July 11 at the Beaches Musuem. The Beaches Museum is located at 381 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.

## **Carrie Wilson launch party at Lulamae**

Join Lulamae as they celebrate the launch of the Carrie Wilson Make Up collection at their store. Carrie Wilson will be in attendance, along with Couture Jems, who will be bringing some shimmering jewels and An Unlikely Pear, who will be bringing some of her fashion flair and shoes. Lulamae will also have wine, champagne and snacks so no guest is left unsatisfied. The Carrie Wilson launch party starts at 4 p.m. and will run until 7 p.m. on July 11. Lulamae is located at 1518 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.

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# FSDB students experience sailing during summer academy

St. Augustine Sailing Enterprises on June 20 hosted 12 students from the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind during a morning and afternoon that included one-on-one and group sailing instruction and demonstrations along with time aboard vessels on the water.

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of sailboats with a full range of moving parts. They also learned knot tying with small blocks, ropes and cleats, which each student received as a gift. A complimentary lunch was served. Later in the afternoon, students departed on four sailing vessels with sailing instructors and captains, school staff and volunteers on the nearby Intracoastal Waterway to learn about points of

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sail with hands-on activities and a short time at the helm to experience being the master of the vessel.

The program with the FSDB Expanded Core Curriculum Summer Academy included 9-year-old through 16-year-old students who are blind or visually impaired and attending the school in St. Augustine.

According to Rose Ann Points, company crew members and area captains volunteered their time during all activities while working with instructors and chaperones.

"The inspirational day with students from the neighboring school involved our expertise in teaching young people how to sail and improve their abilities from beginners to seasoned sailors. We enjoyed our time with the children, many of whom have never experienced sailing, or the key techniques involved in the sport," said Points. "The day of teaching and sailing was fun for us as we also donate our time, fleet of sailing vessels, and expertise to fundraisers with St. Augustine Sailing Sisters and Betty Griffin Center, among others," she said.

St. Augustine Sailing is located at Camachee Cove Yacht Harbor, 3076 Harbor Drive in St. Augustine.



From left to right: Samantha Lang, orientation and mobility specialist and Tim Puch, certified orientation and mobility specialist, accompanied students Logan, Jayden and Jonathan on an afternoon sailboat ride as part of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Expanded Core **Curriculum Summer Academy.** 

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# Baguette returns home

Rehabilitated sea turtle released in June at Mickler Beach

Baguette, a 5- to 7-year-old green sea turtle that stranded on Ponte Vedra Beach on March 20, was released in the morning on June 27 at Mickler Beach. Staff at UF Whitney Sea Turtle Hospital triaged the animal in March before it was transported to the Brevard Zoo for rehabilitation.

Brevard Zoo staff named the turtle Baguette because it arrived at the zoo on National French Bread Day. The turtle's patient history indicates Baguette was lethargic upon arrival. But by May 9, staff noted, "Baguette continues to eat like a champ and is one step closer to release!" To view Baguette's full patient history on the zoo's website, visit brevardzoo.org/ meet-the-patients-baguette.

Some turtles strand on the beach be-

cause they are sick or injured. For turtles coming ashore to lay eggs, obstacles on the beach, including holes dug while building sand sculptures, can be a hazard. It's important for beachgoers to remove obstacles from the beach when they leave, and to fill in holes that could trap the turtles.

Catherine Eastman of the Whitney lab stated, "...if a sea turtle is found dead or alive (stranded), please call Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1-888-404-3922. Dispatch will assist the caller and provide next steps to get the animal safe."

To learn more about what to do if you find a dead or injured sea turtle, visit bit.ly/FWCturtles.



**Brevard Zoo** staff release juvenile green turtle, Baguette, at Mickler's Beach on June 27. The turtle stranded on Ponte Vedra **Beach in March** and was successfully rehabilitated at the **Brevard Zoo.** 

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Burns, Marine Turtle Permit Holder, Beaches Sea Turtle Patrol

## **SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON RUNS FROM MAY 1 TO OCT. 31**

The beaches of St. Johns County are home to several species of endangered or threatened sea turtles. Residents and visitors have a special opportunity and responsibility to protect these magnificent creatures and their vulnerable nesting sites as they return each season to nest along the beaches. Beach visitors can also have a positive impact on nesting sea turtles by taking the following actions while enjoying the beach:

- Refrain from using fireworks and open fires.
- Remove ruts and fill in holes left by vehicles and sand castle building.
- Remove all chairs, umbrellas or canopies from the beach before dark. These items are subject to removal by County staff.
- Flashlights are strongly discouraged as they can harm sea turtles.
- Avoid entering sand dunes and conservation zones (15 feet seaward of the dune line).
- Refrain from using balloons, as they can fall into the ocean and harm marine life.
- $\blacksquare$  Never approach sea turtles emerging from, or returning to the sea. Nesting sea turtles are vulnerable, timid, and can be easily frightened away.

Never push an injured animal back into the ocean. If an injured, sick, or deceased sea turtle is encountered, call the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office non-emergency dispatch line at (904) 824-8304. Leave only your footprints, providing the turtles with a safe and clean habitat in which to nest and hatch. For more information, contact St. Johns County Habitat Conservation and Beach Management at (904) 209-3740 or visit www.sjcfl.us/hcp.

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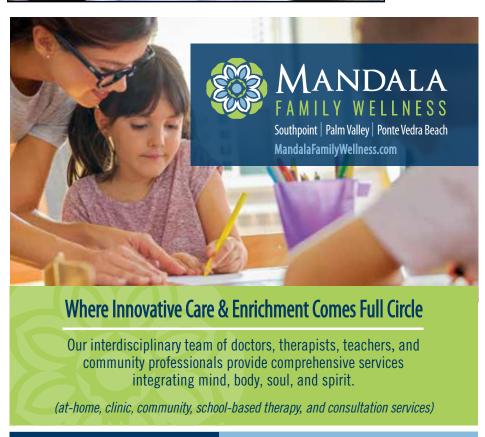


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# Commissioner Blocker reads about dragons to preschoolers

#### By Amber Lake

District 4 Commissioner Jeremiah Ray Blocker paid a visit to the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library as a special guest reader on June 27 for "Storytime."

"While I was working for SJC Communications during my library's closure, I took the opportunity to visit Commissioner Blocker and ask him to be our guest reader. We are so excited about Commissioner Blocker being our special guest," said Anne S. Crawford, assistant branch manager and youth services librarian.

Commissioner Blocker read "There's a Dragon in Your Book," by Tom Fletcher to a room packed with preschool children and their caregivers. The interactive book gave attendees a chance to actively participate with the reading.



Photo by Amber Lake



ABOVE: A rendering shows the terrace design for the new Sawgrass Country Club clubhouse scheduled for completion in winter 2020.

> Rendering courtesy of Sawgrass Country Club

RIGHT: Construction has begun for the new clubhouse at Sawgrass Country Club.

Photo by Susan Griffin





# Sawgrass

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some categories. In addition, the project received an 80% approval rate from existing members.

Renderings provided by the Sawgrass Country Club show the new building will be located in the same area as the current building, with an adjustment to its position for better vantage of the water and golf course vistas. The new facility will be two stories and approximately 65,000 square feet.

"The orientation of this new building is directly down the nines of the east and the west course, so you get this beautiful (view) there," Cook said.



Photos courtesy of Anne S. Crawford

Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library employees pose with teen crafters during the library's first Teen Craft Hour on June 19.

# Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library hosts teen craft hour

## By Anne S. Crawford

Assistant Branch Manager and Youth Services Librarian, Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library

The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library hosted its very first Teen Craft Hour on June 19. Kimberley Hayward, the branch's youth services assistant, came up with a great first craft idea — duct tape crafts. Four teens joined Hayward and other branch staff for tunes, snacks, duct tape and, believe it or not, singing.

After the teens "suffered" through Ms. Anne's selection of reggae and Bob Marley, they chose, and sang along to ... Frank Sinatra.

Supplied by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, crafters had every pattern of duct tape imaginable, yummy snacks and special tools for teens to use to precisely cut their duct tape. Not only is the tape incredibly sticky, but in order to successfully make a wallet, every measurement has



to be incredibly precise. With the help of special tools and self-healing cutting mats, the teens outdid themselves and had a lot of fun in the process. Part-time security guard, Dave Ackerman, was on hand to interact with teens and even made a wallet himself.

Hayward interacted with all the teens, helped them to create their duct tape wonders, and sought to make every teen feel at ease. The teen crafters stuck around and helped clean up the room.

The next Teen Craft Hour will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17.

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# Food trucks roll in to Nocatee Station Field

Some of the area's favorite food trucks rolled in to Nocatee Station Field on June 28 to serve members of the community local gourmet food and snacks. Visitors were entertained with live music by the Hello Celia. Drinks were available for purchase at the bar, including select craft beers and wines. The kidzone included bounce house inflatables. The June 28 primary sponsor was 7 Cees Travel.

