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## City Commission passes customary use ordinance

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The city of Fernandina Beach followed Nassau County and other communities across Florida Tuesday when it passed an ordinance establishing that the general public has customary use of beaches within the city limits, including areas above the mean high water line.

The ordinance is a local effort to counteract HB 631, which the Florida Legislature passed earlier this year. Those opposed to the state law say that it limits public access to areas of Amelia Island's beaches above the mean high water line, or the official point where sand gets wet during high tide. The so-called "dry sand area" is the point of contention addressed in the law. The law says private property owners can stop the public from accessing or using that part of the beach on their property, but "if the recreational use of the sandy area adjacent to the mean high tide has been ancient, reasonable, without interruption and free from dispute, such use, as a matter of custom, should not be interfered with by the owner."

Local efforts by citizens to prove recreational customary use of the beach

have taken the form of an affidavit drive, resulting in thousands of residents and visitors testifying to their recreational use of the dry area of the beach.

City Attorney Tammi Bach said there is a provision in HB 631 that says, if local governments adopt an ordinance prior to July 1, there could be an affirmative defense established by the city should anyone challenge the public's right to the dry sand area of the beach.

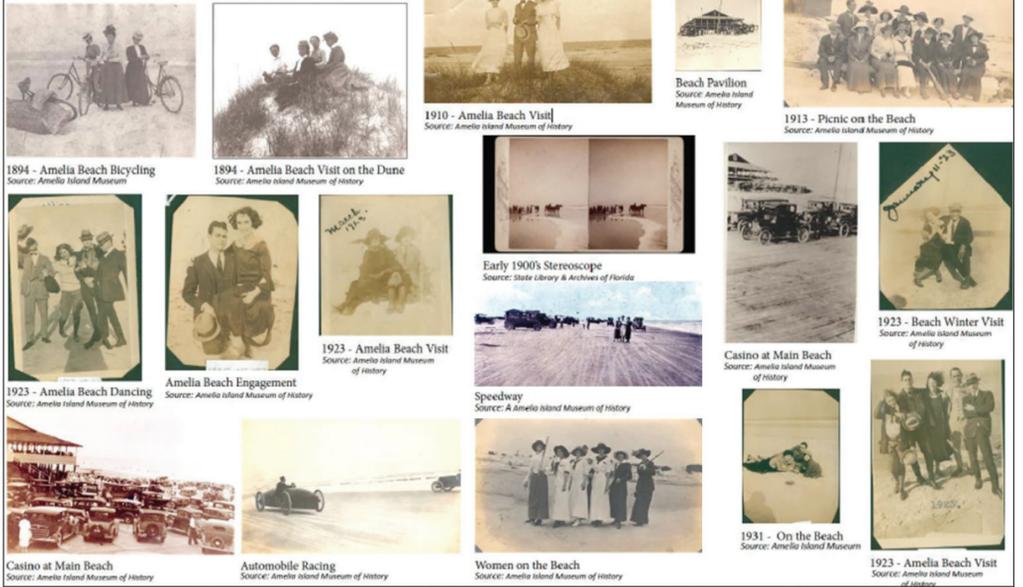
"It just says an ordinance, rule or regulation," Bach said. "Honestly, none of us local government attorneys really know what that means, any ordinance, regulation or rule that might be challenged by the property owner. But, just in case, it doesn't hurt to put this in place."

Bach made some minor changes to the ordinance from the version that passed first reading earlier this month. Those changes included clarifying the definition of beaches in the city and specifying that the public can legally access the beach only by established public access points, not over privately owned property.

"We are ensuring that private inter-

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1890's to 1930's



These photos are part of the evidence used in a campaign to prove that the public has had customary use of Amelia Island's beaches.

## LignoTech Florida officially opens Fernandina operation

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Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, acting as the master of ceremonies at the grand opening of LignoTech Florida Tuesday, likened the venture to a marriage between Norwegian biochemical company Borregaard ASA and Rayonier Advanced Materials. In that vein, the wedding ceremony began with music from Norway and America and ended with a tour of the \$110 million, state-of-the-art plant, which will process lignin, a by-product of RYAM's cellulose fiber production process.

The refined lignin product will be added to materials used in construction, crop protection, animal feed, dust control, and other applications.

Elected officials from Fernandina Beach, along with Jimmy Patronis, Florida's chief financial officer, Paul Boynton, CEO of RYAM and Per Arthur Sørlie, CEO of Borregaard, plus members of the community were invited to the ribbon-cutting event.

LignoTech Florida's managing director, Peter Morris, explained that Borregaard's responsibilities in the venture are lignin conversion technology, sales and marketing, and operational responsibility. RYAM's responsibilities are to supply the raw material from its acid sulfide process as well as utilities and services.

"The positive spinoffs from this decision are environmental improvements, better end quality from the Rayonier Materials plant by burning less lignin, and green lignin products from LTF entering the market that are more sustainable compared to the oil-based alternatives," Morris said. "This is a win-win situation for both parties and for the environment."

Patronis added that it is also a win for the state's economy. He said that while elected officials worked to bring the project to fruition, it is financial investment that made it possible.

"The private sector put your money where your mouth is, and you diversified

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Hundreds of people were treated to a tour of the new plant after the grand opening ceremonies.

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## Gay pride flag stirs controversy for city

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A last-minute addition to a special meeting of the Fernandina Beach City Commission on Tuesday created a firestorm of controversy after Mayor Johnny Miller and local psychologist Dr. Theresa Sparks raised a rainbow flag, a symbol of pride in the gay community, in front of City Hall.

The meeting was called so commissioners could consider a customary use ordinance pertaining to public access to the city's beaches in response to HB 631, but according to emails between City Attorney Tammi Bach and City Manager Dale Martin, the item of raising a gay pride flag – listed as a "discussion/action" item – was placed on the agenda at the request of Miller as late as Friday, June 22, after commissioners Chip Ross, Phil Chapman, and Roy Smith agreed to the addition.

After discussion about the flag agenda item at the meeting, Miller asked for a consensus from his fellow commissioners and none objected. A vote was not taken.

Vice Mayor Len Kreger said at the meeting that, moving forward, the City Commission might allow various flags to fly over City Hall "for any a who would request it."

According to the Library of Congress, June is known as Gay Pride month because "In June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBT Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marks the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBT Americans. ... On June 1, 2009, President Obama issued Proclamation No. 8387 for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month. In this proclamation the President pointed to the contributions made by LGBT Americans both in promoting equal rights to all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and in broader initiatives such as the response to the global HIV pandemic. The



Fernandina Beach Mayor Johnny Miller hugs local clinical psychologist Dr. Theresa Sparks after raising a rainbow flag over City Hall to mark June 26-30 as Pride Week in the city.

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## OBITUARIES

### Mary Eugenia Brewer

Mary Eugenia Brewer, 92, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Sunday, June 24, 2018 at Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

She was born September 8, 1925 in Brooklyn, N.Y. to the late Anthony and Antonina Gruszczak.

She graduated from Lyman Memorial High School in 1943. She then went on amazing adventures with her best friend, Mary, to New York, about which she loved to tell stories.

Not long after, Mary met the love of her life, Tim Brewer. They were married for 50 years. Mary became a very proud Navy wife. They went on to have four children of which they both were so very proud. They gave their children – Kathy Campion, Tony Brewer, Bill Brewer and Patty Sloper – the gift of teaching them to always love and take care of each other, and the love of God.

Mary enjoyed writing for a newspaper, *The Venice Gondolier Sun*, and working in an old-fashioned apple store. She also enjoyed going to Jamaica and playing Bingo.

Most of all, she loved helping raise her granddaughter, Jennie, who in turn, enjoyed taking care of her grandmother to the very end. She loved and felt very blessed with her six grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Mary will be so missed, but her stories and memories will never be forgotten.

The family would like to thank everyone for all their love, support and prayers.

Funeral services will be private.

Please share your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com).

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### Kathleen Anne Laing

Kathleen Anne Laing, 61, of Belmont, N.C., passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at CaroMont Regional Medical Center in Gastonia, N.C.

Born September 13, 1956 in Montgomery, Ala. to the late Brien and Anne Groner Laing, she graduated from Lake Forest High School in Lake Forest, Ill.

Kathleen worked various jobs over her lifetime, including being a heavy equipment operator for a road building concern, but had to retire due to a pulmonary illness. That illness left her handicapped for the last several years of her life.

She had many talents and interests and those carried her in many directions. She grew organic herbs and made her own holistic herb compounds. She was artistically talented and made beautiful leather accessories. She loved all animals but especially her dogs, rabbits and chickens. She liked to travel, hunt and fish. She was generous to friends and strangers alike, offering her home to those in need.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her elder sister, Scott.

She leaves behind her mother, Lois (Brien) Laing, and her sisters, Cynthia (Lanny) McLaughlin and Kimberly Laing, all of Fernandina Beach, Fla.; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins, as well as many friends, especially Toni Gillman and Rene Wright. She also leaves behind her much-loved dog.

There will be a committal service at the columbarium of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Fernandina Beach at a later date.

Please share your memories and condolences at [www.oxleyheard.com](http://www.oxleyheard.com)

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### William Pitt Callaway Smith II

William Pitt Callaway Smith II, 86, of Amelia Island, Fla., known to his friends as Billy, passed

away Monday morning, June 25, 2018 at Hospice of the Golden Isles in Brunswick, Ga. after an extended illness.

Billy was born and raised in Lyons, Ga. to the late Embry Maxwell Smith and Marion Williams Dunagin. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.P.C. Smith; a granddaughter, Anneliese Joy Hollingsworth; a brother, Embry Smith; and a nephew, Duke Smith.

Billy graduated from Lyons High School in 1948 and went on to attend Mercer University. He completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Georgia, where he was the president of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. During the Korean War he served in the United States Army. After the war, he began pharmacy school at the Southern College of Pharmacy in Atlanta, Ga. and worked in the Emory University Pharmacy as a technician. Upon graduation, he relocated to Brunswick, where he opened Smith's Pharmacy in 1959. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Brunswick but also attended the First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach. Billy was a recreational pilot who enjoyed flying, boating, and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Hussey Smith; his son, William P.C. "Cal" Smith III of Waverly, Ga.; his daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia "Tibby" Hollingsworth (Gene) of Kingsland, Ga. and Sylvia Adams (John) of Waverly; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Melody Rose Barber (Jared), Aletha Smith Mann (Bo), John Blake Adams (Candice), Sterling Adams Rose (Dennis), Benjamin O. Adams (Taylor), Matthew G. Hollingsworth (Tanya), and Erin Bingham; 11 great-grandchildren; a niece, Elizabeth Pipe (Richard) of St. Simons Island, Ga.; a nephew, Maxwell Smith of Brooksville, Fla.; and also several other nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Visitation was held from 3:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 28, 2018 at First Baptist Church in Lyons. A funeral service was held at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 28, 2018 at First Baptist Church in Lyons with Rev. Danny Williams officiating. Burial with military honors followed in Lyons Cemetery. Pallbearers were his grandsons. Honorary pallbearers were Vernon Shipman, Billy Bernard Thompson, Dickie Alexander, and Marshall Rowland.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at [www.fryefh.com](http://www.fryefh.com).

*Frye Funeral Home*

### Jimmy Ray Wingate

Jimmy Ray Wingate, 73, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

He was born April 12, 1945 at Camp Blanding, Fla., to the late Raymond and Jimmie Wilson Cooper Wingate and was the stepson of Patricia Ann Wingate.

A proud veteran of the U.S. Army, Jimmy served overseas during the Vietnam War and was a longtime employee of ITT Rayonier, where he worked for more than 30 years as a boiler operator. He was a dedicated member of the Vietnam Veterans of American, the American Legion, and the Brickyard Hunting Club.

He is survived by his eldest daughter, Nicole Wingate; his youngest daughter, Meghan Wingate; siblings, Karen Creal of Huntsville, Ala., and Jack Wingate of Birmingham, Ala.; younger half-siblings, Theresa Morgan of Jacksonville, and Donna Milks and Paul Milks, both of Orlando, Fla.; and stepbrothers, Mike of Orange Park, Fla., and Don of Vidalia, Ga.

A memorial service and interment will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 6, 2018 at Jacksonville National Cemetery, 4083 Lannie Road in Jacksonville.

## FOR THE RECORD

The name of one of the members of the first place team in the Two Way Kingfish Tournament was spelled wrong on page 3B in the June 20 edition of the *News-Leader*. The gentleman's name is Hayden Englert.

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# WEEKLY UPDATE

## Leadership Nassau applications

Applications are now available for the 2018-2019 Leadership Nassau program, sponsored by the Nassau County Chamber of Commerce. Application deadline is Monday, July 2, by 5 p.m. Designed to develop community leaders, the program provides an understanding of the problems, opportunities and issues facing the communities within Nassau County. The program also fosters the development of leadership skills and techniques in an environment that encourages the establishment of new relationships and communication networks between the participants. Class topics range from economic development to health issues and social concerns. For information or an application, contact Nassau County Chamber of Commerce at 261-3248 or [info@nassau-countyflchamber.com](mailto:info@nassau-countyflchamber.com).

## Legion sponsoring blood drive

American Legion Post 54 will sponsor the bi-monthly blood drive at the Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 7. The Blood Mobile will be located at the corner of North Seventh Street and Alachua Avenue. All donors will receive a free OneBlood beach towel and a wellness checkup. Plus, all donors will receive a coupon for BOGO admission to the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. Make an appointment online at [oneblooddonor.org](http://oneblooddonor.org) and use sponsor code "36191." For more information contact the American Legion at 261-7900. "One pint can save three lives."

## Sapp to address society

Lifetime Fernandina Beach resident Ron Sapp will address the Clinch Historical Society with a presentation about "the different issues and people that have kept Fernandina such an interesting place in which to live since 1950" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, at the Amelia Island Museum of History, according to a news release.

"(Sapp's) primary focus will include the resort/tourism era (1973 to present); the different city managers, city attorneys and commissioners. He knows politics from the inside as he was elected city commissioner for the first time in 1978 and served eight terms off and on (over) 24 years (including) six terms (years) as mayor. He regularly contributes to the Fernandina Beach News Leader," the release states.

"Sapp has lived in Fernandina Beach since he was two years old. He went to all the schools here. He married Kasey, his wife of 50 years. Ron and Kasey have two children: Sherri, who lives in Fernandina Beach, and Lori, now living in Gainesville," the release continues.

Sapp has also been a teacher at Fernandina Beach High School since 1988. After taking off two years for retirement, he's now teaches psychology and Honors U.S. History part-time. He's also a veteran, having served four years – 1966-70 – in the U.S. Air Force.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The museum is located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. For more information, contact [clinchhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:clinchhistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

## FRWN hosting local candidates

The next meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Nassau is scheduled for July 13. Appearing in a rapid succession format, candidates running for the following offices will appear: Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, Districts 2 and 4; Nassau County School Board, Districts 1 and 5; and Ocean Highway and Port Authority, Districts 3, 4 and 5. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about candidates' positions in advance of the upcoming August primary. The meeting will be at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club beginning at 11:30 a.m. Reserve your place for lunch and the meeting by calling 491-5544 or emailing [frwnassau@gmail.com](mailto:frwnassau@gmail.com) by Tuesday, July 10. Reservations are \$15.

## Scholarships for FBCA available

FBCA has announced that the school is accepting scholarships from the AAA Scholarship Foundation. This nonprofit organization awards annual scholarships for tuition and fees and is privately funded to assist eligible students attend an eligible private school of their choice. The Foundation works with schools in several states, including Florida, to make "Academic Achievement Accessible." Scholarships are income-based, offering a broader range of quality education to eligible families. For private school opportunities, visit Fernandina Beach Christian Academy located at 1600 S. Eighth St. in Fernandina Beach or call 491-5664 to schedule an appointment.

## Beach task force needs volunteers

The Amelia Island Beach and Marine Life Protection Task Force is seeking volunteers to remove litter from the beaches before it is ingested by animals. Volunteers will work one or two evenings a week, June through August, for one to two hours between 5:30 and 8 p.m. at local beaches. For more information, email [charmontaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:charmontaskforce@gmail.com) or [aibeachprotectiongroup@gmail.com](mailto:aibeachprotectiongroup@gmail.com).

## Hearing group facilitator needed

Can you help people adapt to a hearing-impaired world? Nassau County Volunteer Center is looking for a hearing loss support group facilitator. This unique individual will schedule meetings and speakers, update social media, and participate in traditional marketing techniques. This person would have a social work, facilitation, hearing or audiology background. If you fit the bill, go to [volunteernassau.org](http://volunteernassau.org) and volunteer.

## Unbiased help with Medicare

The UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service is offering weekly individual consultations at the Barnabas Center, located at 1303 Jasmine St. in Fernandina Beach, for Medicare beneficiaries.

If you will be new to Medicare, have questions about Medicare or want to know if you qualify to save money on your Medicare drug costs, Medicare monthly premium, deductibles and copays, call Meg McAlpine at 530-6359 to schedule your private appointment.

