

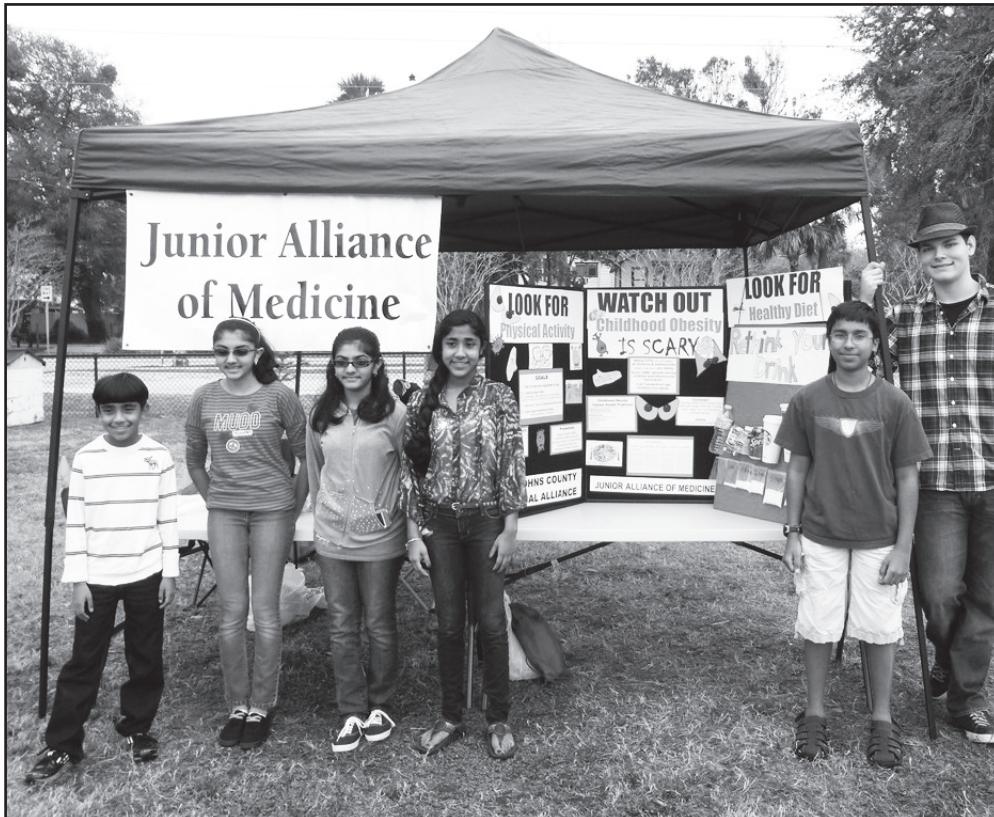


St. Augustine Beaches

News Journal

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

"Look Out For Childhood Obesity"



Junior Alliance of Medicine members at ACKD, L to R: Ryan Hossain, Anisha Patel, Anjali Patel, Nadia Hossain, Rohan Bhargava, Sean Maetozo (not pictured, Robert Warmuth, Jason Weed, Carson Weed)

The St. Johns County Junior Alliance of Medicine (JAM), wants to educate the community about childhood obesity. Recent studies in the news have made this issue an urgent cause for the group and they want to spread a message throughout the community. The students presented a display at *Ancient City Kids Day* this year, (see page 4)

Anastasia State Park

"AMERICA'S STATE PARKS FIRST DAY HIKES"
- Guided outdoor scavenger hunt January 1, 2013 -

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Anastasia State Park will host a "guided outdoor scavenger hunt, with an intro to geocaching," allowing participants to experience a coastal habitat within Anastasia State Park.

Come "cashe" in on a nationwide effort to support The National Association of State Park Directors, who are encouraging all 50 state park systems to participate in America's State Parks First Day Hikes. Join Park Services Specialist, Cristy Leonard at 2:00 p.m. for a hike through the Ancient Dunes interpretive trail within the park. This walk will be an outdoor scavenger hunt/interpretive walk, as we search for the hidden "cache". No experience necessary for geocaching, but a smart phone with GPS or other type of GPS will be required. This walk will be a guided leisurely stroll through the Maritime Hammock. (continued on page 8)



Anastasia State Park Photo contest "Overall Winner" is the Dusk & Dawn category photo above by Michael Stultz. The park photo contest ran from August through November with several categories. See page 8 for other winners.

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City Hall Update

At its December 3, 2012 regular meeting, the St. Augustine Beach City Commission took the following actions:

1. Presented a plaque to Mr. Marc Chattin, Public Works Director, who is retiring after 15 years of employment with the city.
2. Appointed Ms. Elisa Sloan as the junior alternate to the planning and zoning board.
3. Heard an update report about the city's upcoming New Year's Eve Beach Blast Off event from Mr. Steve Cupolo and Ms. Jennifer Sauvage, co-chairpersons of the committee planning the event.
4. Approved a special event permit for the Don Ausman Foundation's 5K Walk/Run and other activities on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, 2013.
5. Approved an agreement with the Anastasia Baptist Church under which the



Church will allow the city to use its parking lot for off-site parking for the Beach Blast Off event.

6. Approved a budget resolution to increase the appropriation by \$8,000 for a new sanitation truck. The additional \$8,000 is needed because of an increase in the cost of the vehicle due to mandated anti-pollution equipment.
7. Agreed to give the Art Studio Group six more months to develop a plan for the repair of the former Building Department office, which is next to the former city hall at the county pier park.
8. Passed on first reading an ordinance to annex into the city two parcels on State Road A1A owned by Watson Realty.
9. Reviewed the goals of the city's strategic plan that the mayor and each commissioner has agreed to research and develop for implementation. (See page 3)

What's Inside The News Journal This Month

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- **Financial Focus: Make Some New Year's (Financial) Resolutions for 3013**
- **Spiritually Speaking: "A Necessary Commentary"**
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- **New Year's Relolution: Examine Your Insurance Coverage**
- **"I'm, Afraid if I Move it will Hurt"**

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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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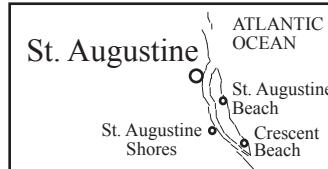
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News From Around St. Johns County

St. Johns County Offers Pre-Season 2013 Beach Driving Passes

St. Johns County is offering beach driving passes at pre-season prices of \$30 for County residents and \$40 for non-residents. Passes are available for purchase at the St. Johns County Pier, Tax Collector's Offices, and the Recreation and Parks Office. Purchasing a pre-season beach driving pass is a great way to enjoy the many opportunities available for beach recreation in St. Johns County including driving access to more than 14 miles of beautiful beach coastline. Beginning March 2, 2013 pass prices will increase by \$10.