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Kids burn calories and extra energy in the bounce house.



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Hungry visitors at Nocatee's Food Truck Friday on June 28 line up to sample culinary delights.





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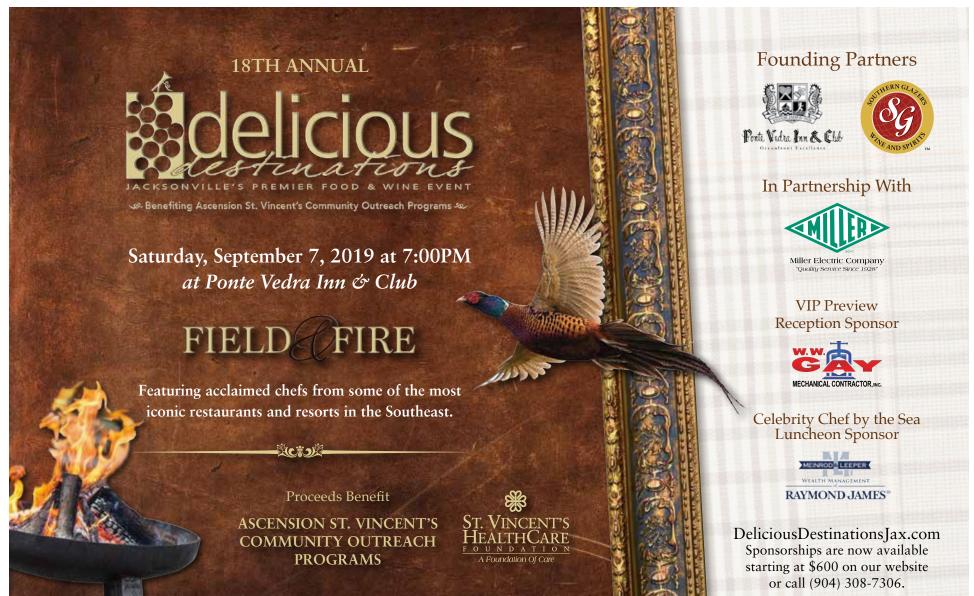
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Dane Taylor, Jorge Buendia and Ted Garland, all local first responders decided to share their love of BBQ with the public after becoming the 2019 Reserve Champions in the Jackson-ville Backyard BBQ Championship. They formed Salt Run BBQ and are regulars at the Nocatee market.

# Grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts brighten Nocatee Farmers Market

The Saturday, June 15 Nocatee Farmers Market had an Island Experience theme. Shoppers were encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts to witness performances by Prince Pele's Polynesian Revue including a variety of Polynesian dances, costumes and live music. Shows were scheduled at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. so it was easy to catch a performance. There were photo opportunities with the performers throughout the day. Kids had fun in the bounce houses and participated in craft projects.

The Farmers Market, hosted on third Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nocatee Station Field, is open to the public and features more than 70 local vendors offering fresh produce, crafts, jewelry, herbs, unique foods and more.



hoto by Kimra Taylor

Salt Run BBQ set up at the June 19 Nocatee Farmers Market and served brisket, pulled pork, spareribs, chips, and topo chico.



Photos by Susan Griffin



Island Girl Seafood also had fresh lemonade.

#### Another order filled at Funkadelic.

# **Trucks**

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Some of the trucks on site were Fusion, Mama's Food, Muzzi's Madhouse, Manny's Cuban, Pie 95, Delish Kebabs, Rite on Que, Sweeto Burrito, Island Girl Seafood, Funkadelic, Treemendous BBQ, Cackylacky's, Le Petite Cherie Cupcakery and Tikiz Shaved Ice.

Nocatee Food Truck Fridays are open to the public. The next Food Truck Friday is scheduled for July 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Nocatee Station Field with entertainment by Ace Winn. Residents are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, and bug spray.



Rite on Que served smokin' meals.



Sweeto Burrito says their 'flavor is worth fighting for.'

# 'Asado' events bring Latin culinary culture to St. Augustine

Urban Asado and St. Augustine Chefs Collaborative demonstrate splendor of open flame grilling

#### **By Daniela Toporek**

Once a month in St. Augustine, Florida, wood fire grill company Urban Asado and the St. Augustine Chefs Collaborative invite the community for a grilling exhibition, showcasing the featured chefs' creative cuisines. A rainy Sunday on June 8 marked the fourth official "Sunday Asado" where six local chefs were invited by Urban Asado owner Nick Carrera to grill up some unique creations at his warehouse and wow the guests. And wow them, they did.

"Most people don't get to see the chefs in action in their kitchens, let alone working with fire," Nick Carrera said. "So we thought it was a cool way to put on a show and give off a community-type feel of what we do."

"Asado" is the Spanish term for a cook-out. Asados are thrown all over Latin America as a way to enjoy delicious grilled meals while socializing within the community. Carrera wants to bring that warm, communal feeling to St. Augustine.

"We like to connect people to what this style of grilling really is," Carrera said. "We're giving everybody a chance to socialize and interact, not just sit down and have a bunch of food immediately cooked in front of you in one shot. It keeps everyone talking, laughing, you know, mingling around."

While guests socialized and explored the warehouse, Chefs Jody Petronella, Dustin Dailey, Natanja de Beers, Sebastian Sikura, Michael Lugo and Deanna Stephens set up their grilling stations, chatted with nearby guests and cooked up some vibrant and flavorful samples.

"We've got some excellent beef, some chorizo, chicken legs," Chef Jody Petronella from the Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room listed as he grilled up his dish for his first Sunday Asado. "We can also bring in things to supplement whatever we want."

In Petronella's case, he opted for bananas and pineapple to add some sweetness and flavor.

Stationed beside Chef Petronella was another first timer, Elkhouse Eatery's Chef Dustin Dailey, who chose to grill a more savory snack.

"I'm doing a fire-grilled naan bread with herbs," Chef Dailey said. "Topped with chicken, chorizo, fresh garden succotash, a little chimichurri and a little fresh basil from my garden."



Photos by Daniela Toporek

Chef Jody Petronella of the Coastal Wine Market grills up some pork belly for his taco dish.



On June 9, grill-making company, Urban Asado, hosted its June Urban Asado event, featuring chefs from the St. Augustine and Jacksonville area.

Dailey's basil wasn't the only local product used. Morrison Tomato Farms, Ben Wells Produce and Inland Seafood all have collaborated with these chefs in one way or another and contributed to the asado with their natural and locally grown ingredients.

Chef Dailey sprinkled the final ingredients to the sample plates as a hungry crowd lined up by his and Petronella's station, ready to pounce at the first sign of a green light.

From wagyu to scallops, cucumber salads to pork belly tacos, naan bread topped with chicken and chorizo, to Brazilian cheese puffs, topped with locally farmed peppers, chimichurri and patilla cheese, these chefs provided an array of samples to satisfy any palette.

"If you put these on the floor, I would lick them off the floor," a guest said to Chef Natanja de Beers about her cheese puffs.

Chef de Beers works at Blackfly The Restaurant in St.



Vibrant and flavorful vegetables are cooked on the grill for Dustin Dailey's sample dish.

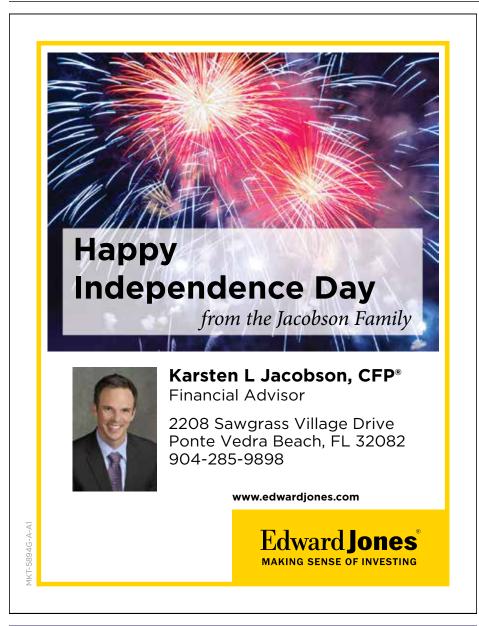
Augustine, alongside her colleague Chef Connie Delano, who joined the asado that Sunday.

"It's fun!," de Beers answered when asked about her experience today. "Part of cooking is adapting to your environment, in this case, it's the rain, but there's always a silver lining. At least we're not dealing with excessive heat."

This was de Beers's second appearance at a Sunday Asado and her and Delano's first time showcasing their talent together.

Although Sunday Asados are an opportunity for chefs to show off their cuisine, that's not why Carrera created this event. Despite all the ego and competition, what really leaves Carerra and the crowd marvelling are the samples served and the bonds created between the chefs, guests and community.