Appointments are being scheduled today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Hospice fundraiser at local salon

Magna's in Fernandina Beach is currently holding its 15th annual fundraiser for the local Community Hospice. This year, the company will hold a silent auction that will include items and services donated by local hotels, golf courses, restaurants, the Jacksonville Jaguars, Magna's staff and more. The auction will continue through June 30. Items may be viewed at [magnasalon.com](http://magnasalon.com) and at the salon, 103 Centre St. Donations are welcome. Checks should be made payable to Community Hospice and Palliative Care and can be mailed to Magna's.

## Diabetes support group

A diabetes support group for those with Type 1 or 2 diabetes meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. on the second floor of the MCCI building located at 449621 U.S. 301 in Callahan. Varying topics are presented with informal support and discussion. A registered dietitian and a mental health counselor will facilitate some sessions. Today, participants will prepare a healthy meal to take home and cook. For more information and to register, contact Melanie Hadden at 507-2692. There is no cost to attend.

## Sexual assault support group

A free support group for survivors of sexual assault meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Family Support Services in Yulee. For more information, contact Lori Armstrong at 716-5390 or [larmstrong@womenscenterofjax.org](mailto:larmstrong@womenscenterofjax.org).

## Healing Hearts meetings

Healing Hearts is a local support group for those who have lost a spouse. The group meets twice a month on the second Monday at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at the Marina Restaurant and again on the fourth Monday at 6 p.m. for dinner at the Marina Restaurant. For more information, contact Mary Mercer at 415-1881 or Joni Reid at 556-6767.

## Are you looking to help?

The Nassau Volunteer Center has a new service for volunteers. Go to [volunteernassau.org](http://volunteernassau.org) and click on "Volunteer" or "Get Connected." This simple to use free tool allows you to tell agencies what skills and interests you have while allowing the agencies to find suitable volunteers. This one stop registers you for dozens of agencies in Nassau County. For information, call 261-2771.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

Visit [neflaa.org/wiktor/meetings](http://neflaa.org/wiktor/meetings) or call 904-399-8535.

## District opens satellite offices

Do you ever have the need to visit the Nassau County School District administration office located at 1201 Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach? Do you find yourself driving 20 plus miles to get there? Is it a trip that takes you more than an hour these days? The Nassau County School District now has two satellite offices. The westside location is at 45021 Third Ave. in Callahan and the Yulee location is at 86207 Felmore Road in Yulee. The offices will provide a place for parent meetings, employee meetings, staff meetings, and support. If you have questions or would like to schedule a meeting, call 491-9900.

## Project documenting POWs

A documentary film maker has put out a call for Vietnam-era POWs. Thuy Diem, whose father was in the South Vietnamese Army, is producing *The Unforgotten*. Her father was captured and escaped during the war before finally coming to the United States. Veterans who would like to share their wartime POW experience can contact Diem at [aspotbellypig@gmail.com](mailto:aspotbellypig@gmail.com).

## Volunteering for NHS

NHS Second Chance Resale Store and its sister clothing store, NHS Second Chance Closet, are looking to grow their team of volunteers in all areas. If you have a few hours a week to spare and enjoy meeting and working with other animal lovers in a fun atmosphere, pick up a volunteer application at Second Chance, located in the Eight Flags Shopping Center on South 14th Street or go online to [Nassauhumesociety.com](http://Nassauhumesociety.com) and click on Volunteer. For information, call 321-0022.

## Be a zookeeper

Amelia Residents in Action for the Symphony sponsors a program each January and February that visits all fourth grade classes in Nassau County with 40 orchestral instruments. The goal of the program is to acquaint students with how to properly hold and play each instrument. To be able to reach all Nassau County students, ARIAS needs volunteer "zookeepers." No experience is required. To volunteer, contact Susan Kosciulek at 548-0227 or Barbara Zacheis at 321-5639.

## Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates holds basic with defensive tactics courses, concealed-weapon license courses and close-quarter defensive tactics courses. For information and more class dates, contact Gary Belson at 491-8358 or 476-2037, or [gbelson@bellsouth.net](mailto:gbelson@bellsouth.net), or visit [www.thebelsongroup.com](http://www.thebelsongroup.com)

## Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous meets in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, at 1 p.m. Thursdays. There is also a meeting at the Alachua Club, 32 N. Third St. at 6 p.m. Mondays. For more information, contact Lorrie at 343-4771.

## Gun classes for everyone

Pistol and revolver gun classes for beginners to advanced shooters are given by NRA-certified instructor and retired state and federal law enforcement officer Frank P. Covie and held at the convenience of each person starting any weekday except Wednesday. Both basic and personal protection classes are available and including classroom, range shooting and no-cost use of a .22 pistol and rifle including ammo. Contact 277-4144, 603-491-7017, or [fp99@comcast.net](mailto:fp99@comcast.net) for complete info.



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Local officials and representatives from Borregaard and Rayonier Advanced Materials cut the ribbon Tuesday for the opening of the LignoTech Florida plant, above. The LignoTech Florida plant's product sits on the production line, awaiting shipment, below.



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this mill to create other jobs and other opportunities that otherwise could be somewhere else," Patronis said. "Thank you for that commitment that you are making in the state of Florida and the jobs that are being created here. You're raising the bar, raising the tide."

The LignoTech Florida plant currently employs 50 people, Morris said.

"We tried to employ as many people as possible from the local community," he said. "As much as 58 percent of the people are from Nassau County, and the balance from the Jacksonville and southeast Georgia area. The percentage of local residents living on the island stands at 26 percent. LTF has created employment opportunities for young, qualified people to build their careers in their hometown."

Patronis said the income generated would add to the local economy.

"Employees, thank you," he said. "Take your paychecks and spend them. Make sure when you go into businesses, if you relocated here, make sure the business you go to here in northeast Florida knows where your paycheck came from, and that you appreciate being a part of this community."

"All of you will be part of churches and little league baseball teams, community efforts and groups. All of that makes this company more viable. It takes root and makes this company expand and create greater opportunities."

Patronis said that the lack of a state personal income tax makes Florida attractive to

investment, and to ventures such as LignoTech Florida.

"Because of investments like this, we create a sales tax-driven economy, and it will make more Norwegians find the beauty of Florida that much more unique," he said. "As we continue to grow jobs, it keeps the cost of living low. As long as you continue to make an investment, we'll make sure you don't have a state income tax in the state of Florida."

Boynton said that RYAM and the city of Fernandina Beach have been intertwined since the Rayonier company opened its plant in 1939. Rayonier spun off Rayonier Advanced Materials as an independent company in 2014.

"Creating value through innovation takes a lot of creative minds," Boynton said. "It takes tenacity. But, it also takes support - natural resources and community support. We are seeing that today. When you get innovation rolling, it builds upon itself, it snowballs. This is the biggest snowball, of three innovation events. Ten years ago, a team of us went to Norway and talked to Borregaard about this opportunity. We decided there were gaps in the technology, the market and the infrastructure. We put it on the shelf for a while. Then, in 2012, with the community and state's support, the team successfully commissioned a unique design and installation of a state-of-the-art biomass power boiler, a very large investment that dramatically reduces our emissions to world class standards, improved our operating costs and provided low cost power to the community to have enough power to power 200 homes in Fernandina Beach."

"We are grateful for the support we have received from Fernandina Beach, from Nassau County and the state of Florida. We look forward to working with you all to make this venture a success," Sørliie said.

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That project brought a natural gas line to the site that was the third event that enabled RYAM and Borregaard to put the LignoTech Florida project back on the table, Boynton said.

Sørliie also commented on the evolution of LignoTech Florida.

"Norwegians have a reputation for being slow," he said. "This project, in many ways, confirms that stereotype because I first heard about it in 1992, and nothing came out of it. We tried again in 1998, and nothing came out of it. In 2008, Paul was kind enough to travel to Norway to discuss this project with us, and nothing came out of it. And then, finally, in 2014, we met in Oslo and that was the start of this project finally coming to fruition. It was a very long process."

He said sustainability is a key element in Borregaard's business model - both environmental and economic.

"It's not enough to make something that's green. We have to make some money with it, otherwise it's not sustainable," Sørliie said. "When you build a lignin plant, you don't have the luxury of getting to choose where you build the plant. You have to build it near a pulp mill. There are perfect logistics here. It's a really efficient. This is also a community with a lot of industrial experience. We are extremely happy."

"We are grateful for the support we have received from Fernandina Beach, from Nassau County and the state of Florida. We look forward to working with you all to make this venture a success," Sørliie said.

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# The state of America

On Wednesday, we will celebrate the United States of America.

On Thursday, we'll likely return to dividing the state of America.

United States? That has become an oxymoron of epic proportions, surpassing, I am afraid, military intelligence and Congressional ethics.

We'll go back to throwing people out of restaurants because they don't think like us. We won't bake cakes for people who don't act like us. We won't laugh with people that don't look like us. We won't talk with others that don't agree with us.

On Wednesday, I encourage you to reflect on what you are contributing to uniting the state of America.

As we churn through the calendar toward November's



**CITY NOTES**

*Dale Martin*

election, the divisions will only grow deeper. Will you be a willing participant in those divisions? Will you vilify, demonize, and attack others who are different? Like the national political parties, sadly, many people have developed litmus tests for their friendships and relationships. "You supported the other candidate for office - I want nothing to do with you, you idiot!" And the divisions grow deeper and the dialogue more heated. When will the reasonable

people rise to the challenge and acknowledge that this city, this county, this state, and this country have good Democrats and good Republicans. The voice of moderation has been stifled, and we are not better. But we do nothing but cower.

I retain a deep and sincere belief that we (nationally) are a good people. My pessimism regarding the state of America is overcome by my optimism for the United States of America.

The celebratory fireworks on Wednesday should be cheered before we inevitably return to the political fireworks on Thursday (and Friday and Saturday, and July and August and 2019 and 2020).

Happy birthday, USA. *Dale Martin is the city manager of Fernandina Beach.*

## Amelia Walk development also packs county meeting

CINDY JACKSON  
*News Leader*

The meeting of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners on June 25 played to a packed house, with a great deal of interest from the public in the board's consideration of a proposed ordinance regarding the right of customary use of the beach, but while many individuals exited the room after the beach issue was discussed, many remaining audience members were interested in the final development plans for the Amelia Walk subdivision. The application for approval of the final development plan for construction of 174 single family homes in Amelia Walk, located at Amelia Concourse and Majestic Walk Boulevard, was filed by McCranie and Associates as the agent for Greenpointe Holdings LLC, the owners.

Homeowner after homeowner requested to speak, all complaining about chronic drainage and flooding throughout much of Amelia Walk, problems they believe should be resolved before more houses are approved. Other complaints about Amelia Walk included lack of mosquito control and speeding. Those items, as County Attorney Mike Mullin explained, are beyond the purview of the BOCC. He recommended the residents of Amelia Walk con-

tact the Amelia Island Mosquito Control District, though it does not currently have responsibility for that area. The District does include Amelia Island, Marsh Lakes and Piney Island.

Commissioner Danny Leeper made a motion to postpone the vote on the additional development in Amelia Walk, saying, "These allegations and concerns need to be investigated. We have had problems in the past with drainage in certain developments, and I want to make sure these concerns are addressed before moving forward."

Commissioner Steve Kelley echoed that sentiment and said, "If the sub development has

issues now, to put another 174 homes without first addressing it is not a reasonable thing to do."

The motion to postpone consideration until July 23 to allow for investigations and the development of a plan of action was approved 4-0.

Chairman Pat Edwards presented an official proclamation at the start of the meeting commemorating the 136th anniversary of St. James Baptist Church, located in the small community of Evergreen on County Road 108. The proclamation mentions the history of the building, which served as the Nassau County

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# Lost in the hallway – again

I have entertained family and friends for decades with my legendary lack of direction. My geographical misadventures have been a source of entertainment for them ever since I was old enough to navigate (and I use that term loosely) on my own.



## CITY SIDEBAR

Cara Curtin

I was so proud when I finally turned 21 and could vote. I had even paid attention to the candidates and the issues. On Election Day, I set off a little early for work to drop by my neighborhood polling place on the way.

It took me an hour to find it. I had never been to the other side of the neighborhood and could find no familiar streets to lead me, if not to the voting machine, at least back to civilization.

The act of casting my first-ever vote was anticlimactic after the morning's adventure, and I was still late to work, despite my early start. This embarrassing tale remained my secret for years.

I met my Adult Supervision years later, when I was an ensign and he was a lieutenant freshly returned from Vietnam. We met at a social function and made arrangements to meet again. That second meeting entailed my driving from my U.S. Navy base to his.

After the third or fourth attempt at explaining my route, he ditched all references to compass points and changed his explanation to, "Drive until you see the Fast Foods and turn left at that intersection." I taped his written directions to my glove box and followed them religiously for months. Until I figured out that Fast Foods was a chain with multiple locations. I was lucky that it was the only one on the route the lieutenant had plotted

for me. My first drive from one duty station to the next was another navigational misadventure. I obsessed over AAA's Triptik and clutched it like a security blanket. I could only drive about 300 miles a day because I quickly became exhausted from fear and tension. When I pulled into a motel mid-afternoon, I learned to record which way I had turned into its parking lot. Then I sat in that car until I figured out which way I would have to turn to leave the lot the next morning. Sigh.

Andrew had an excellent idea of just what he had on his hands by the time the honeymoon rolled around. (That's why he was not surprised when the hotel had no record of our wedding night reservation. When he asked if there were a reservation under my maiden name, the relieved clerk was all smiles. My Adult Supervision still asks me what name to use whenever I make our sleeping arrangements.)

And he wasn't surprised when I made my now-famous (loud) announcement at a scenic overlook in Maine. We were on a promontory above a pretty New England town. I made a circuit of the overlook, leaned against a convenient pile of rocks, and loudly announced that the town below us was Bar Harbor.

It would be the first time (but not the last, I assure you) that my husband looked as if

he hoped everyone thought he had picked up a hitchhiker. That convenient pile of rocks I was leaning against supported the plaque announcing that below us lay historic Bar Harbor. I held my tears until we returned to the car.

All of this is why he was not surprised at my latest navigational blunder. We were in our third or fourth hotel during our latest drive-about. Our universal travel complaint is that motels never give us enough coffee. We each like two cups in the morning, but three coffee packets are the usual supply, with the fourth packet being tea. When I saw the maid in the hallway, I asked her if we could have more coffee for our room. She gladly supplied me with a heap of everything.

I had wisely kept one hand free to work the key card, and I promptly did so. Nothing. The maid watched as I made a second and third attempt to key open the door. "Uh, ma'am?" she began, "This is 508. I think you're in room 506."

I smiled sweetly and made my way to 506. The card worked beautifully. I turned to thank her for her help, but she was already pushing her cart down the hall, shaking her head at my antics. When my husband asked what took me so long, I glossed over my latest misadventure by telling him I was just being myself.

Thank goodness the Good Lord plopped me down in Paradise. Even I can navigate the grid of our city streets. Thanks also goes to David Levy Yulee, because for the first time in my life, I can tell people things like, "Meet me on the northwest corner of Centre and Second streets."

## The official numbers

Occupation	Female %	Male %	Total
1. Computer and math	25.5	74.5	4,601,000
2. Cooks	38.7	61.3	2,179,000
3. Retail salespeople	48.4	51.6	3,312,000
4. Art and design	48.5	51.5	3,097,000
5. Food prep and serving	53.5	46.5	8,542,000
6. Business and financial operations	54.7	46.3	7,523,000
7. Community and social service	65.5	34.5	2,612,000
8. Customer service rep	65	35	2,388,000
9. Service occupation	65.5	34.5	2,612,000
10. Waiters and waitresses	70	30	2,085,000
11. Education, training, and library	73.1	26.9	8,948,000
12. Healthcare practitioners	75.6	24.4	8,960,000
13. Primary care and service	77.3	22.7	5,795,000
14. Elementary and middle school teachers	79	21	3,186,000
15. Registered nurse	90	10	3,102,000

# Jobs by the official numbers

As sometimes happens, I took a 90-degree turn with a column. While in North Carolina recently, I saw 20 scholarship recipients (Care Partners Foundation). All were western North Carolina high school seniors with an interest in the medical field. The glaring takeaway was that 19 of 20 recipients were young women. In our local Fernandina Beach Rotary club scholarship initiative, the great majority of our applicants and recipients were again young women. Why are young women so much more assertive these days? I set out to find answers, then the 90-degree turn occurred.

Searching to find the percentage of women in professions, I came upon information worthy of an article all by itself. My search started as "percentage of women in professions," which led to this chart containing U.S. Department of Labor data showing the percentage of women and men in each profession. The posting I found was by Matt Rocheleau of Globe.com and dated March 7, 2017.

The job listings are far more numerous than the paper could justify, so I will only comment on a few. It



## KEFFER'S CORNER

Rick Keffer

starts with the highest female percentage, male percentage, and total jobs in that profession. With high school and college grads in the job market soon after graduation, it would be valuable to

know the number of people in a profession and the gender breakdown.

Obvious examples of male-dominant jobs would be utility lineman and construction worker. For women, nursing and teaching jobs have high percentages. In order to share some bigger career choices, we will look at listing of 2 million or more jobs nationally.

