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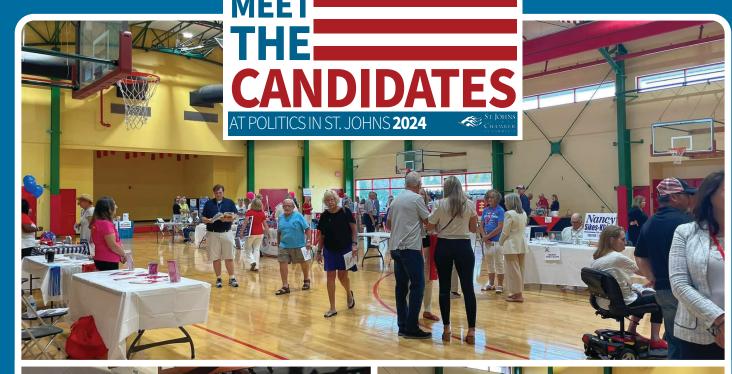


# Meet the Candidates 2024 at Politics in St. Johns

Tuesday, July 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Beachside High School, St. Johns Wednesday, July 31, 5-7 p.m. | Solomon Calhoun Community Center, St. Augustine Meet the Candidates at Politics in St. Johns gives the community the opportunity to meet the candidates running for office this election and learn more about the issues that matter to

them. The photos below are from the 2022 Politics in St. Johns event.

Photos provided by the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division





**June 2024** 









### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO**



### Preparation is key to resilience, success

In business, proactive planning and informed decision-making are crucial to success. Doing the research and being prepared for anything makes a business more resilient and successful.

This time of year is a critical time of preparation — for hurricane season and for the upcoming primary and general elections in the fall. These events might not seem related, but they can each significantly impact a business's operations, finances and overall stability.

By having robust disaster preparedness plans in place, businesses can minimize downtime, protect assets and ensure employee safety. This includes securing facilities, backing up data and establishing communication protocols to swiftly respond to disruptions.

The Chamber recently hosted a presentation from Kelly Wilson, director of the county's Emergency Management department, to ensure our members had the information they need to be ready for the 2024 storm season. An easy way any business can prepare for hurricane season is to follow the Chamber on social media. The Chamber serves as the official liaison to the business community in case of hurricanes or other emergencies, and our team will share updates and resources for all businesses on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/sjc-chamber.

Preparation for elections is also important, and the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting an informed, engaged community.

Staying informed about political developments and getting to know the people running for office, especially local seats, allows companies to capitalize on opportunities and maintain consumer and employee confidence during periods of political transition.

To facilitate this preparation, the Chamber is hosting two Meet the Candidates at PISJ events (formerly Politics in St. Johns), giving the public an opportunity to connect with candidates one on one and ask questions about the issues they care about. Bringing together so many candidates in one place allows community members to speak with all candidates and make the most informed choices when voting.

Ultimately, we must all be prepared and informed in order to make the best decisions for our businesses and our communities. The Chamber is committed to providing education and information to support an informed, engaged community.

#### Isabelle Renault,

President & CEO, St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

# Chamber adds tourism development manager to staff



Daniel Lee

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce recently hired Daniel Lee as the marketing and tourism development manager to support the Chamber's tourism promotion and overall marketing efforts.

Lee brings a blend of marketing and tourism-destination experience to the role. He spent the last several years with Firehouse Subs as a field marketing coordinator, where he managed all facets of marketing for more than 60 restau-

rants in the Southeast United States and led major local partnership activations with the Jacksonville Jaguars and Jacksonville Icemen. Prior to that, he worked at the St. Augustine Lighthouse and MaritimeMuseum managing and supporting social media, public relations, advertising and visitor experience efforts.

"In my short time with the Chamber, I have already seen the passion from our team and the Chamber community towards growing the area's reputation as a stellar tourism destination," Lee said about joining the Chamber team. "I'm looking forward to working with our members to help drive even more of that success."

A Pennsylvania native, Lee spent his childhood traveling to St. Augustine with his family to visit his grandparents, who are longtime residents. He eventually moved to the area to attend Flagler College, where he earned a degree in tourism and hospitality management in 2018.