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# Summer tips for families living with Alzheimer's

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Caregivers, including relatives and friends, may be unsure of how to incorporate someone with dementia into these summer traditions and celebrations. However, the Alzheimer's Association tells families that with some planning and adjusted expectations, these events can still be happy and memorable for everyone with just a few tips.

#### **MAKE SURE OTHERS KNOW**

If events include extended families and friends who you do not see often, consider letting these guests know in advance what

to expect and tell them how they can help. For example, what activities they can do with the person with Alzheimer's or how best to communicate with them. "Cross talk" or simultaneous conversations can be challenging for people living with Alzheimer's - try engaging them one-on-

### **INVOLVE THE PERSON LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S**

Depending on abilities and preferences, make sure to keep the person with Alzheimer's involved during the celebration, engage them in activities and conversations — avoid isolating them.

#### **PLAN AHEAD**

When attending a summer celebration or gathering, prepare the host for special needs, such as a quiet room for the person to rest when they get tired, away from the noise and distractions.

For additional tips on caregiving and living with Alzheimer's disease, visit ALZ.org.

# Active and retired military skate free at Jacksonville Ice and Sportsplex for July 4th

All active and retired military skate free at Jacksonville Ice and Sportsplex in celebration of Independence Day on Thursday, July 4 from 10 a.m.-noon, and 1-5 p.m. Family members receive a \$2 discount. Guests must show a military ID to receive the discount.

"Jacksonville Ice and Sportsplex wants to show appreciation for our military and their families with free and discounted skating," General Manager Mark Scheff said.

The morning and afternoon session provides an alternative and "cool" destination compared to the soaring outside temperatures, with snowfall at every daily public ice skating session.

Regular admission is \$12 and includes taxes and skate rentals. Jacksonville Ice offers walkers to rent for younger guests. Military and First Responders can save \$2 on admission anytime when they present their military ID at the time of

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## **By Daniela Toporek**

The forefathers of this country signed the Declaration of Independence 239 years ago. Thanks to them, the United States of America has opportunities that other countries have only dreamed of. In honor of Independence Day, Northeast Florida has conjured up some fun events, activities and of course, fireworks to celebrate this country's freedom and all its glory.

# **FIREWORKS**

# St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum **81 Lighthouse Avenue** St. Augustine, FL 32080 9 p.m.

Climb up to the very top of the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum for an unforgettable view of the annual fireworks on July 4 at 9 p.m. Space is extremely limited and tickets run out fast, so snag them while they're available! Bring a chair, blanket and some friends and family for an "explosive" and memorable evening. The St. Augustine Lighthouse is located at 81 Lighthouse Avenue in St. Augustine.



## **Fireworks Over the Matanzas** Plaza de la Constitución

1 Cathedral Street St. Augustine, FL 32084 9:30 p.m.

Watch a 20-minute fireworks showcase at the Castillo de San Marcos for St. Augustine's Fourth of July celebration starting at 9:30 p.m. Bring chairs and blankets to enjoy the show comfortably as the fireworks light up over the Matanzas Bay. For more information on the full celebration, check out the activities below. The Plaza de la Constitución is located at 1 Cathedral Street in St. Augustine.

#### Oak Fest IV Fireworks

St. Augustine Colonial Quarter 33 St. George Street St. Augustine, FL 32084 9:30 p.m.

Oak Fest IV is an Independence Day festival going on Wednesday to Saturday on July 3 through 6. On the 4th of July, stop by the Colonial Quarter for the fireworks special at 9:30 p.m. Live music will be featured, along with a cash bar and food from the venue! The St. Augustine Colonial Quarter is located at 33 Saint George Street in St. Augustine.



# **Downtown Riverfront** 2 West Independent Drive Jacksonville, FL 9:45 p.m.

Looking for a later show? Downtown Jacksonville will throw its own fireworks show at 9:45 p.m. with a fantastic view of the St. Johns River. The fireworks will be launched from the Acosta Bridge and along the river between Hyatt Regency, the Lexington Hotel, Jacksonville Riverwalk and DoubleTree by Hilton Jacksonville hotels. The show lasts about 15 minutes and can be seen from both the North and South banks in downtown Jax, as well as in the Brooklyn area and under the Fuller Warren Bridge where the Riverside Arts Market is normally located. The Downtown Riverfront is located at 2 W. Independent Dr. in Jacksonville.

# Jacksonville Beach **503 First Street North** Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 9 p.m.

For those lucky enough to have Thursday off, spend the day celebrating the Fourth and freedom in Jacksonville Beach. Kick back in the sand, relax and soak up some sun (or some adult beverages) as the crowd parties the day away and awaits the evening fireworks show at 9 p.m. The Fourth of July in Jacksonville Beach is known for its hectic traffic and parking, so get there early for a good spot. The Pier parking lot will also be available for seating, so bring a chair and towels to get comfortable. The Jacksonville Beach Pier is located at 503 First St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.

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# **ACTIVITIES**

## July 4th Freedom SUP/Kayak Paddle Nocatee Kayak Launch 3028 County Road 210

3028 County Road 210 Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32081 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Get an early workout before the Fourth of July festivities begin at Black Creek Outfitters' Freedom SUP/Kayak Paddle. Bring a board or kayak or rent one with BCO to paddle along the Intracoastal Waterway. Meet up at the Nocatee Kayak Launch for both launching and landing. Bring sunscreen, water, proper attire and some red, white and blue! Cost is \$15 per person plus tax with rentals starting at \$25 for single kayaks and SUPs. For more information or to register, call Black Creek Outfitters

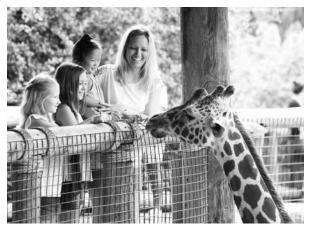


at (904) 645-7003 or visit www.blck.us/july4th-paddle. Payment is required to reserve a spot. The Nocatee Kayak Launch is located near 3028 County Rd. 210 in Ponte Vedra Beach at the base of the Nocatee Parkway.

#### \$4 Fourth at the MOSH

Museum of Science and History 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville, FL 32207 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Museum of Science and History is celebrating Independence Day by offering \$4 off admission to the museum on from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Explore the "Dinosaurs Unearthed" exhibit, check out some local wildlife at the Florida Naturalist Center or better, explore the galaxy in the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium with free admission to a show with the purchase of regular admission! Stay for the evening and check out the downtown fireworks right outside the museum at the Friendship Fountain. For more information, go to www.themosh.org. The MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville.



# Buy one, get one at the Jacksonville Zoo 370 Zoo Parkway Jacksonville, FL 32218 July 4-7

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July 4 through 7. Remember to purchase tickets in person

to receive the deal. No coupon is required! Special does not apply to Total Experience Tickets. The Jacksonville Zoo is located at 370 Zoo Parkway in Jacksonville.

# Fourth of July Concert & Fireworks Over the Matanzas

Plaza de la Constitución 1 Cathedral Street St. Augustine, FL 32084

Starting at 6 p.m. in the heart of St. Augustine, enjoy a Fourth of July celebration at the Plaza de la Constitución. Invite friends and family to a patriotic celebration in the historical city of the United States. The All-Star Orchestra will perform two hours of patriotic big band swing for all to enjoy in the area. Bring chairs and blankets to get comfortable at 9:30 p.m. for the fireworks show over the Matanzas Bay. Visitors are welcome to sit along the sidewalk near the Bridge of Lions for this traditional St. Augustine celebration. The Plaza de la Constitución is located at 1 Cathedral Street in St. Augustine.

## **Oakfest IV**

St. Augustine Colonial Quarter 33 St. George Street St. Augustine, FL 32084

Thursday, July 4: 1:30-11 p.m. (fireworks at 9:30 p.m.)

Friday, July 5: 2-10 p.m. Saturday, July 6: 1-10 p.m.

Independence Day runs all weekend in St. Augustine! From Wednesday through Saturday, July 3 through July 6, get ready to jam at St. Augustine's Colonial Quarter for Oak Fest IV. Watch and listen to various musicians under the colonial oak in downtown St. Augustine. On the 4th of July, prepare to party and dance under the fireworks at 9:30 p.m. The venue also features food and a cash bar. The St. Augustine Colonial Quarter is located at 33 St. George Street in St. Augustine.

# **Fabulous Fourth Festival** 2175 Mizell Road St. Augustine, FL 32080 10 a.m.-noon

Enjoy a fabulous Fourth festival and parade at Flagler Beach from 10 a.m. to noon by the A1A Scenic Highway. Watch the parade pass by and wait for the finale where a panel of reviewers will vote for the judges' choice, best



marching unit, best float and best of theme awards. The A1A Scenic Highway is located at 2175 Mizell Road in St. Augustine.