Some of these classifications are vague and would require more research. I feel the Department of Labor website could go more in depth. Some lower number, but of interest occupations, along with female percentages are clergy, 17.6 percent/436K; farmers, 24.8 percent/1,042M; judges, 34 percent/59K; dentists, 34.4 percent/163K; physicians, 38.2 percent/1,061M;

lifeguards, 44.2 percent/149K; veterinarians, 63 percent/101K; psychologists, 67.5 percent/161K; social workers, 81.5 percent/781K.

Enough numbers. I believe this to be a resource for job seekers, job changers, every high school guidance counselor in America, parents of job seekers, and various high school and college educators.

Job seekers need to focus on what appeals to them, along with the market for their interest. It is a very tight job market, favoring those who have a direction and a plan to get there. Good income and even wealth often come from the basic consumer needs. The last and current Jaguars owners made their fortunes in discount shoes and car bumpers. Find a career in an industry in demand like health care, law, sales, services, anything food related. If it is a niche, pick a growing one and be good at it.

I like to have an employment-based column this time of year (graduation). A little knowledge can go a long way. Have a good week.

Rick Keffer owns and operates Rick Keffer Dodge Chrysler Jeep in Yulee. He invites questions or positive stories about automobile use and ownership.

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# Study gives Florida D+ in earnings for women

## Nassau near bottom for gender equality in pay

PAMELA BUSHNELL  
News Leader

Earlier this year a report titled, "The Status of Women in Florida by County: Employment & Earnings," published findings that opportunities for women appear to be on the decline in Florida since a previous study in 2004.

Both women's participation in the labor force and the median annual earnings for women employed full-time have dropped in Florida since the original study. While the gender wage gap appears to have narrowed over the state as a whole, the report attributed the change to an even greater decline in men's wages over the same period. As a result of the new data, Florida's grade for women's employment and earnings dropped from C- to D+.

"Median annual earnings for women in Florida are \$35,000, placing the state at 38th in the nation, compared with \$40,000 for men," according to the report. However, these figures vary widely by geography and ethnicity within the state.

While the report indicated a favorable, but skewed, wage ratio between men and women across the state, such was not the case for Nassau County, where the wage ratio remains at 73.5 percent. The county ranks fourth from the bottom among 60 Florida counties in this regard. Nassau County women earn less than three-fourths the wage as men with the same qualifications in the same job.

Across the board, state and local, education does not eliminate the gender wage gap. Said the authors, "Comparing women and men with the same level of education, the gender wage gap is largest for those with a bachelor's or advanced degree; women with this level of education earn 71.4 cents for every dollar earned by a man with a similar educational attainment."

As to the decline in the number of women in the

labor force, the report identified the difference was that fewer white women in Florida are now working full-time than previously. Again, the percentage varies widely from county to county. According to the report, "Florida has one of the smallest shares of women in the labor force in the country, 53.7 percent, earning the state a rank of 48th."

Employed women continue to cluster in lower-paying professions and jobs such as health care, education, leisure service industries and retail trade. The report identified the finance, insurance and real estate industries as having the largest disparity by industry with females earning just 75.9 percent of the wages of their male counterparts.

Recommendations based on report findings include greater protection against retaliation against employees who discuss their pay relative to comparable employees, legislation to bar employers from requiring potential employees to submit previous salary history and an increase in the minimum wage.

Furthermore, the report encourages more outreach to girls and women to pursue technical and nontraditional fields and occupations. Finally, the report recommends state legislation to require employers provide paid leave since women are more likely to have care-giving responsibilities and these benefits are important to helping women advance in the workforce.

The "Status of Women in Florida by County: Employment & Earnings" is one of a series of four reports prepared by the Florida Women's Funding Alliance and the Florida Philanthropic Network in conjunction with the Institute for Women's Policy Research. Three other reports on the topics of Poverty/Opportunity, Population/Diversity and Health/Well Being have also been published. Information about this and earlier reports is available at [fnetwork.org](http://fnetwork.org).

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# Alcoholism at work

Estimates of the annual cost to business of alcohol- and drug-related problems on the job range from \$25 billion to as much as \$100 billion a year. Sixty percent of all substandard job performance is alcohol- and drug-related and the cost of lost productivity alone has been estimated at \$31-65 billion a year.

A chemically dependent employee costs his or her company in lost productivity, absenteeism, medical costs, poor performance, and industrial accidents, as well as the additional supervisory time required by erratic, uneven performance and attendance.

People who abuse substances value their jobs more than anything else, including their health or even their families. Job performance is usually the last area to be affected by their drinking or drugging. Although often the last to realize that a problem exists, employers are frequently the first and most effective in seeking a constructive solution. Employers recognize that it is more cost-effective to treat a chemically dependent employee than to replace him or her.

## What to look for

**Absenteeism:** Frequent, unauthorized absences, excessive sick days, frequent absences of short duration either with or without medical verification, frequent Monday, Friday, day before or after holiday absences, frequent use of vacation days to cover absences, high absentee rate for vague ailments (colds, flu, headaches, etc.).

**On the job absences:** Frequently away from workstation, excessive tardiness after lunch or breaks, frequent trips to locker room, rest room, car, etc., physical illness on the job.



## MENTAL FITNESS

Janice Clarkson

ished morning or afternoon performance; complaints from co-workers, customers, etc.; taking longer to do less; wasting materials; damaging equipment; improbable excuses; alternating periods of high and low performance that becomes increasingly unsatisfactory; difficulty with instructions; difficulty recalling mistakes; difficulty understanding new information; uneven work habits.

**Changes in personal habits:** Reporting to work in abnormal condition (vague, dazed, etc.); different behavior after lunch than before; increasing lack of attention to personal hygiene and/or appearance.

**Poor relationships with co-workers:** Over-reaction to real or implied criticism; unrealistic resentments; excessive talking with co-workers; wide mood swings; borrowing money; avoiding co-workers and friends; complaints from co-workers; increasing irritability and arguments; inappropriate outbursts of anger, tears, laughter, etc.

## Recognizing alcoholism

There are several screening tools that help with determining whether someone has alcoholism. One tool is known as CAGE – a questionnaire

that measures the severity of a drinking problem. If you answer "yes" to two or more CAGE questions, you should seek professional medical assistance.

The four CAGE screening questions are:

1. Have you ever felt you should cut down on your drinking?
2. Have people annoyed you by criticizing your drinking?
3. Have you ever felt badly or guilty about your drinking?
4. Have you ever had a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or get over a hangover?

A medical professional may also ask you questions about your alcohol use in the past year.

- Have you continued to drink even though it was making you feel depressed or anxious or adding to another health problem?

- Have there been situations where you ended up drinking much more than you intended?

- Have you lost interest in other activities and hobbies since you started drinking?

- Have you experienced symptoms associated with an alcohol withdrawal?

- Have you felt an urge or craving to consume alcohol?

- Have you gotten into situations while drinking that increased your chances of harming yourself or others, such as drinking and driving?

- Have you been in trouble with the law due to alcohol-related problems?

When employees' alcohol or drug related problems are identified and treated, these costs go down and production goes up. Many companies have employee assistance programs. These are very effective in treating individuals and returning them to their jobs.

## ORDINANCE

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ests cannot infringe on the public's right to utilize the sandy dry beach for purposes of recreation and to ensure that private interest cannot impede the public's access to the beach by means of legally recorded easements, approaches or publicly owned property," she said.

Bach said affidavits signed attesting to customary beach

use, as well as photographic evidence, will be submitted in the records along with the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Len Kreger said the city ordinance is in line with others across the state.

"We were ahead of the game," he said. "St. Johns County did it in 2007. Flagler County is doing it now. I personally am confident that we won't have any problems. We have over 50 beach access rights-of-way, so we own lots of this beach."

Lowell Hall, who heads Citizens for Public Beaches and Shores, said that group has collected more than 9,000 affidavits attesting to the customary use of Amelia Island's beaches.

"We will continue to collect these affidavits, as far as we need to go, in whatever direction we need to go in, until anyone who has ever stepped on the dry sand beaches of Fernandina, Amelia Island, will have an opportunity to do so," Hall said.

## FLAG

Continued from 1A

President ended the proclamation by calling upon the people of the United States to 'turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists.'"

A small group that had attended the meeting applauded as Miller, helped by Sparks, raised the flag immediately after the meeting was adjourned.

However, not everyone in the community approves the support the flag symbolizes.

One Nassau County resident, Robin Springer, told the *News-Leader* he contacted the city commissioners as well as the mayor.

"I was really appalled that none of them voiced their concerns because, when you start doing special interests like that, you open up a can of worms," Springer said. "You can allow any group – say, for example, a white supremacist group – to fly their KKK flag or a satanic group to fly their flag. I said, 'How come I haven't seen the Christian flag flying?' This is a predominately Christian area."

Springer said he left a message for Miller, who did not return his call, and for the other commissioners, who did return his calls. Miller also did not respond to calls from the *News-Leader* by the press deadline.

"I was very taken aback and offended (that Miller did not respond)," Springer said. "That says a lot about the type of person the residents elected as mayor. I'm sure they are regretting it now."

Springer said that while he objects to the flag of any special interest groups flying over City Hall, he was particularly offended by the rainbow flag.

"Me being a Christian conservative, yes, I have a problem with the gay pride flag flying," he said. "People can do what they want in their personal homes, but to push their sexual orientation, their agenda, on city property – I have a big problem with that. I don't see some type of heterosexual flag flying, so I have a big problem with the gay pride flag flying, personally."

Others in the community supported the flag being temporarily flown.

"Gentlemen, I want to thank you for allowing the rainbow pride flag to be flown this week at City Hall. As the parent of a questioning teen (the Q in LGBTQ) who desires to go into politics as an adult, it is very important that she feel like she is an accepted part of the community that she wishes to serve someday. I work with several local LGBTQ teens. Some are not accepted at their

school, or at their church, or even in their own homes. Their depression, their lack of acceptance, and their desire to be free from hate is a daily struggle. So thank you from the bottom of my heart for making them feel accepted here in Fernandina Beach this week," wrote one local resident in an email to commissioners.

Bach said that the matter was put on the agenda at the request of the mayor, who is entitled to do so. As the request was made by the mayor, it is what is called "government speech," Bach said, a show of support by government, and is protected by the First Amendment. She said the city must refuse requests by the public to have flags fly over City Hall, as that would make the flag pole a public forum for special interest groups. However, the city could allow "public speech," which would include the use of the marquee at public buildings or banners erected in the city. Religious flags cannot be flown, as there cannot be religious expression by a governmental agency.

Kreger said there was no discussion about the matter before it was put on the agenda of the meeting. He said the commissioners "were really kind of put on the spot." He said he believes that, if the commission had voted on the issue, it would not have passed.

"I probably would have voted against it," he said. "I would have said what I did say: When we do this, this way, we open the door for anybody and everybody to come in and ask for the same thing."

Kreger said he believes the city should remain neutral on social issues.

"Bottom line, it's not the city's place to do those kind of things," he said. "It's divisive. We are a non-discriminatory, nonpartisan city. Our job is to manage the city, not to manage social issues. Is the KKK entitled to that kind of service? Is the NAACP entitled to it? By what we did, yes."

Kreger said he has had calls and emails both supporting and protesting the flag.

"If somebody should come to me and ask to fly a flag ... I will put in on the agenda, and one of two things will happen. I believe either we will fly the flag, or, the more likely outcome will be that the commission will have a serious discussion of what we should and shouldn't be doing, and come to the conclusion that we should not fly any social or those types of flags. We should fly the American flag."

He said the commission should be concerned with issues that affect the city.

"We are a city of non-discrimi-

natory, equal rights now. We don't need to do any more in my opinion," Kreger said. "Let's worry about the budget. We need to deal with what's relevant to the city."

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## WALK

Continued from 3A

courthouse before being moved from Fernandina in 1835. On the first Sunday in May 1882, a group organized the St. James Baptist Church. The resolution was presented in conjunction with the church celebrating a Homecoming Celebration July 6-8.

Leeper spoke of the issue regarding fires breaking out along the railroad tracks to

Fernandina Beach on a fairly frequent basis and the expenses associated with the emergency. Leeper suggested that a letter be sent to the appropriate parties to discuss finding a resolution to this ongoing problem and to perhaps seek reimbursement. That motion was approved unanimously.

Edwards asked for the commission to approve the salary that Mullin will earn while he steps in as the acting county

manager, approving \$7,500 per month.

Edwards also took the opportunity to read a resolution thanking Jones for her many years of service to Nassau County.

The commissioners also agreed to add two more meeting dates for consideration of the 2018-19 fiscal year budget – Monday, July 2, at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, July 11, at 6 p.m.

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## NOTICE OF IMPACT FEE RATES

In accordance with Ordinance 2016-02 "The Nassau County Impact Fee Ordinance" and Chapter 163.31801 F.S., Nassau County hereby provides 90 day notice of the update of impact fees to fund County Parks, Fire Rescue, Law Enforcement and Administrative Facility improvements necessitated by growth. School impact fees of \$5,430.60 per dwelling unit are unchanged and not included in this update.

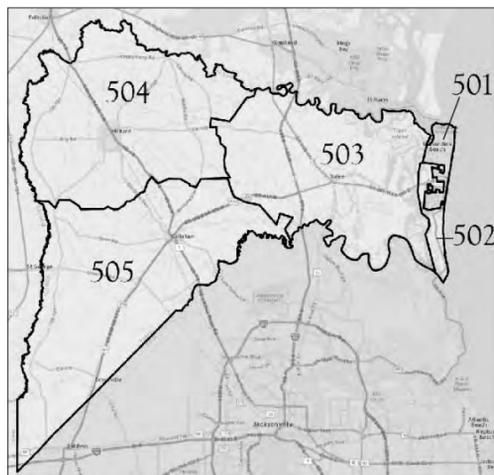
Annually, on October 1, the County's impact fees shall automatically be adjusted by the percent change for the latest 12 month period as of the previous May 1 of the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the U.S. City Average for all Services as published monthly by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Impact Fee rates are updated for all new construction, both residential and non-residential, occurring within the unincorporated area of the County and within the boundaries of any municipality that has consented to its amendment, and shall be collected at issuance of a building permit for new construction. Current Impact Fee rates that went into effect on October 1, 2017 are given here for comparison. The following Impact Fee rates will be effective October 1, 2018.

	Per	Fire		Law		Admin		Total Fee	
		10/1/2017	10/1/2018	10/1/2017	10/1/2018	10/1/2017	10/1/2018	10/1/2017	10/1/2018
Retail/Commercial	1,000 sq. ft.	\$195	\$200	\$90	\$93	\$1,028	\$1,057	\$1,313	\$1,350
Office	1,000 sq. ft.	\$104	\$107	\$48	\$49	\$551	\$566	\$703	\$722
Industrial	1,000 sq. ft.	\$47	\$48	\$21	\$22	\$246	\$253	\$314	\$323
Warehouse	1,000 sq. ft.	\$20	\$21	\$9	\$9	\$110	\$113	\$139	\$143
Public/Institutional	1,000 sq. ft.	\$69	\$71	\$32	\$33	\$366	\$376	\$467	\$480
Single-Family Det.	Dwelling	\$161	\$166	\$74	\$76	\$852	\$876	Next Table	Next Table
Multi-Family	Dwelling	\$145	\$149	\$67	\$69	\$767	\$788	Next Table	Next Table

Continued table for Residential Impact Fees:

	Census Tract	Regional Park		Community Park		Total Fee by Census Tract	
		10/1/2017	10/1/2018	10/1/2017	10/1/2018	10/1/2017	10/1/2018
Single-Family Det.	502	\$320	\$329	\$247	\$254	\$1,654	\$1,701
Multi-Family	502	\$288	\$296	\$222	\$228	\$1,489	\$1,530
Single-Family Det.	503	\$320	\$329	\$287	\$295	\$1,694	\$1,742
Multi-Family	503	\$288	\$296	\$259	\$266	\$1,526	\$1,568
Single-Family Det.	504	\$320	\$329	\$202	\$208	\$1,609	\$1,655
Multi-Family	504	\$288	\$296	\$182	\$187	\$1,449	\$1,489
Single-Family Det.	505	\$320	\$329	\$263	\$270	\$1,670	\$1,717
Multi-Family	505	\$288	\$296	\$237	\$244	\$1,504	\$1,546



Copies of Ordinance 2016-02 are available at the Nassau County Public Services Building 96161 Nassau Place, Yulee 32097 or online at [www.nassaucountyfl.com/index.aspx?nid=274](http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/index.aspx?nid=274)

Any questions can be directed to the Nassau County Department of Planning and Economic Opportunity at (904) 530-6300

# COMMUNITY

## Homecoming planned

Bringing the community together for celebration without tragedy or bereavement to anyone is really a good thing. An old-fashioned homecoming celebration will be held in the Evergreen/Sandhill community next weekend, July 6-8, at St. James Baptist Church with Rev. Johnnie Green, pastor. The "church with the big heart" is located at 153037 County Road 108.



