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Sheriff John Rutherford with Clarence W. Gooden Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer at CSX

PAL Round-Up celebrates Sheriff Rutherford

It was an evening of music, cocktails, silent auction, gourmet food, dancing and good ol' fashioned fun as patrons honored Sheriff John H. Rutherford for the difference he has made in the lives of the children served by PAL.

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Praise for parents, Episcopal Donors



Tommy and Jennifer Donahoo

It wasn't just peanuts and popcorn at the Episcopal School of Jacksonville's "Under the Big Top— Celebration 2015", as funds were raised during the semi-formal, circus-themed occasion in late March. The St. Nicholas-based high school will use the funds to improve campus life by utilizing the generous donations from the silent and live auctions along with ticket sales.

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Riverside office building to see own 'renaissance'

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

Six years ago the Jelks Building, a 1939 historic contributing structure that once served as the Riverside Clinic, came close to the threat of the wrecking ball when Carlton Jones of the Renaissance Group eyed the site for a potential new pharmacy with a drive-through lane.

Whether it was the economic downturn or opposition from Riverside Avondale Preservation or neighbors in nearby Park Lane condominium, the Jelks Building lived to see another day.

Today the 18,266-square-foot office building on the corner of Riverside Avenue and Margaret Street has a new lease on life. It was acquired in April by Jeff Morr, a Miami-based real estate broker and investor who had initially began his exploratory acquisition tour downtown.

"I was introduced to Jacksonville by Steve Williams [owner of 5 & Dime in 5 Points], and then taken on a great tour by Matthew Clark, Prime Realty," said Morr. "I loved the potential of Downtown, but also loved Riverside and when Matt showed me the building at 2008 Riverside, I knew that was the one. It's a great location with a lot of

"People are very welcoming here and they seem ready for fresh ideas."

– Jeff Morr

potential."

Morr, who has 30 years of real estate experience in South Florida, said of the \$1,265,000 purchase decision, "It was a no brainer."

The Jelks Building, also known as Renaissance at Riverside, was originally built across from Memorial Park as an apartment building. Many doctors moved to that building after Riverside Hospital was redeveloped into the Publix-anchored retail center across the street.

Morr intends to start immediately with interior renovations, but is not going to gut the building; he intends to be thoughtful about the changes.

"It's a grand old building," he said. "I'm going to get rid of the carpeting, restore the wood flooring where I can, upgrade the corridors and entrance for

a start. There are old bathrooms and kitchens from the 1970s that need to be updated."

Initially there will be no work to the exterior, other than a new roof and some landscaping, but Morr would like to someday consider utilizing the basement and first floor for street-level retail. There's a parking lot on the property that has development potential to include a parking garage, said Morr, but that's a long-term change.

Morr plans to rename the building after his father. "When it's complete, it will be The DanMorr."

Currently there are five vacancies in the building and Morr said that Clark has letters of intent from exactly the type of companies he wants to occupy the building – creative-oriented, young and vibrant. "One is for an ad agency and the other is an Internet start-up," he said.

This is Morr's first acquisition in Jacksonville, but he said he is looking for other properties.

"People are very welcoming here and they seem ready for fresh ideas," said Morr. "Like Steve [Williams], I'm not just here to make money, I'm interested in doing the right thing for the community."

Interactive experience at Cummer Ball 2015



Thomas McDonogh, Esperanza Duran, Joseph Tydings, Joseph Stevert, Trenholm Smith, Raymond Mason, Gloria Frazier, Minerva Mason, Ed Frazier, Mehrdad Khonsari and Mandona Khonsa

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Patrons head way out west for VIP



Serving patrons their favorite barbecue treats were Judge Gary Flower, Board Chairman Dr. Jeffrey Levenson, Board Member Ed Witt, Jr., Doyle Carter and Ronnie Roberts

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Good showing for FYC youth sailors



Skipper Johnny Fewell bested 12 other sailors in the Laser Radial races, bringing glory to the Florida Yacht Club. "The regatta went well in spite of the weather Saturday," said Tim Monahan, race chair of the annual event held April 25-26.

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Letters to the Editor

Thinking outside of the (alley) box

Regarding your recent article on the status of the alleyways in Jacksonville's historic district, here are a few ideas in which alleyways might contribute to alleviating some of the problems everyone always complains about:

1. Have the city help reduce the eternal headache of on-street parking in Riverside by offering a property tax exemption to those who have a garage with either a driveway gate or garage door that accesses an alleyway. It's too late now, but the exemption might have been cheaper than conducting a year-long parking study that resulted in new designated parking that made streets impassable.
2. Alleviate some of the grouching from bikers and pedestrians about unsafe traffic by designating the alleyways as bike and pedestrian paths. Wouldn't this be a novel idea and used to promote Jacksonville as a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city?
3. Name the alleys! My preference would be to do something historic like naming them after the Liberty Ships that were built in Jacksonville during WWII (you know, Ponce de Leon Alley, Napoleon B. Broward Alley, David L. Yulee Alley, Telfair Stockton Alley...you get the picture).
4. Get residents and businesses to adopt an alley!

— *Michael Cerni, Riverside resident with alley access*

Parking stripes: worst possible design

Thank you for your story about the new parking stripes in April's issue. The parking stripes are an excellent example of the inept leadership from which our city and our neighborhood suffer. It would appear that the worst possible design of garish parking striping was selected and imposed on the neighborhood residents.

In the article about the parking stripes, you quote Carmen Godwin, executive director of Riverside Avondale Preservation, saying that the "...striping was something agreed upon by both the residents and businesses involved in the study..." I do not know to whom Ms. Godwin has spoken, but this resident was not invited to participate in any announced study of parking and these hideous parking stripes have not been 'agreed upon' by any of the residents to whom I've spoken. After seeing RAP's failure of leadership with inappropriate businesses locating in Avondale and hearing now their director's belief that the residents of this neighborhood actually like these needless, useless, eyesore parking lines, we should consider that perhaps RAP has become disconnected from the residents of the neighborhoods whom they purport to serve and may have outlived their usefulness. These parking lines serve no useful purpose and solve nothing. Nothing.

Your article goes on to quote Kay Ehas, chair of the parking study's steering committee, as saying that, "...the feedback (she's) heard is that the residents like it" referring to the parking stripes. Might I suggest that Ms. Ehas should broaden her circle and obtain a more realistic sampling of the residents of the areas afflicted with these stripes? No one in this neighborhood likes such a blight as these glaring parking lines. Ms. Ehas continues that the stripes were "...the agreed-upon solution and had the least amount of feedback in public meetings." Where were these public meetings? When were these meetings? Our residence received no notice, official or informally,

of any meeting, public or otherwise, to address parking. This approach to problem-solving is sadly typical of Jacksonville's long tradition of Government in the Shade.

One might take perverse comfort that the gaudy, tasteless design of the parking striping compliments the tacky, vulgar recycling bins with which we've been saddled – no doubt a decision made at some other "public meeting."

— *Leif McAlister, Avondale*

Parking stripes: a model of what not to do

I have been a resident of Riverside since 1996. During that time, I have been pleased to watch the evolution of the Park/King area into a thriving entertainment district. However, the recent changes with the addition of the parking stripes and the reduction of the speed limit to 15 miles per hour has actually reduced the livability of the very neighborhood that I adopted. It has done the opposite of what a recent *Times-Union* story indicated it would do: there are in fact less parking spaces than prior to the stripes as the stripes have been done in a way to accommodate SUVs and other large vehicles rather than the very many smaller vehicles common to Park/King area. The smaller vehicles are parking closer to the center of the roads where they hugged the side prior to the lines.

The second issue is that driving through the area is far more difficult as with the more narrow roads, awaiting oncoming traffic is much more difficult especially as many of these roads are on JTA bus routes. JTA bus routes on Post street are now in both directions rather than one way street and the return was on College Street; your chances of getting stuck during your commute are much larger and in the case of the bus in opposing traffic, you are forced to wait for all the cars behind that bus in order to drive through. Similar issues surround delivery trucks servicing the many restaurants and bars in the King Street area.

Neighbors now often leave their yard and other trash in the parking spots rather than at the curb taking more spaces. And on trash day, the trash truck delays can be even worse than the JTA bus.

I feel that the only sensible answer now is to return the roads to one-way as it was in recent memory. As a very nearby resident, I cannot bypass these streets effectively. The *Times-Union* article also indicated that the striping/speed limit would be a possible model for other neighborhoods – it may be just that – a model of what NOT to do.

I recommend that the streets return now to one-way and the speed limits are increased to a more reasonable speed as we work through this disastrous but well-intended endeavor.

— *Kevin S. Morris*

Correction

The Resident regrets the following error in the April 2015 issue: A news brief about the elections for mayor and sheriff stated that the Fraternal Order of Police did not endorse a candidate for the unitary election, however the FOP did endorse Jimmy Holderfield. The FOP has not endorsed a candidate for the general election on May 19 as of press time.

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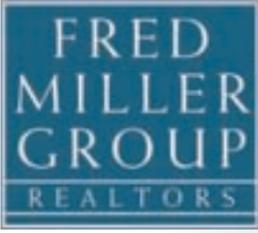
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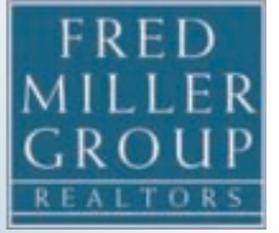
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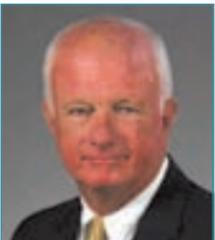
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Bulkhead replacements underway

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

Homes and businesses along the St. Johns and Ortega rivers and some tributaries will witness some bulkhead repair and replacement work during a five-month period.

Approximately 4.4 miles of seawall maintained by the City of Jacksonville,



including the north and south banks, has deteriorated to the extent that repair work is necessary.

According to Aleizha L. Batson, Deputy Director of Communications for the Office of Mayor Alvin Brown and the City of Jacksonville, the construction project is valued at \$758,545 and is being handled by

the Marine Division of C & L Landscape, Irrigation & Building, Inc.

The project began in April and is expected to be completed in August.