## Free Park & Ride Shuttle in St. Augustine

From 6 p.m. to midnight, the Ripley's Red Train Tours and Old Town Trolley Tours are partnering to assist with free park and ride shuttles on the Fourth of July. Stops will include Anastasia Baptist Church, the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and R.B. Hunt Elementary School. The St. Augustine Alligator Farm is a parking-only location. Those who choose to park there must access the R.B. Hunt Elementary School shuttle by crossing Anastasia Boulevard at the crosswalk east of the attraction. The Bridge of Lions will close from 8 p.m. to approximately 11 p.m. For more details on traffic and detours, visit www.cityofstaug.com/fireworks .

# **POST-FOURTH FESTIVITIES**

## 10th annual "The Day After" Beach Cleanup

Mickler's Beachfront Park July 5, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Remember that with great freedom, comes great responsibility. Everyone loves a good, rowdy July 4th celebration, but that requires a good, rowdy July 5th clean up. Celebrate the 10th annual "Day After" Beach Clean-Up from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on July 5. Get in touch with the event organiz-



ers, choose one of their available locations and receive directions and all the supplies needed to keep the beaches clean! Other locations include Vilano Beachfront Park, St. Augustine Beach Pier, A Street Beach Access and Crescent Beachfront Park. For more information, visit www.keepersofthecoast.net or email info@keepersofthecoast.net.

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# Nonprofit veterinary clinic warns many animals suffer avoidable injuries or go missing during 4th of July festivities

Clay Humane, a nonprofit veterinary clinic located in Orange Park, is encouraging pet owners to take a few easy steps to keep pets safe this Fourth of July.

"Many pets suffer injuries during the Fourth of July holiday. Many are scared by loud noises like fireworks, causing them to jump fences and run away. Others are burned by firecrackers, and other pets are sickened by alcohol or foods they

do not typically eat," said Dr. Christian Broadhurst, senior staff veterinarian at Clay Humane. "With just a few simple steps, pet owners can ensure their pets are safe during Independence Day festivities."

Dr. Broadhurst recommends five tips to keep pets safe over the Fourth of July:

1. Make sure your pets are micro-

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# Pets

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## chipped and wearing identification:

Register your pets' microchips with your information and ensure tags have up-to-date phone numbers and addresses. If your pet disappears, animals with proper identification are much more likely to return home.

- 2. Keep pets indoors: Give pets a quiet and comfortable place inside your home to relax such as a crate or a bathroom without windows. Make sure pets have a bed or towels to sleep, ample food and water. Loud noises can frighten animals, causing them to run away, so it is important to keep them indoors.
- 3. Avoid alcohol and some foods:
  Beer, wine and other alcoholic drinks can poison pets and can even lead to a coma or death. Keep all unattended cocktails away from pets. Also ensure your pet does not ingest human foods. Give them treats meant for them to keep their stomachs from upset. Many foods like garlic, grapes and onions are poisonous to pets, so those must be kept away from animals at all times.
- 4. Stay away from flames: Curious kitties and puppies may burn themselves while trying to enjoy the smell of food on the grill. Home fireworks are also dangerous and can cause severe burns. Make sure to keep animals away from grills, sparklers, lighters, charcoal and candles.

5. Don't take your pets to fireworks shows: Pets are often startled by loud noises, so leave them home during fireworks displays. Many pets go missing when they hear the loud sounds of fireworks, so keep them in a safe and secure location.

If your pet goes missing or you find a lost pet, call the local shelter in your county:

■ St. Johns County Division of Animal Control Pet Center: (904) 209-6190, www.co.st-johns.fl.us/animalcontrol/pet-

center.aspx

- City of Jacksonville Animal Care & Protective Services: (904) 630-CITY, www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/animal-care---protective-services.aspx
- Jacksonville Humane Society: (904) 725-8766, www.jaxhumane.org
- Clay County Animal Services: (904) 269.6342, www.claycountygov. com/departments/animal-services
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# Keep those grills in tip-top shape all summer

Top Dog Grill Cleaning & Restorations offers tips and tricks for grill maintenance

## By Daniela Toporek

It's already July – the peak of grilling season. But remember, this is Florida and grilling season is essentially year-round. Tony Marsico has launched a unique business in St. Augustine, Top Dog Grill Cleaning and Restorations, just in time for 4th of July. Marsico shared some words of wisdom on grill maintenance for grill masters and novices alike.

# How often should a grill be cleaned and maintained?

Well, every time you use it, you should clean it. Just use rolled up aluminum foil to scratch the gunk off. If you use it on a weekly basis, do a thorough cleaning once a month. If you use it any less than that, just clean it whenever. To get all the microbes and carcinogens off the grill, that needs to be done by a professional at least twice a year.

# What are some grill cleaning / maintenance tools that all grillers should have?

They all should have a grill brush and a griller. A griller is more of a scraper that fits around the actual grates. Those are the two most important things, along with degreaser.

# Is there any specific cleaning or degreasing product you recommend?

There are so many products out there. Lowes has them, Home Depot or you can even order them online. Just make sure that it's eco friendly and you're not using anything that could harm you, as well as your environment. It's very important.

At Top Dog, we use all orange and lemon cleaners. We use a specific mixture that we created on our own, so ours is unique. Because we want to be unique.

# According to the Top Dog website, grease fires are the No. 1 cause of grill fires. How can cooks prevent fires or minimize the risk?

Getting the right temperature is first and foremost. People sometimes put their food on the grill too soon while there's a fire there. Don't put food on the grill when there's still a flame. Some of the grease from what's cooking, like from a burger or steak, could flare up. If you're by the grill, that flame could reach up to your chest or face, so you want to make sure that the fire is down to a minimum.

Checking the flame guard is also important because once the grease comes down to the gas grills, you want to make sure there are no holes or rust. That's typical for the grease to get down to the flavorizers or burners. It causes a flame up.





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Top Dog Grill Cleaning and Restorations makes old, worn grills look and work like new again.

There's also a grease trap underneath every grill. Getting the grease trap cleaned is extremely important. If you don't, the grease could build up and it could cause a major fire.

#### Is there a way to prevent rust?

We recommend oil, just regular cooking oil. First, clean the grill as much as possible. Wipe it down and dry it off. Don't let water sit on it. Keep it covered. Once it's dry, take some cooking oil on a paper towel and lightly dampen it all over the grill. That'll not only help preserve the grates and the inside of the grill, but will also help with the cooking.

I also actually recommend an onion. Take an onion and rub the grates with it. The oils from the onion will stick on there and will help keep food from sticking. It'll also give you some flavor. You can't go wrong with an onion on a grill.

# Do the same maintenance rules apply for all grills?

Well for charcoal grills, they come and go. Those don't require a lot of cleaning and maintenance. You can go buy one for \$50.

But the big grills, double grills, gas grills and outdoor kitchens are the most expensive. They're an investment and should be cleaned and maintained as much as possible, whether they're used or not. You want to protect them. It's just like the oven in your house. People don't let food build up on them. You don't want to be cooking on things that are dirty.

Clean it. Protect it, just like you do your inside kitchen. At least wipe it down.

## What do you do in extreme weather?

Just keep it all covered the best you can. That's really all you can do.

# What's the cleanest or most hygienic way to cook on public grills that you find in locations, such as parks or campsites?

How many times have you cooked out at a place like that and then later, maybe one or two people start feeling a little sick? It happens. A lot of the time, it's because they ate that contaminated piece of food that was on that grill or underneath that grate that wasn't scraped.

So if you're going to use one, take some cleaner with you. You can also find sticks laying around to scrape off all the leftover gunk. Get a flame on there nice and hot while you're grating. Then scrape it down again. Rolled up aluminum foil also works really well.

# What are some red flags for leaks on the grill?

Your grill isn't getting hot enough. Flames aren't at their normal height. Instead of being 3 or 4-inch flames, it could be a 1-inch. That's a good sign that your regulator is bad or you have a leak in your lines which is very bad. Because you have flames and you have gas in the air. That's the biggest reason why we inspect before we even clean anything. We don't want that to happen while we're working on it. We don't want to be the ones who cleaned the gunk that was actually keeping the gas from leaking out. We actually stick an air line with a pressure gauge on the line to tell whether there are any leaks.

# Where did you come up with the business idea of grill maintenance?

I'm a stickler for a clean grill. If I go somewhere and someone is about to start up a dirty grill, I go up to them and say, 'Dude, just give me five minutes.' I kept stuff in my truck at all times, like brushes, cleaners and scrapers.

But I have to give the credit to my wife. She came up with the idea. One day, she said, 'We're both close to retirement. Why don't we just do this?' We worked on it together and came up with a business plan.

Now, we're a mobile service. We have a trailer that's loaded with degreasers, soaking tanks, air compressors, all the tools I need. I even have a pressure washer for cleaning the whole area.

We do market in Ponte Vedra into the south Jacksonville area. We go down to Palm Coast.

## Any upcoming news for Top Dog?

We're really trying to get into the government-owned property, like those campgrounds and parks. We've said, 'Hey, we'll come in and clean all of your grills for x price,' but we haven't been able to market it.