Residents and the public are also encouraged to enjoy the remainder of free beach driving season through February 28. St. Johns County offers nine vehicular access points and beach driving ramps and eight beachfront parks, including the St. Augustine Pier which offers year-round free parking and beach access. These sites also host a variety of programs and events with facilities that may be reserved for public or private events through the St. Johns County Beach Services Office.

Paid parking and access to the beach are also available at Anastasia State Park and the Guana Tolomato Matanzas Reserve. These sites offer an array of services in addition to beach access. Multiple pedestrian access points are also located throughout the County. For more information about St. Johns County beaches, visit www.sjcl.us/beaches or call the Recreation and Parks Office at 904.209.0333.

A Community CAN!

Gamble Rogers Middle School Media Center researched the local area for organizations supporting women and children who have been victims of domestic and/or sexual abuse, and decided to collaborate with the Betty Griffin House, 1375 Arapaho Avenue, St. Augustine. On the Betty Griffin website, we saw the slogan "It takes a Community to End Domestic Violence, be a part of the Solution." Therefore, we decided to call our media center campaign, "A COMMUNITY CAN". Students with library fines would be given the opportunity to pay for fines with canned food for the Betty Griffin House.

Students were made more aware of the purpose of Betty Griffin House. Most students thought of the Betty Griffin House as a Thrift Store, and many have shopped at the store but did not know its mission for helping women, children and men in need of safe homes.

- Cans collected total = 121 + (13 lb. turkey donated by the media staff)
- Fines Forgiven Total = \$121.08
- Patrons Forgiven = 77

As a private, nonprofit agency, Betty Griffin House provides emergency shelter to abused women, men, their minor children. Other support services available to shelter residents and non-residents include a 24-hour crisis hotline, individual and group counseling, forensic / medical rape exams, and legal assistance. Confidential individual and group counseling are available in all parts of St. Johns County including, Hastings, Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Johns, St. Augustine and St. Augustine Beach. For more information or to make a donation, visit their website at www.bettygriffinhouse.org. Become our fan on Facebook.

If you or someone you know is being abused, please call our hotline at (904) 824-1555.

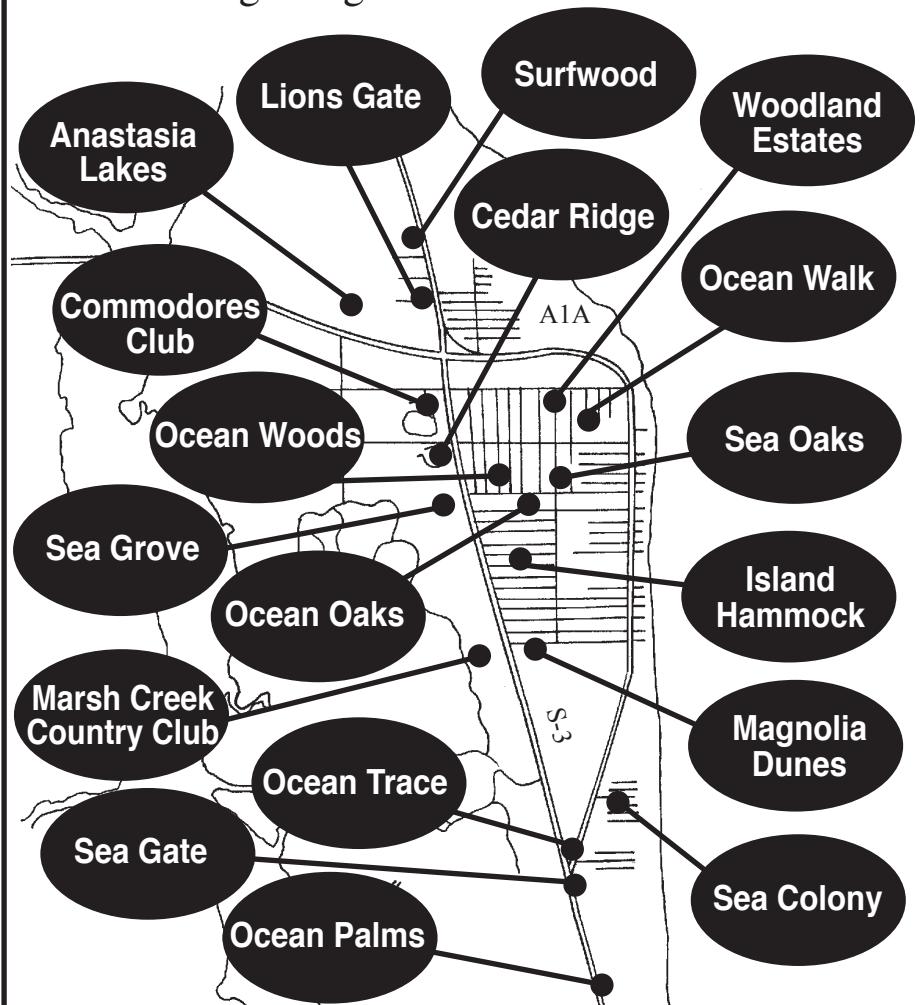
Los Presidiales de San Agustín at Fort Mose

January 26, 2013, Members of FLH's Los Presidiales de San Agustín present 18th-century, historical interpretation from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fort Mose Historic State Park (www.floridastateparks.org/fortmose/default.cfm), in St. Augustine, FL. Fort Mose, located at 15 Fort Mose Trail, is the site of the first, legally sanctioned free black settlement in the continental U.S., established in 1738.

Admission to the park grounds is free / museum admission is \$2 per person / children ages 5 and under are free. For more information, contact Terri Newmans / Fort Mose Historic State Park, E-mail: terri.newmans@dep.state.fl.us or Dr. Richard Shortlidge / Florida Living History, Inc., E-mail: info@floralivinghistory.org, 1-877-FLA-HIST (1-877-352-4478).

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City Hall Update

10. Approved the city attorney preparing an ordinance to prohibit discrimination in housing based on sexual orientation.

11. Approved a salary of \$82,500 and other benefits for the city's new police chief, Robert Hardwick.

12. Approved Chief Hardwick submitting a plan by July 1, 2013 on the restructuring of the police department and a review of the department's policies and procedures, with the chief implementing the blended plan (city police officers augmented by Sheriff's Office deputies) by August 1, 2013.

13. Tabled to the commission's January 7th meeting consideration of a contract with a company for aquatic weed control in the city's drainage ponds.

The city commission's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013. Before it commences, there will be the swearing in of Robert Hardwick as the city's next police chief at 6 p.m. The regular meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Topics on the agenda will include the swearing in of Rich O'Brien and Andrea Samuels, each for a four-year term as a city commissioner, and the election by the commission of the mayor and vice mayor for 2013.

PLEASE NOTE: Under Florida law, most communications to and from the City are public records. Your e-mails, including your e-mail address, may be subject to public disclosure. Max Royle, City Manager, City of St. Augustine Beach, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080 904-471-2122.