The Baker Point Park bulkhead replacement is the starting point of the project and is expected to be completed by May 20. Work hours are 8 a.m. to

dusk Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. As work continues through the start of hurricane season, the schedule is subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen/unavoidable conditions.

Additional construction sites, which do not include private bulkheads, are at various locations along the St. Johns River and its tributaries which include: Site 4 – Edgewood Avenue at the St. Johns River (June 25-July 8), Site 9 – Elizabeth Place at the St. Johns River (June 11-June 24), Site 103 – Kim Road at the St. Johns River (Aug. 4-10), Site 132 – Venetia Blvd at the St. Johns River (July 9-16), Site 142 – Charlemagne Road at tributary to Ortega River (July 17-Aug. 3), Site 148, 149 & 150 – Confederate Point Road at Fishing Creek (May 21-June 10), and Site 183 – Starboard Drive at tributary to Mill Cove (Aug. 11-18).

Same name, new face

Bakery under new ownership, familiar leadership

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

The Edgewood Bakery, which remained closed for six weeks after Tom and Carol Rykalsky dropped their legal challenge over majority ownership in the business, quietly and without fanfare, reopened on April 14. In its first short week back in business,

traffic was better than expected.

Since reopening, returning customers told Gary Polletta, Jr., director of operations, that they didn't realize what they were missing. "That made me glad to hear, but also sad," he said. "It was such a thriving business. My parents spent a long time building it."

Polletta felt that the business got so much negative publicity over the lawsuit between

the former owners and Stache Investments that people would be gun shy about coming back. It wasn't just bad publicity, though, but the product that worried the son of former owners Gary and Sandy Polletta.

"I feel like the quality really slipped," said Polletta. "I don't think it was kept what it was prior [to the new ownership]."

After the hi-tech renovation that occurred last summer, Polletta needed to make the place softer, more inviting, more visually pleasing without being overwhelming. The bakery has been redecorated again to reflect the former coziness, with bistro tables and fresh flowers, and the logo has been restored.

The digital displays that had replaced the chalkboard menus will be repurposed in different areas in the bakery; one will be used in the wedding cake consultation room and Polletta is hoping to utilize software that will allow his wedding cake baker to design the cake with the client.

The Edgewood Bakery plans to hold a grand opening celebration as a first step in getting back its reputation as a beloved local bakery.

"I am confident that we will be successful again. It will be a hard row to hoe, but if we can get people back in, the quality of the products will keep them coming back," he said.

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You Asked For It

A reader asks why the school zone warning lights on Grand Avenue have been out of sync for the last four years.

"In the morning, the lights will be on for the westbound traffic, but not for the eastbound. There are also times, depending on Daylight Saving Time, when they are on at the wrong time. I even saw a police officer issuing tickets when the lights were on at 1:30. When I pulled over to mention the problem with the times, he said 'if they are flashing, it's a school zone.'

"In the past, I have called the city, but nothing has been done. A couple of years ago I went to the offices of both Ortega Elementary and St. Mark's Episcopal Day School. Both schools said that the lights were not for their school. This school



zone is clearly not needed if there are no students crossing the street there. Venetia Elementary could benefit from lights. It's a shame to see this wasted resource. I might be the only one that it bothers, but surely others have noticed."

— Shannon Tempio

In response to our inquiry, Aleizha L. Batson, Deputy Director of Communications for the Office of Mayor Alvin Brown and the City of Jacksonville, indicated that residents are encouraged to call 630-CITY to report the issue.

"If we receive a report that the flashers are not operating at the correct times, we investigate it," said Batson. "We have not received many complaints about these lights. Care issues at this location generally have been routine maintenance or JSO generated." She indicated that a check by Traffic Engineering last month showed that the lights were functioning in both directions, yet a check of the lights late last month indicated just one direction had a flashing light.

Batson also noted that for schools that have a regular release schedule, on early release days the lights are adjusted to

accommodate that schedule. "Schools coordinate well in advance when there are irregular operating hours; between DCPS, COJ and JSO timing of the lights are adjusted. This schedule is typically in place prior to the school year starting," she stated.

As for the reader's note that neither school requires that particular crossing, Batson said, "We have received no information from the schools that pedestrians/students are not using this crossing during operating hours or that it is negatively impacting traffic in the area."

The Resident also reached out to Becki Couch, Duval County Public School Board District 6 representative, who sent the request over to DCPS chief of operations to work with the city to address the problem. As of press time, there was no update.

Shircliff Society tackles literacy-building

Adhering to its mission to improve the health of individuals and communities, the St. Vincent's Shircliff Society's 2015 goal will tackle literacy with a \$50,000 construction project at the St. Vincent's Family Medicine Center.

The Shircliff Society Book Nook will be built on the first and second floors of St. Vincent Family Medicine Center waiting areas. With child-friendly colors, table with iPads, bookcases, the waiting areas will welcome the kids and start them early on the road to literacy.

"The Book Nook idea began as just a small corner in the waiting area," said Justin Markley, president of Shircliff Society. The society worked with the design firm Rolland, DelValle and Bradley, who donated their time to provide a more elaborate build-out on two floors.

Shircliff Society members will raise \$25,000, a portion of which will be matched by the Family Medicine Center. Markley said they hope to begin construction this year.

The Book Nook will enhance a national initiative, Reach Out and Read, which addresses the literacy needs of communities. At each wellness visit to the Family Medicine Center, children receive an age-appropriate book to take home and begin their reading education.

To see the plans, visit residentnews.net and search for Book Nook.



Shircliff Society board members: Front: John Roberts, Kyle Crisp, Holly Crews, Mariah Verseput, Tim Forman; back: Scott Ennis, Alden Howell, William Nash, Justin Markley, Paul Grainger



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New smartphone app to help fight city blight

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

They're considered litter on a stick – "snipe" signs – that are often seen on public property such as electric poles, fences, stakes or in city right-of-ways advertising everything from tax refunds to rooms for rent. And they're illegal.

Snipe signs are one bane on Jacksonville's landscape that City Hall has decided to fight with its new smart phone application MyJax. The app is one of several initiatives announced by City Hall in March to combat urban blight such as overgrown grass, litter, illegal dumping and abandoned homes.

"I used (the app) myself today," said District 14 Councilman Jim Love. "I didn't even have to get out of my car. I just snapped a photo with my phone and used the app to send it in."

When a resident reports something ugly on the urban landscape all they need do is pull up the new smartphone app, snap a photo of the trashy condition and electronically file a case with City Hall enforcement. The app uses the phone's GPS to identify exactly where the violation has occurred and includes the location with the report.

With the app, the city is trying to reach residents that would be more inclined

to report things via text message than by making a phone call. The app also allows people report dead animals in a city right of way, mosquito inspection or spraying, potholes needing patches, hazardous or missing sidewalks and scheduling to pick-up appliances or tires.

Once an abuser has been cited by the city for an illegal sign, they will have "10 days to pay," Love said. "If they don't, we have purchased an automatic (phone) dialer that will begin calling that number until they take care of (the fine)," he said.

In addition to the new phone app, Jacksonville's Fight Blight initiative includes several other features. A new website, www.coj.net/blight, has been set up to provide information on what blight is, how residents can help eliminate it and what the city is doing specifically to address the problem. Also, Fight Blight kiosks will be placed in various city neighborhoods to give residents "hands-on" facts about the negative impact of blight.

Along with the kiosk, the city will have a Fight Blight mascot, a walking trashcan adorned with sunglasses and a blue ballcap, who will make appearances at special events. JTA and the city have also unveiled a new bus with a colorful wrap promoting the MyJax app.

The Flight Blight initiative is the result



of a coalition between Mayor Alvin Brown's administration, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, the Jacksonville Children's Commission, JEA, the Jacksonville Public Library, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Duval County Public Schools.

Although Riverside, Avondale and Ortega represent some of the pricier properties in town, they aren't immune to blight, Love said.

"I wouldn't call it a big problem, but it is a problem," he said. "Snipe signs are the biggest problem we have. We occasionally have abandoned homes or junk cars, but not too often."

Legislation passed by the City Council in January will allow the city to target homes after they have been without utilities for at least two years. Demolition is only allowed on homes declared "non-historic," giving property owners in the historic areas of Riverside and Avondale additional

protections on their buildings.

The blight legislation requires the city to flag all abandoned structures over 50 years old for review by the Planning and Development Department, which would determine whether the building should be deemed historic. Usually the city prefers to "mothball" a historic property by boarding it up to prevent leaking and vandalism rather than demolishing it, officials said.

The legislation allows privately-owned dilapidated structures to be declared blighted and eligible for demolition if there are unpaid code enforcement fines, nuisance and demolition liens, or the property has been without water or electrical service for 24 consecutive months.

Before it tears a building down, the city can offer non-historic structures slated for demolition to local non-profits such as HabiJax to see if they can be rehabilitated. The property might also be turned over to a private company or adjacent landowners if they can show a planned use for it.

City inspectors generally focus on the portion of Jacksonville bordered by the Trout River to the north, I-295 to the west, I-10 to the south and the Southside connector to the east, said Robert Prado, head of Jacksonville's Municipal Code Compliance Department, noting his department only knows about abandoned homes if the city has determined code violations are occurring.

"We are focused on areas of the city with homes with unsafe structures, above average vacancies, building code violations and that are in the older urban center of the city," he said, adding that the city wants to determine how many abandoned houses are in each neighborhood.

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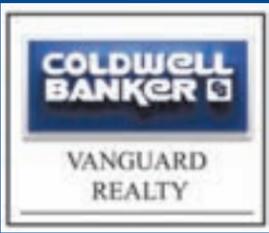
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Realtors optimistic about trends in real estate

Win-win for buyers, sellers

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

It's not just the weather that's heating up in Jacksonville's historic districts.

If the real estate market trends the way the Old Farmer's Almanac is predicting weather for Northeast Florida, home buying will be hotter than normal this spring and summer.

Local realtors overall are expressing optimism about the state of the real estate market during the busy spring season and into what is typically the summer doldrums.

"I think it will be a good spring and rest of the year," said Janie Boyd, owner of Janie Boyd & Associates Real Estate Services. "The Feds just said they weren't going to raise rates quite so soon, so buyers should take advantage of historically low rates."