I mean, look at California, the fires, most of the fires are from somebody camping and we don't want the same thing to happen over here. It just makes sense. Doing it once a year is better than never doing it and relying on the people cooking on them.

# Final question, what's your favorite thing to cook on the grill?

Steak. I don't eat it often, but it's my favorite. With some asparagus with olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper, and of course, that onion.

For more information on Top Dog Grill Cleaning & Restoration, call (904) 481-6685 or visit www.topdog-restorations.com. Ponte Vedra Recorder · July 3, 2019 SHIFT INTO SUMMER 23

# Beaches Freedom Festival to benefit veterans' organizations

One of North Florida's largest summer events is scheduled for July 13 at the Jacksonville Beach Seawalk Pavilion. The festival benefits multiple veteran organizations and features live music, food trucks, a hot dog-eating contest, cornhole tournament, artists, makers, vendors, kid zone, games and other activities.

Music kicks off at noon by the band Kapowski with performances throughout the afternoon until 10 p.m. Headlining the festival is The Band Be Easy from Jacksonville, widely known for their fusion of funk, pop and reggae genres. General admission to the festival is free, but VIP passes are available.

#### **UPGRADED VIP EXPERIENCE**

The festival's new VIP area will include air-conditioned bathrooms, complimentary beer and refreshments, access to the All About Events shaded tent and chill lounge, shaded seating area, a commemorative cup and artist encounters.

#### **FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS**

All attendees can indulge in street fare from at least 14 of the area's most popular food trucks plus visit the 40-plus local artists and vendors.

A 2,500-square-foot tent with seating will be open to the public who are looking for a place to relax and escape the sun.

Family friendly activities will include water slides and bounce houses, a human-sized hamster wheel that makes snow cones, a putting green from The First Tee, face painters, games, crafts and other activities.

#### **HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE**

Veteran nonprofits and community partners this year include Vets on TAP, Semper Fidelis Society, One Team One Fight 4 PTSD, Florida4Warriors, Vets4Vets of Northeast Florida, Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association: Chapter No. 56 Jacksonville Florida, The Wagoner Foundation, Warfighters in Arms and The Jacksonville Jaycees.

"We are excited to be able to bring these special organizations together and assist them with public awareness and fundraising efforts for their critical missions in the community," said Nathan Bradley, director of veteran affairs at 904 Happy Hour." Additionally, we will be honoring multiple Hometown Heroes on the main stage in-between entertainers for their outstanding character and dedication to serving others,"

If you know a Veteran or Active Duty member who is doing great things in the community, email a brief bio, achievements, and why they should be honored to NBradley@904HappyHour.com.



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# 15 fun facts about the 4th of July

#### **By Daniela Toporek**

Beer, BBQ and fireworks. For the Fourth of July, this is the typical American celebration. But aside, the simple answer of "freedom," do Americans really know what they're celebrating? Here are some fun 4th of July facts to astound any history connoisseur throughout the festivities!

- 1. The Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 men from the 13 colonies.
- 2. John Hancock was the only person to actually sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Everyone else signed later
- 3. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were the only two signers of the Declaration of Independence who also served as President of the United States.
- 4. Coincidentally, Presidents Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826. They died within 5 hours of each other. Jefferson died first at 82 years old and Adams at 90.
- 5. The Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, was inspired by the Virginia Declaration of Rights. It later provided the foundation for the Bill of Rights.
- 6. The first Independence Day celebration took place on July 8, 1776, in Philadelphia.
- 7. July 8, 1776 was also the day that the Declaration of

Independence was first read in public after people were summoned by the ringing of the Liberty Bell.

- 8. The White House hosted its first Fourth of July celebration in 1801
- 9. The original American flag had the 13 stars in a circle for all the colonies to appear equal.
- 10. The Declaration of Independence is not a legally binding document, unlike other founding documents, but it is powerful.
- 11. Abraham Lincoln called the Declaration of Independence "a rebuke and a stumbling-block to tyranny and oppression."
- 12. The turkey ALMOST became the United States' national bird (Benjamin Franklin proposed it), but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who chose the bald eagle.
- 13. President Calvin Coolidge is the only president to be born on the Fourth of July. He was born July 4, 1872 in Plymouth, Vermont.
- 14. According to a 2019 article from Wallethub.com, an average of 150 million hotdogs are consumed each year on the Fourth of July.
- 15. Ironically, the Philippines gained their independence on July 4, 1946, with the Treaty of Manila, freeing them from the United States.



Toasted naan bread is one of the main components to Chef Dailey's sample dish.



Chef Natanja de Beers made a Brazilian cheese puff ball with peppers, chimichurri sauce and patilla cheese -- a popular dish at the Urban Asado event.



Chef Deanna Park Stephens uses wagyu as part of her sample dish.

# Asado

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"We have amazingly talented chefs in this area," he said. "And what's even more amazing than the talent level is the camaraderie and the collaboration between them. Yes, they always want to be better, but they're willing to work with each other to make each other better. THAT's what's super cool about this. So yeah, it's really a fun show to watch."

Out of all the complex ingredients and intricate dishes, when asked what Carrera's favorite thing to grill was, his answer was unexpected for a grillmaster such as himself.

"Our most fun dish to do is provoleta," he said. "It's just grilled provolone cheese. That's literally all it is, is cheese. It's just a fun thing. People are so surprised by it. So simple."

Find out about the next Sunday Asado at Urban Asado's Instagram, @UrbanAsado.

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# Spavia Day Spa hosts ribbon cutting in Nocatee



Photo courtesy of Chris Stu

Spavia Day Spa owner Chris Stull poses with his family for the opening of the new spa located in Nocatee.

## By Daniela Toporek

On June 13, Spavia Day Spa hosted its official ribbon cutting celebration for the Nocatee community. The day spa had a soft opening in the spring.

Spavia is a luxury day spa that offers facials, skincare, massages, body wraps and waxing. The staff welcomed guests with complimentary skincare samples, make-up, mini-treatments and demonstrations.

Spavia owner, Chris Stoll, didn't expect a huge turnout, but was pleasantly surprised with the outcome

"We had about 100 people that came in support," he said. "We really weren't sure what to expect. Some of the folks I spoke to said that usually there's not that many people that come to these things, maybe 10 might show up. And then we had 100. So, I was just blown away."

The ribbon-cutting also featured give-away prizes for the guests. Five special treatments were given, along with a full treatment package that included a facial, massage and body wrap.

But setting aside luxury treat-



Photo by Susan Griffin

Spavia Day Spa celebrated its opening with representatives of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on June 13.

ments and therapeutic massages, Stoll's favorite part of his day is the look on his guests' faces when they walk out of their treatment, relaxed and at peace, as they almost seem to float out the door.

"I love when people leave and are just so much happier than when they got there," he said. "Not that they weren't happy when they got here. They're just usually in anticipation, but then, they walk out the door and they're almost in a daze, so relaxed and happy. I love that."

Stoll also loves and is grateful for his new Nocatee neighbors, men-

tioning that he's already engaged in several of community and charity events and is ready for more to come.

"This whole area, they're so supportive of new businesses coming in," he said with excitement. "It's really fun just being plugged into the community. Meeting neighbors and business owners, it's just been amazing."

Spavia Day Spa is welcoming its new community with \$30 off the first visit for a limited time. For more information, call Spavia at (904) 395-7300.





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# Sawgrass Marriott Spa soothes summer pains away

Sawgrass Marriott Spa celebrated "Spring into Summer" with an open house event on June 13. Featuring treatment demonstrations, light bites from Vernon's First Coast Kitchen, drinks and giveaways, the event highlighted the new summer treatment offerings.

New CBD facials and body treatments are available, provided by Farm House Fresh, which donates a portion of their proceeds to rescuing farm animals.

"The treatment is what we call a swellness," said spa director Blanc Albor. "It's going to be more for nourishing and soothing, because of the botanical oils and the calming of the cannabinoids."

In addition, any summer-scathed beachgoers can enjoy an Aloe Soother Body Wrap or Sun Soother Sunburn Relief Treatment.

For more information, visit the Sawgrass Marriott Spa's website at www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/jaxsw-sawgrass-marriott-golf-resort-and-spa.



**Trudy Toche and Blanca Albor** 





ABOVE: Hunter Siedel and Bo Cure enjoy the "Spring into Summer" open house event at the Sawgrass Marriott Spa on June 13.

LEFT: Gustavo
Diaz Exotico with
Colombian Coffee

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# The Spa at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club offers new clinical skin care

### By Daniela Toporek

Local award-winning spa, The Spa at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, hosted its Dr. Dennis Gross event on June 28, launching Dr. Dennis Gross's Clinical Resurfacing Liquid Peel and offering skin care advice to all the guests.

A 20% discount for any purchase was available to all who attended, along with a free skincare gift.