Lee will manage and promote the Ponte Vedra Beach Visitor Information Center, curate content for Ponte Vedra-focused tourism websites, and promote the autism certification grant program for tourism and hospitality businesses in St. Johns County.

### Chamber brings back pre-election events in St. Johns County

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce is providing community members the opportunity to connect with political candidates ahead of the 2024 election.

Meet the Candidates at PISJ (formerly Politics in St. Johns) will be held Tuesday, July 23, in St. Johns and Wednesday, July 31, in St. Augustine. The meet-andgreet events allow citizens to meet and speak with candidates running for public office.

"The Chamber is proud to bring these events to the residents of St. Johns County," said Isabelle Renault, president and CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. "This meet-and-greet gives the public face time with candidates to ask questions and learn information that will help them make the most informed decision in the voting booth."

Held every two years, these events

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draw hundreds of attendees from around the county to connect with candidates campaigning for all levels of government. The events are free to attend for the public; candidates pay for exhibition space.

At the events, attendees can also show support for the candidates of their

choice in a straw poll by the UNF Public Opinion Research Lab. Attendees will be encouraged to have conversations with all candidates before voting in the straw poll.

"The Chamber is providing an important venue for the public to be as educated and informed as possible," Renault

### **Meet the Candidates at PISJ**

**When:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23

**Where**: Beachside High School, 200 Great Barracuda Way, St. Johns **More information:** https://bit.ly/ pisj2024\_north

When: 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31 Where: Solomon Calhoun Community Center, 1300 Duval St., St. Augustine

**More information:** https://bit.ly/pisj2024\_south

said. "This is a unique opportunity for residents to have these one-on-one conversations with candidates and asking questions about issues that matter to them."

# Chamber golf tournament planned for fall 2024

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce will hold the annual Golf Classic on Monday, Sept. 30, at Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach.

The golf tournament will support the Chamber's mission to deliver continuous service to members and to the community. Golfers can network with fellow business professionals and industry leaders while

enjoying a day of friendly competition on the links.

Marsh Landing's golf course is a nature lover's paradise, with great views all along the course. The tournament is open to Chamber members and nonmembers; golfers can sign up as a foursome or individually, and sponsorships are available.

### 2024 St. Johns County Chamber Golf Classic

**When**: Monday, Sept. 30. Check-in begins at 7 a.m.

**Where:** Marsh Landing Country Club, Ponte Vedra Beach

**Cost:** Foursome, \$1,200; individual, \$300

**Register**: https://bit.ly/chamber\_golf\_2024



Photo provided by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

The St. Johns County Chamber Golf Classic will be held Monday, Sept. 30, at Marsh Landing Country Club.

### Florida SBDC Small Business Success Summit coming to Ponte Vedra

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to sponsor the upcoming Florida SBDC Network 2024 Small Business Success Summit.

The Florida SBDC Network Small Business Success Summit will take place Aug. 19-20 in Ponte Vedra Beach. This event will bring small business owners, Florida SBDC Network experienced business consultants and partners from across the state together to help small business owners walk away with strategies and connections to help further their business.

The summit will feature keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities that will allow small business professionals to walk away with tangible strategies and connections to help their business start, grow and thrive.

### Florida SBDC Small Business Success Summit

When: Aug. 19-20

**Where:** Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte Vedra Beach **More information and registration:** https://flo-

ridasbdc.org/success\_summit/





# Chamber at Noon focuses on planning for hurricane season

We all dread hurricane season, but we also know how important it is to be prepared. At June's Chamber at Noon, Kelly Wilson of St. Johns County Emergency Management shared critical information about how we all can make sure our families, homes and businesses are ready for anything.

Wilson explained that the most fundamental function of Emergency Management is coordinating information and resources. During a storm, dozens of people fill the Emergency Operations Center to provide support to the community and direct resources to those who need them.

Preparing for hurricane season is always important, but with so much new development, the county has more residents who might have never experienced a Florida hurricane season, so education and communication is more important than ever.

The county's Emergency Management department has many resources for residents and businesses, and Wilson emphasized the importance of making a plan well before a storm is headed our way.