In fact, the buying trend is so warm right now that realtors are cautioning buyers who want more time to think about whether it's the right house for them. Because of low inventory on the market, particularly in the \$200,000 to \$500,000 range, sellers often get multiple offers and are less likely to wait for uncertain buyers to make a decision.

"We are regularly working with a number of buyers looking in the area for the same type home," said Sheron Willson, broker/manager at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty. "One recent listing was on the market only a few days and had five offers. Another was not even on the market before offers starting coming in and it closed substantially over the original asking price."

But, as Fred Miller, owner of Fred

"Most would agree that this is a great time to put your home on the market but only if it is priced accurately based on its features and condition. An overpriced home will sit even when demand all around it is high."

– Lorri Reynolds
Watson Realty

Miller Group, noted "Though buyers are more bullish as the drawn out recovery continues, they are still cautious. Buyers know that values are firming and rates are still around 4 percent, a smart time to buy."

Time for sellers to make move

Sellers on the fence may also want to consider the facts to help make the decision to list their homes. According to the Northeast Florida Association of Realtors (NEFAR), its March report noted that 12.1 percent of homes for sale went for a price higher than the original listing, but realtors caution against pricing exuberance.

"Most would agree that this is a great time to put your home on the market but only if it is priced accurately based on its features and condition," said Lorri Reynolds, Watson Realty, Ortega. "An overpriced home will sit even when demand all around it is high."

The median sales price for Region 3, which includes Riverside, Avondale and Ortega, was up 19.3 percent over last year. Couple those higher prices with low inventories and it's a seller's market for sure.

"Demand for the areas has remained constant, but the inventory has lagged slightly behind the demand. Riverside/Avondale and Ortega are averaging about 6.2 months of inventory on the market. This is higher than Jacksonville overall, which is running at approximately 4.5 months of inventory," stated Clark LaBlond, Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty.

At 9,487 homes on the market, Jacksonville had a 12.8 percent drop in available home inventory compared to the same time one year ago, the NEFAR report stated. Region 3 fared better, with 4 percent more home inventory in March 2015 compared to 2014.

These trends might mean this is an optimal time for seniors to make a move into a retirement community, leveraging the equity in their homes for the guarantee of comfortable golden years. Single family homes, especially those in good condition, are a hot item.

"Inventory is very low in the area and it needs to increase to meet demand. This will be a great time for those people who have been waiting to list their home to do so," said Sally Suslak, managing broker at Traditions Realty. "Buyers like to look at a variety of homes before they pick the one that is right for them and the way they live on a day-to-day basis."

Resurgence in condo living

Prospective buyers shouldn't forget that condominiums present an intriguing alternative to single family homes, and local realtors feel the tide may be turning for the condo market as well. The number of condos available for sale is more than 10 percent lower than it was a year ago and the median sale price was up 2.8 percent (March 2015 over 2014),

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implying there is a scarcity of those types of properties for interested buyers.

"All properties are seeing a nice positive change. The lending institutions are loosening their strings a bit, condos are able to obtain financing which brings them back and the waterfront is quite affordable by those standards," said Boyd. "I see a very positive outlook for the rest of this year."

The upward trend toward "lock it and leave it" living appeals to all age groups. Young professionals prefer to spend more time networking – professionally or socially – than dealing with lawn and house maintenance and for many seniors that lifestyle has become more of a burden than a joy.

"We're enjoying some of that resurgence in the market place," said Bryan Weber, multifamily principal with NAI Hallmark Partners, about The Beacon Riverside. "Condos in our price point in the urban area that are coming online or getting listed seem to be moving fairly readily."

Weber noted that construction plans have been completed and submitted for permits and the firm hopes to get the 15-story luxury condominium under construction later this

year. Refurbishment of the sea wall and the resident dock was completed last year in order to get that work out of the way during construction of the tower. There are phases of construction that can begin while waiting to hit the 50 percent pre-sold threshold, stated Weber.

He feels that the projected trend for older homeowners to start taking advantage of rising prices to sell their single family homes will work in the Beacon's favor.

"What our buyer likes is the luxurious lifestyle with a concierge on property, and maintenance and property management on site," he said. "We've taken it up a notch with large floor plans so that someone making a move from quite a large home won't give up too much square footage and still be able to entertain family and guests and still keep household goods from a large home."

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Historic districts offer something for everyone

New apartment complexes, buildings repurposed for condos

By *Kate A. Hallock*
Resident Community News

With the explosion of residential offerings at 220 Riverside and Brooklyn Station in the Brooklyn neighborhood it's no wonder that young professionals are the target audience for Downtown living. The historic districts, however, continue to be just as appealing for that market segment.

For instance, take Jenna Toffaletti and Mark Pariani, associate architects with the Southbank-based environmental design firm of ELM | Ervin Lovett Miller. Even though – coincidentally – they will be living just a mile and a half away from each other, their choices for housing couldn't be further apart.

Pariani, originally from Ponte Vedra Beach, chose to purchase a condo at The John Gorrie, the 1920s junior high school historically re-purposed by J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver five years ago. Situated in the heart of Riverside, Pariani's new home is within walking distance to dining and drinking, retail and recreation.

"On any given afternoon I can grab a cup of tea, stroll through Memorial Park, take in a movie, eat some Asian inspired street fare, and pick up some light reading at the bookstore, all without having to get in my car," said Pariani, who moved in last November.

Toffaletti is looking forward to similar lifestyle options when she moves into an apartment at 220 Riverside later this summer.

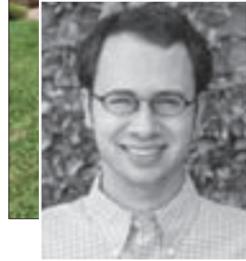
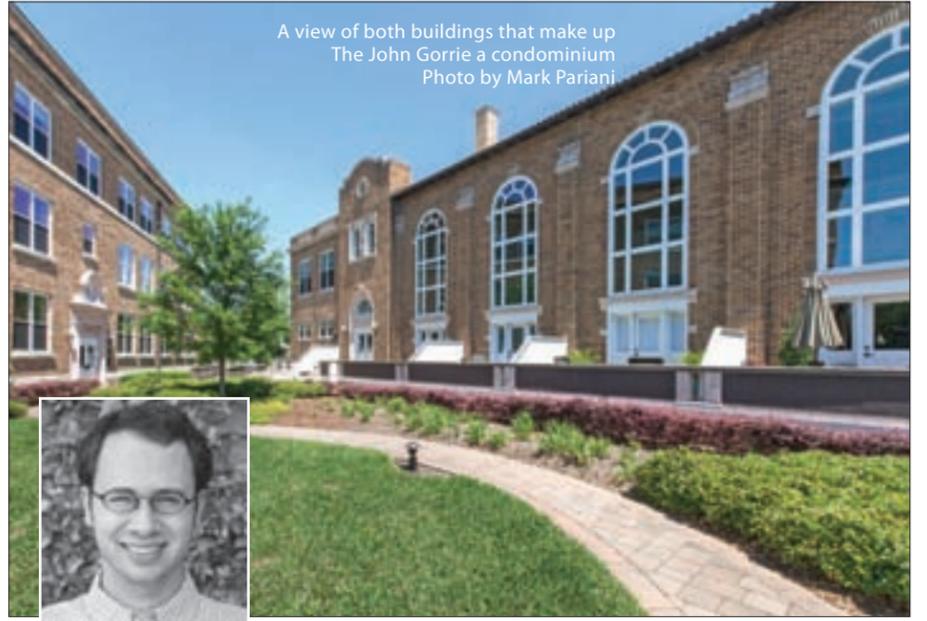
"Being a young professional and new to Jacksonville, I wanted to be in a place that made me feel like I was in the middle of all the action. Where I could walk outside my door, meet friends at the local bars to watch football games or a local event going on in the downtown area," said Toffaletti, who had previously lived in Savannah and Baltimore. "220 Riverside gave me the right feel of excitement and safety to feel like opportunities were just a few steps

away for my new chapter in life."

While neither of the young professionals have to worry about lawn care and exterior home maintenance, their choice in mortgage versus lease reflect the difference in commitments.

"I don't want to have to worry about being committed to a mortgage payment, worrying about bad landlords or living at a place that felt like a dump," Toffaletti shared. "While I hadn't planned on paying as much as it costs to live at 220, it offers so much more than what I could find living somewhere else, the extra cost makes it worth it."

Pariani, on the other hand, is planting roots. "I see myself staying at The John Gorrie for at least five years, possibly longer. If I end up needing to move I may decide to hold on to my condo and either rent it out or use it as a second home," he said. "I foresee the area getting more and more desirable as time goes on, which only makes me want to hold on to my condo longer."



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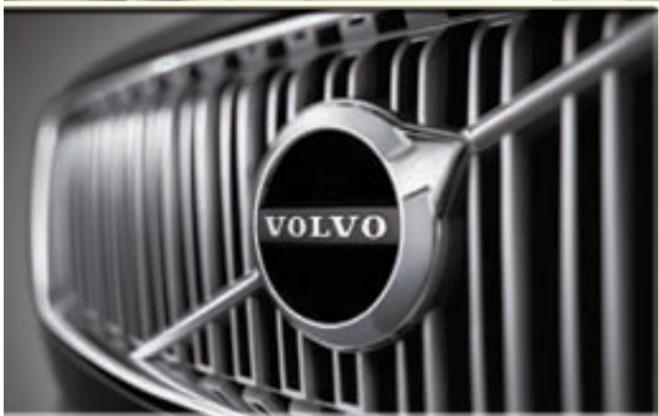
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Library re-opening at least five months out, maybe longer

The unexpected discovery of lead paint on the windows of the Willowbranch Library earlier this year brought repairs to a halt and halted it remains.

After 23 tests were performed on window components and adjacent building materials inside and out by AMEC Environment and Infrastructure, Inc., Public Works coordinated with KBT Construction to determine if there are any adjustments to the price proposal for the restoration of the remaining windows, understanding that one window had been cleaned of paint.

According to a Jacksonville Library blog, willowbranchlibraryupdates.wordpress.com, the City of Jacksonville Public Works Department held a meeting April 14 to review the cost proposal submitted by contractor KBT Construction.