Temple Bet Yam's Deli Nite & Talent Show



You don't have to be Jewish to love a good deli sandwich!

Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy Temple Bet Yam's Deli Nite and Talent Show, January 24th at 6pm. The event will be held at TBY located at 2055 Wildwood Drive in St. Augustine. Tickets are \$28 per person and include your choice of overstuffed corned beef, pastrami or turkey sandwich. Please contact Andi Marx at 904-460-9569 by January 11th and let her know your sandwich preference.

This event is usually sold out in advance, so

make your reservation early! If all seats are sold out, there will not be any tickets sold at the door. Don't miss this wildly popular event!

"Bowling for Barbara"

A fundraiser, called "Bowling for Barbara", for former St. Augustine Beach Commissioner, and local businesswoman, Barbara Ellis, will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2013 at Anastasia Lanes 3245 A1A South, St. Augustine, Florida. Barbara Ellis is the commissioner who thought of and helped bring to fruition our local, awesome, annual New Year's Eve Fireworks at the Pier, known as "Beach Blast Off".

About six years ago Barbara underwent abdominal aneurism surgery, unfortunately two of the major complications associated with this surgery happened to her, she had a stroke and became paralyzed from the neck down, she did however retain the use of her left arm. Due to her condition she stepped down from her position as beach commissioner and closed her local businesses. As time has gone on, she is now in need of our support.

The fundraiser will assist Barbara in maintaining her much older handicapped van that has a way of breaking down frequently and for other expenses. Please support this fundraiser and let Barbara know how much we care for her and all she did to help make "St. Augustine Beach Blast Off" one of the beaches most anticipated events.

"Bowling for Barbara" tickets may be purchased as of Tuesday, December 11, 2012 thru Friday, January 18, 2013 at the following five local business:

- Gypsy Cab Co. 828 Anastasia Blvd.- ph. 824-8244
- W. B. Tatter Studio Gallery 76A San Marco Ave.-ph. 823-9263
- Coldwell Banker 661 A1A Beach Blvd.- ph. 471-5000
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- Ned's Southside Kitchen 2450 US 1 South-ph. 794-2088
- Tickets will also be available at a "Bowling for Barbara" booth at the "Beach Blast Off New Year's Eve 2012."

Donations for Barbara Ellis being accepted at Ace Hardware 3033 A1A South- ph. 471-7844. To hold a fundraiser at your local business, volunteer, donate money or to help in other ways, please contact: Boo Batteiger @ 904-458-6045.

St. Augustine Jazz Society "Play It Forward" Program

The St. Augustine Jazz Society is partnering with the St. Augustine Beach Civic Association and Sterry Piano to support the "Play It forward" program. The objective is to support music in the schools and provide qualifying students with instruments.

The St. Augustine Jazz Society was founded 23 years ago by five musicians. Its' focus and purpose was to encourage live music, fellowship and scholarship.

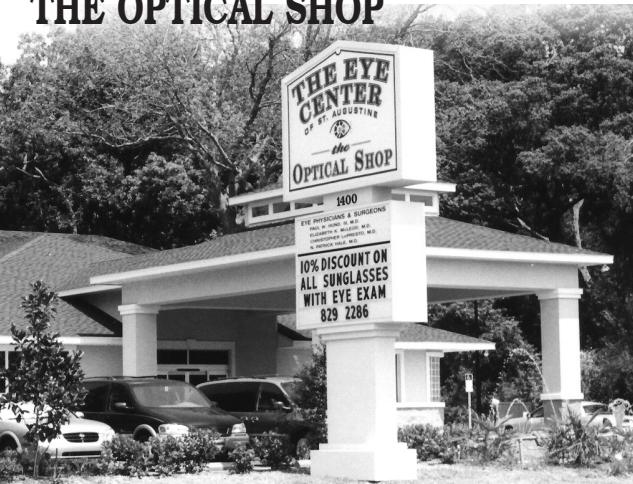
The Jazz Society sponsors Jazz Jams on the last Sunday of each month with the exception of December and May. Jams are held from 2 pm to 6 pm at Hokiday Isles on St. Augustine Beach. These sessions are open to the public for listening pleasure and dancing.

Business meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the St. Augustine Beach City Hall at 7 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Josie Bowman at msjosie@comcast.net.



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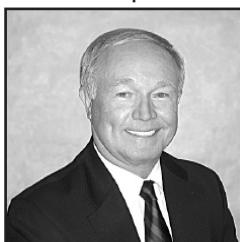
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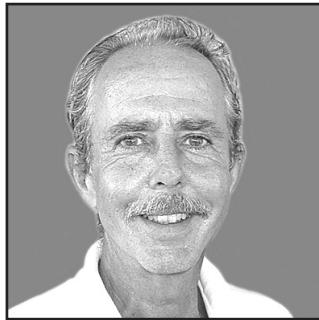
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St. Augustine Beach Civic Association

By Robert Samuels, President
St. Augustine Beach Civic Association

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The Civic Association will hold its first meeting of 2013 on Tuesday January 8th at 7pm in City Hall. Our featured speaker will be newly elected County Commissioner Rachael Bennett who is our liaison for the County Commission in District 5. Membership renewal for 2013 will also take place. The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served. At the last meeting in November, the Civic Association pledged to match up to \$1,000 for St. Francis House. To date \$750 has been matched for a total of \$1,500. We hope to report in January that a total of \$2,000 has been met.

The 11th Annual Surf Illumination was a great success again this year. Thanks to Michelle Santorelli, the event coordinator for bringing together the many Arts & Crafts vendors, musical performers, and especially Santa. Thanks also to Mayor Snodgrass for leading the countdown to the park lighting. Special thanks to the hard working Public Works department for stringing all those lights and erecting the beautiful Christmas tree. Even the weather cooperated by not raining until after the park was lit.

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. This is St. Augustine Beach's biggest celebration, you don't want to miss it.

We would like to thank Shaun at Jetway Parking for renewing and increasing the Participating Merchant discount for 2013. Civic Association members will now receive a 40% discount on services when they park at Jacksonville or Orlando. Look for Park EZ Fly at 1479 Airport Rd in Jacksonville or Red Coach Park/Fly at 1777 McCoy Rd in Orlando.

Coffee House Night at the Art Studio on Saturday, January 19 from 7-10 pm at the Studio (370 A1A Beach Blvd in St. Augustine Beach). January's theme is "Form". All are encouraged to bring a brief, topical reading to share and explore. The evening features live music by The Island Duet (& Friends), refreshing beverages,

homemade treats, and lively discussion. The Coffee House offers a unique, casual setting - designed to entertain, encourage, and inspire everyone to practice the arts. Cover: \$5. Become a member for 2013 and sign up for the many art classes. Please visit www.beachartstudio.com for more information.