The Spa's next event to the public is its midsummer gift sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. the weekend of July 19-21. Guests will receive a 20% discount on products

and brands, like Scout Bags, Eberjey, Cabana Life Dresses, candles, diffusers and more

The Spa is also featuring "Fresh Citrus Cooler Scrub" special for the month of July. Enjoy 50 minutes of relaxation with an Epsom and Himalayan sea salt soother, a watermelon and organic vodka-infused body scrub and a massage finale with licorice blossom shea butter and hints of powder and spun sugar. The special is \$150 and comes with a complimentary First Coast cooler.

For more upcoming events and specials, visit www.pvspa.com.







ABOVE: Dr. Dennis Gross representative, Samantha Boone, showcases the brand's new products at the Spa's local event.

LEFT: The Spa at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club offers other merchandise like branded Yeti mugs.

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# How to kickstart your beach body: Tips for finding a routine that sticks



**Nemiah Rutledge** Guest Columnist

It's no secret that investing in personal fitness has countless benefits: it fights fatigue, improves your mood and even "slows" aging. Still, studies show that 60% of American adults don't get the recommended amount of physical activity and more than 25% of adults are not active at all.

So why is it so difficult for many of us to consistently get off the couch and lace up our sneakers? Summer

may already be here, but it's never too late to start making positive choices that kickstart your journey to better health.

#### **SET ATTAINABLE GOALS**

If you're starting from square one this summer, the most effective way to formulate fitness goals that work is to use the SMART method – specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely. These elements help you create goals that are strategic and effective.

Writing down personal goals is also a great way to hold yourself accountable. In fact, psychology researchers from Dominican University discovered that people are 42% more likely to achieve their goals when they write them down on a regular basis. Your goal notebook can also serve as a workout log and food diary, both of which can help you keep track of progress.

#### **PLAN FOR WORKOUTS**

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Finding the motivation to work out can be difficult,



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especially with summer plans crowding your schedule. A simple way to mentally prepare for exercising is to set out all of your workout essentials - clothes, shoes, water bottle, gym bag – in the evening before going to bed.

Physical preparation is also essential to staying healthy and free from injuries. Warm-ups effectively increase heart rate and blood flow, preparing joints for increased physical activity. A successful warmup includes dynamic stretches that are similar to the workout – for example, if you're going on a run, try lightly lifting the knees toward the chest at a quick pace for 10 to 20 seconds to get started.

### **CHANGE IT UP**

Switching up exercise routines is a smart decision no matter where you are in your fitness journey. It can be tempting to find a set of exercises you're comfortable with and fall into a set pattern, but that practice could hinder long-term health.

The main risks of exercising the same muscles every day are strains or tears from overuse. Adding fresh elements to workouts - such as a new type of exercise or a different muscle group to focus on – not only helps avoid repetition injuries, but can also boost your brain power. According to an Oxford Academic study, exercises that require thinking (for example, a new workout with a learning curve) increase cell growth in the hippocampus of the brain, which is responsible for learning and

Improving your physical fitness is much easier with the right goals, proper planning and necessary variety. Whether you're just beginning or simply need new motivation, don't be afraid to dedicate yourself to becoming a better version of you — starting today!

Nemiah Rutledge is the founder and owner of Body Paradox, a Jacksonville-based fitness company that provides corporate and personal fitness training. For more information about his exercise programs and philosophy, visit BodyParadox.com.



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# Lash hosts demo party

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Photo courtesy of St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

The Leadership St. Johns Class celebrates its graduation at Aunt Kate's on the River Restaurant in Vilano Beach.

# Chamber's Leadership St. Johns Class completes year-long program

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership St. Johns Class of 2019 has completed its yearlong program and graduated 24 participants, from several sectors of industry, commerce and public service.

The leadership development program was started in 2001 and has more than 300 alumni including the former St. Johns County School District Superintendent of Schools and current Flagler College President Joseph G. Joyner; the current St. Johns County School District Superintendent of Schools Tim Forson; Flagler Health+ President and CEO Jason Barrett; local entrepreneur and St. Augustine Distillery co-founder CEO Phillip McDaniel; St. Johns County School District Board Representative and Vice-Chair Beverly Slough; and City of St. Augustine City Manager John Regan.

The Leadership St. Johns Program was established to educate, connect and encourage elite and emerging professionals as they strive to make a positive impact on the local economy and community.

According to Bob Porter, the Chamber's LSJ program director, members

of the class of 2019 will continue to be mentored by program alumni who maintain and promote a positive difference in the region. "The program provides a way to recognize talented individuals who will benefit from the experience and who can utilize the opportunity to advance their organizational and personal professional goals," said Porter. "Additionally, strong connections established among class members are invaluable throughout one's career and beyond."

The Chamber will begin to accept applications for the new program year in mid-July. The program runs from October through the following June. Class members need to be committed to meeting one day each month to experience a full day of policy briefings and onsite tours providing an in-depth overview of the challenges and opportunities faced by St. Johns County's industries, government agencies and nonprofits.

Class members who successfully graduate from the program are accepted into the prestigious ranks of leadership alumni in St. Johns County and across Florida, and many LSJ graduates

have been accepted into the state-wide Leadership Florida program. For additional information and to register when nominations are open, visit www. sjcchamber.com/leadership-st.-johns.

The graduates of the Leadership St. Johns Class of 2019 are: Lenny Byrd, Century 21 - St. Augustine Properties; Ashley Folladori, Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach; Francesco Manfredi, Flagler Health+; Lori Brandel, VyStar Credit Union; Nicole Pece, Betty Griffin Center; Barry Fox, City of St. Augustine Police Department; Catherine Hutchins, St. Johns County School District; George Waters, Gwanda; Lex Taylor, Douglas and Hedstrom PA; Mark Allen, All Florida Safety Institute; Paige Durrett, Northrop Grumman; Greg Huntington, Advanced Disposal; Emily Harrison, St. Johns County School District; Wayne Gordon, Gordon Family Chiropractor: Ian Edmonson, Edmonson & Associates; Jack Hall, St. Johns River State College; Julia Turner, AmerisBank; Elena Laguardia, Flagler Health+, Flagler Health Care Foundation;

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# Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra presents awards, passes gavel

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra had its End of the Year Awards and Passing of the Gavel Celebration Dinner on June 20 at Maggiano's in the Town Center where outgoing 2017-2019 Charter President Kelly Altosino-Sastre of Rotary District 6970's newest club recapped the club's beginning and accomplishments over the past two years.

The club was chartered April 25, 2018. In addition to a slide show presentation of service projects and fellowship activities, club awards were distributed. The most prestigious award, The Rotarian of the Year, was given to St. Johns County Commissioner for District 4, Jeremiah Blocker, the club's sergeant-at-arms. This award is for exemplary and distinguished service to the club.

MaryBeth Murray of Watson Realty, Nocatee office and the club's international service chair was given the Spirit of Rotary Award for service not only within the club, but outside of the club to furthur the ideals of Rotary.

There were two President's Awards given for being founding members of the club. The first went to Karen Everett, St. Johns Chamber economic development director and the club's public image chair. Club Treasurer Darrell Clarkson, Tax Principal at Pivot CPAs also received a President's Award.

Joshua Hull, vice president of Vystar Credit Union, Nocatee Branch and the club's Rotary youth exchange counselor, was given the Youth Service Award.

Guest of honor, District Governor Jeanette Loftus, installed incoming 2019-2020 President Hilary Wilson and the board of directors. Altosino-Sastre was given the past president pin and will serve on the board as immediate past president. Last month, Altosino-Sastre won the Brent Williams Spirit of Rotary Award for Rotary District 6970 for long-time service in Rotary. She has been a Rotarian for 23 years and has served in many leadership capacities.

The club will kick off the new Rotary year from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 9 at Treylor Park Restaurant next to Publix in Nocatee's Town Center. For information, email pontevedrarotary@gmail.com.

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# STATE OFFICIALS PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AT WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME

A panel of Florida elected officials from the area provided a legislative update during a breakfast held by the St. Johns County **Chamber of Commerce** on June 21 at the World Golf Hall of Fame. The panel discussion featured St. Johns County BCC Chair Paul Waldron (from left), St. Augustine Vice Mayor Leanna Freeman, Florida Representative **Paul Renner and Florida** Senator Travis Hutson. The discussion was moderated by St. Johns County Chamber Vice Chairman Mark Nighbor (far right).



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President/CEO and a graduate of

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our class members to consider using

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# Locally designed golf course coming to St. Johns County

# Lennar selects Bobby Weed Golf Design as architect

The first 18-hole golf course to be built in St. Johns County in more than a decade will serve as the hallmark of a new 55+ community located between Longleaf Pine Parkway and Greenbriar Road (County Road 210). The Northeast Florida division of Lennar Corporation has selected renowned TPC golf course architect Bobby Weed Golf Design for the new golf course.

The new development by Lennar will include at least 500 single-family, attached and detached homes. Designed specifically for an active lifestyle, gated community will include a pro shop, club facilities and an on-site restaurant in addition to the golf course.