Friends of Willowbranch Library (FOWL) vice president Angel Corrales attended the meeting and had expressed concerns about how the large upper windows would be repaired. He believes that only the bottom portion

of the upper windows will be removed, primarily to have new sills and seals installed, while the upper portion will be refinished in place. Architect Steve Lazar and Public Works are reviewing options for removing or refinishing the downstairs windows in place.

After the details for the remaining work are reviewed and approved, which could take up to six weeks, the estimated construction time once the work resumes will be ten weeks. Once the contracted work is completed, and mold and air quality testing is complete it will take an additional two months to prepare the interior of the building to open for operations. Conservatively, this schedule puts the re-opening after the start of the new school year.

"My estimate is that it won't open until December," said Corrales.

The air conditioning has been kept on in the building throughout the project, keeping the books in good condition, although Corrales said that he and other FOWL members would like to inspect them.

Vacant lot to be restaurant parking



A half-acre vacant lot on Mayflower Street behind the Maple Street Biscuit Company will soon be given a facelift. Edgewood Property Group LLC, which owns the building that Maple Street, Knead Bakery and Bold Bean occupy, are investing more than \$100,000 into lighting, landscaping and parking lines to provide 38 spaces for its tenants, according to Stanton Hudmon, company principal.

Edgewood Property Group bought the structure at 1171 Edgewood Avenue S. in July 2013, after Centerbank, Inc. had foreclosed on the building which sat vacant for three years.

"It's a very successful project," said Hudmon. "We cleaned it up and [eventually] brought in three successful tenants." A restaurant that formerly occupied the space now home to Maple Street was on a short-term lease and did not make a go of it.

Limited parking along Edgewood Avenue had become an issue as that portion of Murray Hill has re-gained popularity. In February 2014, Edgewood



Property Group successfully petitioned for re-zoning from residential low density to planned unit development in order to improve the vacant lot.

Hudmon said that it has taken about a year from re-zoning to acquisition of all the permits necessary to turn it into useable parking for his tenants. Patrons to those establishments are happy to see the improvements underway.

"As a neighborhood association we are all for anything that brings more business to the desirable businesses in the area," said Len Burroughs, Murray Hill representative for SWCPAC, and board member of Murray Hill Preservation Association (MHPA).

Friends of Hemming Park 'head over heels' about large grant



Ryan O'Malley and Michael Mena backflip in tandem while Nick Ryan looks on



Xpogo athletes Nick Ryan, Ryan O'Malley and Michael Mena

Hemming Park in downtown Jacksonville is one of six 2015 Heart of the Community grant recipients from Southwest Airlines and Project for Public Spaces (PPS). The \$100,000 grant will help Hemming Park reimagine and activate the underutilized public space located at 117

W. Duval St. across from City Hall.

Along with five other Heart of the Community spaces in the United States, Hemming Park was selected through a competitive application process, which evaluated the proposal in terms of preliminary work and preparedness, capacity

for local impact, potential for catalytic backing and strength of the commitment demonstrated by local partners.

Friends of Hemming Park will administer the grant, and will receive technical assistance from PPS to set a clear vision to help activate the space through innovative programming, such as the upcoming Pogopalooza

2015 U.S. Open in June, and high quality amenities, such as tables and chairs, outdoor reading rooms and information kiosks.

"We are very grateful to Southwest Airlines and the Project for Public Spaces for selecting Hemming Park for this important honor," said Wayne Wood, Riverside resident and founder of Friends of Hemming Park. "It validates the tireless

efforts by our Hemming Park staff to create a vibrant urban space in the heart of our city. We will utilize this grant to continue the renaissance in Hemming Park and to help make Jacksonville one of America's most livable cities."

Hemming Park will host Pogopalooza 2015 U.S. Open, the World Championships of Extreme Pogo. Now in its 12th year, Pogopalooza is the largest pogo stick event in the world and will feature Freestyle, Best Trick and High Jump events.

When compared to millions of skateboarders versus 150 serious pogo competitors, XPogo athlete Michael Mena feels that it's a sport that's wide open to new athletes. "If they [friends] were to have gotten into pogo sticking three years ago, they could be doing shows with me and traveling. Because there's not much competition, that's almost why it's such a good thing to get into," said Mena.

Gearing Up For Summer Sales

It is a lovely Saturday afternoon in the neighborhood. The azaleas have pretty much come and gone but they in their joyous colors once again reminded me how lucky I am to be a tiny part of this beautiful southern neighborhood. As I sit here doing paperwork, I reflect on how nicely things have been moving forward this spring. Our appraisers seem to be in better spirits now that they have some excellent comparables, our sellers are tickled pink that their homes are

selling quickly and our interest rates keep dropping which makes buyers happy to buy - what more can we ask for? Life is good in the hood.

I expect this trend to continue into a steady summer market. Pre-election years are generally good real estate years so keep cleaning your closets and countertops preparing for your move. The more your home 'shows like a model', the more money you will get. Buyers buy with emotion and it's hard for them to see their own emotions if your emotions dominate the space. 37% of Realtors believe a staged home's

sale price increases between 1-5% while 22% say it increases by 6-10%. I'm never sure how these polls shake out, but bottom line, when a seller prepares their home prior to marketing, it always sells faster and for more money. Never be in a hurry to sell. Take your time to prepare for marketing. It pays.

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Cyclists optimistic city won't forget them

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Anything is better than nothing is the general feeling among some avid cyclists in Riverside, Avondale and Ortega regarding the city's response to Mayor Alvin Brown's initiative to make Jacksonville a safer city for bicyclists and pedestrians. Many Westside riders articulated optimism that the city is heading in the right direction while conceding much more needs to be done.

"I do feel things are changing for the better," said Holt Tucker, a resident of Ortega, who owns Open Road Bicycles in Avondale.

"Before, cars were not respectful but I think motorists are doing better. The city is doing a good job of teaching and educating them on how to make it safer."

The city is "trying to do the right thing," said Charlotte Kuhn, who works at City Cycle in Riverside. "But they still have a long way to go."

Since last fall, when Mayor Brown initiated a multi-agency coalition to look into the problem, some progress has been made. The Federal Highway Administration has designated Jacksonville as a "pedestrian focus city" making it eligible to receive "technical" assistance due to the high incidence of pedestrian and cycling fatalities.

The city hired Denise Chaplick, its first-ever bicycle-pedestrian coordinator, and, at the urging of councilmembers Lori Boyer and Don Redman, funding has been approved for an updated



Cyclists ride in Riverside

Jacksonville Pedestrian-Bicycle master plan.

In Riverside, shared lane markings called "sharrows" have been painted along Riverside Avenue. Also the Florida Department of Transportation has agreed to construct a separated pathway across the Fuller Warren Bridge to connect Riverside with San Marco. The pathway is to be used jointly by

cyclists, runners and pedestrians and is scheduled to be completed in early 2017.

Currently Jacksonville is listed as one of the most dangerous cities in the United States for biking and walking. Serious cyclists say better road infrastructure and signage is needed as well as litter removal along the road shoulders and segregated lanes, particularly on busy roads such

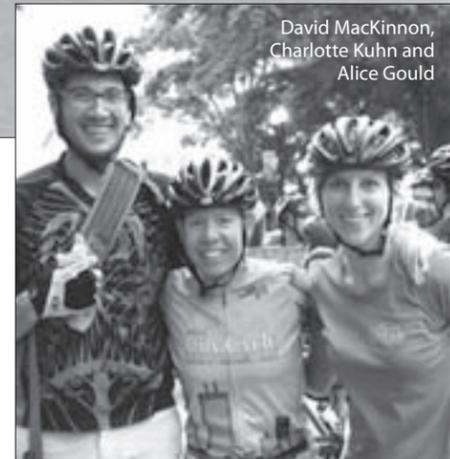
as Roosevelt Blvd. "You can't get from Duval County to Clay County safely," said Jeff Bennett of Ortega.

More education to make cyclists, walkers and motorists more aware of each other, many bicyclists said. Police enforcement of traffic infractions caused by both motorists and cyclists is necessary. Teaching bicycle awareness in driver's education at school would make a big difference, Kuhn said.

What cyclists want are protected bike

"Imagine having a protected bike loop around the city that is the same as the 295 corridor. The health benefit for the city would be phenomenal."

**- Charlotte Kuhn
City Cycle in Riverside**



David MacKinnon, Charlotte Kuhn and Alice Gould

lanes, said Alice Gould of City Cycles on Park Street, although she admits it is hard to install them in historic areas such as Riverside, Avondale and Ortega. "Imagine having a protected bike loop around the city that is the same as the 295 corridor," Kuhn said. "The health benefit for the city would be phenomenal."

Painting sharrows, nested arrows in the center of a traffic lane, are not optimum because most motorists don't understand that bicyclists have a right to ride in the middle of the road, Gould said. Growing frustrated drivers often try to pass, endangering the cyclist. "We hate the sharrows," said Gould. "Sharrows are hard for motorists to understand and they do not build ridership."

A better sense of civility between all who use the roads would be beneficial, said Bennett. "There needs to be a lot more education about this in the city. Drivers need to be more responsible. I ride my bicycle a lot and every time I'm on the road someone does something that endangers my life," he said. "Cars don't look for bicycles. A buzz-by is not cool."

And it is not just motorists that are at fault, Bennett said. "It makes my blood boil to see a cyclist doing something illegal. When a cyclist breaks the rules he ruins it for all of us."

Josh Flores, who lives in Lakeshore said he is "comfortable" with his 2.9-mile commute to work but contends that motorists still don't abide by the state's mandatory three-foot cushion between cars and bicyclists. "People get too close to you. You need to be alert," he said.

"A lot of people are resentful that cyclists have a right to the road," said Len Burroughs of Murray Hill, noting he is not happy with the mayor's response to the problem. "The city has done very little. It's a lot of show and a lot of talk but not much go."

Yet Mark Fetzer of LakeShore Bicycles appreciates Mayor Brown's response. "I feel like the mayor and the city council are aware," Fetzer said. "The main issue is infrastructure. It won't go away overnight. But when you see new construction now I think there has been a lot of effort to make it more bike friendly."

Gould summed it up this way: "Overall I feel positive about things but there is still a ways to go. What we really need is increased political will. Right now the city is not creating much momentum," she said.



