



St. Augustine Beaches

News Journal

NEWS FOR AND ABOUT RESIDENTS OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE BEACHES AREA



St. Augustine Beach

BEACH BLAST OFF

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Monday Dec. 31st 2012 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm



2013 Beach Blast Off Committee: (L to R) Marc Chattin, Ken Gatchell, Melissa Burns, Rob Dowling, Joe Howell, Charlene Gatchell, Max Royle, Jennifer Sauvage, Bob Samuels, Manu Ruggeri & Steve Cupolo. Missing from photo: Lori Mullinax, Dan Carignan, Gary Hiatt, Sam Baressi, Jake Sauvage and Ralph Correia. (See page 3)

The 6th Annual Winter Wonderland at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre opened to the public Friday, November 23rd. Hosted by the St. Johns County Cultural Events Division, Winter Wonderland features North Florida's premiere outdoor ice skating rink, along with our brand new Ice Chute, RC Race Track and Kid's Room. Other attractions include: Carnival Games, the Jr. Holly Jolly Trolley, Blizzard Bounce House and Inflatable Obstacle Course, Igloo Ski Lounge, Face Painting, Elf Village, Sleigh Rides, S'mores Pit, Nightly Snowfall, and of course Visits with Santa!



November 23 to January 6

Over 78,000 parents, children and friends attended the event last year-- testimony to our appeal as the prime holiday destination for friends, families and visitors in the North Florida area. There are activities for guests of all ages as well as various food and beverage options to enjoy while exploring the Amphitheatre's sprawling Anastasia State Park campus. Everything is bigger, brighter and better this year, as well as our introduction of a few very exciting new attractions.

The Ice Slide of years past will be converted into the Ice Chute-- a 140 foot inner tube ride traveling across the seating bowl under the Amphitheatre canopy. There are two different points of entry onto the slide: a normal entrance, and a higher point for thrill seekers. In addition to the Ice Chute, we also have an RC Race Track, which allows guests to maneuver a mini race car amongst numerous tricky turns throughout a 250 foot dirt track.

Confirmed special events at Winter Wonderland this year include: Weekly School Fundraising nights, Hospitality Industry Night November 26, WQIK Country Night on December 4, a performance by the Fruit Cove Middle School Band on December 8, and the Professional Firefighters of St. Augustine 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off on December 15. Please see our website for more information on these individual events.

Our dedication to planning for Winter Wonderland is evident by the amazing transformation from one of the most popular music venues in the Southeast to a wonderland of holiday cheer and spirit. Nightly snowfalls will make you feel as if you transcended into a sparkling snow village, while the Igloo Ski Lounge provides an escape by a warm fire to have a cocktail (for guests 21+ only). Also new this year is the Kids Room, which provides a haven filled with books, activities and games for children 5 and under with a chaperone.

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St. Augustine Beach Surf Illumination 2012

Lights Up Pier Park For Holiday Season

St. Augustine Beach Pier Park, December 1st 2012, 4-7pm

Light up your evenings when the Surf Illumination complements the seasonal lighting of A1A Beach Boulevard. The event includes the ceremonial lighting of the seasonal tree by the Mayor. Food and beverages are offered by local restaurants and many local arts and crafts vendors provide convenient shopping for the holiday season. Santa, musical performers and traditional carolers make it fun for all. This season's lighting will be expanded to illuminate four buildings and most of the trees at Pier Park, creating St. Augustine Beach's winter wonderland. We will see you there!



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The function of the Beaches News Journal is to serve the Neighborhoods of the St. Augustine Beaches area.

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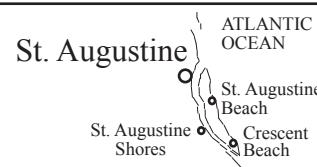
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News From Around St. Johns County

St. Augustine Amphitheatre Winter Wonderland

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Winter Wonderland offers something for everyone - guests of all ages, those daring or shy, who prefer activities indoors or outside, and there are free or ticketed games like your favorite holiday fair. Don't miss out on this once a year experience!

November 23 - December 21

5:00pm - 10:00pm Monday - Friday

2:00pm - 10:00pm Saturday & Sunday

December 22 - January 6

2:00pm - 10:00pm Daily

Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve 2:00pm - 10:00pm

Christmas Day 5:00pm - 10:00pm

New Year's Eve 12:00pm - 5:00pm

New Year's Day 2:00pm - 10:00pm

Nightly Snowfall

7:00pm - Over the Ice Rink & Over the Elf Village

8:00pm - Over the S'more Pit

9:00pm - Over the Ice Rink & Over the Elf Village

*Snowfall 5 minutes at each location.

For more information, contact our box office at (904) 209 - 0367, visit the website winterwonderlandflorida.com, or contact Elizabeth Glasgow at (904) 209 - 3753.



Christmas Traditions in Europe

Join us for our FREE travel club get together Wed., December 12, 2012, at 3:00p.m. at the Southeast Branch Library.

The main focus of the Club is to educate, inform, and enjoy armchair travel. The Travel Club is open to all St. Augustine residents, free of charge. We also would be happy to help you plan your trips to any destination as a free service of our expertise. Group travel can be arranged if enough members are interested.

Your host is Peter Dytrych. Call 904 797-3736 for additional information.

St. Augustine Orchestra Christmas Concert's "Christmas 'Round the World"

Music Director/Conductor William McNeiland has chosen some of the world's best Christmas music for the orchestra's December programs. Festive works from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, and Puerto Rico will be featured. In addition, the program includes a group of Latin-American melodies, called "Salsa Carols", and a special arrangement of Leroy Anderson's "Christmas Festival". Two vocalists, Caitlin Hannan and Kathryn Coulter, will sing sections from Handel's "Messiah" followed by a special arrangement of the traditional French-English Carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas", inviting audience participation. Both are students at Stetson University, DeLand, FL, and both are taking double majors. Ms Hannan is studying for her Bachelors Degree in Music and Masters Degree in Business Administration. Ms Coulter is pursuing degrees in vocal performance and music theory.