"Today's 55+ is not the same as it was

20 years ago. People over 55 today are more active and social, and want to remain that way for longer. Our vision is to design a community just for them," said Matt Devereaux, division president for Lennar in North Florida. "Bobby Weed has more than 35 years of design experience, and we are thrilled to have his expertise on this project to make our vision a reality."

Bobby Weed Golf Design, headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, specializes in contemporary, progressive golf course design. Weed has designed more than 50 projects, including many of today's best known TPC venues and the recently-completed GROVE XXIII, an exclusive, members-only private club in Hobe Sounds, Florida, of which NBA legend and avid golfer Michael Jordan is the majority partner.

"We share Lennar's vision of designing a golf community that is forward-thinking

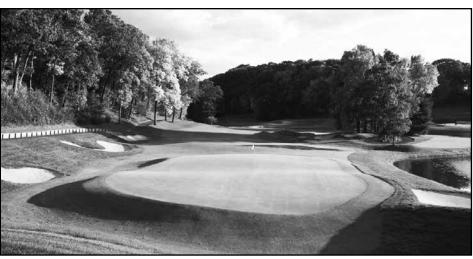


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TPC River Highlands, a private golf club in Cromwell, Conn., was redesigned by Bobby Weed in 1989 in consultation with former PGA Tour players Howard Twitty and Roger Maltbie. In 2016 Weed worked in conjunction with PGA Tour Design Services on a course-wide bunker renovation at TPC River Highlands to update the strategy, based on ShotLink data, and to improve playability and maintenance.

for more active and discerning residents," said Bobby Weed. "We have in mind an interesting layout that has loops of three, six and nine holes returning to the clubhouse, allowing members to play as their time permits.

"We intend to incorporate the native onsite vegetation with swaths of shell-sand for visual contrast while relying on clustered sod-wall bunkers for strategic interest."

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Photo courtesy of McGarvey Communities

The large lots on Ponte Vedra Boulevard near Mickler Road will have Guana Preserve and Atlantic Ocean access.

# 12 new home sites to offer beach, preserve boardwalks

Nestled between Guana River and the Atlantic Ocean, McGarvey Residential Communities has announced they are developing Ocean Dunes, its newest residential community of 12 large home sites located on Ponte Vedra Boulevard.

Located at 1138-1152 Ponte Vedra Blvd. at the intersection of Mickler Road, Ocean Dunes lots have beautiful views of the Guana Preserve.

With the opportunity to permit boardwalks to scenic Guana River, and all lots having private boardwalk access to the beach, Ocean Dunes provide opportunities to enjoy two of Ponte Vedra's most coveted natural amenities.

"We have just released the first few lots in Ocean Dunes. the limited opportunity of living in this private and intimate location with its fantastic views of Guana Preserve is very appealing. Ocean Dunes is proving to be extremely popular," said developer Matt McGarvey. "Build the home of your dreams, from your plans, with your builder, when you're ready. And the location on Ponte Vedra Blvd. doesn't hurt either."

According to Garvey, these plots of land date back to 1784, where they served as a rice plantation owned by James Grant, governor of East Florida

For more than 35 years, McGarvey Residential Communities has been creating vintage Florida neighborhoods; thoughtfully planned communities designed to be as timeless as the beauty that surrounds them.

Close attention to the environment, respecting open space, maintaining the topography and landscaping with native plant material and brick paved roads are features that distinguish every McGarvey community.

For more information, visit www.oceandunespv.com, email Matt McGarvey at Matt@mcgarveycommunities.com or call (904) 247-9160.

# Julington Lakes offers 5 homes for summer move-in

Julington Lakes is a private, gated community offering award-winning home designs, lake or preserve views with most home sites, and The Lakehouse, the community's designer-decorated private residents' clubhouse and amenity center.

The communitiy's final five homes by Toll Brothers available for move-in this summer include an Anastasia Carolina, a Terrano Carolina, an Anna Maria Country Manor, a Captiva Elite Traditional and an Abigail Traditional.

"These homes are ideal for buyers who want to move in quickly to this vibrant and active community," said Steven Merten, president of Toll Brothers' Northeast Florida division. "We encourage home buyers to visit Julington Lakes today to learn how they can get settled in to one of these spectacular homes before the next school year."

The one-story, 2,614 square-foot Anastasia Carolina includes three bedrooms, two and one-half bathrooms, and a three-car garage. The home's open floor plan is highlighted by a two-story foyer, which leads to a great room with direct access to the covered lanai. The Anastasia Carolina is priced at \$466,990.

The two-story, 3,067 square-foot Terrano Carolina includes four bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a three-car garage. The home's open floor plan is highlighted by a two-story foyer, which leads to a great room with direct access to the covered lanai. The Terrano Carolina is priced at \$521,990.

The two-story, 3,296 square-foot Anna Maria Country Manor includes four bedrooms, three and one-half bathrooms, a versatile study, and a three-car garage. The home's open floor plan features a two-story foyer that leads to a great



Rendering courtesy of Toll Brothers

The Anna Maria Country Manor model is one of five homes available for summer move-in at Julington Lakes by Toll Brothers.

room with direct access to the covered lanai. The Anna Maria Country Manor is priced at \$530,000

The two-story, 3,544 square-foot Captiva Elite Traditional includes four bedrooms, three and one-half bathrooms, and a three-car garage. The home's open concept living area includes a great room with direct access to the covered lanai. The Captiva Elite Traditional is priced at \$569,990.

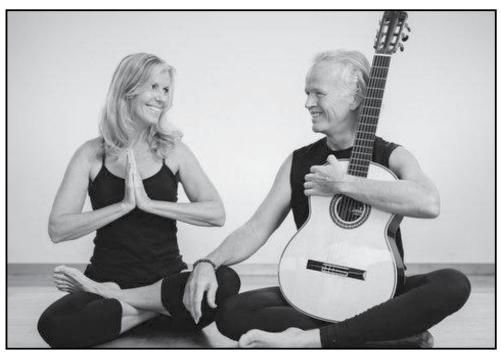
The two-story, 4,525 square-foot Abigail Traditional features four bedrooms, four bathrooms, and a three-car garage. The home's living area includes a two-story great room with direct access to the covered lanai, and a gourmet kitchen. The Abigail Traditional is priced at \$768,990.

Julington Lakes residents have access to resort-style amenities, including The Lakehouse, the community's designer-decorated, private clubhouse. It features a social room and catering kitchen, fitness center, a zero-entry swimming pool, two lighted tennis courts and more.

The Julington Lakes sales center and designer-decorated models are located at 57 Mist Court in St. Johns and are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday and Monday. For more information, call (904) 287-9050 or visit JulingtonLakes.com.

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# Local couple releases 'Everything Matters' as audiobook



Atlantic Beach residents Dennis and Kathy Lang recently released their audio book, "Everything Matters," which includes the story of their transformation, instrumental music and guided meditations.

As corporate moguls, Atlantic Beach residents Dennis and Kathy Lang had it all – power, success and money.

The Langs both worked in the defense industry for 20 years. They were with Honeywell on the materials technology side and then with Armor Holdings which is now a part of British Aerospace manufacturing armor products and systems such as bulletproof vests and armored vehicles.

Dennis traveled extensively worldwide for his job. It took a toll on their lives and on his health.

In 2000, while on vacation at a resort, they decided to try a yoga class. That one class changed the course of their lives forever.

"It helped us change our view on our health, wellness and happiness," Dennis

They started practicing yoga on a regular basis and experienced personal transformation using yoga and its teachings as a guide.

They quit their high-powered jobs on the very same day in 2005.

"We wanted a lifestyle change," Den-

The transformation that occurred in their lives while practicing yoga is shared in their audio book, "Everything Matters, How a Corporate Over-Achieving Couple Found Real Truth and How You Can Too (and it's not what you think)" featuring narration by former anchor and reporter for WJXT TV in Jacksonville, John Thomas as well as Dennis and Kathy.

Their print and digital book was released in July 2018. Shortly afterwards, a friend told them about popularity of audio books, so they started their search for talent to narrate the book.

The audio book is available on Audible, Amazon and iTunes.

For more information, visit www. yogawithdennisandkathy.com.