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State bike association awards locals

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

The Jacksonville Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and the North Florida Bicycle Club (NFBC) won top honors when the Florida Bicycle Association presented its 2014 annual awards in April. FBA executive director Becky Afonso presented the awards during the April meeting of both groups. BPAC meets the first Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the training room of the Ed Ball Building downtown, while NFBC meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Mudville Grille in St. Nicholas.

“We were very happy to win it,” said Alice Gould, a BPAC board member. “(Committee Chairman) Chris (Burns) and (City Bicycle/Pedestrian coordinator) Denise (Chaplick) have been working hard. We have a long way to go, but getting some recognition shows the city we are working on our end so they will continue to partner with

us to bring our city’s ratings up.” Named Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee of the year, Jacksonville’s committee was saluted for the hard work and progress it has made to make the city safer for cyclists. Due to BPAC’s urging, the city transportation planning association has committed funding to a downtown bicycle plan, which includes building a bikeway over the Fuller Warren Bridge and Chaplick was hired by the city last year as its first full-time bicycle/pedestrian coordinator. BPAC was also lauded for encouraging the City Council to create a “Context Sensitive Streets Committee” and for its promotion of “Bike to Work” day as an annual event. Mayor Alvin Brown and District 4 Councilman Don Redman participated in the event last year. This year’s event will be held Friday, May 15.

North Florida Bicycle Club received its kudos due to the “One Road, A Cycle Safety Campaign,” which it coordinated in conjunction with Flagler College. NFBC helped raise \$150,000 for paid public service announcements and billboards at key locations to help educate the public about bike safety. Through its diligence, the club was awarded a \$10,000 grant from CSX and a \$2,000 grant from Bike Florida in support of this campaign.

“It was a shock for us to win it,” said NFBC board member Len Burroughs of Murray Hill noting that any publicity the club gets is “wonderful.”

May 15 is Bike-to-Work day

Jacksonville Bike-to-Work Day will be held Friday, May 15. Cyclists are encouraged to either ride on their own or join a group from the following locations:

For those coming from the west: LakeShore Bicycles, 7 a.m., joining those at Open Road Bicycles in Avondale, 7:15 a.m., and moving on to City Cycle in

Riverside at 7:30 a.m.

For those coming in from the east: Meet at Open Road Bicycles on Hendricks Avenue, 7:30 a.m.

Both groups will meet up at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts at 8 a.m. and proceed together to arrive at Hemming Plaza by 8:30 a.m. There will be a brief recognition of the event at Hemming Plaza in order to show support for a “bicycle-friendly” Jacksonville before the cyclists part ways and head to work.

Local church reaching out to community for opinions

Ortega United Methodist Church is building a new gymnasium at the corner of Longfellow Street and Iroquois Avenue in Ortega and is seeking input from local residents to determine the types of programs that the community might like to see offered at the new gym. The gym will be open to all residents, regardless of church membership. Some programs will be free and others will include a nominal fee.

Leaders are working with a local independent marketing research firm to conduct the survey, open to adults age 18 and older. The survey asks for interest in fitness, health and wellness programs, as well as dance classes and reading clubs. A separate question addresses activities and programs for children and teenagers, including an interest in physical education for home-schooled children, daytime summer camp programs and after-school activities and care.

The survey for Ortega UMC can be found at www.ulrichpoll.com and takes about five minutes to complete.



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New shop collects, dispenses nostalgia

Sisters Jennifer Stewart and Wendy Knight come from a long line of antique lovers and collectors. Natives to Jacksonville, they've witnessed the growth in Riverside and know that "antique row" on Park Street is the perfect spot for their eclectic home décor shop, HomeEconomics.

The shop hosts well-curated collections from a variety of skilled pickers and dealers, specializing in everything from mid-century antiques and rare vintage signs, to repurposed, reclaimed, and retro



Wendy Knight, Jennifer Stewart

furniture. Stewart and Knight truly love to see fabulous things be reused and passed on from person to person. "Sometimes things from your life are just gone, but you can come in here and find it again!"

HomeEconomics, located at 2730 Park St, on the far west end of the Whiteway Corner building, is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Family-owned business earns coveted CSX award again

For the second year in a row, McKendree's Plumbing & Heating, Inc., was honored by CSX Transportation and CSX Intermodal with the CXS Public Safety & Environmental Contractor Award of Excellence. The award was granted to the Riverside company for outstanding service, job performance and safety during numerous projects during 2013 and 2014.

"We work very hard to ensure that McKendree's provides a valued and trusted service to our clients with an emphasis on quality, reliability and safety," said Clayton McKendree, vice president. "We are a family-owned business, so receiving such an award from a company like CXS two years in a row is very humbling and an honor."



Clayton McKendree, Richard Hisrich, Hugh Perry

Area teacher honored for career

Ortega Forest resident Mollie Peterson was surprised in her classroom last month with a \$15,000 award, courtesy of Gilchrist Berg, founder and president of Water Street Capital.

One of four winners of the 2015 Gladys Prior Award for Career Teaching Excellence, Peterson teaches English at James Weldon Johnson College Preparatory Middle School.

To date, Berg has given more than \$1 million to honor Jacksonville teachers with an award named after his fourth-grade teacher, Gladys Prior, at Ortega Elementary. The University of North Florida College of Education and Human Services manages the awards for Berg.

Peterson's students describe her as a teacher that arouses their interest by enhancing literature with projects,



Mollie Peterson

reenactments and memorable visual displays. She also helped coach the school's Scholar Bowl team for the 2014 National Academic Quiz Tournament, in which they placed 12th out of 128 teams.

Also receiving the award were Valerie Doner, Bishop Kenny High School; Cormac O'Riordan, The Bolles School, and Tim Kenney, Mandarin Oaks Elementary.

Wedded bliss in Riverside

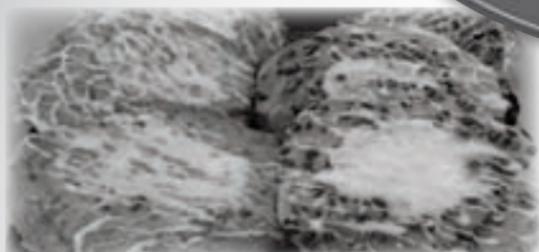


Hamed Ahmad Nusraty and Nicole Marie Dana sealed their blissful love in marriage Oct. 11, 2014 in Washington, D.C., among family and again among friends on Nov. 8 in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Originally natives of Maryland, the couple is happy to reside in Riverside and look forward to spending many years in their adopted city.

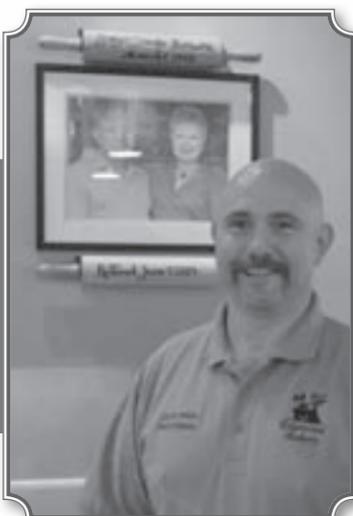
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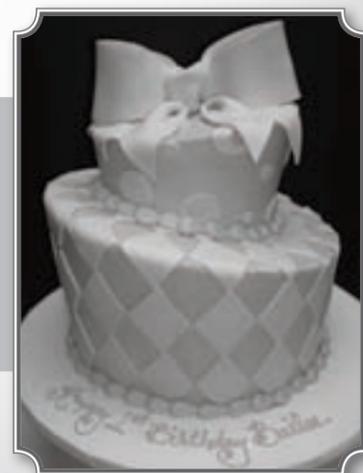


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Women's Club establishes fund for permanent philanthropy



Janice May, club president, and board members Nancy Patton, Harriette Dodson, Elizabeth Reed

The 118-year-old Women's Club of Jacksonville recently established a fund with The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida to continue the club's charitable work in perpetuity. The Fund, known as the Woman's Club of Jacksonville Endowment, will make charitable gifts to support projects that guide and support the health, education and cultural development of women in Jacksonville.

"We are so pleased to be able to ensure that the work that all the women have done for more than one hundred years will be carried on in the future," said Janice May, Avondale resident and current president of The Women's Club. "Setting up this fund at The Community Foundation will allow us to continue the mission of the club."

The Fund was initiated with the proceeds from the sale of The Women's Club riverfront property to The Cummer

Museum of Art & Gardens in 2005. The land for The Women's Club was donated by Ninah Cummer and the 13,000+ square foot structure was designed and built in the same style as Cummer's adjacent estate.

Grant recommendations for the Fund will come from the Club's Heritage Committee, created to oversee the proceeds from the sale of the building and chaired by Ortega resident Katherine Naugle.

"We will use the investment earnings from this endowment to continue the things that have been important to every generation of Women's Club members," said Naugle, a third generation member of the club.

The Women's Club recently established a Young Women in Leadership program at Robert E. Lee High School, mentoring 10 young women over several months and granting college scholarships to five who satisfactorily completed the program.

Avondale resident honored by Leadership Jacksonville



M.C. "Ceree" Harden, Connie S. Hodges, Cleve Edward Warren

Leadership Jacksonville hosted Celebration 2015, which honored community trustees Connie S. Hodges, M.C. "Ceree" Harden, and Cleve Edward Warren for their leadership roles throughout Northeast Florida.

Hodges, of Avondale, served 16 years as president of the United Way of Northeast Florida and continues to serve with other nonprofit organizations. "It was a spectacular evening of mission, purpose and passion, which I will always treasure," said Hodges. "To be recognized by an organization that I respect and have had a great experience with was a humbling honor."

Harden, who has been active in organizations such as the JAXChamber, Jacksonville Civic Council and Baptist Health Systems, said "My organization has a core value of community stewardship and Leadership Jacksonville has been a significant part

of our ability to inspire and engage in the community. We are better people and our community is better as a result of the actions inspired by Leadership Jacksonville."

Warren is a founding member of the Jacksonville Civic Council and serves on the boards of Baptist Health Foundation and the Jacksonville Public Education Fund, among others. "I was very humbled by the honor," he said. "It's important for me to set an example to my children of what it means to be engaged with the community, and I'm proud to be counted in that number."