Ms. Coulter has sung starring roles in many opera performances and has also directed musical theater productions. Ms Hannan has received the Presidential Academic scholarship along with Stetson University's Music scholarship and other scholarships. In addition, she was the only female in Florida accepted to sing in the National Honors Ensemble, performing at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

The Orchestra's first concert will take place on Friday December 14 at 8 pm in the Lightner Museum's Antique Courtyard, 25 Granada St., St. Augustine. Admission is \$15 at the door.

The encore performance, presenting the same program, is on Sunday December 16 at 3 pm at the Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Dr. in Ponte Vedra Beach. Admission to Sunday's concert is \$10 at the door. Children 12 years old and younger are admitted free.

The all-volunteer St. Augustine Orchestra is celebrating its 51st consecutive year of successful performances during this 2012-2013 season. The Orchestra continues to invite new member musicians interested in joining, and who are proficient on their instrument, to contact Victoria Scarlett at 655-7944, or by e-mail at victoriascarlett@att.net. Especially welcome are violists, violinists, bass players, oboists, flutists, and horn players. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 7 to 9 pm at Murray Middle School. Members of the Orchestra will also be participating in a number of musical programs in cooperation with sponsors of St. Augustine's 450th Birthday Celebrations starting in January 2013.

These sponsors include Flagler College, Florida Power & Light Company, St. Johns County Tourist Development Council, the St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and The Beaches Visitors and Convention Bureau, and Romanza.



Caitlin Hannan



Kathryn Coulter

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City Hall Update



At its November 13, 2012 meeting, the St. Augustine Beach City Commission did the following:

- a. Presented a plaque to Mr. Michael Aulicino for his service to the community on the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Aulicino served two full three-year terms as a member.
 - b. Heard a presentation by Mr. David Cobb of Florida Power and Light of that company's new program to replace old electric meters for businesses and homes with smart meters.
 - c. Passed two ordinances on final reading: one to provide a definition of "head of household"; the second to adopt new flood regulations.
 - d. Approved the St. Johns Cultural Council allowing the Art Studio Group to put a camera on the east side of the former city hall, which is adjacent to the beach at the county's pier park.
 - e. Approved a proclamation to declare November 2012 as Pulmonary Hypertension Month.
 - f. Approved two budget resolutions: the first to transfer \$9,950 between accounts in the police department; the second to appropriate \$9,400 to replace one of the four air conditioning units at city hall.
 - g. Approved modifying the conditional use permit for the Ripe Bistro in the Publix shopping plaza, to allow the Bistro to add two sofas and a coffee table to its existing outside seating.
 - h. Approved a change order for \$20,000 for the construction of a bulkhead to protect private property along an easement in Marsh Creek for the city's outfall canal, which carries treated storm water from the city's Mizell Road retention pond to the Intracoastal Waterway. The commission also approved a budget resolution to appropriate \$20,000 for this change order.
 - i. Approved amending its July 16th motion that adopted the policy for the city to have a restructured (continued page 3) police department with a reduced number of officers augmented by Sheriff's Office deputies. The amendment deletes the selection advisory committee composed of three law enforcement professionals and requires the new police chief within 60 days of being hired to implement the restructuring of the department and, if necessary, to come back to the commission with suggestions for changing the restructuring plan.
 - j. Approved changes to a proposed ordinance to adopt new overlay district regulations. The revised ordinance will be scheduled for review at the commission's December meeting.
 - k. Approved a request that the definition of "special event" doesn't include the removal of trash from the beach by non-profit organizations.
 - l. Heard the public works director's report on his department's past and upcoming major projects.
 - m. Approved December 24, 2012 as a holiday for city employees because it falls between a Sunday, December 23rd, and Christmas Day on Tuesday, December 25th. Past experience has shown that there is little work activity on a Monday before a major holiday as other governmental offices are closed and the public is busy with holiday-related activities.
 - n. Agreed to have a discussion in the spring of 2013 of the establishment of a committee later in the year to begin a review of the city charter. Also, the city manager is to collect suggestions for changes to the charter and the names of residents interested in serving on the charter review committee.
- The city commission's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in city hall, 2200 A1A South. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact Max Royle, City Manager, City of St. Augustine Beach, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080 904-471-2122
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Beach Blast Off 2013

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The City of St. Augustine Beach presents the 7th annual "NEW YEAR'S EVE BEACH BLAST OFF". Make your plans now for St. Augustine Beach Pier for a "family friendly" early New Year's Eve, Monday December 31st, at Beach Blast Off 2013

Get ready and mark your calendar for the Best Party & Fireworks display in Northeast Florida! The City of St. Augustine Beach is proud to bring this event to Pier Park in St. Augustine Beach. The event includes a Chili-Cook Off, Ice Sculpting, Entertainment stage providing live local musicians and dance talent, Beer & Wine Zone, Huge Kids Zone, Food Vendors, Clowns, Face painting, pony rides & more! The event is from 4:00 p.m.-10:00

p.m. with the sky lit best fireworks display synchronized with music at 8:30 p.m. The after-party continues from 9:00-10:00 p.m.

We start off with a Chili Cook Off competition that features 14 local restaurants vying for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies. Celebrity judges make their decisions, but the coveted prize is the People's Choice where the people can vote!

Next, huge blocks of ice are brought center stage and aspiring chefs from the St. Johns County Culinary Institute wield their chainsaws to create breathtaking ice sculptures.