**NOW AND THEN**

Maybelle Kirkland

Everyone is invited to this homecoming celebration that will include a meet and greet fish fry Friday, July 6, an old-fashioned picnic Saturday, July 7, and dress-down service and dinner under the big tent Sunday, July 8. For more information about this fun-filled weekend of fun, games and food, contact Darryl Mason at 334-8084.

So spread the word to your family and friends, near and far, young and old. What a time to come home and enjoy each other when God's children get together, what a time. Come on home. We're gonna have a time.

Birthday greetings to Jeanette Johnson, Tat'yanna Johns, Janis Ford, Patricia Thompson, Janet Jones, Sharon Ikner, Claudia Way, Kim Hopson, Monique Ferguson, Melvin Benjamin II, Iris Rainey, Lamar Rainey, Charles Albert, George Raysor, Arridean Albertie, Earl T. Alberta, Tyshawn Brown, Edna Steeples, and Lamonte Cribb.

## Barnabas CENTER, INC



FILE PHOTO

## Barnabas seeking donations for school supplies for GoKids!

Throughout the month of July, Barnabas Center will be coordinating the annual GoKids! School Supply collection drive in partnership with the Nassau County School District, WestRock, Florida Public Utilities and Amelia National. This donation drive provides schools with supplies to distribute to students in need for the upcoming school year. All school supplies may be donated, including backpacks, notebooks, paper, glue sticks, crayons, No. 2 pencils, scissors, pocket folders, and so forth.

Donations can be dropped off between July 2 and 26 at any of the following locations in Fernandina Beach and Yulee:

- Pineland Bank, 715 Centre St., Fernandina Beach
- Amelia Dental, 1947 Citrona Drive, Fernandina Beach
- Associate Services Office, Omni Amelia Island Plantation
- Atlantic Recreation Center, 2500 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach
- CBC National Bank, 1891 S. 14th St., Fernandina Beach
- Century 21, 500 Centre St., Fernandina Beach
- First Federal Bank of Florida, 1500 Sadler Road, Fernandina Beach and 463845 S.R. 200/A1A, Yulee
- VyStar Credit Union, 1900 S. 14th St. Fernandina Beach
- Synovus Bank, 1750 S. 14th St., Fernandina Beach and 463719 S.R. 200/A1A, Yulee
- City of Fernandina Beach, 204 Ash St., Fernandina Beach
- City of Fernandina Beach Utility Billing, 1180 S. Fourth St. Extended, Fernandina Beach

Barnabas will collect and distribute donated supplies to all of the schools in Nassau County. Barnabas assumed operation of the GoKids! Project from the Nassau County Volunteer Center in June. Monetary donations are also accepted and may be sent to Barnabas Center, 1300 Jasmine St., Suite 101, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Please note that the donation is designated to GoKids!

For more information about Barnabas' programs, visit [www.BarnabasNassau.org](http://www.BarnabasNassau.org).

## Boys & Girls Clubs recognize youths for March, April 2018

### MARCH

**Miller Freedom Center:** Fernandina Beach Middle School eighth grade student Mason Fortenberry has been enrolled with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County since 2012 and is as cool and as collected as they come. While he sports long, shoulder-length blonde hair, he wears a smile that's warm and friendly. He is a well-respected member of the Clubs' population. Fortenberry attends the club on a daily basis and thoroughly enjoys participating in all the Boys & Girls Clubs have to offer. Always lending a helping hand, he is quick and eager to assist in any and every way possible. He loves spending time with his family and friends. He is the eldest of three and a proud big brother to his younger sisters. In school, his favorite subject is science because it allows him to discover and learn new things. Basking in the outdoors, Fortenberry enjoys having the opportunity to become one with nature. He loves playing with his dog, camping, fishing, or four wheeling. However, playing online video games is second nature, like many teenagers. His future plans include attending the University of Florida and pursuing a career in engineering.



Fortenberry

and her favorite subject is history. She enjoys volunteering within the Keystone Club. She loves great cuisine, so you can often find her assisting with the culinary program. This young lady really appreciates the extended teen hours. With the extra allotted time, she is able to catch up on school assignments and expand on lessons from BGCA curriculum all while being able to socialize with her friends. Rodriguez desires to attend NYU upon graduation to become a licensed psychiatrist. She is ready to put her imprint on the world.



Rodriguez

mostly enjoying music lessons and science labs. She and her family are massive fans of Disney. Whenever possible, they travel to Orlando to enjoy the rides and attractions. On Sundays, she takes pleasure in attending church. In her spare time, Nordeng can be found playing cool math games online. She says, "I really enjoy playing these games because it's fun and I am learning at the same time." At just 8 years old, she already has the makings to be a great compassionate leader. It's no doubt that her peers love to be around her. For now, Nordeng is undecided about life after college, but she is excited about learning and enjoying every moment until then.

### APRIL

**Miller Freedom Center:** Kaitlyn Nordeng, a second grade student at Yulee Primary School, is a wonderful young lady who radiates kindness. Always ready to play and have fun, she is an absolute pleasure to have as she is a motivator for her peers. The Miller Freedom Center staff loves her patience, sense of humor and good manners. Nordeng is the model student for a well-behaved member. Whether its sitting quietly and awaiting directions, or nonverbally alerting the staff that she is paying attention, "Do the right thing" is the mindset that she displays. Her confidence, warm smile and playful disposition helps make her the wonderful young lady that she is. In school, Nordeng has outstanding performance in her subject areas,



Nordeng

**Roberts Learning & Achievement Center:** Fernandina Beach Middle School student Imani Liburd is a determined individual who has become an outstanding teen leader at the Roberts Learning & Achievement Center. With a GPA of 4.0, Imani has maintained "A" Honor Roll for the 2017-18 school year. At the club, she serves as the Keystone Club treasurer. She was also selected as the first pilot teen member for the "Big Brother and Sister" program where she aids members with their reading skills. Liburd is very determined and focused on education. She desires to attend Harvard, Florida State University or NOVA for college, where she will study law and become a judge. Her favorite subject in school is mathematics and her hobbies include reading, singing, and making people laugh. She says "I have one goal. I want to make the world a better place, but I must first start with Nassau County."



Liburd

## Pick up meats, produce and treats for your Fourth of July celebration

JUDIE MACKIE  
For the News-Leader

Fernandina Beach is home to likely the friendliest farmers market in North Florida. Located in the historic district, the Fernandina Beach Market Place offers about 40 booths of organic, homegrown and handcrafted natural products for you and your family. With 4th of July on Wednesday, you will want to pick up some fresh produce and tasty meats from our vendors. Check out JD Beef who brings grass-fed beef with no hormones and no antibiotics. Their all-natural Angus cattle is raised from birth to harvest in a humane environment. Chesser Seafood will have fresh, wild-caught shrimp, and Upstream Seafood will have salmon fillets, salmon dip, scallops, and crab legs.

Looking for desserts? One of our newest vendors, Good Dough Donuts makes full-sized doughnuts with glazes that are all handmade from scratch. Using only the best ingredients, they use brioche-style yeast dough that is springy, but also rich, buttery and tender with a slight chew. Another sweet dessert option is EPIC Creamery by Sugar Flour Pastries. They are returning this week with their handcrafted ice cream sandwiches and



EPIC CREAMERY/SPECIAL

**EPIC Creamery by Sugar Flour Pastries will be on hand Saturday with handcrafted ice cream sandwiches.**

tubs. These delicious treats are big enough to share, but taste so good you won't want to. Stop by and check out their creative

flavors and see which flavor won their 4th of July contest. Was it apple pie a la mode, or s'mores?

Don't forget Fido this 4th of July. With all of the noise from fireworks, you may want to pick up a calming bag of lavender bites for your four-legged friends. Bark N Bake offers a variety of tasty puppy and dog treats made with all natural, organic ingredients without pesticides and additives. They use human-quality, natural ingredients such as barley, oats, apples, bananas, blueberries, carrots, green beans, honey, kale, peanut butter, pumpkin, sweet potatoes, spinach, grass-fed beef and hormone-free chicken to create delicious and healthy treats that both you and your furry friend will love.

Music this week will be provided by Steve Hinnant and our Booth with a Cause will feature Community Hospice. Representatives from the city of Fernandina Beach will also be on hand to discuss the South Eighth Street re-design, and notaries will be available if you wish to sign the Save Our Beach Rights affidavits to protect the customary use of the dry sand beaches.

The farmers market is open every Saturday of the year and located on North Seventh Street, between Alachua and Centre streets. We are open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and your well-behaved and leashed pets are welcome.

Sunday Matt. 13:1-7	
Monday Matt. 13:8-15	
Tuesday Matt. 13:16-21	
Wednesday Matt. 13:22-25	
Thursday Matt. 13:26-31	
Friday Matt. 13:32-39	
Saturday Matt. 13:40-50	

On this day, celebrate a precious and rare freedom won through blood shed of brave ancestors. Use your freedom to worship at the church of your choice and thank God for His protection of our nation.

**Weekly Bible Trivia**  
The tares were planted among the wheat by whom?  
(answer found in this week's scripture reading)

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**CNI** Community Newspapers, Incorporated**VOICE OF THE PEOPLE****The immigration problem**

I am furious about the immigration situation at our southern border. And it is not because children are being separated from their families. Why is this a USA problem? Where is the sanctimonious U.N., which is adept at handling masses of refugees fleeing their countries? If the humanitarian need is so great, they should set up a camp south of the U.S. border that would provide safety and a place where people may apply for entry into the U.S. They've done it in Africa. They've done it in the Middle East. Why not Mexico?

Where is the public outcry against Mexico for allowing floods of foreigners to come through their country assuming the U.S. will let them in? Shame on them for not enforcing their own immigration rules at their southern border.

Without Mexico's cooperation, a wall appears to be the only way to stop the onslaught.

Who is putting pressure on the governments of Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Mexico to alleviate the conditions that are causing thousands to flee for their lives? Whatever happened to the Organization of American States, the self-proclaimed premiere regional forum for political discussion, policy analysis, etc.?

The failure of the rest of the world to deal with this Latino diaspora ends up at our border where immigration resources are limited. Thousands of people show up with their kids and, because we are a big-hearted immigrant nation, we let them in. Then, because border authorities dare to hold the adults for “processing” and send their kids to (shelters), people who offer no solution are outraged. Why do we let them in to begin with? Why should we?

If the rest of the world refuses to care about solving the immigration problem at our border, I refuse to condemn whatever methods are employed to deal with it. The inflow of illegals into the U.S. must stop.

**Lee Mulder**  
Fernandina Beach

**The American struggle**

Like so many of my fellow Americans, I rarely take the time to compose a letter to the editor. I commend those who have made the effort to share their thoughts about our current state of governmental affairs in a calm, rational manner. However, I also understand how difficult it is sometimes to share those thoughts without letting some amount of rage obscure the message.

Like so many readers and letter writers here in Fernandina, I too have lived through the triumphs and tragedies of the last 60-plus years in this country we all love: wars abroad, human and civil rights battles here at home, the struggles for “truth, justice, and the American way,” and everything those struggles entailed. Yet through it all, until this presidency, I never saw so many of my fellow Americans turn their backs on the fundamental beliefs that have been the bedrock of our country for nearly 250 years.

I understand how difficult it is to admit mistakes. We all make them, and of course some are more impactful than others, but the unwillingness or inability of folks to acknowledge the reality that Donald Trump and his enablers pose a clear and present danger to our country is painful to watch. This level of greed, corruption, selfishness, immorality, hypocrisy, and ineptitude is unmatched in our history. The denial of reality, of facts, of what we see every day with our own eyes, is staggering to me. We can all disagree about policies, or solutions, or priorities. We can't disagree that 2+2 still and always will equal 4.

Why the racist, treasonous, misogynistic, incompetent, blatantly and shamelessly false words and deeds of Mr. Trump are blithely ignored by so many of our neighbors is impossible to understand in our country, which from the beginning has so highly valued truth, integrity, honesty, hard

work, and “doing the right thing.”

I understand Mr. Stipe's outrage. It is maddening to watch this disgrace unfold day after day, in the country we love, in the country our ancestors fought and died to preserve, in the country viewed by so many for so long as a beacon of decency and hope, in the country where no one – not even a president – is above the law; to watch while good men and women in positions to stand up for truth, to do the right thing, to put this our country above party and personal gain, instead choose to retreat into the background, into a self-serving world of “alternative facts.”

Mr. Stipe's letter may have crossed the line of civility in public discourse, but that shouldn't give anyone license to discount his message or denigrate his love for the country he proudly served.

As Winston Churchill wrote in his memoirs, “The truth is incontrovertible. Panic may resent it. Ignorance may deride it. Malice may distort it. But there it is.”

**Bill Reed**  
Fernandina Beach

**Core beliefs**

I often hear that Democrats do not have clear positions. When thinking about this, I realized that we do, but because we allow for diversity, it leads to confusion. The party holds that individuals can have spectrum of opinions, but there are basics. Among them are ten that I consider basics:

1. That everyone who works should make a livable income.

2. That everyone should have access to good affordable healthcare.

3. That all deserve a public basic education and access to affordable advance education or training. Not everyone wants to go to college, but need training beyond high school to make more than a livable wage.

4. Not one Democrat I know believe that abortion is a great thing, but believes a woman should control their own body and that, in conjunction with their physician, be allowed to make the decision on what is best for them.

5. Democrats believe in a strong military, but believe we do not need one larger than the next 10 largest countries combined.

6. Democrats believe the law allows for the “right to keep and bear arms,” but there can be limits. Limits include: denying arms to those who are not mentally competent or have criminal backgrounds. Personal protection does not include military-style weapons, bump stocks, or large magazines.

7. We believe in a free press and access to information. Yes, the press should be held accountable if they do not tell the truth.

8. We know the difference between kneeling in protest and disrespect for country. The right to bring attention to real concerns is a principle on which this country was founded. Democrats do know that Confederate flags and Nazi salutes are far less respectful. We went to war more than once to defend the country from what these represent.

9. Democrats believe that there can be a broad range of religious beliefs (including not believing) and that all are covered under the constitution. Everyone's beliefs (or lack thereof) deserve respect.

10. That our government has an obligation to regulate the things we as individuals cannot control. Among them are clean air and water, quality food and medicine, banking/finance and infrastructure.

In summary, Democrats do have core values and beliefs, but we believe that there is room for choices within that spectrum. Because there is a spectrum we are seen as not having clear positions.

**Carla Voisard**  
Yulee

**LignoTech Florida is open for business**

A n inflow of capital came ashore in Fernandina Beach this week, with the force of a tidal wave.

A \$110 million industrial plant partly owned by a foreign corporation opened next to the Rayonier Advanced Materials plant. Maybe the overflow from this capital surge will reach other parts of the city, such as the beleaguered Fernandina Harbor Marina. The marina could certainly use an injection of vitality.

Unless you are wearing the blinders of a racehorse, you can see the capital infusion in Northeast Florida, and around the state. The large crowd at the grand opening for the LignoTech Florida plant noticed it, including representatives of Borregaard ASA of Norway (joint owners of the new plant, along with Rayonier Advanced Materials).

Therein lies a solution to a long-time dilemma of downtown Fernandina Beach. Obviously, the inadequate marina has presented a conundrum that city staffers and commissioners cannot resolve. The marina is submerged in silt, debt and dysfunction.

The time has come to hand off the marina to the private sector – either in an outright sale or in a public-private partnership. To build it into something grand, spectacular. This notion has been elevated by Phil Chapman, a city commissioner.

Chapman posed the question to local economic development officials – if someone would buy the marina. After a few inquiries, the answer was overwhelmingly affirmative. Large amounts of capital are looking for places to land, especially in Northeast Florida.

“There's a lot of capital flowing into the county,” says Laura DiBella, the executive director of the Nassau County Economic Development Board. “There's plenty of money out there to be had.”

The marina has been beset with problems pretty much since its construction. A flaw in its design causes silt to pile up around the boat slips. And removing the silt is expensive and disruptive.

So the marina sits, mostly inactive, in disrepair. Damage incurred by the last two hurricanes still has not been fixed. Meanwhile, lucrative fuel sales and other operations have been jeopardized.

City officials recently raised another notion – to borrow \$6 million to

**STEVE'S MARKET PLACE**

Steve Nicklas

repair the vital facility. It was about that time that Chapman, thinking unconventionally, posed the question about a sale. The futile attempts at improving the marina carry over to the rest of the downtown waterfront. It's mostly a mess, but the potential is unlimited. Waterfront developers have already come calling. Lane Development, a premier construction firm from Atlanta, proposed building luxurious townhouses along the waterfront and improving the marina. But city officials thwarted Lane's plans with time delays and unreasonable demands.

Likewise, city officials sidestepped the most realistic development plan – the ATM study – which called for bulkheading the silted portion of the marina and filling it. The boat slips could be moved outward into the swifter current, and the bulkhead area would provide additional land for public use.

The city had even received several large “Big P” grants, but wasted the opportunity. So past attempts have been futile, including the debacle known as “Forward Fernandina.”

Chapman's idea has merit. Either that, or dust off the ATM study and move ahead with it. Bringing in private investment would work nicely in either a partnership or outright sale. “This could capture a tremendous amount of capital,” says DiBella.