While St. Johns County hasn't experienced a direct hit by a hurricane since Hurricane Dora made landfall near St. Augustine in 1964, the county is still impacted by hurricanes nearly every year. Flooding (from both storm surge and rainfall) can be devastating, and heavy wind is often responsible for major damage. Wilson pointed out the importance of knowing if your home or business is in a flood zone (which is different from your evacuation zone) and of carrying flood insurance.

For resources and more information, go to sjechamber.com/hurricane-prepared-ness-for-businesses.



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Kelly Wilson (second from left), deputy director of St. Johns County Emergency Management, shared tips and resources for preparing for hurricane season at a recent Chamber at Noon in Ponte Vedra Beach. With Wilson are Elizabeth Bernardino, vice president of program development and marketing for the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, and Harmony and Todd Marshall of All Dry Services of SE Jacksonville, who sponsored the event.

### **ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, June 27th, 3pm-6pm Anastasia Mosquito Control District (AMCD) 120 EOC Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32092

Mosquito activity will be peak seasons, AMCD encourages residents to empty containers, reduce and avoid outdoor activity at dawn and dusk, and take personal protection against mosquito bites and prevent the risk from mosquito-borne diseases.



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### Lisa Barton Team hosts Chamber After Hours

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division held an After Hours event on April 17 that was hosted by the Lisa Barton Team with Keller Williams Realty Atlantic Partners at their Sawgrass Village location. Lori Adams, Cabi clothing representative, co-sponsored the event, and it was a great opportunity to meet and mingle with other local business representatives.

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### **Chamber After Hours**

The May 24 Chamber After Hours was held at ERX Emergency Restoration Experts. ERX offers restoration services for homes and businesses following damage from fire, flood or other emergencies. Learn more at goabsinc.com.

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# St. Johns County Chamber celebrates new foundation

Kickoff event exceeds fundraising goal to establish scholarships for Leadership St. Johns

#### **For The Register**

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce celebrated its newly launched foundation on April 25 with its inaugural fundraising event, hosted by bestbet St. Augustine.

More than 100 members of the community participated in a charity poker tournament that raised more than \$11,000 — exceeding the event's fundraising goal — to fund scholarships for Leadership St. Johns, the foundation's cornerstone program.

"The community will benefit tremendously from the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Foundation," said Cecil Gibson, the foundation's board chair. "By offering financial assistance, the foundation's work will create opportunities for highly qualified candidates to participate in the region's premier leadership development program, Leadership St. Johns."

Jamie Shelton, bestbet president and CEO, offered to host the fundraiser to support the Chamber and the new foundation.

"bestbet is always interested in helping out the communities in which we operate, and the St. Johns County Chamber Foundation checks all our boxes for community involvement," said Shelton, who serves on the Chamber's board of directors.

In addition to Leadership St. Johns, the foundation will also focus on creating an emergency fund for businesses to support recovery from natural disasters or economic downturns, as well as workforce development through partnerships with local educational institutions.

"The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Foundation is a natural extension of the Chamber's work to promote a vibrant, diverse business environment in St. Johns County," said Isabelle Renault, Chamber president and CEO. "The foundation opens new avenues for programs and philanthropic work to make a difference in the community at large as we work to strengthen our business community."

The foundation is led by a board of directors comprised of business leaders in the county. The founding members include Board Chair Cecil Gibson (Ameris Bank), Vice Chair Orville Dothage (Northrop Grumman), Secretary/Treasurer Erika Alba (Woolsey/Morcom), Nancy Dering Mock (Nancy Dering Mock Consulting) and Chamber President and CEO Isabelle Renault.

More information about the foundation is available at sjechamberfoundation.org.

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce is the premier business advocacy organization in St. Johns County. With more than 1,100 member businesses across a variety of industries, the Chamber is committed to delivering continuous service to members and the community through public policy, economic development and business education to cultivate an environment where businesses can grow and thrive.

Learn more about the chamber at sjc-chamber.com.