The Red Bark Cedar is a protected tree. It is also the only breeding habitat for an endangered butterfly. The NE Florida extension service is beginning a project trying to replenish the numbers and health of these trees. The Civic Association will be joining them in this effort. Please call LeaAnn Lombardi, Master Gardener and Tree Board member for more information on how to help, or get free trees. (904-814-8557) The first tree giveaway is January 17th at the South Branch Library on US1.

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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 8:00am – 12:30pm. 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.



Message from the Mayor

S. Gary Snodgrass, Mayor
City of St. Augustine Beach, FL
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2012 was a challenging year with many unexpected developments. The Commission worked hard to address the issues confronting our City. While it is true that we have had our differences of opinion from time to time, each Commissioner comes to the Board with unique skills and experiences and is, I believe, committed to making decisions that he or she believes are in the best interests of the City. We have come together to make considerable progress on many fronts this past year including:

- Police Department – A new leader, Robert Hardwick, has been selected by the Commission to become the City's Police Chief. He possesses outstanding education, professional and military experience and will be sworn in as Chief on January 7, 2013 at City Hall at 6:00 PM. The Commission has asked Chief Hardwick to conduct a comprehensive assessment and evaluation of the Police Department including its mission, policies, procedures, practices, and staffing models and to submit a written report with findings and recommendations to the Board no later than July 1, 2013. Updates on the study will be reviewed at monthly Commission meetings. The Commission has directed the new Chief to pursue a plan which ensures the City's Police Department becomes a fully accredited law enforcement organization within the near future.

- Strategic Plan – In April 2012, the Commission participated in work shop to discuss our vision for the future of the City in 2022. We

assessed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the City. The Commission identified strategic issues that should be addressed in the next few years then established seven broad goals for the City. Specific objectives have been established under each goal with priorities selected for implementation

- Community Garden – The Commission supported establishment of a community garden with its likely relocation in 2013 to Ron Parker Park, ultimately a more suitable location for this activity than the current space. Meanwhile, the vegetables are thriving!

In addition, the Commission worked closely with City staff on numerous issues including:

- opening of the parking area at Ocean Hammock Park
- renovation of wash rooms at Pier Park
- renovation and expansion of Splash Park
- installation of new energy efficient lighting at Pier Park
- implementation (in 2013) of a pedestrian light at Pope Road and A1A Beach Boulevard

We have many opportunities to move forward being always mindful, though, of the need to preserve what is best and unique about our City. We thank City staff for hard work this past year to make this a better community for us all.

Finally, it was an honor to serve as your Mayor in 2012 and to work together with my fellow Commissioners. Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2013. S. Gary Snodgrass

Obesity

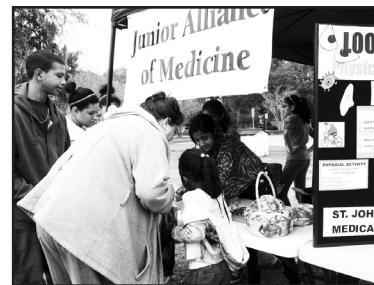
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warning everyone to "Look Out For Childhood Obesity". The presentation also showed visitors to the booth how important it is to look for physical activity and a healthy diet, especially sugary drinks, that recent studies show are closely linked to this problem.

Members of JAM led all visitors in some exercise activities and gave away heart-shaped whistles labeled with a message to "Get Fit for Healthy Hearts!". In addition, visitors were offered eyeball stickers and glow-in-the-dark sticky eyes reminding them to "Watch out!"

The Junior Alliance, works with the support of the St. Johns County Medical Alliance and is comprised mostly of the children of local physicians and other youth interested in health related issues affecting our community. Many are involved in the ongoing project at the Wildflower Clinic creating health education displays for their waiting room.

JAM also plans to offer their project for display at local schools in the coming months. JAM display at Ancient City Kids Day.



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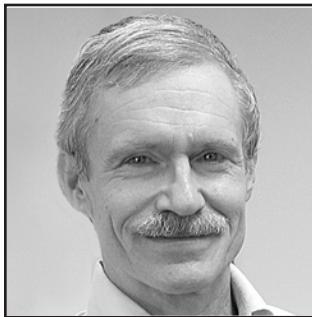
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By Max Royle
St. Augustine Beach City Manager

I'm willing to bet that the most difficult tasks for managers in any kind of organization are those that concern personnel, especially the hiring of employees. Why? Because no matter how highly polished the resume, how warmly glowing the references, how rock solid the work experience and competence of the person whom a manager hires to fill a particular position, there are still those pesky quirks of human nature that make each of us unique, sometimes exasperatingly so, and that can make the hiring of an employee more like a random toss of the dice than a well-planned and executed action.

My first significant personnel decision as a city manager was the hiring in 1978 of a police chief for a small, Florida west coast city. The incumbent chief was displeased because I didn't support his decision to fire the city's newest as well as first female police officer. Her hair was "too long," he declared at a meeting in his office. When I asked him if he had ever noticed that women's hair was usually longer than men's, he slapped his desk with the palm of his hand, a resounding thwack! that I remember to this day, and said words that I also remember: "You've just traded a police chief for a rookie patrol officer!" and resigned. Blessedly the best action for all concerned.

I don't recall many of the details about the search for his replacement, except that the search made me keenly aware the city charter

bestowed on me the responsibility of hiring a person licensed by the State of Florida to carry a firearm and to use it, if necessary, in the line of duty to kill someone; and who in turn would hire subordinate officers who also had the authority to take a human life. Clearly, the decision of which applicant to hire as chief wasn't one to be frivolously made.

The person I hired was Bob. Stocky, balding, in his late 40s, he was a former New York City police lieutenant. Based on his resume, references, what a background check revealed, and how he stood out from the other candidates when interviewed, Bob seemed ideal: had an unblemished work record, a university degree in criminal justice, and Florida law enforcement experience as the police chief of another small Tampa Bay area city. Also, he was married and had a teenage daughter.

At first, there was a "chemistry" between us. He was Italian-American, which fondly reminded me of the small Massachusetts town where I had grown up with its Italian and Irish ethnic mix. I also liked him because he was a direct, plain speaking and to the point, no nonsense kind of guy. Perhaps that was the New York City in him.

And perhaps that was the source of the difficulties that we eventually had with each other: you can take the cop out of New York City, but you can't take New York City out of

the cop.

The difficulties began one morning with a proposal. Chief Bob bustled into my office to announce that he thought the city needed its very own SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) unit, and here was his report with all the reasons, costs and other relevant information, and he had had experience with the setting up of SWAT teams in New York City, and we needed to implement his proposal NOW. While he breathlessly waited for my response, I thought of a likely newspaper headline: CITY "SWATS" BEACH RESORT IMAGE, and how welcoming and reassuring such a headline might appear to tourists looking for a place to have a quiet and safe family vacation. As the city had little serious crime and could rely on the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to provide a SWAT unit if one were ever needed, Bob's proposal was properly buried in some remote file cabinet drawer. He pouted.