Our area is booming, like a pirate's cannon. It's all around us. “You cannot replicate Fernandina,” says DiBella. “It's a very special place.”

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**VIEWPOINT / CHRISTINE FLOWERS / PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS****I'm conservative, but don't assume you know what I believe**

Earlier this week, a producer from a Philadelphia television station called to inquire if I would like to come on and defend the separation of parents and children at the border. I politely replied, “No, thank you.”

I couldn't figure out how, after everything that I had written on the topic, they could ask me to publicly advocate for a draconian policy. Had the producer invited me to argue the other side of the controversy, I would have called it harsh and un-American. And then it dawned on me.

This producer knew that Christine Flowers is a conservative, and so to the average observer, she must be the kind of person who thinks it's acceptable to separate toddlers from their parents and house them in a refurbished Walmart. Conservatives aren't supposed to care about crying babies like the ones on that ProPublica recording. They only worry about keeping kids – white, American ones – from being aborted.

I can't blame the producer for making the assumption that I must support the administration's zero-tolerance policy because I'm a right-wing pundit and for wanting to use me as one-half of a juicy morning skirmish. After all, discussions of various views on important issues – even when they're loud and contentious and ratings-driving – is how we figure out how we feel about what's happening in the world.

Still, it troubled me to think that, after all I have written on the subject of immigration, angering my alleged “base” and causing one reader to call me an “ISIS-loving liberal,” someone would ask me to argue in favor of closed borders and hypothetical walls

paid by someone else.

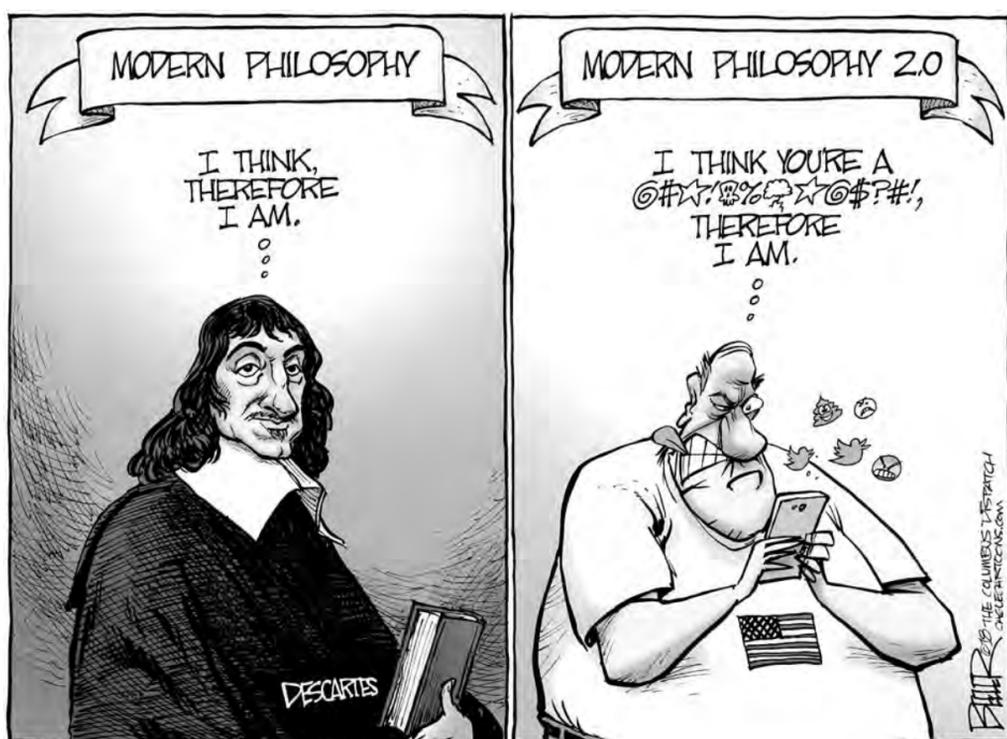
I was bothered because this one small issue of a mistaken invite exemplifies an issue that is so much bigger.

In these times, we've become all too accustomed to shoving people into philosophical ghettos, assigning them values and opinions based upon what we think they believe because of their political labels. Conservatives have a reputation for being anti-immigration, anti-abortion, homophobic, narrow-minded, affluent, white, and blinded by religion. If I had a dime for every time someone wrote to tell me I hated “gays” because my church had me brainwashed, I'd be able to buy a lifetime's worth of wedding cakes for that same-sex couple in Colorado.

Liberals, on the other hand, are supposed to support open borders, be accepting of all sexual identities and the pronouns that come with them – fiercely tolerant, financially struggling, multi-ethnic, and atheistic. Oh yes, and as mentioned earlier, they also love ISIS and hate our country.

It is maddening to think that in America, a country built on freedom of all kinds, we constrain people by these political labels that are not one-size-fits-all.

One of my favorite Facebook friends is a liberal who has regularly contributed to the Huffington Post and strongly criticized President Bush's handling of the war on terror. And when he wasn't writing powerful essays about the mistakes we made in Iraq, he was serving there in combat. Yes, my friend is a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, a man who loves this country and used his experience and his conviction to try to make it a better



NATE BEELEER-COLUMBUS DISPATCH/CAGLE CARTOONS

place for his daughter.

Human beings are complicated. We don't fit into a single mold. But the increasingly toxic political environment forces us to take sides because the middle ground where problems are generally solved no longer exists. It's as if we were standing along either side of the San Andreas Fault, and if we moved too close to the center, we

would fall into the breach and be swallowed up. So we gravitate toward the safe confines of our extreme fellow travelers. And we lose touch with our humanity.

I'm a conservative woman who happens to think that the policy of ripping children from their parents' arms is cruel. I'm an immigration lawyer who applauds President Trump for trying

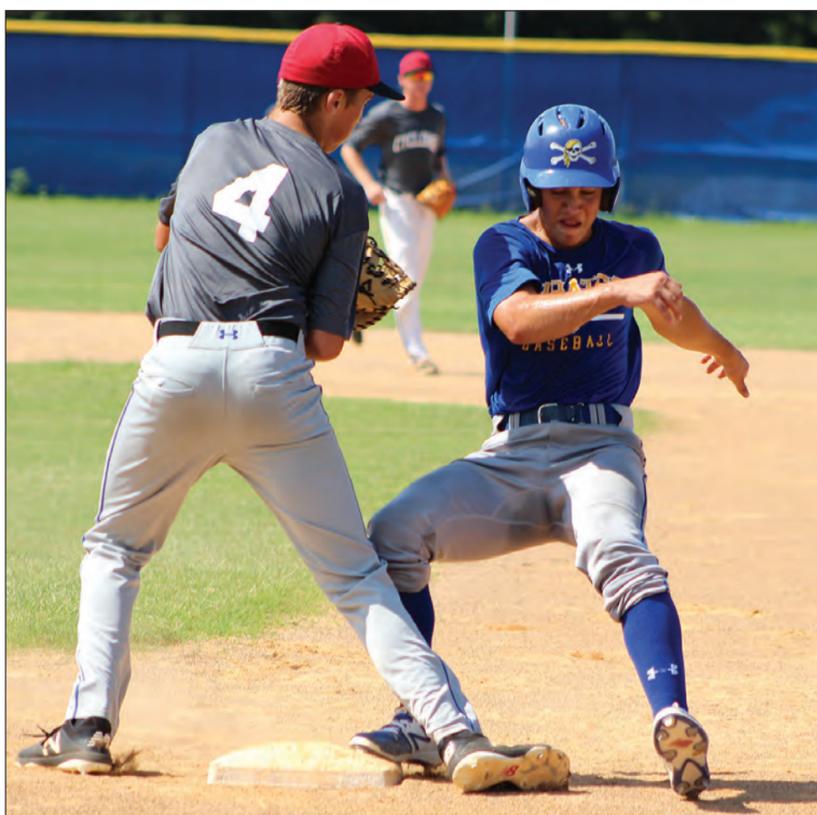
to fix the problem with his executive order.

And I'm not the kind of person who can be defined by only a one-word label. Neither, I hope, are you.

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## BACK IN ACTION



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The Fernandina Beach High School baseball team hosted Bishop Kenny Wednesday in summer league action. The FBHS Pirates traveled to Hilliard Thursday for the last scheduled game, but Head Coach Jon Shave said he plans to add some July games. The Yulee Hornets host Bishop Kenny Monday. First pitch is at noon. They play at Tallahassee Community College July 5-6, play at Bishop Kenny July 9 and wrap up the season July 10 at Creekside.

### BASEBALL

## Jumbo Shrimp for \$5

The Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp are at home through Tuesday, and tickets start at \$5. They host the Montgomery Biscuits, Double-A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays.

It's red shirt Friday, and there will be fireworks after the game. First pitch is at 7:05 p.m. Fans may visit any participating NAPA AutoCare Center to get a free general admission ticket; reserved seat upgrade is available at the box office.

On Saturday, the Jumbo Shrimp will salute former Negro League players. The Jumbo Shrimp will wear throwback uniforms of the Jacksonville Red Caps, the local Negro American League team in 1938 and 1941-42. The first 2,000 fans receive a Red Caps hat. The game starts at 6:35 p.m.

Celebrate Halloween in July at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville on Sunday. There will be a pregame helicopter candy drop. Families can play catch on the field, beginning at 2 p.m., and a player autograph booth will be open before the game. First pitch is at 3:05 p.m.

On Monday, VyStar Credit Union members can buy three tickets and get one free. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. On the final night of the home stand, the Jumbo Shrimp will celebrate the Fourth of July early with a patriotic cap giveaway and the largest fireworks show of the season after the game.

The first 2,000 fans receive a free patriotic Jumbo Shrimp cap. There will also be an all-American eating contest and a picnic. Purchase a reserved seat and the 6-7:30 p.m. all-you-can-eat buffet (hamburgers, hot dogs, cole slaw, beans, cookies, tea, lemonade and water) in the VyStar Shrimp Net at [tinyurl.com/jaxshrimpportal](http://tinyurl.com/jaxshrimpportal) (password "America"). A limited number of tickets are available for the picnic.

The Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, formerly known as the Jacksonville Suns, are a minor league baseball team based in Jacksonville, Florida. The team is a member of the Southern League and is the class Double-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins.

Tickets are available at [www.jaxshrimp.com](http://www.jaxshrimp.com), by calling (904) 358-2846 or by visiting the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville box office, which opens at noon Saturday, 10:30 a.m. on Sunday game days and 9 a.m. daily during the week.

## ALLSTARS SECOND IN DISTRICT



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The 10U Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth Allstars placed second in the annual district tournament held at Davis Park in Ponte Vedra over the weekend. The Pirates include, front row from left, Grady Stevens, Jude Rewa, Elwood Elliot, Dylan Wilkes, Carter Pods; middle row, Alex Stancin, Miles Townsend, Reid Webber, Brayden Barber, Brady Chipman and Trace Farmer; and back row, coaches Jim Stancin, Mark Stevens, Brent Rewa and Garrett Wilkes. Not pictured: Brady Steffen.



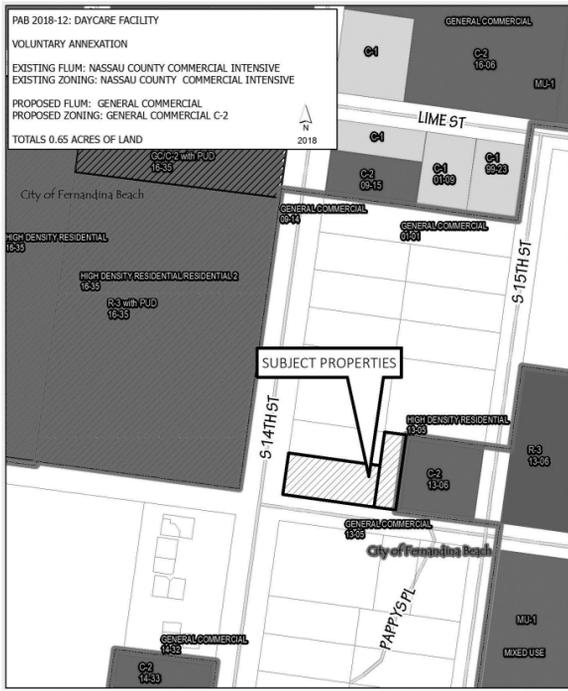


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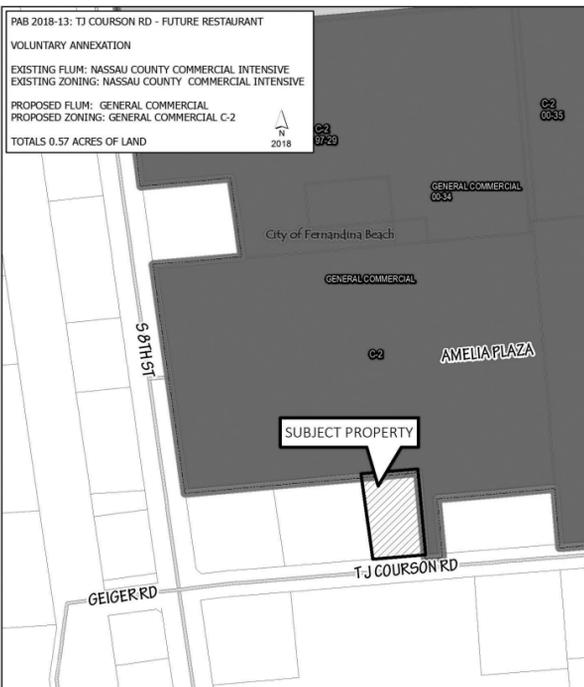
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 11 at 5:00 p.m.** in the City Commission Chambers, 204 Ash Street Fernandina Beach, Florida to consider the following

**LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS (PAB CASE 2018-14):** THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, REQUESTS MINOR AMENDMENTS TO MODIFY CHAPTER 8 HISTORIC DISTRICTS, SECTION 8.03.03(B) CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL MATRIX AND SECTION 8.03.09 APPEALS.

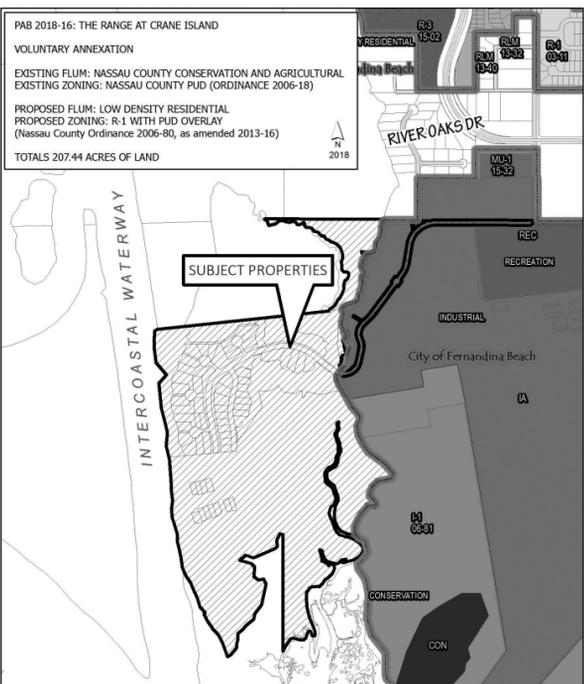
**VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT/ ZONING MAP CHANGE (PAB CASE 2018-12):** THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTS VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, ASSIGNMENT OF A FUTURE LAND USE MAP CATEGORY AND ZONING CHANGE FROM UNINCORPORATED NASSAU COUNTY COMMERCIAL LAND USE / COMMERCIAL INTENSIVE (C) ZONING TO FERNANDINA BEACH GENERAL COMMERCIAL LAND USE AND C-2 ZONING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1336 S. 14TH STREET AND 1451 NECTARINE STREET TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 0.65 ACRES OF LAND.



**VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT/ ZONING MAP CHANGE (PAB CASE 2018-13):** THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTS VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, ASSIGNMENT OF A FUTURE LAND USE MAP CATEGORY AND ZONING CHANGE FROM UNINCORPORATED NASSAU COUNTY COMMERCIAL LAND USE / COMMERCIAL INTENSIVE (C) ZONING TO FERNANDINA BEACH GENERAL COMMERCIAL LAND USE AND GENERAL COMMERCIAL (C-2) ZONING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON TJ COURSON ROAD TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 0.57 ACRES OF LAND.



**VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION, FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT/ ZONING MAP CHANGE (PAB CASE 2018-16):** THE RANGE AT CRANE ISLAND LLC, REQUESTS VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, ASSIGNMENT OF A FUTURE LAND USE MAP CATEGORY AND ZONING CHANGE FROM UNINCORPORATED NASSAU COUNTY CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURAL LAND USE / PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING TO FERNANDINA BEACH LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR) LAND USE AND LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONING WITH PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DESCRIBED IN NASSAU COUNTY ORDINANCE 2006-80 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2013-16 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY, IDENTIFIED AS CRANE ISLAND, AND TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 207.44 ACRES OF LAND.