Music, music, music on the Main Stage at Beach Blast Off with incredible local and regional acts! Acts will appear on the website as they are signed up! (See page 8)

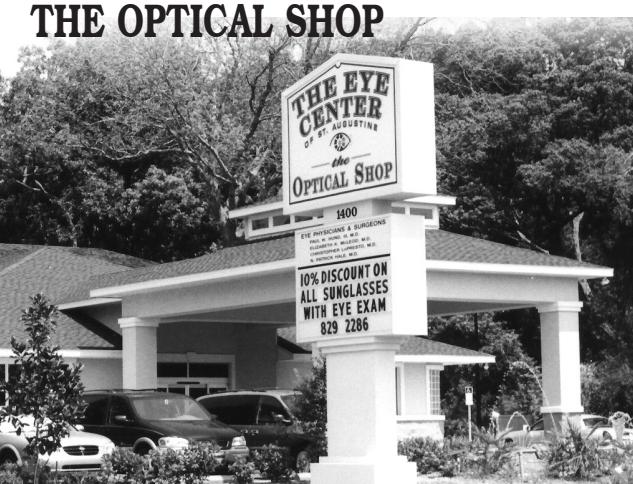




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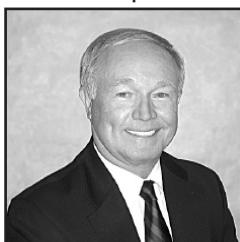
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St. Augustine Beach Civic Association

By Robert Samuels, President
St. Augustine Beach Civic Association

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The 11th Annual "Surf Illumination" will take place on Saturday, December 1st from 4pm – 7pm at Pier Park. This wonderful community Christmas party will feature local artisans and craftspeople, food and drink, holiday music, free face painting and balloon art for the kids, performances by the St. Augustine Children's Chorus, the St. Augustine Community School of Performing Arts the Dance Company and others. Of course Santa will be sitting near the Christmas tree handing out candy canes for all the good little boys and girls. Mayor Snodgrass has been invited to throw the switch at sunset and light the tree and the entire Pier Park for the Nights of Lights here at the beach. This is a great family event, please plan to attend. For more information call (904) 347-8007.

The 7th Annual "Beach Blast Off" will be held on Monday December 31 New Year's Eve at Pier Park from 4pm – 10pm. The event includes: Chili Cook Off, Ice Sculpting Contest, Fireworks, Food, Wine & Beer, Kids Zone and Vendors. Come out and enjoy this family oriented event and be enchanted by the world class fireworks at 8:30. Live music will take place on stage throughout the evening. For more information- www.beachblastoff.com. Volunteers are still needed. You can get an application from the website. This is St. Augustine Beach's biggest celebration, you don't want to miss it.

The St. Augustine Beach Commission meeting had been moved to Tuesday November 13 at 7pm. The Civic Association met on Wednesday November 14th at 7 pm at City Hall. It conflicted with Election Day and Veteran's Day. The slate of board members affirmed for 2013-2014 is: Bill Jones, Exec. VP; Fr. Nick Marziani, VP; Michael Longstreet and Michael Mele. A representative from St. Francis House was our featured speaker. The Civic Association has pledged to match up to \$1,000 to restock the pantry for this holiday season. To contribute go to our website www.TheCivicAssociation.org and use our pay pal button. Of course, there was refreshments provided by Fran Madera. The Civic Association does not meet in December. The next meeting will be the second Tuesday of January.

Coffee House at the Art Studio is held the 4th Saturday of every month from 7-10 pm at the Studio (370 A1A Beach Blvd in St. Augustine Beach). A different theme is explored each month - Everyone is encouraged to bring a brief reading to share, as well as

their own personal insights and observations. The Coffee House offers a unique, casual setting - designed to entertain, encourage, and inspire all people to engage in practicing the arts. Tasty beverages and treats are always available. Cover: \$5. Please visit www.beachartstudio.com for more information and subscribe for any updates.

The City of St. Augustine Beach continues its transition of personnel. November will see five Police Chief candidates introduced to the community and the Commission interviewing and selecting one. Police officers will be reviewed and the force restructured with a blend of Sheriff Deputies assigned to our city. Public Works Director Marc Chatten will retire at the end of December. His replacement, Joe Howell, is already here and working. He will also be the new city engineer. Another change will occur on January 15th when Deputy City Clerk Sharon Widdifield will retire after 23 years of distinguished service. She also simultaneously served as Personnel Officer and Purchasing Agent. I'd like to thank both Marc and Sharon for their dedication to the City and wish them well in their much deserved retirements. Congratulations to Rich O'Brien on his re-election to the St. Augustine Beach Commission.

GTM Research Reserve's Coastal Training Program, in conjunction with the University of Florida, will host a series of workshops to discuss sea level rise in the Matanzas Basin, an impending threat to the environmental and economic viability of the region. The organizations seek to work with residents to plan for the future of the region. Each workshop will feature an introduction to the science of sea level rise and its potential impacts on the Basin, a discussion of potential scenarios explored through models developed by leading researchers and the facilitation of community input on valuable places and planning priorities.

On Wednesday, December 5, coastal and Palm Coast residents will have two opportunities to participate at the GTM Research Reserve's Marineland Office at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

St. Augustine residents will have two opportunities to participate on Thursday, December 6: 9 a.m. at the Alligator Farm or 5:30 p.m. at Flagler College.

For more information, contact Emily Montgomery at Emily.montgomery@dep.state.fl.us or (904) 823-2291, or <http://planningmatanzas.org/events>.

Recycle Used Cooking Oil is the heading of the pamphlet being handed out at the Wednesday Market by the St. Johns County Utility Department. Oil and grease poured into the drain clogs pipes, causes costly sewer overflows, and creates public health hazards. It also gets into our environment and pollutes our waterways. This program helps residents properly dispose of used cooking oil and grease so it can be recycled into usable products like biodiesel fuel. The drop off point for Anastasia Island is 860 West 16th Street just west of Mizell Road at the SJC Wastewater Treatment Plant. Remember, always allow used cooking oil to cool and store in a safe container. Your container will not be returned and please do not put it in a curbside bin. For



Message from the Mayor

S. Gary Snodgrass, Mayor
City of St. Augustine Beach, FL
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Greetings, fellow citizens!

Here is an update of recent events and a snapshot of other projects on the horizon:

Police Department Update –The Commission will interview final candidates for the City's vacant Police Chief assignment during the week of November 26 with the intent of employing a new Chief as soon as possible. Because it is likely that new Chief will be employed within the near future, the Sheriff's Office has decided not to participate in the Selection Advisory Committee process to evaluate and recommend police officers to a new SAB Police Chief. As a result, the Commission amended the motion it approved July 16, 2012 establishing such a selection advisory board. The amended motion removes the selection advisory committee and requires that the new police chief within 60 days of employment implement the restructured police department, including selection of a sergeant, five officers, and administrative assistant; with all other provisions of the July 16, 2012 motion remaining in effect, provided however, that the new chief of police come

back to the Commission within 60 days of employment either affirming the restructured staffing plan or making recommendations to change or modify it.