Then there was his constant carping about pay and benefits: too low and not enough of them. "Up north," he'd begin to say, as if my little city had a moral imperative to match the pay and benefits offered by New York City. Finally, I had had enough and one day announced at a department head meeting that Bob's complaints had compelled me to invent an Italian phrase: got-hay-sum-bennay, which I translated as "gotta have some benefits." The department heads were amused. Bob was not.

He had other "big city" expectations that I hadn't known about when I hired him. After about 18 months, Bob left to join the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, which probably paid well and provided a cornucopia of benefits. I was happy to write a glowing letter of reference for him.

Nineteen years later, another Florida city (St. Augustine Beach), and another personnel decision, one that was definitely a much more successful one than my hiring of Chief Bob.

In 1997, I hired Mr. Marc Chattin as the city's public works director. I recall that he "interviewed" very well: low key, direct, so that we really had a conversation or dialogue rather than the question-and-response routine of the standard interview. He had previously been the public works director for a small city near Daytona Beach; had worked for civil engineering firms; and had had his own company for a time. Though he wasn't a registered professional engineer, he had studied for the test and thus had relevant book knowledge about civil engineering.

I need to point out here that Marc wouldn't be happy with my writing about him in so public a forum as this newspaper. He isn't falsely modest, but he has a sense of dignity that makes him naturally reticent about calling attention to himself. But I'm going to write about him anyway, because he certainly deserves recognition for the significant contributions he's made over the past 15 years to the quality of life for the city's residents and business owners. Besides, by the time this essay is in print, Marc will be retired from the city, or nearly so, as his last day of employment is December 31, 2012.

As the city projects in which he's been involved are too many to list here, I'll highlight some of the more significant ones: overseeing the construction of the new city hall in 2000-01, to make certain that the contractor didn't cut corners; excavation of 10 acres of the Mizell Road retention pond; the Linda Mar and Sandpiper Village subdivisions' drainage projects; development of the city's master drainage improvements plan; the Atlantic Alley, 2nd Street and E Street drainage projects; the A and 10th Street plazas with their new restrooms, paver bricks and landscaping; construction of the popular Splash Park and later renovations to it; construction of the (continued on page 8)

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Make Some New Year's (Financial) Resolutions for 2013

Once again, it's time to make some New Year's resolutions. This year, in addition to promising yourself that you'll hit the gym more often, learn a new language or take up a musical instrument — all worthy goals, of course — why not set some financial resolutions?

Consider these suggestions:

- Boost your retirement account contributions. If your income will rise this year, consider putting more money into your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k), 403(b) and 457(b). You typically contribute pre-tax dollars to your plan, so, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your money can have tax-deferred growth potential.

- Don't over-react to the headlines. Lately, you've heard a lot about the "fiscal cliff," political paralysis, the debt ceiling and other Really Scary Topics. These issues are not insignificant — but should they keep you from investing? After all, in any given year, you won't have to look hard to find warnings and negative news events — and many people do use these ominous-sounding headlines as a reason to head to the investment "sidelines" for a while. But if you're not investing, you're unquestionably missing out on opportunities to make progress toward your financial goals. So, instead of focusing on the news of the day, make your investment decisions based on the fundamentals of those investments you may be considering, along with your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- Keep whittling away your debt. Over the past few years, Americans have done a good job of lowering their debt burdens. Of course, the economy is still tough, and it can be challenging to avoid taking on new debts. But the less debt you have, the

more you can invest for your retirement and other important objectives.

- Rebalance your portfolio to accommodate your risk tolerance. If you spend too much time worrying about the ups and downs of your investments, then your portfolio's potential for volatility may be too great for your individual risk tolerance. On the other hand, if you continually see little growth in your holdings, even when the financial markets are going strong, you may be investing too conservatively — especially if you are willing to take on some calculated risk to potentially boost your returns. So review your portfolio at least once in 2013 to see if it needs to be "rebalanced" to fit your risk tolerance.

- Get some help — Navigating the investment world by yourself is not easy. For one thing, there's a lot to know — different types of investments, changing tax laws, the effects of inflation, interest rate movements, and much more. Furthermore, when you're making investment decisions on your own, you may have a hard time being objective — so you might end up investing with your heart, and not your head. The need for knowledge and objectivity point to the advantages of working with an experienced financial professional — someone who understands both the financial markets and your individual needs and goals.

These aren't the only financial resolutions you could make for 2013 — but if you follow through on them, you may well need to make fewer ones when 2014 rolls around.

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Spiritually Speaking

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"A Necessary Commentary"

Dateline: December 16, 2012. I want to thank publisher and editor Cliff Logsdon for permitting me to substitute what you are about to read for my original January 2013 column. That piece will appear next month in the February edition.

By the time you read this the Newtown, CT school shootings will be old news, although I suspect there will be continued opining concerning gun laws, violence in the culture, etc. As of this moment, 11 a.m. on what some churches call Gaudete ("Rejoice", in Latin) Sunday, just a little over a week to Christmas, police investigators have not yet released what they claim to be "good evidence" to account for some kind of motive behind young Adam Lanza's mad rampage that slaughtered 20 first-grade children and seven adults. Rumors of him being bullied, or engaging in "Goth" activities, or feeling emotionally neglected by parents who had divorced not many years ago etc. are all being invoked as potential reasons for his outrageous behavior. We may never know the full specifics of the background of what some want to simply term his "mental illness". What should be clear to anyone is that very few people with autism, or victims of bullying or family dysfunction commit atrocities such as what occurred this Friday past.

What is particularly distressing today is to read some of the blogs from around Connecticut and the nation that

want to castigate anyone who invokes a spiritual perspective concerning this tragedy. From dismissive to outright contemptuous commentary, strident secularist voices are trying to drown out the witness of thoughtful people who — along with the governor of Connecticut — are calling this matter what it at core really is: Evil, with a capital "E". Deranged hate, raw hate, and resentment — possibly tinged with envy — are on the foundation floor of that edifice that seeks to literally rip apart the bodies and lives of babies who are barely of school age. And THAT, my friends, is evil! And Evil as a spiritual force transcends mere human mischievousness.

There are indeed spiritual and moral forces at work in our world, unseen powers, that hate, that envy, that seek to steal, kill and destroy, my Lord said so many times (and even if he's not your own point of spiritual reference, you can at least admit that there are some horrors too big to be explained by mere human "mental illness"). To be devoid of any spiritual conviction in connection with the Newtown massacre is to potentially learn nothing from these kinds of events. Ultimately we all must choose whether or not to cooperate as deluded dupes with these wicked, twisted forces that the eye cannot see.