Interested parties may appear at said hearing and be heard as to the advisability of any action, which may be considered. Any persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact 310-3100, TTY 711, (TTY number for all City offices) or through the Florida Relay Service at 711 at least 24 hours in advance to request such accommodation.

Copies of the applications may be inspected in the office of the Community Development Department, City Hall, 204 Ash Street, between the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. For information on the application, please contact the Planning Department at 310-3135.



SOURCE: FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE

Very thick "duff" still smoldering as of Thursday morning in the area of Piney Island has been hard to put out. Nassau County Fire Rescue teams are helping the Florida Forest Service by filling tanks on site, according to NCFR Chief Brady Rigdon.

# Piney Island Fire area's 'duff' still smoldering

PEG DAVIS  
News-Leader

A series of small fires that started Saturday afternoon along the railroad tracks between Blackrock Road and Creekside Drive in Nassau County eventually burned 30 acres next to Piney Island Drive. That site was still smoldering as of Thursday morning, though a thunderstorm on Wednesday night helped to tamp down the remaining hot spots.

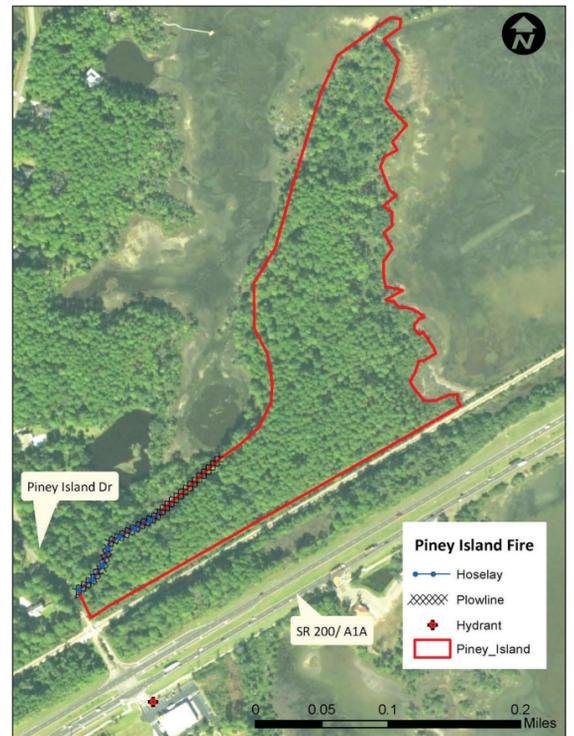
The fires were apparently set along the tracks by sparks from a passing train.

According to Nassau County Fire Rescue Chief Brady Rigdon, "There is still some smoke from the fire due to the fact that the material that is burning is very thick (known as duff). The Florida Forest Service has the lead in fighting this fire and they have brought in some additional crews and equipment. ... NCFR is helping them a couple of times each day by providing water to fill large basin tanks they have on site."

Annaleasa Winter, a wildfire mitigation specialist and point of contact in the Florida Forest Service's Jacksonville District office, wrote on Twitter on Saturday that the FFS was "working to contain two small wildfires near the railroad tracks off Blackrock Road and Windsor Drive."

Smoke billowed on Saturday afternoon from other spots along the railroad tracks, including one on the east side of the Thomas J. Shave Jr. Bridge near Creekside Drive and the Amelia Island Marina.

Winter tweeted on Tuesday that the FFS' "forestry firefight-



SOURCE: FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE

A map provided by the Florida Forest Service shows the area that burned near Piney Island after sparks from a passing train on Saturday afternoon possibly caught dry grasses on fire.

ers were working with railroad crews to bring water into the inaccessible area of the Piney Island Fire."

Another tweet said that the burned area at Piney Island, which is now 100 percent contained, was still "holding significant heat. Duff layer is burning down 12-14 (inch-

es) & green pockets are slowing burning out to the marsh. Crews put 2,000 (gallons) of water on hot spots yesterday. It will continue to burn until substantial rain falls."

There were no injuries reported or structures burned as a result of the fires.

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SOURCE: FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE

The Florida Forest Service's forestry firefighters worked with railroad crews to bring water to the area of the Piney Island fire.

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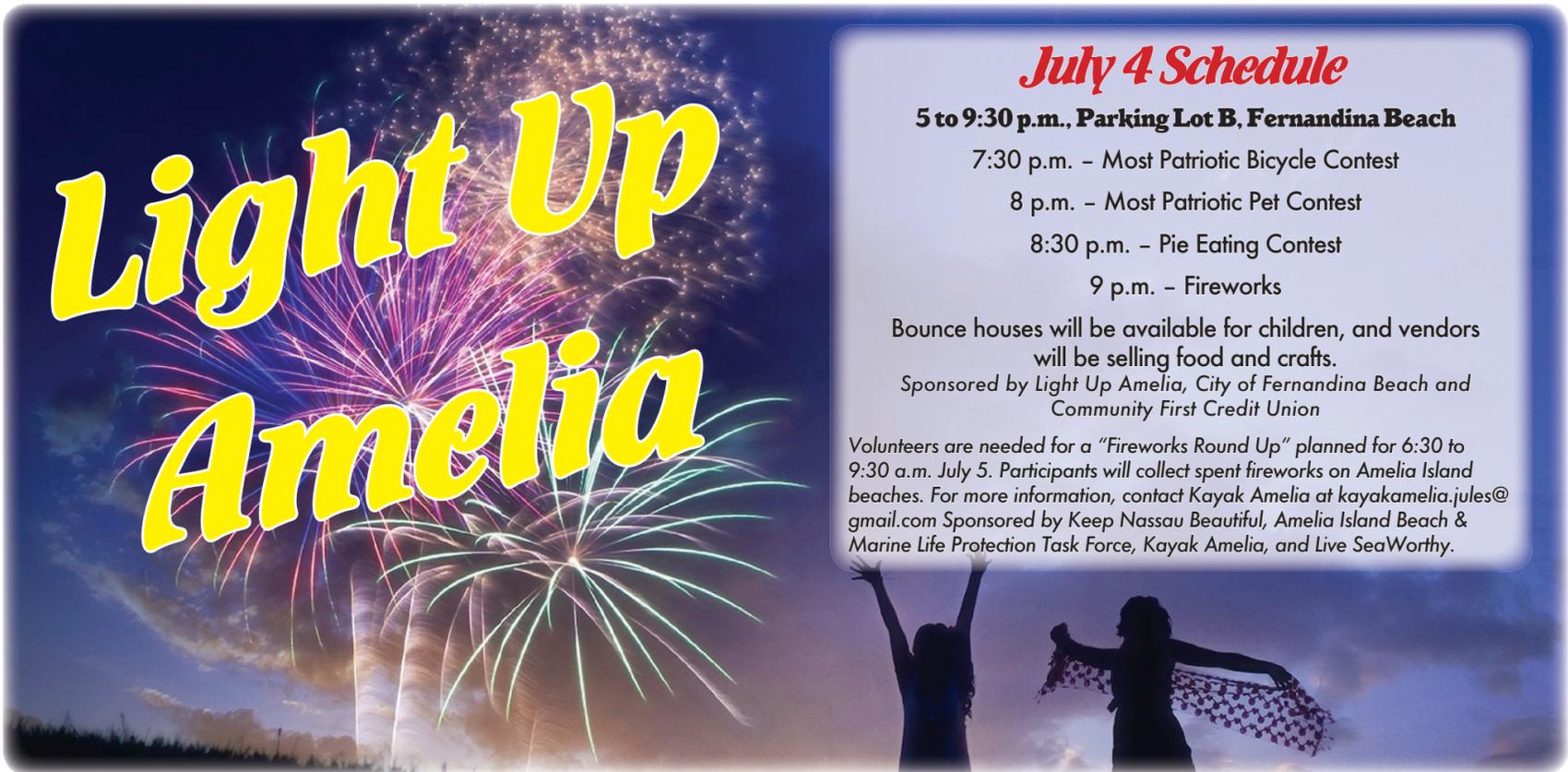
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## July 4 Schedule

5 to 9:30 p.m., Parking Lot B, Fernandina Beach

7:30 p.m. – Most Patriotic Bicycle Contest

8 p.m. – Most Patriotic Pet Contest

8:30 p.m. – Pie Eating Contest

9 p.m. – Fireworks

Bounce houses will be available for children, and vendors will be selling food and crafts.

Sponsored by Light Up Amelia, City of Fernandina Beach and Community First Credit Union

Volunteers are needed for a "Fireworks Round Up" planned for 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. July 5. Participants will collect spent fireworks on Amelia Island beaches. For more information, contact Kayak Amelia at [kayakamelia.jules@gmail.com](mailto:kayakamelia.jules@gmail.com) Sponsored by Keep Nassau Beautiful, Amelia Island Beach & Marine Life Protection Task Force, Kayak Amelia, and Live SeaWorthy.



## Festive facts for July 4th

Each year on July 4, Americans celebrate the birth of their nation and independence from Great Britain. This day marks the anniversary of the presentation and acceptance of the Declaration of Independence, signed 242 years ago on July 4, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence began as a letter to Britain's King George to explain why the Continental Congress was interested in declaring independence from Great Britain. The writing of the declaration began on July 2 and the final wording was established on July 4.

Independence Day is full of opportunities to celebrate and enjoy oneself. Parades, fireworks, parties, barbecues, and much more are part of the festivities. See the schedule of activities accompanying this article to learn what's being planned locally and read tips on planning your own July 4 celebration on page 3B.

Another way to commemorate Independence Day is to educate oneself about the many historical and entertaining facts that surround the day. The following are some interesting details about the origins of Independence Day and the celebrations that surround it.

- Although 56 people eventually signed the Declaration of Independence, only John Hancock signed the document on July 4, 1776. The rest added their names later on. John Hancock's signature is ornate and widely recognized. Putting your "John Hancock" on a document has become synonymous with the process of signing something.

- The Declaration of Independence was adopted while the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Statehouse. That building is now known as Independence Hall.

- The average age of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was

45. The youngest person to sign was Thomas Lynch Jr., who was 27 when he signed the document. Benjamin Franklin, at age 70, was the oldest signee.

- John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the only signees who went on to serve as presidents. Coincidentally, Jefferson and Adams both died on July 4, 1826, within hours of each other.

- Philadelphia is the birthplace of much American history and is home to the Liberty Bell. Each Independence Day, the Liberty Bell is tapped (not rung, as the vibration would further damage the cracked bell) 13 times in honor of the original 13 American colonies.

- The original 13 American colonies were located all along the eastern seaboard. They include Virginia, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, North Carolina, South

Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Georgia.

- The stars on the original American flag were placed in a circle. This was so all of the colonies would be equally represented.

- Independence was gained in 1776, and the first celebration took place in Philadelphia four days later. The White House held its first Independence Day festivities in 1801.

- Benjamin Franklin proposed that the turkey be the national bird of the United States. However, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson overruled him, and the bald eagle became the national bird.

- The only copy of the engrossed and signed Declaration of Independence is in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

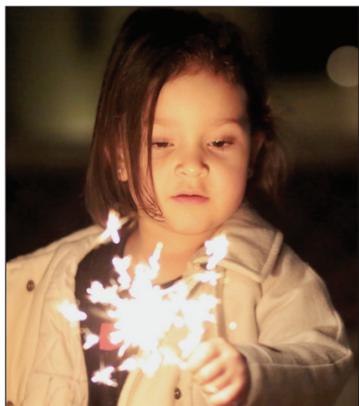
Independence Day is a time for hot dogs, ice cream and, of course, revisiting America's history.

## Sparklers pose a safety risk, too

Fireworks tend to be most prevalent during the summertime. Elaborate pyrotechnic displays may be part of Independence Day celebrations or other special events. Individuals also may set off fireworks to light up the night skies for private parties.

Although parents will warn children against going too close to fireworks, many do not share the same apprehension about sparklers. Sparklers are thin metal rods that have been dipped in a special, flammable pyrotechnic substance and allowed to dry. When lit, a sparkler will throw off, as the name implies, sparks of twinkling light until the sparkler is extinguished. Sparklers may seem safe for little hands, but like other fireworks, sparklers can be dangerous.

A sparkler can reach 3,662 degrees Fahrenheit when lit. That is 20 times the boiling point of water, a level of heat that is enough to melt steel. In fact, three sparklers burning together can generate the same amount of heat as a blowtorch. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says that roughly 240 people visit the emergency room every day in the month of July with fireworks-related injuries and



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that sparklers are responsible for 9 percent of all fireworks burns and other injuries.

Common sense should prevail whenever anyone is handling sparklers. If children are allowed to hold sparklers, it should only be under close adult supervision. Other safety tips can help ensure events where sparklers are being used remain injury-free.

- Sparklers should be stored in cool, dry places until they are used.
- Leather gloves can protect hands while sparklers are being lit and held.
- Do not light and hold more than one sparkler at a time.
- Sparklers can stay hot for a while after they have been extinguished. Put the hot end down into a bucket of water when finished.

- Sparklers may not be legal where you live. Know the laws before purchasing sparklers or other fireworks.

- Children under the age of five should never be given sparklers to hold, nor should adults hold a lit sparkler while holding a baby. Glow sticks are safer alternatives for young kids.

- Hold sparklers at arms' length to avoid burns.

- Do not bring sparklers to public events, as sparklers amid large crowds can pose a safety risk.

- Do not wave or run with lit sparklers. Sparklers may seem like safe alternatives to more traditional fireworks. But it's important to exercise caution with sparklers, especially when young children are nearby.

## Did you know?

The Fourth of July wasn't declared a federal paid holiday for workers until 1941. Though that may seem like a long time for the country to wait to celebrate the independence it declared in 1776, the tradition of the Fourth of July, often referred to as Independence Day, dates back to the dawn of the American Revolution and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Since then, July 4th has been recognized as the dawn of American independence, and celebrations that included fireworks and parades can be traced back to the 18th century. On July 4, 1777, the city of Philadelphia, which would become the first capital of the United States of America, held the first annual commemoration of American independence, and exactly one year later George Washington ordered that all of his soldiers be offered double rations of rum to commemorate the anniversary.

In 1781, Massachusetts was the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday, and the day was actually declared a federal holiday by the U.S. Congress in 1870. However, that declaration did not grant a paid holiday to federal employees. That benefit came in 1941, which is why that year is now recognized as the first year when the Fourth of July officially became a federal holiday.



## ON & OFF THE ISLAND

### DINOSAURIA

Dinosaurs have taken over a corner of Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, and they'll be there through September. Explore the next generation of animatronic, prehistoric fun with these all-new, life-size, life-like dinosaurs. The zoo charges an extra \$4 (or \$3 for members) to tour the exhibit of 21 dinos, in addition to zoo entry. The zoo is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Learn more at [jaxzoodinos.org](http://jaxzoodinos.org).

### SHRIMPING ECO TOUR

On this interactive exploration of Tiger Basin, you will be coached on the operation of an Otter Trawl shrimp net. Historically developed in Fernandina, this net is similar to the nets used by the commercial shrimp industry today. Deploying and retrieving the net is part of the hands-on experience. The catch will then be displayed in an on-board aquarium and each of the creatures will be identified and released back into

the wild. Then you'll continue to explore the backwaters and tidal creeks that make up this estuary before returning to historic Fernandina Beach.

The two-hour tours begin at 10 a.m. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday throughout the summer. Price is \$27 for adults and \$17 for children. Learn more at [ameliaivercruises.com/eco-shrimping-tour](http://ameliaivercruises.com/eco-shrimping-tour).

### FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION

Amelia Island Museum of History is offering free admission 4-6 p.m. most Fridays throughout the summer. Visitors can learn about the history of Amelia Island while exploring the Museum's exhibits, including a Discovery Ship, Timucuan Village, Footprints in Time, Spanish Missions of La Florida, Civil War and the Florida Railroad, and the infamous jail. For more information, visit [ameliamuseum.org](http://ameliamuseum.org).

### WOODBINE OPRY

The Woodbine Opry is the home of bluegrass,

gospel, and classic country music featuring instruments like the mandolin, fiddle, dobro, upright bass, banjo, harmonica, accordion, and autoharp provided weekly on Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. at the Old Woodbine School, located at 205 Camden Ave. in Woodbine, Ga. (about an hour's drive from Fernandina Beach). Friday evenings are filled with old-time bluegrass and gospel songs while Saturday's program is dedicated to good ol' country music of days gone by.

Call 912-576-3027 or go to [thewoodbineopry.com](http://thewoodbineopry.com) for more information.

### CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

Story & Song Neighborhood Bookstore and Bistro offers a children's story time at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday. Dearsha, a specialist in the children's department, will read a story and help children with a fun craft. The store is located at 1430 Park Ave. in Fernandina Beach. For more information, call 601-2118 or visit [storyandsong-bookstore.com](http://storyandsong-bookstore.com).

# OUT AND ABOUT

## THIS WEEKEND

**The American Legion will host an enchilada dinner** 5-7 p.m. Saturday, June 30. Dinner will include two enchiladas, Mexican rice, refried beans and a dessert for a \$10 donation. Music by Catfish will follow from 7-11 p.m. The Legion is located at 626 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

**Tickets are on sale at Amelia Community Theatre for the musical theater camp production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins Jr.*** Performances of this one-hour family musical are at 7 p.m. today and 1 p.m. Saturday on the theater's Main Stage at 207 Cedar St. All tickets are \$10, available at AmeliaCommunityTheatre.org or 261-6749. Open seating begins 30 minutes before curtain.