Here is a quick listing of City sponsored/led projects for 2012:

- Renovation of wash rooms at Pier Park
- Renovation and expansion of Splash Park (at Pier Park)
- Installation of new energy efficient lighting at Pier Park
- Installation of four (4) drainage improvement projects (Lockhart Lane, east end of 2nd Street, E Street and 2nd Avenue and F Street and 3rd Avenue)
- Construction of a bulkhead to stop the erosion along a section of the City's main drainage canal that goes through Marsh Creek subdivision

We value your inputs and ideas for making our City a better community. For all of us, it's the place we call home.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Holidays! S. Gary Snodgrass.

more information contact Stacy Kowlsen, St. Johns County at 904-209-2662.

Don't forget to visit the Wednesday Farmers/Arts & Crafts Market at the Pier Park. We always have new vendors joining the market. The produce is fresh, the food delicious and the shopping always unique. The market is open from 8:00

am–12:30 pm. Holiday shopping is upon us. The Market is the perfect place to get beautiful locally hand made items for that special someone. It's a great place to grab a quick bite, hear some music and enjoy the view. Free WIFI is always available and provided by the St. Augustine Beach Civic Association at the Pier.

St. Augustine Beach Civic Association

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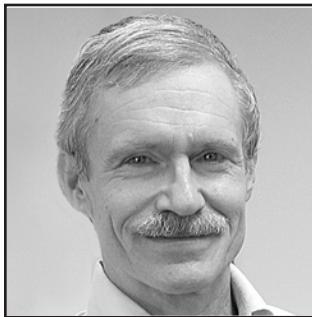
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BOOM

By Max Royle
St. Augustine Beach City Manager

To clarify: This isn't the boom that's associated with economic growth, a certain generation of babies, or the roar or cannons heard in the finale of the Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," which he wrote to commemorate the defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte's army at the gates of Moscow in...in...I'm having a difficult time trying to remember the year when that defeat occurred. Is there a Russian historian in the house? When you can't recall something as simple as an historical date is when you wish that your parents had had the Google search engine implanted in your brain when you were around five years old. Then you could find, ipso presto! the answers to puzzling questions. If this had happened to me, I'd be able to remember the year when the event occurred that Mr. Tchaikovsky honored in his memorable Overture. Sometime in the early 1800s sticks out in my mind. I wonder why. Oh well, back to my main point, which I've yet to state.

So I'll state it: the connection between booming and institutional memory. A key advantage of IM, sharp or blurred as it may be, is that it provides a contrast between the present and the past, and by doing so gives a means to measure by how much, or how little, things, events or people have changed between two points in time. Considering that I've been the city manager of our little corner of the Florida paradise for 23 years, I should have at least a smidgeon of institutional memory, though there

are some citizens who may think that I should be IN an institution. But let's save that topic for another time, shall we? Remind me to write about it. We'll have fun discussing exactly what sort of institution is appropriate for city managers when they've become superfluous relics on the stage where the tragicomedy that's human existence is acted out with all its tears, pain, laughter and sorrows...I really must stop this habit of writing as if I were doing a term paper on Shakespeare for a college freshman English literature course.

Our institutional memory today is about that boisterous, festive time, New Year's Eve. We all know it well: noise makers, silly paper hats, perhaps dining and dancing at a local palace of nightly entertainment. Then, at the stroke of midnight, we do the count down as the ball in Times Square descends and the Guy Lombardo Orchestra begins to play its moldy chestnut rendition of "Auld Lang Syne." We have a Champagne toast, kiss our Significant Other, and blow a few toots on our paper horn. Or maybe the kiss is first, the Champagne second and the toots third. Or the toots may be first. I'll have to consult Emily Post's book of New Year's Eve etiquette rules as to what the proper sequence is.

However, contrary to the customary, robust clamor associated with New Year's Eve celebrations, for many years in our little city the event was rather subduely

observed. To be sure, the motels had an abundance of guests; the restaurants were well-patronized. When midnight would arrive, there'd be scattered fireworks set off on the beach and in various neighborhoods by individuals or groups of revelers. But there was no organization to the celebration, no public focus for it, no bringing together of the community, no "WOW!" factor to highlight the end of one year and the start of the next. It was, basically, a rather low key, humdrum, unremarkable, almost non-event.

At least that is how my institutional memory remembers many New Year's Eves prior to 2006. So what happened in our fair city to change a rather ho-hum holiday night into a noisy, people-packed, mega-celebration? Simply put, it was someone with an idea that was truly New Year's Eve-ish: out with the tired old, in with the very spectacular new.

That someone was Ms. Barbara Ellis, a longtime resident and business owner, who was elected to the St. Augustine Beach city commission in 2005. Before medical reasons

forced her to resign two years into her term in office, she persuasively promoted a proposal that will likely endure for many years.

As a businesswoman in a tourism-based economy, Barbara was well aware that our area had to market itself constantly to be successful in the battle with other parts of Florida to attract visitors. She also knew that money from the tourist or bed tax that the county charges visitors was available to fund events meant to promote tourism. A bed tax grant helps St. Augustine pay for its July 4th fireworks-over-the-fort show. Why, she wondered, couldn't St. Augustine Beach get a grant for a similar event? She suggested New Year's Eve, that other festive occasion associated with fireworks. Her proposal was accepted by the city and county commissions, and thus was born the fireworks-off-the-pier extravaganza that is now known as Beach Blast Off.

Though BBO is a city-sponsored event, it's been led from its start in 2006 by a self-created committee, the voting members of which are business owners and (continued on page 10)



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Financial Focus

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Don't Take a "Holiday" from Working toward Financial Goals.