The 20th anniversary of the annual event was held on April 9 at the Hyatt Regency with more than 400 in attendance. Funds raised from the event benefit Youth Leadership Jacksonville and Collegiate Leadership Experience, programs for high school and college student leaders.

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Local yacht center back in family hands



Peggy Sue Williams, new owner of Lambs Yacht Center, with 50-year employee Lee Ness

The 55-year-old Lambs Yacht Center is once again in family hands. Today Peggy Sue Lamb Williams, husband Johnny and their three daughters own and operate the marina and boatyard, having purchased it in March from Downing Nightingale III, president of Lamb's Yacht Center, Inc.

The return of the company to the Lamb family was fittingly commemorated last month with a party honoring 50-year employee Lee Ness, a marine mechanic.

Ness, was hired in 1965 by Bronson Lamb II, who started the marina and boatyard in 1960. He recalled early days when Lamb's children Bronson

and Peggy Sue tagged after their father. "The biggest reason for my longevity here, even though I was offered jobs at other places, was the Lamb family," Ness said. "Peggy Sue was a sister to me. Mr. Lamb was like the father I didn't have."

"I learned a lot from Lee," said Williams. "He taught me how to change the oil in my first car."

At 73, Ness still works at the marina. "He has a lot of wisdom to share," said Williams. "He knows the facility."

Johnny Williams said that they plan to rebuild most, if not all, of the infrastructure. The first phase is building exterior and landscaping. The wood docks, built in 1960, will be replaced eventually.

New restaurant group brings fine dining businesses together



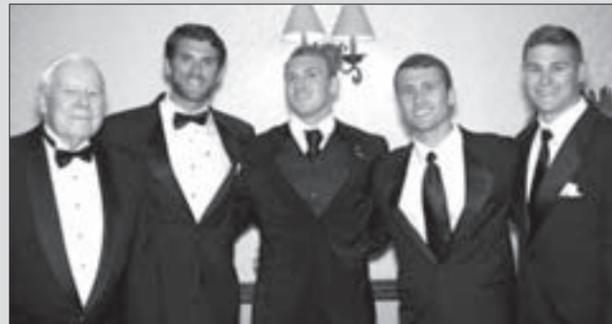
San Marco resident Fraser Burns and his business partner Jacques Klempf announced the formation of Forking Amazing Restaurants, a restaurant group that comprises Ovinte at the St. Johns Town Center, Bistro Aix in San Marco, and the Cowford Chophouse in the Bostwick Building downtown.

"We are passionate about creating amazing guest experiences, and we like to put our own unexpected twist on each restaurant," said Klempf. "Operating as Forking Amazing Restaurants will help us solidify the relationship between Ovinte, Bistro Aix, and the Cowford Chophouse, while letting our guests know that they can

expect the same high culinary and service standards at every restaurant operated by the FAR group. Our goal is to help make Jacksonville a dining destination through our diverse portfolio of restaurant concepts."

A Certificate of Appropriateness application for exterior work on the Bostwick Building was approved by the city last month and building stabilization is expected to begin this month. The Cowford Chophouse is expected to open in summer 2016.

Pi Kappa Alpha installs chapter at JU



John Layton, Erik Fournier, president of the chapter, Brandon Behr, Nathan Diehl and David Joyce. Behr and Joyce serve on the chapter's executive committee.

Pi Kappa Alpha, one of the largest Greek Social College International Fraternities has installed its newest chapter at Jacksonville University with 74 members. The chartering banquet was held April 11 at Hidden Hills Country Club. The group of scholars, leaders, athletes, and gentlemen are mostly all involved with various sports including football, baseball, soccer, basketball, cross country, rowing, lacrosse, swimming, tennis and golf and hold overall GPAs of 3.4. Clarence W. Gooden, Executive Vice President Sales & Marketing, CSX Corporation, is the Honorary Executive Alumni Advisor for the chapter.

A \$25,000 Leadership Scholarship was established by JU alumnus John L. Layton, making it possible for a member to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship each year. At the banquet, Nathan J. Diehl was awarded the 2015 scholarship for his dedication to the new chapter. Diehl, serving as Treasurer of Pi Kappa Alpha, is a member of Green Key Honorary Jacksonville University Leadership Society that includes the top 10% of the student body. He has also received the JU Academic Scholarship from JU president Tim Cost. Diehl plays most sports, especially football.



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Nail Lounge opens in Brooklyn Station

The glamorous gaze of one of Hollywood's most famous blonde actresses smiles down upon patrons in Riverside's newest nail salon. The Marilyn Monroe Nail Lounge opened its doors last month in the Brooklyn Station Shopping Plaza on Riverside Avenue.

The first of six locations throughout the state to spring up in North Florida, the Marilyn Monroe Nail Lounge offers nail care, facials and waxing services hoping to attract clients who care about health and wellness.

"We offer a different concept. We're big on sanitation," said store manager Natalie Lanza, noting that there are no jets in the salon's foot tubs and an autoclave is utilized to insure customers "hospital-grade" cleanliness of all implements used for manicures and pedicures. The lounge's nail products are "organic" and meet vegan standards, Lanza said. The salon also offers a unique "pedi-bench" for customers who choose to sit erect



Deltria Hines, Angelique Fuller, Natalie Lanza, Diama Hall-Flournoy, LaTrice Miller

during pedicures as well as the more traditional lounge chair.

The company chose its location hoping to draw residents from surrounding apartments and workers in nearby office buildings who might come in during their lunch break. "It's a growing area with all the apartments being built around here. We've been very blessed in the community to reach people who come in while going to Fresh Market or the Corner Bakery," Lanza said, noting that the corporate office has located the majority of its stores in proximity of Fresh Market in order to lure customers who shop multiple times per week.

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New venture for local hair stylist, entrepreneur



Valerie Salameh

Valerie Salameh had been looking for a local location for her latest business venture and found its new home on Herschel Street. The owner and professional hair stylist of NVS Hair & Blow Dry Salon is excited to offer new options for locals to take their look to the next level. She's currently adding stylists to her business and finds herself growing due to demand since opening in late March.

"I love Herschel Street. I have been eyeing this location for quite some time," said Valerie, a Jacksonville native who serves

many clients in the local area. The salon welcomes guest to indulge in complimentary cookies, coffee and other treats as they come in for services and consultations. A multitude of services are offered, including the \$35 shampoo and blow dry, which offers a fresh new look with a quick turnaround.

The NVS Hair and Blow Dry Salon is located at 4278 Herschel St., directly across from St. John's Presbyterian Church and the hours of operation are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Call (904) 619-9935 or LIKE them on Facebook.



John Donahoo III, Barbara Gubbin, Marcelle Polednik, Maria Hane, Michael Boylan (Photo courtesy of Dennis Ho Photo)

Ortega resident honored with Ninah May Holden Cumber award

The annual Ninah May Holden Cumber Award ceremony, held in late March, honored individuals and organizations who have helped build artful connections between people and the environment.

Ortega resident Linda Alexander, local garden advocate, received the Individual Award. Alexander, who was not present, is a long-time supporter of the Cumber Gardens, and a passionate leader of the Late Bloomers Garden Club that supports garden initiatives throughout the region.

Ian Mairs, playwright and founder of Swamp Radio, which is focused on exploring Northeast Florida and

expressing the Florida landscape, received the Artist Award. The Community Award was presented to Cultural Fusion for its work in uniting cultural organizations throughout the region and accepted by Barbara Gubbin, director of the Jacksonville Public Library, Marcelle Polednik, director and Chief Curator of MOCA, Maria Hane, executive director of MOSH, and Michael Boylan, resident and CEO of WJCT. Community First Credit Union was awarded the Corporate Award for its community outreach programs at family-friendly locations throughout Jacksonville.

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COASTAL LAW'S HIGH MARKS RAISE THE BAR

When William Flournoy first realized he'd passed the Florida Bar Exam he was relieved. "I was just glad that I passed," he said. "It's one of those exams that when you walk away there is always some doubt." But the Florida Coastal School of Law student's relief turned to delight two days later when he understood just how well he did. On his first try, Flournoy had scored among the highest of his peers in Florida and first among his Florida Coastal classmates.

"On Monday I could see that I passed. On Wednesday, I could see that I did pretty good," he said, noting Chief Judge Vincent G. Torpy, Jr. has asked him to speak at the swearing-in ceremony in Daytona May 4.

Flournoy was not the only Coastal student who passed the Bar on his first try. This year, Florida Coastal School of Law ranked third in the state with seventy-five percent of the candidates passing the exam on their first attempt. And it's not the first time Coastal Law students have bettered the state average. In the 23 Florida Bar examinations administered since 2004, the school has equaled or bettered the average passing percentage 10 times. Perhaps more remarkable is that 88 percent of the law school's graduates eventually pass the Bar examination.

"One of our top priorities is to graduate attorneys who can immediately

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This approach is beginning to be recognized nationally. For the second year in a row, The National Jurist has named Florida Coastal a best law school for providing practical training. The leading news source in legal education granted it with an A+ listing in its top 20 law schools. This is an improvement from Coastal Law's A- ranking in 2014.

One difference is that Florida Coastal provides its students with ample internship and externship opportunities, placing them with firms throughout Florida and the southeast. Flournoy interned with a private Jacksonville firm that did home foreclosure defense, he said. He plans to set up a practice, specializing in first and third party property claims as well as criminal cases.

"Just passing the bar exam doesn't make you a hireable attorney," said Interim Dean Mary Margaret Giannini. "Our students take what they learn in law school and apply it to the real world."

Flournoy agrees. "I've heard some employers have hired Coastal grads after they were disappointed with the hires from other schools," he said. "Apparently they really liked the way Coastal has prepared them."

After graduating from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri, Flournoy applied to several law schools but selected Florida Coastal after he visited the campus. "I liked the practical nature of the school. I want to be a practicing attorney and to be in the courtroom. Because I actually want to practice, I could see it would be a good fit for me," he said.

It was Florida Coastal's "open door" policy that most impressed him, Flournoy said. "In a lot of law schools you can get lost in the classroom, and you can't go into the professor's office and talk to them about things, but at Coastal you can," he said.