Another understandable but unfortunate response to this matter is to do as some are doing in Connecticut, taking down their holiday lights, perhaps as a gesture of support and solidarity. Well, mere holiday mirth without a solid reason for festivity is probably foolish; why go to the trouble. On the other hand, the Christmas Season — which lasts, by the way for mainline churches, all the way through January 13th this year — is not about mindless festivity but is a disciplined sort of joy, one that reflects on profound themes and rejoices, often in the very midst of painful memories. In fact, in spite of them. It says that positive spiritual Realities are going to eventually win the war being waged by invisible powers, that the Light prevails over Darkness. For that reason and through my tears I will keep the holiday lights burning this season until my calendar tells me it's time to take them down.

I invite you to do the same, my neighbors and friends. God bless you all, Fr. Nick.



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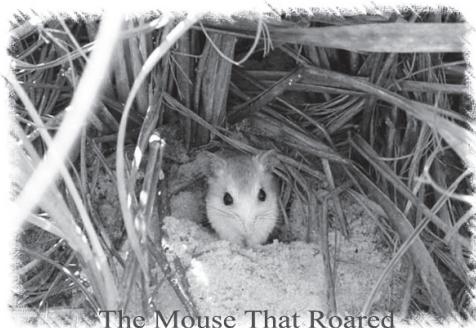


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The Mouse That Roared

The 1959 British satirical comedy, *The Mouse That Roared*, based on the novel by Leonard Wibberley, tells the story of the Duchy of Grand Fenwick. The Duchy of Grand Fenwick, located somewhere in the Alps between Switzerland and France while our fair city by the sea located somewhere on the NE coast of Florida between Jacksonville and Daytona share interesting similarities: 1959, our city's birthday, was the year the film was released; geographic size, our two and one half miles and their three miles; we both share a love of history; and we both have a mouse with a mighty roar. The Anastasia Beach Mouse is native to Florida and is a Federally protected endangered species. Some naysayers consider this mouse to be standing in the way of progress (read - paving another parking lot) while other folk see the small fur ball with whiskers as a sign of things to come - destruction of the environment. Loud as a Greek Chorus or quiet as a wee little mouse the embroilment seems to center around words like progress, bottom line, world class, and the ambiguous call to action and promise of an economic boom - short on details - but it won't cost much. Easy answers to difficult questions fuel one way who offered a knee jerk answer ... bring on the cat!



The Mouse That Roared

However, the New Year is a new direction, a time to consider decisions based on long term goals, engage in a proactive vision to protect our City, her citizens, and yes even a mouse. Easy answers can have long lasting unintended consequences. For some - it's the environment stupid!, for others it's the bottom line - show me the money, but in the end for all of us, it's the air we breath, the water we drink, and the land we walk on and the community we share.

Protecting the habitat for a mouse is not so different than protecting the habitat for sea turtles who visit our beaches, or migratory birds and their accompanying enthusiastic bird watchers. Seasonal visitors come because of our habitat, our pristine beaches, our Tree City designation with protected ancient trees, walking neighborhoods but mostly it's people as Carl Sandburg would say - the people always the people. Protecting the habitat includes the land, the lakes, and all bodies of water in the city. A friend from Key West commented on the issue of water and said - long before your water bill gets to \$300/month it's a good idea to turn off the tap when you brush your teeth. Water restrictions effecting our yards have caused a sea-change in landscape designs incorporating Florida Friendly Yards and neighborhoods guidelines. "Florida Statute 482.1562 states that all commercial fertilizer applicators must have a license

from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) by January 1, 2014. To get this license, each Green Industry worker must be trained in the GI-BMPs and receive a certificate of completion from UF/IFAS and FDEP. Additionally, many non-commercial Green Industry applicators or other workers are required to pass the training by local ordinances or voluntarily participate in the program to better serve their clients. The GI-BMPs are a science-based educational program for Green Industry workers (lawn-care and landscape maintenance professionals), brought to you by UF-IFAS Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ program. The GI-BMPs teach environmentally safe landscaping practices that help conserve and protect Florida's ground and surface waters. They can also save the Florida homeowner money, time, and effort; increase the beauty of the home landscape; and protect the health of your family, pets, and the environment. This training is designed to provide corporate, governmental, environmental, and

other personnel the Best Management Practices for lawn and landscape. Learn what impact the BMPs will have on your business or municipality. Developed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and endorsed by the pest control industry, this training is brought to you by UF-IFAS Florida-Friendly Landscaping program with partial funding by FDEP through a Nonpoint Source Management (Section 319h) grant from USEPA." check out Florida Yards & Neighborhoods-UF/IFAS site. A "zone of responsibility" effects all bodies of water throughout the State includes restrictions like run off, proper maintenance of our lakes, storm water ditches, holding ponds, and shallow lakes, and restricts application of fertilizers, pest/weed control and even restricts grass clippings with in ten feet of the body of water. This mouse has cleared his throat and the roar will be heard around the State.

The New Year brings challenges, opportunities, and a new home for St. Augustine Beach Community Garden. The Community Garden supporters and members will continue to grow pesticide free organic vegetables, to share the bounty with the Food Pantry, to teach our children, neighbors, and other gardeners where their food comes from and how to garden. Incorporating principals and best practices used in the garden could spread throughout neighborhoods and could reduce the high labor cost of maintaining the City's public property. Sazam! WOW- what a way to grow!

Like gardening, transplanting has a rhythm of its' own. The new year means

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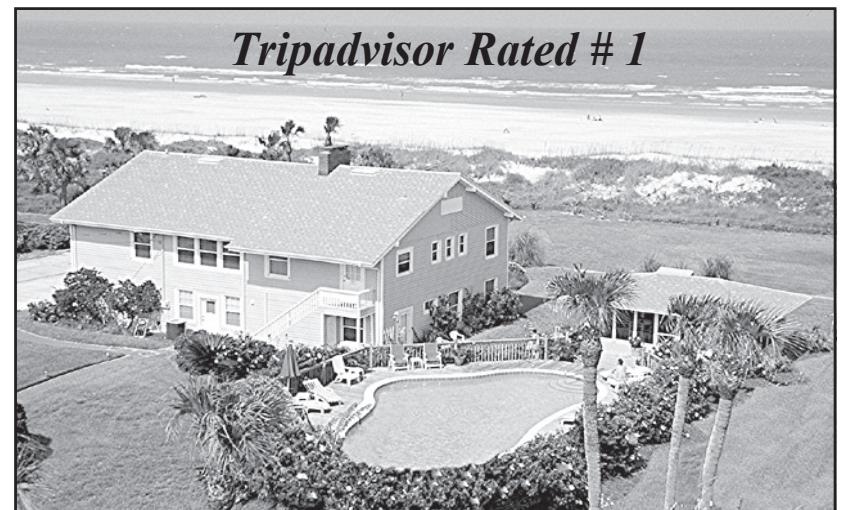
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out with the old and in with: well thought out, proactive long term innovative directions, protecting the community who call the City of St. Augustine Beach home. Your BAC supports positive change and offers guidance and long term direction. To paraphrase the wise Duchess Gloriana, of the Duchy of Grand Fenwick - easy answers are worth what you paid for them - do your homework first, and when you

must, let your roar be heard because in the end it's the air we breath, the water we drink, the habitat we share and it's the only environment and habitat we have! On the most beautiful city by the sea, make a little history and let you Roar be heard - Happy New Year to all Mice and Men.