We're well into the holiday season now. And while the holidays are joyous, they can also be expensive. In fact, at this time of year, many people make spending decisions they end up regretting. But you can enjoy the holidays and still stay on track toward your financial goals by following a few simple guidelines, including the following:

- Set a budget — and stick to it. Whether you're buying gifts or hosting holiday parties, you need to establish a budget and not exceed it. The people to whom you're giving gifts and entertaining do not expect you to dig yourself into a financial ditch on their account — and they wouldn't want you to do so, either.

- Compare prices. With some searching, you can almost always find less expensive versions of those gifts you're considering. But a word of caution: The earlier you start hunting for bargains, the better your chances of finding good prices.

- Watch for "after-holiday" sales. The best bargains typically appear when the holidays are over. While these sales may not benefit you this year, they can prove quite valuable if you decide to "stock up" on gifts for the next holiday season.

- Don't over-use your credit cards. Try to limit your credit card purchases over the holidays. If you must use a card, at least pick the one with the lowest interest rate — and do the best you can to pay off the card quickly. Over the last few years, Americans have actually done a pretty good job of lowering their household debt levels — and that's definitely a movement in

which you'll want to participate. Keep in mind that the higher your debts, the less money you'll have available each month to invest for retirement, college for your children or any of your other financial goals.

- Avoid dipping into long-term investments. If you find yourself coming up short when dealing with holiday expenses, you may be tempted to cash out at least a portion of your long-term investments. But this should be avoided, for at least two reasons. First, depending on the account you're tapping into, you may face penalties, fees and taxes. Second, and perhaps even more importantly, you'll be depriving yourself of resources you had earmarked for your key goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Of course, you may eventually be able to replace the funds you've withdrawn. But in the meantime, you've lost out on the growth potential these investments may have provided — and that period of lost opportunity typically cannot be regained.

- Build a "holiday fund." It might be too late for this year but, once the holidays are over, set up a special account for next holiday season. Even if you put in only a small amount each month, you'll be pleased with how much you can accumulate in a year. Keep the money in a liquid, low-risk account — one that's separate from any money you use for your normal day-to-day expenses.

By following these suggestions, you may be able to take some of the stress out of this holiday season — and possibly even brighten all the other seasons of the year, too.

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Spiritually Speaking

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"250 out of 1000 Moons"



That's about the amount of time this sixty-two year old dude has left, statistically speaking, out of a lifetime of "moons" allotted to the average American here in the 21st century. Just do the math for yourself. And with three-quarters or so of my likely natural life span behind me, or with the rounding of the final lap of that mile run that we all used to do in phys-ed in high school, to use another metaphor, what am I thinking these days?

Now this may seem like an odd reflection to engage in during the holidays. Wouldn't there be a better time in the year to turn to such somber thoughts, maybe like Lent or something (for those of you who "do" Lent, that is)?

To which I say simply - no. You see, I'm of the opinion that my 2013 New Year will be no better than the preparations for it that I make in this final month of 2012, especially perhaps with the holidays in view. The holidays are very much about families, not for everyone unfortunately, as we know, but for most, and as such I have to think, as we gather together for another year's celebration, about Legacy.

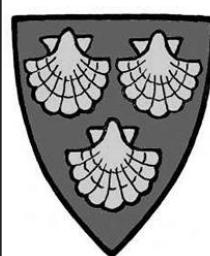
In part my reflection on this theme is prompted by the passing of my father up in Philadelphia a week before Christmas last year. And the visit my Boston-based youngest daughter, her husband and their new baby had with him just weeks before his short, final illness. I dedicate this month's column to him — and to my mother who passed five

years prior to him.

The best way to approach the idea of a Legacy left behind is to simply ask the question, "Who am I at my best?" As in today, right now. True, we've all blown it here and there over the years, or as Fr. Tom Walsh at San Sebastian Church likes to say, we've all been "busted" one way or another in the past (there's an entertaining but insightful nightly program on Sirius XM's Catholic Channel called "The Busted Halo Show", it's a hoot!). Still, life is all about making those mistakes, but then moving on, not being defined by them.

And so, with that aside, I pose the question once more — "Who am I at my best?" I would invite you to engage in this little exercise for yourself as well this month. Think about your moments "in the Zone", those times when you have pulled from deep within or called out beyond yourself to Someone bigger than you, and discovered utterly unanticipated resources, so-called "lucky breaks", truly gracious and even unbelievable answers to prayer. I know this past year has been such a time for me. It began with a medical condition that required some serious surgery, and is ending with me very happily — and healthily, I may add — engaged once again in ordained ministry in a Church I love, and completing personal projects close to my heart.

Only you, dear reader, can know how this might apply to you. However you go about it, think about your legacy. Even if you don't have children of your own, your personal legacy goes well beyond natural offspring. In a way, everything you touch can potentially be claimed as a legacy — for good or bad. Sometimes it's the "collateral damage" of our well-intended but flawed actions that threatens the good name we wish to leave behind. December is a good month to think about the year about to fly into history, and to make such course corrections that our life's trajectory ultimately has us blissfully sailing, after we've seen our final moon, among the stars. Be Blessed, and have a Merry Christmas! Fr. Nick



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Winter Solstice - Season of Light

Celebrations around the world pay homage to this season of light. Winter Solstice arrives on December 21-22, the shortest day and the longest night of the year "... occurs exactly when the axial tilt of a planet's polar hemisphere is farthest away from the star that it orbits; 23° 26'." Wikipedia.

Pre-Christian Winter Solstice festivals sites integrated Astronomical events with astonishingly accurate measurements calibrated to mark the exact time of the first sunrise of the new year - Newgrange in Ireland is 5,000 year old and Stonehenge in Britain is a bit younger erected in 2400-2200 BC.

During the darkest time of the year customs and rituals tried to dispel the darkness while welcoming back the light: bond fires were made ready; a Yule Log or Juul Log was brought indoors to be burned in honor of the Scandinavian god Thor. Long before European influence prayer sticks were carved by the Hopi Indians and given to each member of the Hopi tribe, symbolizing gratitude, a peace offerings in hope of a good harvest and a fertile year. Celebrations of the longest night of the year has been celebrated throughout the Americas and around the world paying homage to this season of light.