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Beginning with a cocktail reception and a silent auction, the event included a raffle, dinner and dancing. Local philanthropist Ernie Bono, chairman of Baptist Medical

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The event raised money for Catholic Charities' emergency assistance program, said event organizer Kerry Warren of San Marco. "This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The money is going to help families in crisis in our community," she said.



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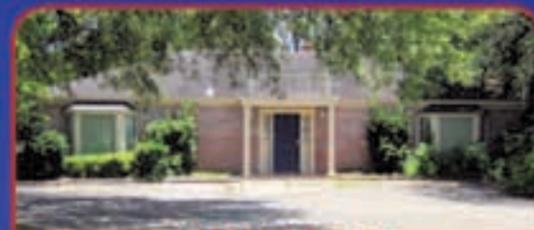
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The Police Athletic League of Jacksonville honored Sheriff John Rutherford and raised funds for a worthy cause March 27 at its second annual Sheriff's Round-Up for PAL.

With the Deerwood Country Club decked out in a country-western theme, Round-Up goers had a chance to do some boot scootin' while raising funds to support programs that encourage children to grow into law-abiding citizens.

In addition to enjoying live music and tasty vittles, participants at the Round-Up could play a round of blackjack, bid on an array of silent auction items, and enjoy s'mores, cigar bar and libations.

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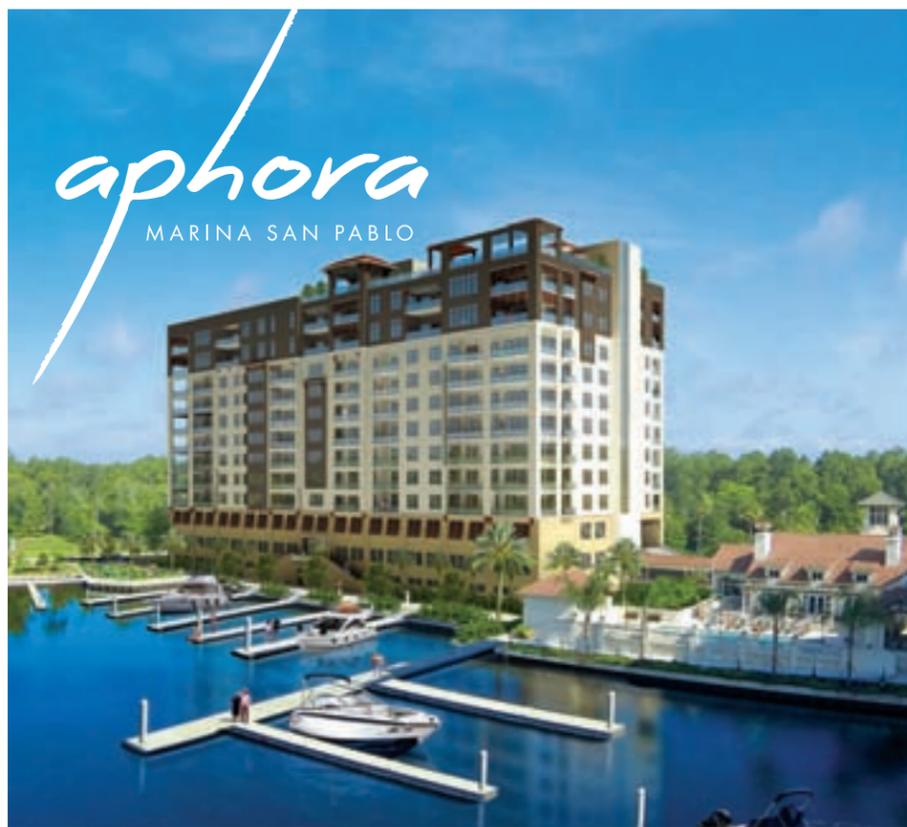
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The semi-formal evening, including an exceptional dinner and fundraising auction, was held in the school's Buck Student Center. It is Episcopal's biggest event of the year and has been held since 1975.

Thanks to the efforts of many dedicated individuals, ESJ is celebrating 49 years of providing its students with a superior college-preparatory education within a nurturing Christian environment.

"It has been my honor to serve as the chairperson of Under the Big Top – Celebration 2015, but it is the community of Episcopal parent volunteers that made this event possible," said Janine Moore, Chair of Under the Big Top – Celebration 2015. "With their assistance we were able to raise over \$80,000 to benefit the School while bringing the school community together for a wonderful evening."

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Dirty Martinis for Clean Water

The San Marco and West Jacksonville Rotary Clubs' fundraiser, Dirty Martinis for Clean Water, was held April 17 at the Jacksonville Garden Club. The event included music, cocktails, tastings and a silent auction. Proceeds from the event will benefit Rotary International's drive to provide clean drinking water to all as well as other Northeast Florida charities and non-profit organizations.



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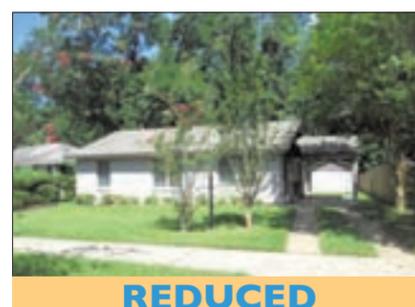
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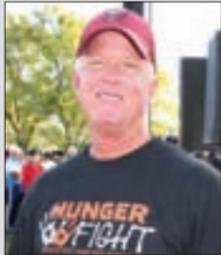
Runners support Hunger Fight

More than 1,200 runner came out to support Hunger Fight at its Color Me Fed 5K Walk/Run on March 28. With 172 volunteers and sponsorships from Tijuana Flats, Smoothie King, Coggin Honda on Atlantic, Lil Kimmi Dee Creations, Barefoot Wines and Whole Foods, Dean Porter counted the event a huge success.

Hunger Fight has packaged nearly 900,000 meals since it was established about 18 months ago as a nonprofit, enlisting schools, churches and businesses to help put the nutritious meals together at mega-packing events. For more information visit www.hungerfight.org.



Evelyn Polsenski, Linda Stratford, Christie Polsenski



Dean Porter

Seafood soiree for Memorial Park funds

The Memorial Park Association (MPA) rallied around a New England-style feast, as Maine lobsters were served at the Cool Moose Café on Park Street. The recent fundraising event was a team effort as the staff, chef and family behind the café helped to deliver an intimate evening with silent auction, raffle winnings and other

great memorabilia showered upon guests.

Numerous community groups have been rallying support for the Olmsted-designed park over the last few years, as the MPA board has set a high fundraising bar to renovate and improve the park.



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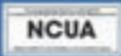
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A dozen beautifully restored homes, a guided bicycle tour, the Jacksonville Artists' Guild sale at the Art & Craftsmen Showcase home, plus a plant sale and tours at Native Park prompted many residents to take advantage of the influx of visitors to the neighborhood by holding garage sales and hosting lemonade stands. Larry Romaine's N-Scale train layout at his home – voted Most River Friendly Yard – also helped make this year's RAP Tour of Homes the best ever. For more photos of the two-day event, visit residentnews.net and click on Order Photos.



Jean Marie Grimsley (second from left) gets ready to take a group on the 5th annual Bike Tour of the RAP Tour of Homes.



Hope, Hector and Daire Keymer with lemonade stand next door to the RAP Craftsman House.



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Celebrity chefs served up tasty morsels of food and fun at the 29th annual Celebrity Chefs Tasting and Silent Auction.

Done in support of the Salvation Army of Jacksonville Women's Auxiliary, the event drew many hungry diners to the Prime Osborne Convention Center on Mar. 19. Funds raised from the event will support a child development center, the Towers Memorial Social Services Center, an adult rehabilitation center and The Salvation Army Senior Center.

"It will be some time before we know our 'bottom line,' however, I can say

that the Community has once again been very generous," said Major Staci McWilliams. "We feel certain that The Women's Auxiliary will be able to full fill the needs and wishes of the many Salvation Army programs that rely on their yearly fundraising"

Among the more than one dozen chefs serving everything from gorgonzola truffles to vegetarian collard greens were Peter Bragan Jr. of the Jacksonville Suns, Duval County Supervisor of Elections Jerry Holland and Lisa Mancini, CSX vice president.

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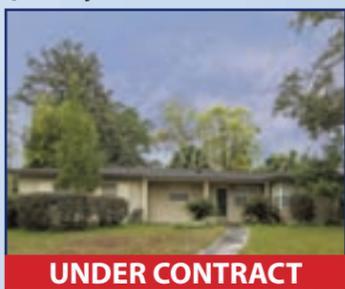
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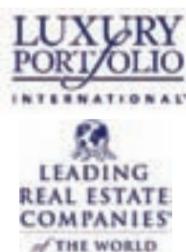
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BIG MONEY RAISED FOR CATHEDRAL ARTS PROJECT

The Cathedral Arts Project raised more than half a million dollars to support its art education programs during its 11th Annual Spring for the Arts fundraiser April 17 at the Deerwood Country Club.

Speakers at the event included Duval Country Public School Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti, President and CEO of Baptist Health Hugh Greene and his wife Susan, and Presenting Sponsor Heather Moore Geraghty. Hugh and Susan Greene were the honorary chairs of the event.

Beth Jennison was the event chairma

During the fundraiser, the Greens presented Linda and David Stein with the 2015 Guardian of the Arts Award. Earlier that day, the Cathedral Arts Project gained recognition as a 2015 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award Finalist by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. Out of 335 nominations, the Cathedral Arts project was selected as one of 50 finalists for the award.



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BIG NIGHT FOR CUMMER MUSEUM, ART APPRECIATION



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More than 300 guests enjoyed an interactive artistic evening in the lavishly decorated galleries of the museum during the annual Cummer Ball April 25. Overseeing the black-tie event was honorary chairman Preston Haskell and his wife Joan. The theme of the evening was Rothko to Richter: Mark-Making in Abstract Painting from the Collection of Preston H. Haskell, organized by the Princeton

University Art Museum.

Patrons enjoyed an evening filled with artistic moments from painting to dancing, to music and theater, in addition to a seated dinner in the galleries as well as cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. A silent auction was held where guests had the opportunity to bid on artwork based on Winslow Homer's The White Rowboat as interpreted by nine Jacksonville artists:

Karen Kurycki, Thony Aiuppy, Dustin Harewood, Andre Gruber, Crystal Floyd, Christianna White, Marisa Yow, Overstreet Ducasse and Varick Rosete. During dinner, a live auction to support ongoing educational opportunities at the museum.