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bestbet St. Augustine hosted a charity poker tournament to benefit the St. Johns County Chamber Foundation. The event raised more than \$11,000 to establish a scholarship fund for Leadership St. Johns, to develop workforce development programs and to support the creation of an emergency fund to assist local businesses in times of natural disaster or economic downturn.



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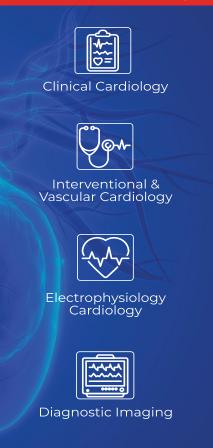
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### Elected officials provide update on state legislative efforts

St. Johns County Commissioner Sarah Arnold was a featured speaker at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce 2024 Legislative Update Breakfast held on May 17. Arnold provided updates on the county's legislative priorities, including initiatives to address the recruitment, retention and longterm care for emergency responders and critical transportation projects that will provide traffic relief along I-95 and U.S. 1.

Arnold said, "This year, our 2024 take home, pending we don't get vetoed by the governor, was more than \$53 million in appropriations. Out of that, \$26 million is for public safety. We have been very active in initiating and prioritizing new legislation for a presumptive disability for our first responders regarding neurological deficits from chemicals these first responders are exposed to in fires."

Joining Arnold on the stage for legislative updates were Paul Renner, speaker



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of the Florida House of Representatives; Mayor Nancy Sikes Kline, City of St. Augustine; Mayor Dylan Rumrell, City of St. Augustine Beach; Shorty Robbins, legislative aide to state Rep. Cyndi Stevenson; and Craft Talbot, legislative aide for state Sen. Travis Hutson.

Adam Tecler, director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, said, "St. Johns County is hopeful of receiving the governor's approval of several county projects in the FY 25 state budget, including \$11.7 million for a District 23 Regional Medical Examiner's Office, \$7.5 million to widen State Road 16 to four lanes from IGP to I-95, \$10 million to extend County Road 2209 from IGP to State Road 16, \$7.5 million for an all hazards regional fire training and unified command center, \$7.5 million for a central public safety station, \$4.75 million for the South Ponte Vedra Beach dune restoration, \$225,000 for the Lincolnville Museum and \$125,000 for the Historic Vilano Beach Street Improvements."

Tecler has served as the county's grants and legislative development manager since 2022. During that time, the county has secured more than \$170 million in funds to advance critical infrastructure projects. In November 2023, the Grants and Legislative Affairs Office was restructured to become the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Tecler was confirmed as the director on April 16, 2024



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### **Chamber After Hours at RISE at Nocatee**

The May 22 Chamber After Hours event was held at the RISE at Nocatee, celebrating the opening of the clubhouse for the 55+ active living community on Preservation Trail. Attendees enjoyed great food, drinks and networking. Jerry Shaffer and his team hosted the event.

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# Old Coast Pickleball ribbon cutting

Old Coast Pickleball held its ribbon cutting on April 26. It was an afternoon of networking and celebrating.

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# Chamber Before Hours at TPC Sawgrass

The June 12 Chamber Before Hours was held at TPC Sawgrass. Attending was a great group for networking and catching up with friends to kick off the workday. Find more Chamber Before Hours events on the calendar at https://bit.ly/sjc\_chamber\_events.

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# Concert hall is Chamber at Noon subject

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is changing — in a wonderful way! Dianya Markovits of SJC Cultural Events and Jerry Wilson, president of Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, were guests at the May 15 Chamber at Noon. They spoke about the major updates and renovations to this community landmark. Go to pvconcerthall.com to learn more about the venue and what's to come.

Photo by Susan Griffin



# **Extract Juicery** ribbon cutting

Extract Juicery owner Kevin Walker cuts the ribbon April 26 for his new shop at 104 Ashourian Ave., Suite 103, in St. Johns. To learn more about Extract Juicery, go to extractjuicery.com.

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### Oakes speaks to Women with Vision Council

St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes spoke to the Chamber's Women with Vision Council on June 17. Her presentation focused on the importance of voting and the role of women in elections throughout history. Find everything you need to know about voting in St. Johns County at votesjc.gov.