Against the nights' chill and darkness we seek the warmth of the familiar, stories are retold, books reread, and candles lit so the Festival of Lights will burn brightly. Music soars, fluttering the wings of angels, and once again the alchemy of the season turn notes into pure gold. Family's history, captured in old photographs or scraps of cloth like the piece of blue and yellow beach blanket stitched in the corner of a quilt are heirlooms shared with love. Chubby little fingers are guided across embroidered names and dates tracing events of the family's past. Coming together we share the gift of time and listen to stories begging to be retold. New threads celebrate new arrivals while worn threads commemorate the passing of giants and cherished memories.

Such a story written by Charles Dickens was intended, "to raise the Ghost of an Idea, which shall not put my readers out of humor with themselves, with each other, with the season, or with me." With greatest humility, I offer this column with similar intent and hope the relevance learn by Mr. Ebenezer Scrooge is germane. Three Spirits who visited Ebenezer

shared insight of how to keep the Spirit of the Season with three gifts - the gift of civility, of service, and the gift of gratitude.

The gift of civility as exemplified by the late Robin Nadeau, member of your Beautification Advisory Committee for many years until her passing early this year. By example she traveled a path of service suited for the most advanced GPS. Robin embodied wisdom through knowledge, articulating her point of view with relevant facts always with gentility. For years Robin and I hosted a 12th Night celebration at her home. Along with a scrumptious holiday feast was seasoned with lively diverse opinions and stimulating discussions were the order of the evening. Good will, civility, and respect ruled because swords and egos were left at the door. Robin's gift of civility could enrich the City of St. Augustine Beach again if the ghost of inflated egos would exercise good manners.

Ten years of service is a gift Marc Chatten Director of Public Works has given. Marc's service has involved projects with lasting impact and include oversight of roads and drainage issues, said Dr. Pat Gill. Marc played a pivotal role in the design and oversight supervision of the Veterans Memorial at Lakeside Park. Seasonal lighting decorations hung along A1A Beach Blvd. are an example of Art in Lights are so uniquely indicative of the beach life and the sea. Lights are in the shape of a star fish, a sea horse, a ships' wheel, and even a jelly fish. Thank you Marc for you gift and example of public service.

Gratitude is a gift shared among friends and Master Gardeners, MG, give back to their community knowledge gained in the MG program. The floral holiday centerpiece workshop set for December 6 is full but an overflow class is set for December 13. MG Linda Smith suggests you call 209-0430 to register and for details. Master Gardeners provide current information regarding Florida Friendly gardening methods for your yard and serve on your BAC.

An old riddle asks the question, is the sum of the parts greater than the whole? Your BAC worked with Thomas and Marian Lerbs for over a year to promote and secure a proper setting for Thomas's gift of Art in Public Places and thus the Sculpture Garden at Lake Anhinga in Lakeside Park was born. Designed to celebrates the awesome beauty of the City fourteen sculptures were given to the City. At first glance

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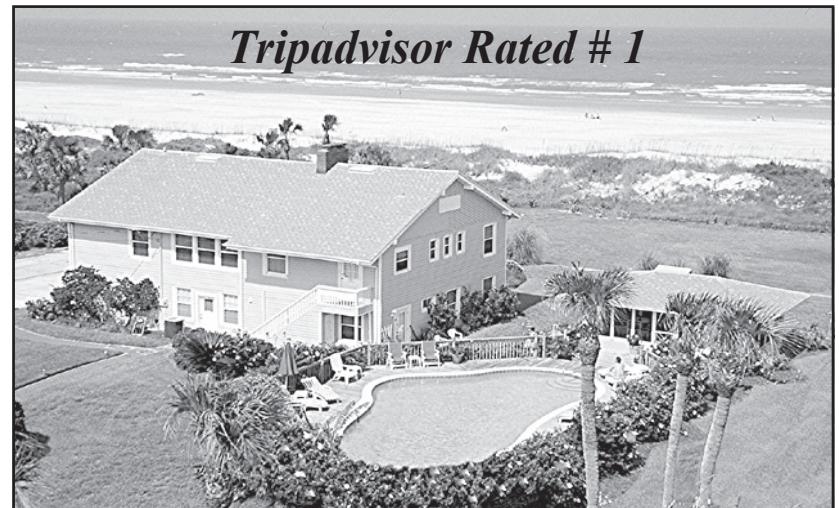
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fourteen appears to be greater than the gift of the first sculpture in front of City Hall, given by the Berrie and Maida Tuttle, however this first sculpture prove to be the Genesis of things to come. This gift of Art captures the spirit of the sea and soars. Heartfelt gratitude goes to the artist and to the patron.

The diversity of our community is greater than first appears. Having your voice heard in civil discourse will go a long way to heal the

scars. Public service acknowledged and honored with respect will assure service is not a blood sport. The City of St. Augustine Beach, is graced with many gifts, good manners should not be only for the powerful, the tourist, or Sunday company. The magic of the Season is the enchantment of a gift from the heart continues long after the wrapping and bows are gone. Come and make a little history in the most beautiful city by the sea. Happy New Year to all and to all a good light.

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Friends of St. Augustine Amphitheatre (FOSAS) Promotes Arts in two Events Benefitting Schools

FOSAA (Friends of St Augustine Amphitheatre) hosted five elementary schools at a "Paint Out", at the Amphitheatre, on Monday, November 12th. Art teachers at County elementary schools were given the opportunity to take part in the activity with selected students from their schools. Five schools responded. Each school painted and decorated a large whitewashed board depicting a holiday or St. Augustine scene. The boards will be placed on the Amphitheatre grounds for visitors to view during Winter Wonderland. Each of the schools is also receiving a donation from FOSAA, for their art departments. Papa Johns Pizza supplied pizzas as an added treat for the children.

On Saturday December 1, 8, and 15th, FOSAA will spotlight the work of a local organization, "Play It Forward". The organization distributes donated and refurbished instruments to children who wish to take music lessons, but cannot afford to buy or rent one. Representatives of Play It Forward will be at the FOSAA booth on the three Saturday nights to hand out information and to accept instrument donations. The public is encouraged to bring any instruments they no longer use, and donate it for this wonderful cause. Each donor will receive a free ice skating pass, compliments of FOSAA. As an added treat, the Fruit Cove Middle School Band will play during Winter Wonderland, on December 8th at 6:00 P.M.