## NEXT WEEK

**The Nassau County Public Library System will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.** The book drops will remain open for the convenience of the public.

**In celebration of Independence Day, MOSH is offering half-off admission** for everyone Wednesday, July 4. Visitors will be able to explore the daily programs and Museum exhibits, including a new signature exhibit — Mission: Jax Genius — that celebrates the legacy of creative geniuses connected to Jacksonville's past and MOSH's traveling exhibit National Geographic Presents Earth Explorers, which allows visitors to take a journey to some of the wildest places on Earth to discover the amazing animals and plants thriving in the most extreme environments. The Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Normally \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth, students, active and retired military and seniors, Museum admission will be half-off for all and free for children 2 and under. Please note half-off admission does not include programming for the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium, which costs \$5 per program, per person. The Museum is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville.

**Community Yoga + Wellness will hold back care healing yoga classes** throughout July. The series of four classes scheduled for 5:15-6:15 p.m. July 5, 12, 19 and 26 will cover recuperative poses for repairing injury, finding appropriate mobility or stability bringing blood flow for decreased inflammation, and tips for helping stay safe and injury-free at home. Participation requires a reservation which can be made at yoga-amelia.com/workshops.

No previous yoga experience is needed. The cost of the class is \$60.

## UPCOMING

**The Newcomers Club of Amelia Island is hosting its monthly coffee** at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 10. Women interested in joining the club who reside in Nassau County (no matter how long they have lived there) are welcome to attend. For further information contact Coffees@NewcomersAmelia.org.

**The Friends of the Library Book Club will meet Thursday, July 12, at 7 p.m.** in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church to discuss *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. The program is free and open to the public. Future meeting dates and books to be discussed are Aug. 9, *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward; Sept. 13, *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi; Oct. 11, *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy; Nov. 8, *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande; Dec. 13, *Daisy Miller* by Henry James; Jan. 10, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles; Feb. 14, *The Noise of Time* by Julian Barnes.

**Bob Colacello, close friend and colleague of Andy Warhol, will be speaking at the Cummer Museum on July 19.** As the editor of Warhol's *Interview* magazine for nearly 10 years, Colacello helped to build the magazine into one of the most recognizable and respected lifestyle magazines in history. Colacello is also the author of *Holy Terror: Andy Warhol Close Up*, a memoir recounting his work with Warhol throughout the 1970s and early 1980s. The book offers a unique perspective on the creativity and eclectic style of Warhol and has cemented Colacello as an authority on the enigmatic artist. In addition to his work with Warhol, Colacello has worked as a special correspondent for *Vanity Fair* since 1984, writing numerous profiles on influential cultural figures such as Prince Charles and Naomi Campbell. Colacello is also the renowned biographer of Ronald and Nancy Reagan, receiving high praise for *Ronnie and Nancy: Their Path to the White House, 1911-1980*. Throughout his lifetime of work in social and political journalism, Colacello has established himself as an important cultural participant and observer. The lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Following the lecture, there will be a question and answer session with Colacello, followed by a book signing of *Holy Terror*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the Cummer Shop. Registration is required, and costs \$30 for Museum members and \$40 for non-members. There will be light

# Weekend offers chance to catch a variety of national musical acts

You can still find tickets for a wide variety of national acts playing in Jacksonville and St. Augustine this weekend. Here's a rundown of who, when and where. Tickets for all shows are available at ticketmaster.com.

## TODAY

• **Boy George & Culture Club, The B52's, and The Thompson Twins' Tom Bailey:** If you grew up on '80s alternative music, this concert will be a step back in time with three of that era's top acts. Tickets are very limited and priced from \$59 to \$154. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, located at 1340C A1A S in St. Augustine.

• **Tedeschi Trucks Band:** This American blues rock group is based in Jacksonville and led by married couple Susan Tedeschi and Derek Trucks. Their 2011 debut album, *Revelator*, won the 2012 Grammy Award for Best Blues Album. Tickets range from \$37 to \$109; plenty of mid-tier tickets are available. The band takes the stage at 7 p.m. in Daily's Place at 1 Daily's Place in Jacksonville.

## SATURDAY

• **Poison with Cheap Trick and Pop Evil:** This is another show with acts who had their heyday in the '80s, albeit with a harder edge. Available tickets are scattered through all sections of the venue and range from \$39 to \$85. This show is also at Daily's Place in Jacksonville.



• **Sandra Lynn:** Singer and songwriter Sandra Lynn has established herself as one of country music's rising voices thanks to a string of singles — "Afterparty," "Bar Hoppin'," "Hey California," and her latest track, "Somebody Kissed Me At A Bar" — that reflect both her love for country music and her roots as a California girl. All tickets for this show are general admission and priced at \$24. Lynn will perform at 8 p.m. at The Ritz Theatre, located at 829 N. Davis St. in Jacksonville.

## SUNDAY

• **Thirty Seconds to Mars:** This rock band, fronted by Jared Leto, who is equally well-known for his acting gigs such as his part as the Joker in 2016's *Suicide Squad*, has had plenty of hits such as "City of Angels" since debuting in 2001. Also appearing will be Walk the Moon, MisterWives and Joywave. Tickets run \$20 to more than \$100, and a handful in nearly all price levels are available. The show begins at 6 p.m. at Daily's Place in Jacksonville.

• **Donny & Marie:** These '70s pop superstars are bringing their 2018 summer tour to the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. The brother and sister gained fame on their variety show that aired on ABC from 1976 to 1979, and both have enjoyed solo careers, with Marie being the youngest singer to reach No. 1 on the Billboard Country Music chart with "Paper Roses." They take the stage at 7:30 p.m.



bites, beer, and wine included in the registration price and served before the lecture. For registration visit cummermuseum.org/events/calendar or call 899-6023.

**The newest exhibition at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens — "Urban Spaces, Open Skies: 20th-Century American Landscape"** — will be on view July 27 through Feb. 3, 2019. Drawn from the Cummer Museum's extensive collection of works on paper, this presentation will feature more than 30 prints celebrating modern cities and the timeless charms of the country. Visitors can admire how artists have aptly captured the changing landscape of burgeoning cities like Chicago and New York, with its iconic Brooklyn Bridge, busy streets, workers, and harbors. In contrast to such images, the stillness and serenity of the countryside — with its wide open spaces, fields, and lakes — offer a welcome respite from the often chaotic urban life.

**UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director Rebecca Jordi will be conducting a three-day seminar, "Crash Course on North Florida Gardening,"** on consecutive Thursdays — Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and 13 — from 8 a.m. until noon at the Yulee county building (next door to the Yulee Extension office). The program will cover topics on proper landscape practices and plants for the Northeast Florida area with different information being presented each day. Notebooks, refreshments and plenty of garden material will be given away to participants. Classes will contain information on Florida-friendly plants, annuals, perennials, attracting wildlife, trees, shrubs, lawngrass, palms and citrus. Appropriate watering and fertilization methods will be discussed as well as proper pruning and plant selection. The cost is \$50 per person or \$75 per couple. Deadline for registration is Friday, Aug. 24, at 5 p.m. Registration must be completed online at <http://bit.ly/2Kmxipc>. For more information, contact the Extension office at 530-6351 or [rjordi@ufl.edu](mailto:rjordi@ufl.edu).

**The Fernandina Beach High School Class of 1978 is planning its 40-year reunion.** A meet and greet will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Sandbar & Kitchen at Main Beach (no charge). Dinner and dancing will take place 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Walker's Landing (\$50 per person). A pre-reunion get-together will be held June 9 on Amelia River Cruises. For questions or more information, contact Johnny at 321-7875, Brenda at 753-0235 or Kim at 415-3243, or visit the FBHS Class of 1978 page on Facebook.

**The West Nassau Historical Society will hold its fundraiser Hobos, Hot Rods, and Heroes Festival and Car Show** on Saturday, Nov. 3. The nonprofit's second autumn celebration is an all-day event held in and around the historic 1881 Callahan Train Depot and adjoining 1856 Florida Railroad bed. The arts and crafts and food vendors will be open from 9

a.m. to 4 p.m. The car show portion is a judged contest in several categories and is presented by Cochrane's Collision Center, Callahan Cruisers, and AB&B Auto Parts. It is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be followed by an awards ceremony on the depot's main stage. The kids' play area will start at 10 a.m. with a bouncy house and youth-oriented games such as a Hobo Scavenger Hunt. Joel Pace Music students will hold a hands-on instruments session on the front platform of the 137-year old station. The Historical Society will honor veterans at 11 a.m. Local live entertainment will perform on the main depot stage from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the final act following the car show awards ceremony. Tours of the history museum, 1881 depot, turpentine artifact exhibit, and 1940s-era caboose will also be conducted. Inside the train depot museum the Historical Society will host a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America." The six-week long exhibit is made possible by the Florida Humanities Council and will run through Dec. 8. The national display will be augmented with local quilters showing their works inside the depot annex along with the Historical Society's 8x8 history-themed model train layout. Sponsors and volunteers are needed to help make this fundraising event a success. For additional information on becoming a vendor, car show participant, volunteer, or sponsor to the 2018 Hobos, Hot Rods, and Heroes Festival and Car Show, visit [www.whnshf.org](http://www.whnshf.org) or call festival co-chairs John Hendricks or Emily Baumgartner at 879-3406.

## ONGOING

**Local artist Lisa Inglis will host painting parties during the summer** at The Green Turtle Tavern and PJD's Beer & Wine Garden. Cost is \$20 per canvas with several designs from which to choose. You start whenever you show up and work at your own pace. All supplies are provided.

- The Green Turtle Tavern, 14 S. Third St., Tuesdays 5-7 p.m. on July 10 and 24, Aug. 7 and 21 and Sept. 4 and 18.
- PJD'S Beer & Wine Garden, 12 S. Second St., Thursdays 1-4:30 p.m. on June 28, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23 and Sept. 6 and 20.

**Ballroom On Amelia offers Two for Tuesday group classes** with Bachata at 7 p.m. followed by Merengue at 8 p.m. Tuesday classes are \$10 per person or both for \$15. A dance workshop is offered from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays for \$10 per person. There will be no Friday Night Dance Party in June. Ballroom On Amelia is at 1897 Island Walkway at RAD Studios. Neither a partner nor a reservation is required. For information, call 624-0886 or visit [ballroomamelia.com](http://ballroomamelia.com) or the Ballroom on Amelia Facebook page.

**Magna's in Fernandina Beach is currently holding its 15th annual fundraiser for the local Community Hospice.** This year, the company will hold a silent auction that will include items and ser-

vices donated by local hotels, golf courses, restaurants, the Jacksonville Jaguars, Magna's staff and more.

The auction will continue through June 30. Items may be viewed at [magnasaloon.com](http://magnasaloon.com) and at the salon, located at 103 Centre St. Donations are also welcome. Checks should be made payable to Community Hospice and Palliative Care and can be mailed to Magna's. The salon's fundraising efforts were recognized in 2017 with the National Philanthropy Award for Small Business.

**Learn tai chi at an evening class** on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Interested in a gentle practice to connect mind and body? Tai Chi might be perfect for you. This ancient practice is taught by Davis Burbank at Community Yoga + Wellness, 210 Beech Street. Go [yoga-amelia.com](http://yoga-amelia.com) to check the class schedule. Six classes are \$60.

**Ms. Ernie Albert, director of the Peck Center Library, will host children in pre-K through second grade at a new Story & Activity Hour** at the Peck Library every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. Stories will include programs by Fernandina Beach firefighters with mascot Sparky, local children's author Richard Smith, Ms. Albert, Georgia Murray and the Fernandina Ocean Rescue crew. This Story & Activity hour program will run through July 5. The Peck Center Library is located on the first floor of the Peck Community Center at 516 S. 10th St. in Fernandina Beach.

**Professional, traditional acrylic painting classes** with Kathy Maurer are available Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn to paint landscapes, still life and more. Any level. For information call 261-8276 or 556-1638.

**Resin epoxy, dirty pour art classes** are being held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and 1-3 p.m. Mondays at Clay Times Art Center, located at 112 S. Third St. All materials are provided for you to create your own 12-by-12-inch piece of art, which can be picked up the next day when it has cured to a glass-like finish. Cost is \$45. To register, contact Julie Delfs at 518-322-7937.

**The Amelia Knitting Club** meets from 3 to 5 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the BuyGO store on South Eighth Street.

**Kings Bay RC Modelers**, established in 1989, is located at the intersection of Clark's Bluff Road and Oakwell Road in Kingsland, Ga. We are a small club with excellent facilities, consisting of friendly people passionate about our hobby. We welcome pilots of all levels. To learn more please visit [bit.ly/2x0cFbd](http://bit.ly/2x0cFbd).

**Bingo is played every Thursday** at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St. The public is invited to play. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and early bird games begin at 6:05 p.m. Regular session, nine games for \$20, begins at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes, and proceeds are donated to

help veterans and the community. You must be 18 to be in the hall during play. Call 261-7900.

**Lions Club bingo**, every Thursday and Sunday, Yulee Lions Club Bingo Hall. Doors open at 4 p.m., warm-ups are also welcome. Early birds play at 5:45 p.m. with the regular program at 6:30 p.m. Participants must be 18 years old; minimum purchase \$15. Information, 708-2591.

**ACBL Duplicate Bridge**, Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Amelia Island Duplicate Bridge Club hosts the only sanctioned ACBL duplicate bridge games on the island. Monday, 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, 1 p.m. For information, contact [fredstokes50@gmail.com](mailto:fredstokes50@gmail.com) or (770) 616-7664.

**Contract bridge**, Monday and Thursday, except the first Monday of each month, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Peck Community Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach.

**Living With Loss** is a support group organized by the Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition for anyone who has lost a loved one and needs a safe place for comfort and support. Meetings are Mondays from 4-5 p.m. at the Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Cost is \$10 per meeting. Call 277-3699 or email [supportgroups@nacdac.com](mailto:supportgroups@nacdac.com) for information.

**Dust off your drumsticks**, oil your valves or wet your reed to join the Nassau Community Band! The ensemble meets weekly at 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Yulee Middle School band room, 85439 Miner Road. For more information, visit [www.nassaucommunityband.com](http://www.nassaucommunityband.com).

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**Gerri's Corner of Comfort** is open every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and every Thursday, 1-4 p.m., Barnabas Center, 1303 Jasmine St., Fernandina Beach. It is a Nonprofit resource center for women with cancer, answers questions in a confidential setting, provides support group information and more. For an appointment call 261-7000.

**Guests on the Ghost Tour** will learn Amelia Island ghost stories while they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era as the past comes alive through the storytelling of your guide.

This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students, or before the tour with check or cash only.

**Overeaters Anonymous meets** in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Contact Ilona at 261-9361.

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# Fourth of July barbecue essentials

The 4th of July is fast approaching and revelers across the nation are preparing to toast their independence with family and friends. For many Americans, backyard barbecues are synonymous with the Fourth of July, a day that, in the United States of America, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.

Precious few Americans can say they have not been present at a 4th of July barbecue or witnessed a fireworks display honoring America's official declaration of independence from Great Britain. Hosting a July 4th barbecue for the first time may have some hosts anxious about throwing a summer soirée to remember, but fun is sure to be had if hosts remember to include the following backyard barbecue essentials this Independence Day.

## Decorations

Embrace the red, white and blue. When decorating, opt for red, white and blue decorations. This gives the party a distinctly Fourth of July feel. Red, white and blue napkins and tablecloths are readily available come July, and hosts with a gift for crafts can even create their own decorations to use year after year.

## Food

No Fourth of July barbecue is complete without food, so hosts should be sure to stock up on popular barbecue fare like hot dogs and hamburgers. Though such foods likely won't be mistaken for gourmet fare anytime soon, Fourth of July revelers often embrace the tradition of grilling up some hot dogs and hamburgers even if they tend to avoid such foods throughout the rest of the year. Hosts should not feel pressured to provide gourmet fare on July 4th, but it is a thoughtful gesture to ask guests in advance if they have any food allergies or need to avoid certain foods for other reasons.



## Beverages

It goes without saying that guests will need refreshing beverages at parties held in early July, but be sure to stock up on a variety of beverages so guests are not forced to consume drinks they don't want. Be sure to have plenty of water available to guests, and provide sodas, iced tea and lemonade as well. Offer alcoholic beverages to adult guests, but don't go overboard stocking up on alcohol, as that might encourage guests to overindulge.

## Games

Unlike holiday season gatherings that typically begin in the evening, Fourth of July parties tend to begin in the afternoon and extend into the night. That means hosts must not just feed their guests, but entertain them as well, so plan to have some games available for guests of all ages. Encourage guests to bring a change of clothes or swimsuits if games will involve water or something that might soil their clothing. If you have a pool, purchase some pool games so swimmers can do more than just wade in the water or take a few laps. Plan a Wiffle ball game for kids and dig some horseshoe pits or buy a ring toss set so adults can engage in some friendly competition as well.