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Anastasia State Park

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The full length of the walk is approximately 1 mile, round trip, and goes through an uneven terrain. Suggested items to bring are binoculars, comfortable walking shoes, camera, drinking water, bug spray, and a smart phone or other GPS device. This program is free with paid park admission. Meet at the entrance to the Ancient Sand Dunes interpretive trail.



Wildlife Category: Michael Stultz



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“TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE”

Guided tour through various coastal habitats

December 29, 2012, The Park will host a “Walk on the Wild Side,” allowing participants to experience various coastal habitats within Anastasia State Park.

Join a Park Ranger at 9 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month at Anastasia State Park to observe what life is like on the wild side. This walk starts out with a leisurely stroll through the Maritime Hammock, continuing along Salt Run—our estuarine habitat—then having an intermission and rest room break at the windsurf pavilion. The walk will continue from there along the boardwalk over the Marsh, through the Dunes, and finishing on the Shoreline. Participants of the walk will discover an assortment of flora and fauna that make up the fabulous ecosystems of Anastasia, and have an opportunity to increase their knowledge of the park’s history and the surrounding area. The full length of the walk is 2.5 miles, round trip. Participants may choose to walk the first half of the distance and windsurf to shorten the walk, if preferred.

Suggested items to bring are binoculars, comfortable walking shoes, camera, drinking water, bug spray, and sunscreen. This program is free with paid park admission. Meet at the Ranger Station.

Anastasia State Parks’ goal is to provide access for people of all abilities. If you have any special needs, please contact park staff at (904) 461-2033 before your arrival. Accessible parking is provided throughout the park.

For more information, visit www.floridastateparks.org, Anastasia State Park 1340A A1A South, St. Augustine, Florida.

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new restrooms and the renovations of the existing restrooms at the county pier park; planning and overseeing the construction of a 1,700 foot long beach access walkway and the construction of a 600 foot long bulkhead along a section of the city’s main drainage canal; working with the county to reduce the size of two sewer pumping stations to lessen their impact on the adjacent neighborhoods; developing with the Finance Director the plan to have the city, not the county, collect the solid waste disposal fee; overseeing numerous road paving projects. And far, far from the least on this long list of projects, it was due largely to Marc’s work with a local architect and contractor on the design and construction of the Veterans Memorial in Lakeside Park that the Memorial is so elegant and fitting for the limited space in the park.

Marc would be the first to admit that he didn’t do all of the above and more by himself. He’d gladly give credit to others, especially the employees of the public works department: the assistant director, Ken Gatchell; the secretary, Ms. Frankie Briggs; the group of long-term employees, Mick Orlando, Tom Large, Richard Gray and Troy Jones, who are the department’s stable core; the equipment operators and other employees who, day after day, haul the trash, maintain the parks and rights-of-way, keep clean the city’s buildings and other public areas, and do the many basic tasks that are vital for the well-being and safety of the city’s residents and visitors.

It’s hard to find an end point for this essay, because it’s hard to accept the departure of such a unique employee. One ending could be that I never during the past 15 years had any reason to doubt Marc’s commitment to the city, to high standards of honesty and integrity, to fairness for his employees and the standard that he set for them: that they do the work the citizens were paying them to do.

In keeping with the modest person that Marc is, perhaps the best and only way to end my little piece here is simply to say: thanks.

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Lamb with Cilantro & Cumin Crust

This recipe definitely argues with the old rule of thumb about serving red wine with meat. In this case, the strong green herb flavors of the cilantro and cumin supersede the real meat flavors of the lamb, making Sauvignon Blanc the wine of my choice.

Lamb with cilantro and cumin crust serves four

- 2 whole lamb loins, with or without tenderloins
- olive oil
- salt to taste
- leaves of 1/2 bunch of cilantro
- 2 tbsp. ground cumin

- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper

Lean the lamb of all fat and silver skin. Brush with olive oil and sprinkle with salt.

Process the cilantro with the cumin and cayenne pepper in a food processor. Add enough oil, one tbsp. at a time to make a mixture the consistency of jam, processing constantly.

Spread the cilantro mixture on the lamb. Let stand at room temperature for at least 40 to 60 min., or in the refrigerator for 8 hrs. or longer.

Preheat a gas grill or prepare a charcoal fire. Grill the lamb for 4 min. for each side for rare, or until done to taste when tested with the point of a sharp knife. Let stand for several min.

Slice and arrange on a warm plate.

New Year's Resolution: Examine Your Insurance Coverage

By Jane Tucker, First Florida Insurance

It's the year 2013 and time to get all your personal and business affairs in order. Have there been changes in your life during the past 12 months that may warrant a change in your insurance coverage?

Health Insurance - Is there a new addition to the family? The birth of a baby or a new dependent that will need coverage? If you're thinking about switching plans this year, now is the time to start researching different insurance companies. If you have recently married or divorced, you may need to add or remove your spouse from coverage, or acquire coverage in the event your former spouse has discontinued your coverage.

January is also a good time to open a Health Savings Account to save pre-tax money on insurance co-payments and out-of-pocket expenses.

Auto Insurance - If you have a new teenage driver in your household, check with your agent about auto insurance discounts for students with good grades and a good driving record. Your Insurance agent can give you some basic tips on how to get the best deal and save money.

Auto Insurance companies base some discounts on the less miles you drive each year. If you've recently entered retirement, ask about changing your level of coverage, which may translate into discounts on insurance premiums.

Also, if you're thinking about changing cars, check with your insurance agent

about types of autos that may effect your premium rates. High performance sports cars cost more to insure because they are involved in more accidents, and they cost more to repair. Check to see if the car model you're shopping for is more likely to be stolen. Certain models carry stiff insurance costs.

Life Insurance - As changes occur in your lifestyle, it may be prudent to make necessary changes to your life insurance policy. Purchase of a new home, new car, or a new addition to the family means your responsibilities will increase. Your life insurance may need to increase as well.

Does your employer provide free life insurance? Or, have you recently left an employer that offered it? Depending on your situation, you may want to consider obtaining new coverage or letting your current life insurance lapse, if your job offers the benefits you need.

Another good New Year's resolution is to locate your insurance policies and share their location with a trusted family member. Easily finding these vital documents will be a relief when needed.