The mission of FOSAA is to bring greater visibility and increased usage of the Amphitheatre by the community. In addition to special events, FOSAA awards grants to schools and non-profits who wish to use the Amphitheatre, or bring students to the Amphitheatre for programs. For information on applying for a grant, please go to fosaa.org. FOSAA will again be distributing free ice skating passes to Title 1 schools in December.

Beach Blast Off 2012

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An assortment of food vendors from barbeque ribs to funnel cakes to cotton candy augment the dining fare and the beer and soda tents are always busy.

Family friendly at the beach with clowns, face painting, puppets, magicians and a huge Kids' Zone (\$10.00 per child unlimited wristband from 4-10pm) keep the children actively involved until the spectacular fireworks display begins at 8:30 p.m. For 20 minutes the fireworks are shot off at the end of the St Augustine Beach Pier. They are synchronized with music and can be seen for miles around.

Tens of thousands of people gather along the beach, at the Pier Pavilion, on their balconies to watch this awesome show as the fireworks literally burst above their heads. But remember this year it is at high tide so come early!

As families take their children home, a crowd remains for the "Family and Friends After Dance Party" for another hour to dance and groove to the live entertainment on the stage. Shuttle buses safely take everyone back to their cars, trolley trains take people back to their motels along A1A Beach Blvd. All activities end at 10 p.m. in time for participants to celebrate News Years at their favorite locations.

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In the same oil (if it burns, change it, obviously), add the parsley and garlic (and pepper if using).

Stir-fry for a few more seconds. Make sure the garlic does not burn! Add the tomato and stir well. Add the capers if using.

Place the fish very carefully in the pan, covering well with the tomato.

Cook on a low heat for 10-15 minutes, moving the fish around occasionally very carefully and making sure the sauce does not burn (add a little water, stock or white wine if necessary).

Serve with steamed potatoes (a good contrast with the strong flavors of the fish dish), and fresh sautéed vegetables.

We are now serving "Brunch" on Saturdays and Sundays.

A Sauvignon Blanc would be, to my suggestion a good pairing for this traditional old dish. The slightly sweetness of the sauce and the "smoky" scent in this wine brings both flavors to the best enhancement.

Serves four

- (12 oz) salt cod, cut into 6 cm x 6 cm pieces (approx)
- (1 lb) skinned, chopped tomatoes
- A quarter of a red or yellow pepper, cut into strips (optional)
- 2 teaspoons rinsed capers (optional)
- 2 cloves of garlic, chopped finely
- Bunch of parsley, chopped finely

Safety Tips For This Holiday Season

By Jane Tucker, First Florida Insurance

The holiday season is an exciting time of year for all families. To help ensure you and your family have a safe holiday, here are a few tips.

Look for and eliminate potential dangers from holiday lights and decorations that could lead to fires and injuries.

Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat more than 8,000 people for injuries, such as falls, cuts and shocks related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees. In addition, Christmas trees are involved in about 400 fires annually, resulting in deaths, injuries and an average of more than \$15 million in property loss.

Make sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.

Check the wiring of Christmas lights on your tree to ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Many fires are caused by frayed or damaged wiring.

If you have a live, fresh cut Christmas tree in your home, place it in water or wet sand to keep it green.

When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

More than 10,000 candle-related fires occur each year. Discourage burning candles in your home and keep matches, lighters and candles away from

children.

Do not burn wrapping papers in your fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

We know crime is everywhere. To help you be more careful, prepared and aware during this holiday season, the LAPD Crime Prevention Unit has prepared a list of do's and don't's:

Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.

Dress casually and comfortably. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.

Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible. Keep cash in your front pocket.

Theft is most often a crime of opportunity - if your car looks easy to break into or steal, thieves will be drawn to it. Park your car in an area that is well-lit and near lots of people. Keep the windows rolled up and the car locked, even if it's parked at your own house. Hide valuables and recently purchased packages in your trunk.

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Continual Compression

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Last month I wrote about the effects gravity has on our bodies and how poorly our bodies withstand this constant pressure over time, or more accurately, how our bodies/postures give in to this constant pressure over time. I also provided examples of how physical therapists attempt to reverse these effects by distracting or un-weighting the body. I gave examples of manual and mechanical traction, used to temporarily pull compressed joints apart in an effort to allow blood to flow to the compressed tissues and promote healing. Exercise is often used following traction to encourage on-going blood flow and tissue health.

I also wrote about 'functional traction', which is a way we use traction or joint un-weighting during ambulation. This can be done using a harness system or an Alter G treadmill. The harness system hoists the patient up, distracting the spine and lower extremities while the patient walks over a treadmill or land. Manual assistance can be provided through the legs if needed. The Alter G system uses air to lift the patient up through the pelvis creating distraction in the lower extremities. Because no harness is used it allows for more freedom of movement through the arms and trunk necessary for higher level activities such as running.

Each of these methods works well when applied to the correct diagnosis and problem. But after reading my column an astute patient reminded me of other methods I failed to mention. Two other types of treatment we use to lessen the compressive forces through joints is the inversion table and aquatics therapy.

The advantages of the inversion table are its ease of use and affordability. Regular use at home can be very effective as short periods of regular use are better than longer periods and fewer treatments. The disadvantages of the inversion table are potential changes in heart rate, blood pressure and dizziness, as well as the need for adequate range of motion. Being upside down or in a negative incline may trigger fluctuations in vital signs and may

require monitoring. There is also a degree of range of motion that is necessary in order to independently secure the feet/ankles to the device safely.

The disadvantages of aquatics are few. Aquatics cannot be used when open wounds, sores or even stitches/staples are present. Therefore, it's off limits for post operative patients until all incisions are healed. A second disadvantage is the actual water temperature, which may be too warm for some folks. If a pool is heated too much it may cause light-headedness and dizziness or can actually exacerbate some neurological conditions, causing weakness. On the other hand, the advantages are many. During aquatic therapy a patient's buoyancy lifts him/her up thus decreasing the compressive forces of gravity. The warm water can provide a soothing effect as well as increase blood flow. And, an added bonus is the water resistance, which acts like a gentle weight, which can improve strength and coordination while minimizing pain/compression. And lastly - being in the water is fun.