## Safety

Though no one wants to think of a 4th of July celebration taking a turn for the worst, hosts must prepare for emergencies. Restock the first-aid kit if necessary and keep a constant eye on guests, especially children, to ensure everyone is having a safe and happy time. Program a list of local taxi companies into your phone so you can easily call for transportation should any guests have too much to drink during the festivities. Hosts should abstain from alcohol so they can serve as designated driver should the need arise at the end of the night.

One final note: Leave the fireworks to the professionals. Hosts should not succumb to pressure, real or perceived, to supply fireworks at their Fourth of July parties. Fireworks can lead to injuries and accidents and are best left to the professionals who put on community fireworks shows. Discourage guests from bringing their own fireworks by making it known they will be asked to leave the party if they do.

Backyard barbecues are a staple of July 4th, and there's no reason your summer soirée can't be one to remember for years to come.

# Fireworks have a colorful history

Independence Day celebrations are marked by many spectacles, but few can garner the "oohs and aahs" of a good fireworks display. Summer is a time of year when the resonating booms and bright spills of color that dot the night sky are quite common.

Fireworks, which can be traced back thousands of years, have an interesting history. Many historians believe fireworks originated in ancient China as early as 200 B.C. It is thought that early fireworks were not the gunpowder-filled explosives of today, but something made from bamboo, a material native to China. Chunks of bamboo, a thick, fast-growing grass, may have been tossed onto a fire as fuel. The rods would blacken, but eventually explode in the fire, causing a loud, frightening noise, the result of trapped air and sap inside of the bamboo rods heating and expanding until the bamboo exploded under the pressure. The exploding bamboo was used to ward off animals, other people and evil spirits.

Chinese alchemists eventually stumbled on a recipe for basic gunpowder, mixing together saltpeter (potassium nitrate, then a common kitchen seasoning), charcoal, sulfur, and other ingredients. This powder was packed inside of hollow bamboo rods to produce an even bigger bang. Soon, paper tubes replaced the bamboo, and fireworks were used for more than just scaring away spirits, as they were routinely included in special celebrations and even deployed during military engagements.

Fireworks may have begun in China, but they were soon being used around the world.

Italians had been fascinated with fireworks ever since the explorer Marco Polo brought back firecrackers from Asia in 1292. During the Renaissance in Europe, the Italians began to develop fireworks into a true art form. Since this was a period of artistic creativity and expression, many new fireworks were created.

"Firemasters" were fireworks experts in medieval England. They worked with "green men," who wore caps of leaves to protect themselves from raining sparks from the fireworks.

In 1758, the Jesuit missionary Pierre Nicolas le Cheron d'Incarville, living in Beijing, wrote to the Paris Academy of Sciences about the methods and composition of fireworks, including how to make many types of Chinese fireworks.

The world remains fascinated by fireworks even now. Fireworks displays have grown more elaborate over the years, requiring the skills of pyrotechnic experts, carpenters and digital sound masters. Various powders and chemicals mixed together produce a rainbow display of colors and aerial tricks that would likely have shocked the earliest firework creators.

Not forgetting its origins, China continues to produce and export more fireworks than any other country in the world. Safety experts recommend the public leave fireworks to the professionals and sit back and relax during awe-inspiring pyrotechnic displays. As the United States prepares for Independence Day celebrations, flashy fireworks displays are bound to be part of the festivities.

# Make this a safe fireworks season

Fireworks displays are a hallmark of summer, and a frequent component of Independence Day celebrations and commemorative events that require a touch of flair. Awe-inspiring pyrotechnics shows lure millions of spectators around the world each and every year.

Many people experiment with fireworks on their own, but that can be dangerous. According to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, thousands of people are injured by fireworks in the United States each year. Whether purchased legally or on the black market, fireworks pose a considerable threat. Fireworks purchased on the black market may be especially dangerous, as they likely were not subjected to government regulations and inspections.

While summer might be the season of fireworks, it's important that people who intend to incorporate fireworks into their



summer festivities keep safety in mind at all times. The following are a handful of ways to ensure this summer is both fun and safe.

- Attend a municipal firework display rather than hosting your own. Professionals follow certain safety protocols that private citizens are unfamiliar with, and there is often a considerable distance between audiences and professional fireworks displays.
- Maintain a safe distance from fireworks at all times and never allow children to handle fireworks.
- Use fireworks in a clearing far away from buildings and vehicles.
- Read and strictly adhere to manufacturer's instructions.
- Light only one firework at a time, and

never attempt to re-ignite a firework that doesn't light the first time around.

- Do not carry fireworks in your pocket.
  - Don't point fireworks at people.
  - Do not shoot fireworks out of metal or glass containers.
  - Always wear safety glasses when lighting fireworks, and keep water or a fire extinguisher around for emergencies.
  - Soak "dud" fireworks in a bucket of water before discarding them. Wait 20 minutes before approaching the dud.
  - Dispose of spent fireworks safely, away from combustible materials.
  - Avoid alcohol and drug use when lighting fireworks. Both can impair judgement and create hazardous conditions.
- If not handled properly, fireworks can cause serious injuries to kids and adults. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to leave it to the professionals.

# How to grill the perfect burger

Could any food be as simplistic and delicious at the same time as a patty of beef on top of a crusty bun, served with lettuce, tomato and your choice of condiments? Burgers are the go-to item for barbecues, campouts, fast-food meals, and late night trips to the diner. A juicy burger can satisfy so many cravings in one sitting.

If ever there was a recipe to master, it would be grilling the perfect burger. Though barbecued burgers may seem easy to make, all too often burgers are botched by a few mistakes. Don't worry, burger mastery is within reach if you follow these simple tips.

- **Begin with fresh meat.** Freshly ground meat will produce the best flavor. If you are unsure when the packaged ground beef was made, ask the butcher or someone in the meat department of the supermarket to grind you up a fresh batch. Otherwise, use a food processor or an attachment on a stand mixer to grind the meat yourself.
- **Fat has flavor.** If you're



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going to indulge in a burger, make sure it has a fair amount of fat content. Fat helps keep the burgers moist and juicy. Make sure the fat content is about 18 to 20 percent of the mix. This helps to guarantee flavorful burgers.

- **Keep the meat cold.** Chilled burger patties will firm up and hold their shape better during cooking. Leave the pre-made patties in the refrigerator until the last minute. Keep patties on ice if you will be cooking burgers in batches.

• **Don't overhandle the meat.** Compressing the meat and handling it too much can lead to dry, dense burgers. Avoid tough meat by handling it as little as possible. Keep your hands wet while shaping the patties so they'll come together easily.

• **Oil up the grill.** A clean, well-oiled grill prevents burgers from sticking during cooking.

• **Make sure the grill is super-hot.** The goal is to cook burgers over high heat and fast. This is achieved with a very hot grill. It may only take three to

five minutes per side to cook the burgers, depending on the thickness of the patty.

• **Flip only once.** Wait until the burgers have been grilling for a few minutes and release easily from the grill grate. Flip them over and allow them to cook a few minutes more. This helps keep the juices inside the meat and prevents your burgers from turning into burnt hockey pucks.

• **Resist the urge to squash the burgers.** Pushing down on the burgers with the spatula will only force the juices out. If you want dry burgers, press them down. If you want nice, juicy burgers, step away from the spatula.

• **Allow the burgers to rest.** Take the burgers off the grill and let them rest for 5 minutes so that all of their juice redistributes through the patty. Toast your hamburger buns and then serve the burgers with your favorite toppings.

Dig in and enjoy your efforts, as well as the compliments from other diners.

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## RELIGION

## Be grateful for Amelia Tree Conservancy – and logging trucks

Two articles in the June 20th *News-Leader* dealt with our island's trees. They also showed us two sets of contrasting values. On the front page, Bob Weintraub described how the Amelia Tree Conservancy is working to save the island's tree canopy. Margaret Kirkland, ATC's chairwoman, told Weintraub, "We are making good progress to conserve land on Amelia to avoid total loss of the canopy that provides so many benefits for us and to retain an environment that will support a high quality of life." To learn about the canopy and how the maritime forests protect and serve us, visit ATC website. We need to know, because God has called us to be responsible stewards.

On page three of the paper, we learned that a stop work order had been issued for a building project on Sadler Road. The reason: a tree protection plan violation. Reporter John Schaffner explained that five trees within the "the required tree protection zone" had been removed



## PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Richard Doster

[of the tree protection plan] is lacking and [some] developers have no fear of giving the heave-ho to trees blocking their building sites and roadways. Ribbons wrapped around trees that are to be preserved are tossed aside like holiday gift wrap because there are no repercussions – apart from citizen outrage."

Theologian T.M. Moore once wrote, "That people have been so

cavalier in their regard for trees, so selfish and wantonly destroying them for material gain, testifies to the sinfulness with which we have regarded so much of God's creation in our state of rebellion against him." Perhaps that's doubly true on a delicate island.

At the same time, we must keep in mind that God has given us trees for our use and enjoyment. Think about the thousands of products we use every day that are made from wood: homes and furniture, baseball bats, clothing, combs, tires, sponges, violins, coffins. Books, including the Bible, are printed on paper that comes from wood. So is this newspaper. Let's be clear, there's nothing sinful about cutting down certain trees. When we're motivated by love for our neighbors (and many who work for paper mills and developers are) and we manage them responsibly, trees are a wonderful, God-given resource. And though the parade of logging trucks is sometimes a pain, we should be grateful. Economically, the island's paper mills are crucial.

But whether we're talking about lanky pines or stately oaks, Moore makes the point that trees bear the stamp of God's handwork. They enrich our understanding of their creator, he says, and encourage us to esteem him more highly and to love him more fully.

Consider, for example, that in the Scriptures trees are often used to show God's favor and reveal his glory. In the Bible's opening pages, we see that trees are described as beautiful to look upon. They provide Adam and Eve's with pleasing, delicious food. And their shade provides a place of rest (Genesis 2:8-17).

We're also told that when God reveals himself, "The trees of the forest sing for joy" (1 Chronicles 16:33). In Psalm 148:9 we learn that the fruit trees along with the cedars will join all creation, singing and praising God for his goodness. In Isaiah 55:12, when God's people are revealed, the trees of the field will clap their hands with joy. When the curse of mankind's fall is at last lifted, then, says the prophet

Isaiah, "Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; ... an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." And in Revelation 22:2, where the Apostle John describes the consummation of Christ's kingdom, he tells us, "On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

Throughout Scripture, trees reveal God's goodness and glory. It makes sense, then, that when we see Amelia's Island's tree canopy, when we marvel at Fred's tree and Kate's tree, and the palm trees in our front yards, we should give God thanks. And we should re-double our efforts to care for his creation.

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## Yulee United Methodist Church

All children from pre-k through fifth grade are welcome to attend Yulee United Methodist Church's "Who.o.o.o is Jesus?" Vacation Bible School scheduled for 6-8 p.m. July 9-13. Bible lessons, music, crafts, food, drink and lots of fun will be included. Parents should call the church at 336-5381 for more information and to register. Yulee UMC is located at 86003 Christian Way in Yulee.

## Grace Community Church

Grace Community Church in Yulee will be having a one-day VBS from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 14. To register your child in kindergarten through fifth grade, call 491-0363 or email office@gracenasau.com with "VBS" in the subject line. Grace Community Church is located at 96038 Lofton Square Court.



The News-Leader will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. Have a safe and happy holiday.

## Summer speakers at First Presbyterian

Each Sunday this summer, First Presbyterian is hosting a variety of presentations focused on cherishing God's creation here on our beautiful island. They are free to the public. Please come for coffee at 9:30 a.m. and stay for the presentation that begins at 9:50 a.m. and last approximately 50 minutes.

- July 1 – Amelia's Sea Turtles with Mary Duffy, president, Amelia Turtle Watch
- July 8 – Eating Fresh, Farm to Table with Chef Bill Thompson, Amelia Culinary Academy
- July 15 – The Night Sky with Helmut Albrecht, ScienceFirst
- July 22 – Amelia's Historic Trees with Margaret Kirkland, Amelia Tree Conservancy
- July 29 – "Look & See" with Rev. Dr. Wain Wesberry, pastor, First Presbyterian, Fernandina
- Aug. 5 – Solar Energy with Pete Wilking, A1A Solar
- Aug. 12 – Bees and Beekeeping with Barb Kent, BuyGones

The church is located at 9 North Sixth St. in Fernandina Beach with special needs parking space available in the FPC lot on North Fifth Street. For more information, contact 261-3837 or [churchoffice@1stpresfb.com](mailto:churchoffice@1stpresfb.com) or visit [first-presbyterian-church-32034.org](http://first-presbyterian-church-32034.org).

## 'Challenging God's soldiers'

Ed Weihenmayer, a member of the Amelia Plantation Chapel, will offer the sermon Sunday, July 1, at both the 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. services. Speaking as a patriot and Marine Corps pilot who flew more than 100 combat missions in the Vietnam War, Weihenmayer's Independence Day message will take us from our founding as a nation whose leaders and buildings and declarations thanked and honored Almighty God for our very existence to today's challenging culture in which many are trying to push

## School Supplies

The Salvation Army Hope House is already getting ready for school. If you or someone you know need help providing school supplies for your children, we are accepting applications now through July 6. If, on the other hand, you can help provide greatly needed supplies, we already have over 50 students signed up for our Smart Start Program. We need backpacks (especially for teenagers), lined and graph paper, notebooks, folders, binders, subject dividers, scissors, staplers, rulers, protractors, compasses, scientific calculators and more. Call 321-0435 or stop by 410 S. Ninth St. for a more detailed list or to drop off your supplies. Thank you for helping our students succeed!



God to the sidelines. Weihenmayer will challenge God's soldiers, his vast army, to bring their talents and passion to this battlefield, so that we all might continue to enjoy the freedoms and values of our loving God. You are welcome here! Amelia Plantation Chapel is located at 36 Bowman Road on Amelia Island. For more information, call 277-4414 or visit [ameliachapel.com](http://ameliachapel.com).

## Hope House worship

So what exactly is the "Armor of God?" How do we put it on, why do we put it on and how does it protect us? Join us at 12 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, as we worship the God who provides both the armor and the answers.

Don't miss this opportunity to worship, study and fellowship with other believers. The Salvation Army Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

## Bahá'í of Nassau County

The regular multi-faith inspirational afternoon is on the second Sunday of each month. The next one will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 8, at Springer Controls, located at 96072 Chester Road in Yulee. This will be an open, discussion/conference-style meeting. Bring your own ideas, thoughts, writings, book, etc. All are welcome for a casual couple of hours, hospitality, friends and fellowship. The current

Bahá'í month is Light. For more information, call 566-5437 or 432-8845.

## Water, bug spray, peanut butter and jelly needed

Three items in very high demand at the Salvation Army Hope House right now are bottled water, insect repellent and, of course, peanut butter and jelly. We also need the following to fill our emergency food bags: boxed meals, stuffing and instant potatoes, breakfast items like cereal, breakfast bars, oatmeal, and grits, canned meats like chicken, tuna, spam, or summer sausage, canned fruit, canned legume beans, soups and stews. Thank you for helping ease the burden for some of Nassau's most vulnerable! As always, any other non-perishables you find on sale or in the "two for one" bin are also appreciated. Donations can be brought to The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

## Two contemporary services

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is the only Lutheran church in Nassau County and offers two worship services on Sunday mornings. The 9 a.m. service is a traditional liturgical service, while the 10:45 a.m. service is a more casual service. If you are coming or going from the beach and have shorts, a T-shirt and flip-flops on, you are welcome. All children present are

invited to join in the sending song by picking out a percussion instrument to add to the joy of our worship time together. On the fifth Sunday of each month there is one combined service at 10 a.m., following by a fellowship meal and community service project. Children are welcome and encouraged to be present at either worship service; however, a nursery area is available for children five years old and younger. Holy Communion is offered at all worship services, open to all baptized believers in Jesus Christ. Lutheranism is Bible-based and utilizes the "Common Lectionary" of scripture readings. Prince of Peace is located on Amelia Island at 2600 Atlantic Ave., next to the Atlantic Recreational Center and across from the main entrance to Fort Clinch State Park. To learn more, visit [poplweb.org](http://poplweb.org).

## College-age Bible study

Amelia Baptist Church hosts the Bible Study for College Age group at 7 p.m. each Sunday. For information and directions, call Adam Page at 261-9527.

## Under the Silver Balloon

The Bahá'ís of Nassau County hold prayers and meditations for peace, amity, concord and harmony every Saturday morning from dawn to sunrise on the beach at Seaside Park (east end of Sadler Road). For more information, call 556-5437.

## Franklinton meal and Bible study

Franklinton United Methodist Church will serve a meal at 4 p.m. and host a Bible study at 5 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month in its Gabriel Means Fellowship Hall. The dinners and Bible studies will be open to the public. The church is located at 1415 Lewis St. in Fernandina Beach. For more information, call 277-2726 or 261-5354 or email [franklintonumc@att.net](mailto:franklintonumc@att.net).



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The deadline to place a classified line ad in the Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> edition will be Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and the deadline for the Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> edition will be Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm.

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