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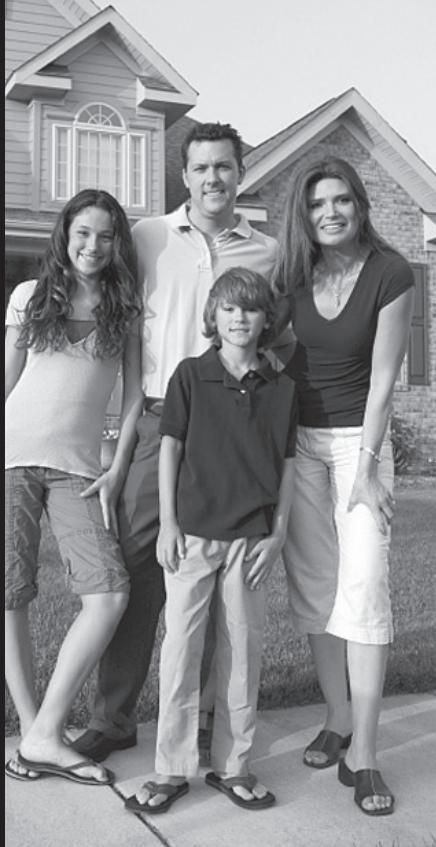
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“I’m Afraid if I Move it will Hurt”

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I can't tell you how many times I've heard patients, friends or family ask "Is it okay to move when it hurts?" The answer lies in the cause of the pain and whether it is 'good pain' or 'bad pain'. (Keep reading, I'm not talking about 'no pain, no gain'.)

Can pain be good? The emotional response is a resounding "NO". The sensory response is 'sometimes'. Herein lies the discussion of this column.

How can pain be good? It's certainly not pleasant. In fact the International Association for the Study of Pain defined pain as "an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with actual or potential damage, or described in terms of such damage."

Simply put it means pain has two components, 1) sensory and 2) emotional, which are triggered by actual or potential damage. Actual damage is hammer + thumb. Potential damage causes one to put hands in the pockets when any hammer is in sight.

So, can pain be good? YES, but keep reading. Pain can protect instantaneously, especially if we touch something hot. It is pain that causes the withdrawal, hopefully minimizing the damage. Pain can protect us over the long haul. If I slip and fall on a wet surface, the pain will cause me to proceed with caution next time as to avoid another painful experience. If swelling is a result of the fall, I will move cautiously so the tissues have a chance to heal, but I should move.

Therefore, is all pain good? The answer is no. Pain can be bad when it is not understood and life changing. By polarizing, I mean it causes one not to

move, producing changes in function. In all the examples provided above the cause of the pain is understood and therefore not polarizing. The longer one is in pain or worse, not understood, it becomes 'neuropathic'. Neuropathic pain is a result of changes in the nervous system. Neuropathic pain does not require tissue damage and can be quite debilitating.

How can you tell the difference?

Acute pain, that which is a result of a mechanical, chemical or temperature stimulus should be immediate, protective and proportional. It should also be short in duration. Sub-acute pain may last hours to days, is protective and usually resolved with tissue recovery. Chronic or neuropathic pain is persistent and may be experienced in the absence of tissue damage. Because no mechanical explanation can be given, fear of movement becomes a proponent.

The explanation provided is not meant to be exhaustive but may help you better understand your pain. It is always advisable to consult your MD, PT or OT. They can help determine whether the pain experience is 'normal', 'neuropathic' or something else. Age is not necessary a cause of pain but we'll leave that for another column.

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Art History Classes in St. Augustine

Get to know the works of Monet, Renoir, Van Gogh and other great artists. St. Johns River State College will offer two non-credit art history classes on the St. Augustine campus this spring:

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The classes will be taught by local artist and Florida School of the Arts instructor David Ouellette. Classes will be held on Fridays, from January 18 through March 22. Art History I classes will be held from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., and Art History II classes will be held from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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We are in our "Off Season" if there is such a phrase. Hope everybody had a good holiday, we took some time off, closed the store for a week, let the employees have some well deserved time away from here. Happy New Year Mow, What's going on with you?

Not much going this time of the year, this month I thought we could talk about some equipment history. Who made the first Chain Saw? Surprising enough, in 1830 a German Physician named Bernard Heine. The "Osteotome." this clever master of prosthetics had in fact invented the chain saw. The Osteotome made it easy to cut through hard bone without the impact of a hammer and chisel or the jolts of a reciprocating saw. The links of the chain carried small cutting teeth with the edges set at an angle; the chain was moved around a guiding blade by turning the handle of the sprocket wheel. Several major manufacturers of chain saws claim to have invented the first chain saw and all their claims point to the 1920s. However, the 1830 Osteotome would pre-date them all.

I did not know that I would have said Stihl or maybe McCullough. Who invented the first gasoline Chain Saw?

Well actually not one person was involved, but two. What would a Chain Saw be without the chain? Joseph Buford Cox invented what is known as the chipper type chain for chain saws. He based his design on the C-shaped jaws of the larva of the Timber Beetle. And later, with his wife, founded the "Oregon Saw Chain Company". Andreas Stihl is charged with the first cutoff chain saw in 1926. Weighing in at 130 pounds it required two people to operate it. And then in 1929 Stihl built the world's first petro powered chain saw named "The Tree Felling Machine"

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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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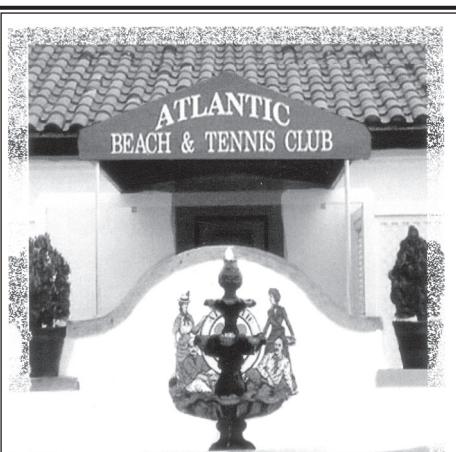
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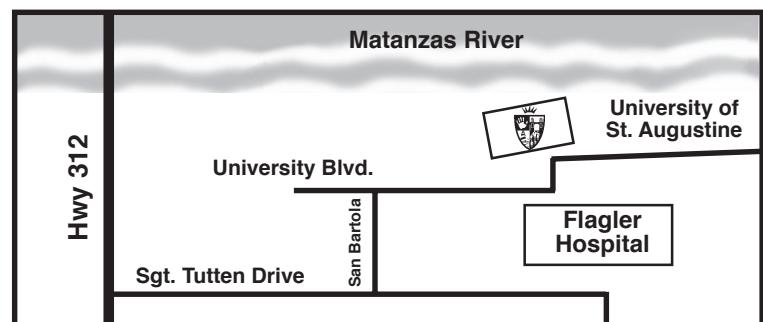
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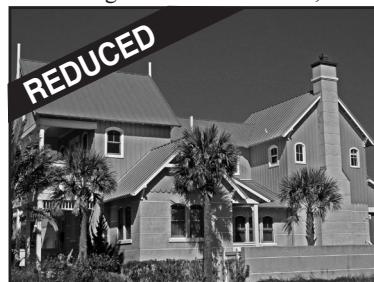
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