So hopefully I've represented the many options physical therapists use to decrease the effects of gravity. Choosing the best intervention can be a factor in treatment success or failure, pain relief or not because no one treatment fits all. If you are suffering from low back, lower extremity pain, or even neck pain, and you think it may be due to the constant compressive forces of gravity and poor posture - choose today to get help. Consult your MD or PT and start reversing the effects of gravity now.

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Boom

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private citizens, plus one city employee (the assistant public works director) and a county fire department employee. Assisting the committee's voting members is a group of non-voting supporters/advisers, such as the city's finance director, police chief and public works director.

Over the years, the committee and its advisers have been most fortunate to have had a series of very capable volunteer chairpersons: Jill Atwood, Peter Darios, Verna Brown, Jennifer Sauvage, and for the 2011 celebration and the BBO planned for this coming New Year's Eve, Steve Cupolo and Jennifer Sauvage of Coldwell Banker/Premier Properties Realty. These chairpersons have provided the leadership and direction that are one key element of each event's success.

The other key element is the attention the committee and its advisers give to a multitude of major and minor details. Listing then all here would take a lot of space and might tax the editor's generous indulgence of my habit to be overly wordy in these essays. Let's just list a couple of the major ones: finding sponsors to help underwrite each BBO; and finding volunteers to staff the attractions and the functions, such as the kids' zone, information booth, beer/wine tent, and so on.

Some other essentials for the success of each BBO: a. the additional law enforcement personnel that's generously provided by the Sheriff's Office and St. Augustine's Police Department for traffic control and security; b. our city's public works employees who, while paid overtime, nonetheless give up their New Year's Eve; c. the county's permission for the use of its pier as the launching pad for the fireworks; d. the county commission's approval of the \$25,000 that's given to the city from bed tax funds to pay for the fireworks; e. the company, Fireworks by Santore, based in Flagler County, that has provided the fireworks since 2006. The company's skill is shown (continued page 7) by its safety record; there's not been a single instance of an injury caused by any of the hundreds of shells and mortars fired off the pier.

Finally, as the editor's patience is likely waning, two points: First, from its beginning Beach Blast Off was/is meant to be a family event. This is why it begins at 4 p.m. and the fireworks are shot off at 8:30 p.m., instead of midnight. Parents can bring their children, enjoy the food and activities, watch the fireworks show and be home or, if they're visitors, back in the motel room

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How do you like this weather? The grass growing process has slowed down. Everybody can take a deep breath and relax. The Holidays are upon us. Time for family gatherings. As we approach the holidays, let's all remember that family is most important. And where would we be without them.

Mow how are things down at the Power House?

We can finally see the back fence and the walls again. Wow what a season! But it's not over by any means. How many of you readers are going to need that leaf blower working this fall. Blowing off the driveway is one thing, how about those pesky Sycamore Tree leaves from the neighbor's tree? And the tens of thousands of oak leaves. We are running a special on Leaf Blowers for Beach Readers, \$29.95 including parts, just mention this article when you drop off your blower, now that's if the blower runs, if it doesn't, why not consider upgrading to a Stihl or Echo Blower and save up to \$40.

Mow, my neighbor has a leaf blower and it is the noisiest thing ever, Are the Echo or Stihl Blowers any quieter?

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That's all the time we have now, Thanks for the input Mow. So until next month, remember St Augustine Power House is located at 125 Pope Road right here on the island. Visit us at www.staugpowerhouse.com and if you have any questions for Mow email him askmow@staugpowerhouse.com.

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by 10 p.m. The kids will be ready for bed. If the parents aren't, they can stay up until midnight to watch on TV the Times Square ball do its descent. Second, thanks to the BBO chairpersons, the committee, advisers and many dedicated volunteers, the event each year earns a considerable amount of money, part of which is spent for such expenses as the rental of shuttle buses. The remaining money is for public projects: \$60,764 for the construction of Splash Park in 2007 and for the renovations done to it in 2012; \$10,000 for the city's elegant Veterans' Memorial in Lakeside Park; \$4,800 for a mobile stage that can be used for events in the city like Beach Blast Off. Want to be a sponsor of this grand celebration? Want to be a volunteer? Need more information about it? If so, go to the website: beachblastoff.com.

Now here's a thought: If I win one of the Lotto drawings in December, I'll sponsor this year's entire event. It'll be called "Max's Institutional Memory Beach Blast Off."

And to Barbara Ellis: Many, many thanks for the idea in 2006 that started it all. BOOM!!!



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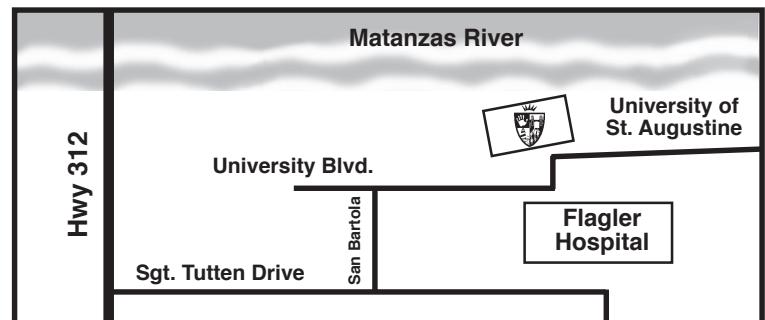
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SEA COLONY GEM. 713 Ocean Palm. Wow! Is the only word to describe this beautiful ocean view sea worthy gem. Bermuda style home with open floor plan, 4BRMS/4BATHS, energy efficient features include full house vinyl clad wrap barrier, cellulose insulation, 3 instant hot water units and a 6 zone Lennox HEPA/HVAC system for maximum comfort, hardwood and stone floors, 2 fireplaces, Anderson windows, private courtyard with pool, steps from the ocean and much more! Efficient and Quality describe this house. \$1,490,000.



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