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### **Ameriprise Financial** ribbon cutting

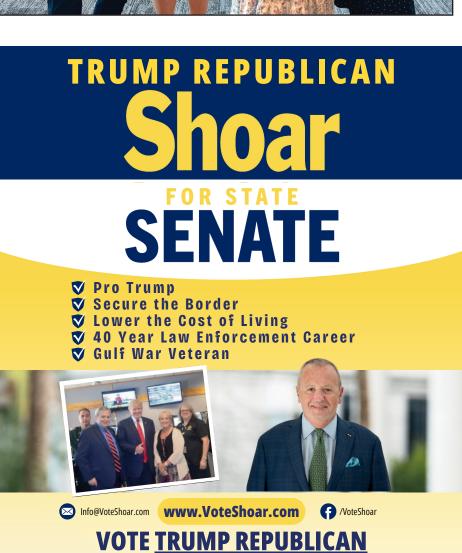
Ameriprise Financial held its ribbon cutting on April 25. It was an afternoon of networking and celebrating.

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# 4Ever Young ribbon cutting

4Ever Young Anti-Aging Solutions — St. Johns held its grand opening bash and ribbon cutting on April 12. It was an evening of networking and celebrating.

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## Chamber **Before Hours**

The April 10 Chamber Before Hours was held at Coastal Compass. Cutter Arey and his team hosted the morning of networking, food and coffee.

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# CURE Urgent and Primary Care ribbon cutting

CURE Urgent and Primary Care held a ribbon cutting May 1 at Silverleaf for its third location.

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**FACT:** <u>Voters</u> kept taxes low by saying NO to Whitehurst and Dean's 15% sales tax increase (which was heavily promoted by a developer-funded PAC.)

**FACT:** To pay for needed parks and other facilities, Dean and Whitehurst are taking out a \$140 million loan\*\*, and they'll pay off that debt with future impact fees - requiring more development! We already have 56,000 entitled homes not yet built. No wonder we can't break even, despite record revenues. Dean told a reporter SilverLeaf's 5000+ homes would cost taxpayers \$50 million\* "in road needs." We can't afford four more years of developer-funded commissioners.

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\*Source of commissioners' approved homes/housing units: SJC BOCC Agendas

\*\* Bond: Jesse Dunn, SJC OMB Dean: \$50M for road needs: Action News Jax, 5/17/22

Paid for by Ann-Marie Evans and Ann Taylor for St. Johns County Commissioners, Districts 1 and 5

# Advanced Business Solutions ribbon cutting

Advanced Business Solutions, LLC held a ribbon cutting on May 22. Learn more about ABS at https://www.goabsinc.com/

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### Tropical Smoothie Café ribbon cutting

Tropical Smoothie Café, 5821 Beach Blvd., held a ribbon cutting and grand opening on May 24. The staff and owners are friendly and helpful, and the menu and smoothies are delicious — just in time for summer fun.

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Paid by Tom Leek, Republican, for State Senate

# Culver's ribbon cutting

Culver's opened its newest location on Stratton Boulevard in St. Augustine, holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 20. The team is led by Garth and Lisa Darton. Of more than 1,000 Culver's locations, their restaurant on U.S. 1 is the fourth busiest in the entire United States.

Photo by First Coast Headshots provided by The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce



### **Land Title of America ribbon cutting**

A Chamber After Hours Event and ribbon cutting was held April 24 at Land Title of America Inc. Stephen Collins and his team hosted the evening of networking, food and drinks.

Photo provided by St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce



### Myth & Legend holds ribbon cutting

Myth & Legend held its grand opening and ribbon cutting on May 10. It was an afternoon of networking and celebrating.

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# Flagler Crossing ribbon cutting

St. Johns County and the City of St. Augustine took another step forward in offering new options in attainable housing with the ribbon cutting April 28 at Flagler Crossing apartments. Congratulations to Corner Lot on the completion of phase one of this project. Plans for phase two are already in place.