# Theatre Jacksonville to celebrate 100th anniversary

About to embark on its 100th season, Theatre Jacksonville has been a fixture in the heart of Jacksonville's arts scene since opening in 1919. Still affectionately known to some old-timers as "The Little Theatre," Theatre Jacksonville has been providing quality community productions for nearly a century in the same lovinglymaintained 1920s-era San Marco historic

Theatre Jacksonville has arranged a spectacular line-up to celebrate its landmark 100th anniversary. From classics to acclaimed musicals to favorite family fare, the MainStage season package offers something for every age, taste, and

"We are thrilled to present a unique season with an incredible repertoire to celebrate our 100th year of bringing creative inspiration to the City of Jacksonville," said Theatre Jacksonville Executive Director Sarah Boone. "A centennial celebration is a big deal, especially since we are the oldest continually-running community theater in the state of Florida, and one of the oldest in the country. We want the entire Jacksonville community to support this momentous season and experience the amazing resources and talent that we have right here in Northeast

The 100th season officially begins Nov. 1 with "Something Rotten," a musical comedy, set in the 1590s, about two playwrights stuck in the shadow of "The Bard," that has received several Best

The season continues with "Shadowlands," a West End and Broadway hit, named Best New Play in 1990, telling the love story of C.S. Lewis and Ameri-



can poet Joy Davidman; "Love Quest," A clever romantic comedy about the journey of two women into online dating: "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner," a comedy of manners

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based on the acclaimed screenplay made famous by Spencer Tracy, Sydney Poitier, and Katherine Hepburn; and finishes with "Matilda," a captivating musical masterpiece from the Royal Shakespeare Company based on the bestselling Roald Dahl children's book.

A subscriber package is \$110 per adult,

or \$270 for a family that includes two adults and one child. Senior, student and military season tickets are \$95.

Season subscribers also get priority seating for September's "Classic In San Marco" season extra stage production of "Twelve Angry Men" based on the Emmy award-winning television movie about a contentious jury trial in 1957.

In order to establish a source of funds for future theater operating costs, which continue to increase each year, Theatre Jacksonville is also embarking on a 100th Anniversary Endowment Campaign. The fund has already exceeded \$600,000, which includes a matching gift from the Weaver Family Foundation. The goal is to reach \$1 million by the end of 2019.

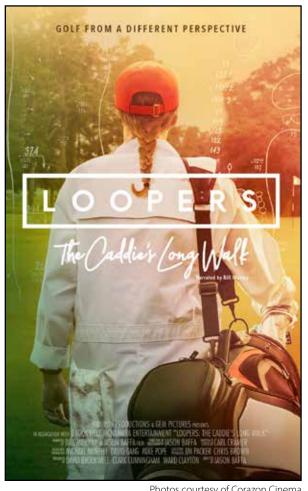
"We have already been blessed with several very generous gifts, and we would love to have everyone in the greater Jacksonville community support our organization with a one-time donation toward our 100th Anniversary Endowment Campaign," said Boone. "No amount is insignificant to contribute toward this critical endowment, which will greatly increase our ability to be forward thinking, to adapt to change, and to allow current and new generations to find their creative spirits and let them flourish."

For more information about the upcoming 100th anniversary season or to make a donation, visit www.theatrejax.com.



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# 'Caddyshack' star narrates film about caddies



The movie poster for "Loopers," which is showing at the Corazon Cinema in St. Augustine through July 11.

# Golf movie has local ties; Bill Murray, World Golf Hall of Fame

The movie "Loopers: The Caddie's Long Walk," narrated by Bill Murray, began a two-week run on Friday at the Corazon Cinema in St. Augustine. The final showing will be Thursday, July 11. There will also be a special introduction and Q&A on Friday night, July 5 by producer Ward Clayton.

The "Loopers" U.S. theatrical release began on Friday, June 7 the week before the U.S. Open at

Pebble Beach — and included theaters in 30 states and 100-plus theaters.

The film, narrated by actor and former caddie Bill Murray, has drawn critical acclaim with positive reviews and best documentary awards from the Cleveland International Film Festival in early April and the Newport Beach (California) Film Festival in early May.

The World Golf Hall of Fame is highlighted with interviews of Hall of Famers Sir Nick Faldo, Tom Watson, Ben Crenshaw, Lee Trevino, Curtis Strange and former Masters Tournament and U.S. Open champion Fuzzy Zoeller. Professional caddies who participated include Steve Williams (Tiger Woods' former caddie), Carl Jackson (Crenshaw), Fanny Sunesson (Faldo), Pete Bender (Greg Norman and others), Michael Greller (Jordan Spieth) and Jariah "Jerry" Beard (Zoeller at the 1979 Masters). Longtime golf journalists Rick Reilly, Michael Collins and Ward Clayton are also



Actor Bill Murray is the narrator for "Loopers."

The film reveals little-known stories about caddies, like Greg Puga, who grew up in East Los Angeles, went on to caddie at Los Angeles' Bel-Air Country Club and qualified as an amateur to play in the Masters Tournament. Another is the compelling legacy of caddie master Mike Kiely, who has been the caddie organizer at historic Canterbury Golf Club in Cleveland 50 years and guided

many caddies toward successful lives.

"Loopers" was filmed at some of the more iconic locations in golf such as the Augusta (Georgia) National Golf Club, Pebble Beach (California) Golf Links, The Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, several other vaunted courses in Scotland and Ireland such as Carnoustie, Prestwick, Ballybunion and Lahinch and Bandon Dunes (Oregon).

The Corazon is located at 36 Granada Street, downtown St. Augustine. Showtimes are at 1, 4 and 7 p.m., daily except for July 4 (one show at 1 p.m.) and on Mondays and Tuesdays (July 1-2 and 8-9) when the Corazon is closed. Clayton, a St. Johns County resident and producer of the film, will make a special introduction and hold a Q&A after the 7 p.m., showing on Friday, July 5.

For more information, email corazoncandc@gmail.com; call (904) 679-5736 or visit www.corazoncinemaandcafe. com/showtimes.html. No advance tickets are available







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# THE PLAYERS Championship contributes \$500,000 to teen center, scholarship fund

Mal Washington Youth Foundation's Teen Center will name wing 'THE PLAYERS'

For nearly 23 years, the MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation has been driven to improve the outcomes of young people in the Durkeeville community in Duval County.

On June 27, their efforts to reach more students with a state-of-the art Teen Center were honored with a \$500,000 community challenge grant awarded by THE PLAYERS Championship. PGA TOUR pro Jim Furyk joined MWYF Founder Mal Washington; THE PLAYERS' Executive Director Jared Rice; and Duval County Public Schools' Superintendent Diana Greene for the presentation.

Furyk, a champion in his own right, led students in a CHAMPIONS' pledge where they committed to practices and behaviors that contribute to their success. Middle school students who commit to the pledge will have the opportunity to earn a \$1,000 "Driven to Succeed" scholarship to further their education after high school.

"We have been fortunate to support the work of the MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation for more than 15 years," said Jared Rice, executive director, THE PLAYERS. "The outcomes that they are producing for kids throughout our community are incredible. They are truly making a difference. We are proud to support them in their efforts to reach more kids and improve more lives."

In October, MWYF publicly announced a capital campaign to build a new Teen Center, filling a great need for space, programming and offerings that serve and support teens. The Teen Center will offer age-appropriate services including academic assistance, college preparation, job and leadership training and recreational activities. The new 13,000+ square foot facility will be located at Emmett Reed park, adjacent to the current Youth Center. The Teen Center will include classrooms, a teaching kitchen, technology room, recreational areas and administrative offices.



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PGA TOUR pro Jim Furyk (second from right) joined MWYF Founder Mal Washington; THE PLAYERS' Executive Director, Jared Rice; and Duval County Public Schools' Superintendent, Diana Greene for the check presentation.



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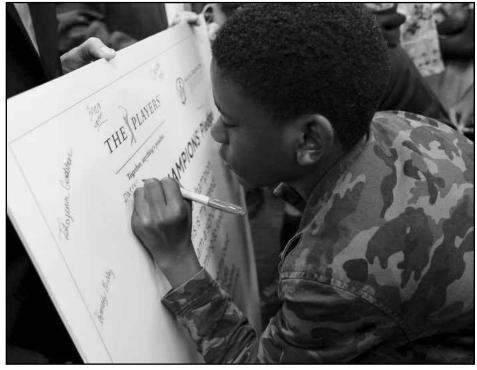


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Darnell, a middle school student, signed the CHAMPION's pledge at the event and will have the opportunity to earn a \$1,000 "Driven to Succeed" scholarship.

# **Donation**

In honor of THE PLAYERS \$500,000 contribution, the middle school wing of the Teen Center will be named THE PLAYERS. In addition, the funds will support a Driven to Succeed scholarship that will be awarded to a student who

demonstrates champion-level behavior throughout the year.

"We are thrilled to have received such a generous gift from THE PLAYERS, our long-time partners," said MaliVai Washington. "I hope others will rise to the challenge of matching this gift and support the new Teen Center that will benefit the community for years to come."



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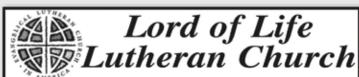
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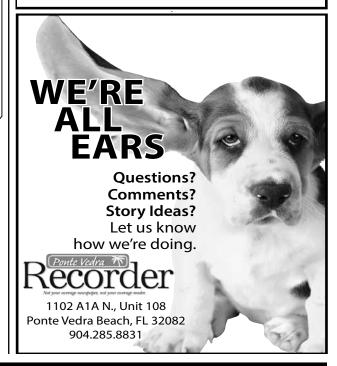


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