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### Pacetti Road Self Storage ribbon cutting

Pacetti Road Self Storage held a ribbon cutting June 13 at its new location in St. Augustine. In addition to self-storage rental they also offer indoor RV and boat storage, as well as outdoor RV and boat parking in St. Augustine. Learn more at pacettiroadselfstorage.com/.../pacetti-road

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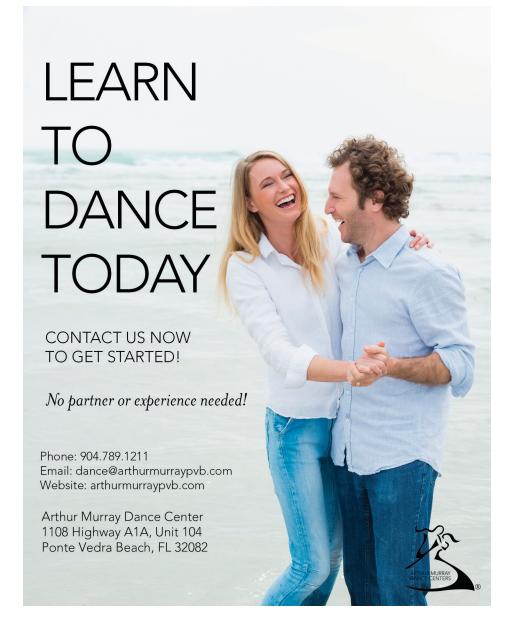
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## Patients Not Prisoners ribbon cutting

Patients Not Prisoners held a ribbon cutting on May 31 at the Waterworks in St. Augustine. Founder Lisa Taliaferro established the organization to help people with mental illness receive care instead of being criminalized.

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### Strive Counseling ribbon cutting

Strive Counseling held a ribbon cutting on May 17. Lindsay Farber is owner and lead therapist; she helps families and couples create a harmonious future. For more information, go to @Strive Counseling St. Augustine.

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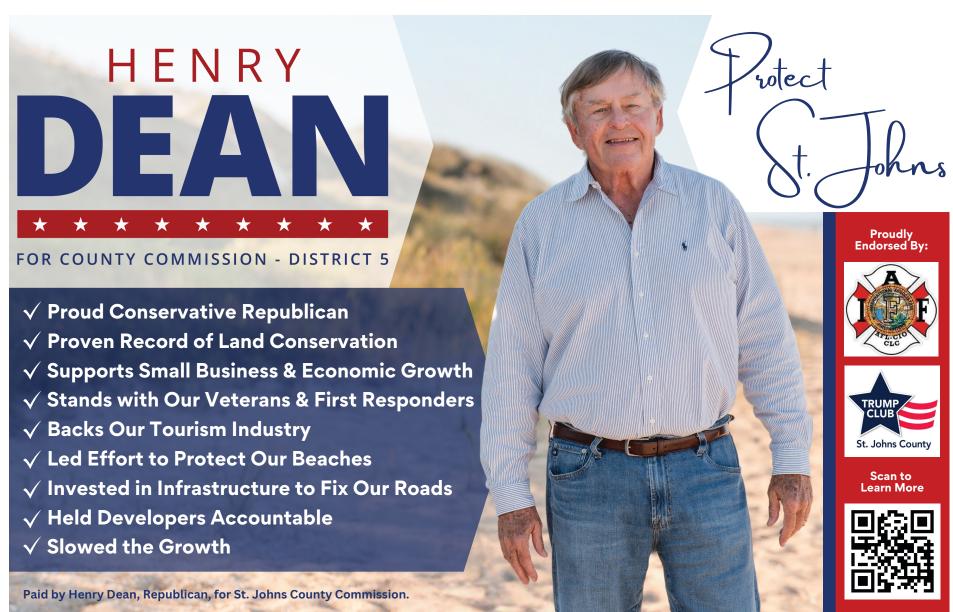


## Chamber Before Hours

First Florida Credit Union hosted the June 7 Chamber Before Hours at the recently opened Durbin branch in the northwestern part of St. Johns County. In addition to the great networking and conversation, attendees heard from the credit union's Lena Hull, who shared more information about the credit union and a summer program designed to help teens learn important financial skills and the principles of building good credit. Learn more about FFCU at firstflorida.org.

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