Serving as co-chairs for the event were Kenyon Varn Merritt and Kriste Schmidt Seay. Ron Autrey acted as the Corporate Chairman.



Tim Simpson with Brent Tuten, Liz Grenamy, Mack Evans, Beth and Billy Morris



Lee and Dorothy Thomas with Monica and Robert Jacoby



Hazel and Thomas Donahoo

JEWISH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES HONORS BEST AND BRIGHTEST

Photos by Larry Tallis

The theme of this year's fundraiser "Heroes Among Us" was chosen to honor all of those whose hard work and support make JFCS one of our community's most vital social service organizations. From staff, volunteers, donors and supporters to the clients themselves; all selflessly help to strengthen each other, their families and the community at-large.

Guests were treated to a vocal presentation by the Jacksonville Children's Chorus, followed by three videos created by The Silhouettes and a guest performance by a local vocalist. The Silhouettes, based out of Hollywood, selects one charity organization a year and dedicates their performance to the mission of the organization. The three

videos told the stories of Homeless Prevention, Children's Services and Jewish Causes, specifically Holocaust survivors and the elderly.

Co-Chair Susan Dubow introduced a last and final special guest of the evening, her long-time friend, Melissa

Manchester, who delivered a stunning vocal performance. Melissa's songs of love mirrored her kind words of the importance of supporting JFCS and all it does for the community.



Susan DuBow and Harry Shorstein



Honorary Co-Chairs Jay and Deanie Stein with JFCS Executive Director Colleen Rodriguez, JFCS Board President Ellen Rosner and Co-Chairs Kimberly and Richard Sisisky



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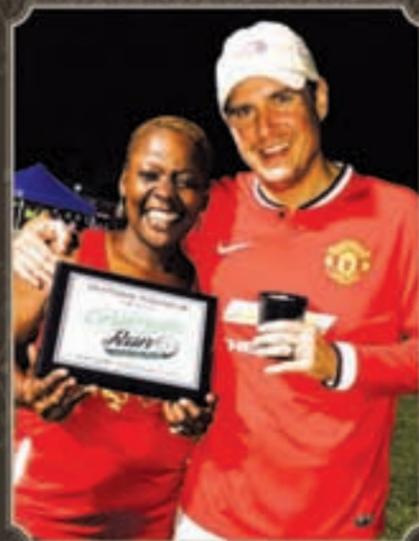
Many members of the Pajcic and Pajcic Law Firm and their families participated in the Katie Ride for Life this spring. The bicycle touring event is designed to raise awareness for the importance of organ donation. It is in honor of Katie Caples who was killed in a car accident at age 17. She was a registered organ donor and her generous act saved 5 lives. Pajcic and Pajcic is proud to support the Katie Caples Foundation.



Our firm was honored to sponsor the annual Edward Waters College Celebrity Golf Tournament in memory of Gary Pajcic. Several former NFL players were among those who hit the links to help raise money for the college's annual fund. It provides unrestricted dollars for the college operations, scholarships, academic support and more. Former Jaguars punter Bryan Barker was on the winning team.



There are always plenty of Pajcic employees willing to put on their running shoes and participate in the city's 5K Corporate Run. It gives people in all types of businesses a chance to get together after work and compete. We took home a few trophies this year and of course we are very competitive so the training has already begun for next year!



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Raising Kanes

Three kids, three dogs, controlled chaos

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

Three small children, three large dogs. At Dr. Chris and Beth Kane's Ortega Forest home that means chaos has a possibility of erupting at any time.

Although raising triplets Jack, Elli and Addi and coping with aging Weimaraners Ichabod, Raisin and Jaeger can be a trial at times, Beth Kane wouldn't have it any other way.

"There are specific challenges at each stage. I was on bed rest for 15 weeks before they were born at 30 weeks but we were so lucky. They were healthy and were only in the NICU for five weeks. Of course, they all had different sleep patterns and distinct personalities," Beth said.

One challenge to going places when her children were younger was that the stroller wouldn't fit through doors; Beth frequently carried one baby on her hip, one in a sling in front and one in a back pack.

Dr. Kane, an anesthesiologist at North Florida Anesthesiology Consultants, has an unpredictable work schedule and doesn't get to spend as much time with the his family as he'd like to. Now that they are older there are so many more things the family can do together

including play dates with Lakeside residents Dr. Paul and Angela Crum, who have a four-year-old daughter and two-year-old twin girls and understand the challenges of managing multiples.

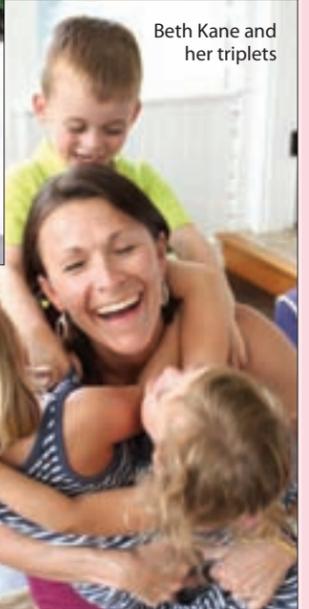
"They do fight – sharing is an issue – but we've found that having a time limit for toys is helpful and we are strict about manners but I wouldn't change a thing," Beth said. "They do better with a definite schedule and keeping busy but we try not to have everything directed. We let them be creative. Their favorite thing is pretend camping. One great thing is they always have a playmate."

The family will mark the triplets' 4th birthday this month with a party and a trip to Disney World. Beth's mother will bake and decorate individual cakes that showcase each child's interest. Hazel-eyed like his father, Jack said that his birthday cake is a dinosaur theme. The baby of the group, curly-haired Elli loves unicorns and Addi's blue eyes sparkle as she talks about her shark cake.

Beth, who is a former nurse, said that being super-organized is the key to maintaining control as well as having lots of help. "My mom and my stepdad come



Beth Kane's entourage



Beth Kane and her triplets

down several months of the year and that's great. They help so that we can have some one-on-one time with each child," Beth said.

The triplets attend St. Mark's Episcopal Day School four mornings a week so Beth can get to the gym, stop at the grocery store, and run loads of laundry before picking them up for lunch. After a little play time, Jack and his non-identical sisters have a rest time in the afternoon.

At bedtime, both parents spend one-on-one time reading and talking with the children. Beth then lays out clothes for the next day, gets snacks and lunches ready and organizes the house. "They are my little helpers," she shared. "They have age-appropriate chores – putting toys away, putting their PJs in the washer, feeding the dogs. Teaching responsibility is important."

This active mom has run the 5K Gate, the Ortega River Run and the One Spark run, and does Cross Fit as well. Her example has the children up and running, too, riding bikes together as a family.

"They like to exercise. People used to stop and take pictures of us when I had them in the stroller and the dogs were running along beside," Beth said. "It's fun. I like challenges."

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By Kate A. Hallock
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Community News

A shout-out to marvelous, matchless moms

All moms are heroes – just by doing all the unnoticed things that knit a family together. Mothers who juggle more balls than a circus performer often feel as though they’ve spent the day walking barefoot across hot coals. At the end of the night, with a little relief and perhaps a bit of recognition, these busy women are ready to take their act on the road again another day.

In honor of the one day a year that moms can claim their own, *The Resident* asked contributors to share stories about mothers who will inspire us all. We call them Super Moms.



Michelle Krueger

Super Mom Michelle Krueger lives in Avondale with husband Dean and children Reed (7) Stella (5), who attend Riverside Presbyterian Day School. Michelle has been a teacher at The Episcopal School of Jacksonville for 16 years, working as Visual Arts Instructor, Worship Leader, and was Girls Cross Country and Track Coach for 10 years. She is a sponsored/competitive runner, competing in local races and is a multiple Boston Marathon qualifier.

“I appreciate what a gift and blessing healthy children are. My twin sister has a daughter that was born 10 years ago with a heart condition. My niece is a true miracle and watching my sister and the love and sacrifices she has made is truly inspiring. I also draw strength from all of my ‘runner girlfriends’ that are working moms. After an early morning run with them, I feel empowered to take on the day!”



Katie Dearing

Super Mom Katie Dearing lives in Ortega Forest with husband Dan and two sons, Luke (7) who attends John H. Stockton Elementary School, and Jack (4), a student at St. John’s Presbyterian Preschool. Katie is a lawyer and a managing partner of the Dearing Law Firm, where she represents businesses and individuals in various litigation matters.

“I am the mother I am thanks to my own terrific mother, Nancy Lee, who showed me how to have a career and still put my family first, and to the dear mom friends I have made in the last 7 years, who listen, help and encourage me, and who share in our successes and struggles. Motherhood is not something you can do well without support, and I am forever grateful for those fabulous women who help me be the best mom I can be.”



Colleen Haley

Super Mom Colleen Haley lives in Avondale with husband Chris and children Liza, (almost 6, attends Riverside Presbyterian Day School); Malloy, 3-1/2, and Jack, 2, who attend The Cathedral School. A working mom, Colleen is Vice President and Assistant Corporate Secretary at Fidelity National Financial, an attorney whose responsibilities include working with the boards of FNF and its subsidiaries, corporate governance, and required filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“I am the mother I am thanks to my mother, who worked full time while raising me as a single mom, yet still found the time to make me feel like the most special person in her world and like the world was full of possibilities.”

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Meg Sacks

Super Mom Meg Sacks lives in Ortega with husband Jon and children Mattie (6), who attends Riverside Presbyterian Day School, and Spencer (2), who goes to The Cathedral School. Meg is the Director of Marketing at Episcopal School of Jacksonville, where she writes “all things Episcopal,” from parent communications to putting together the annual report, The Magazine of Episcopal, the weekly newsletter, the website content, and all media and advertising for the school. Meg is also a writer for Jacksonville Moms Blog, a Junior League past president, member of Leadership Jacksonville and coordinator for MomsNext at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, which is a group for moms of elementary school children.

“I am the mother I am thanks to my own parents and grandparents and their love. I am also the mom I am today because of all of my mama friends, who have taught me how to laugh at motherhood, get through the difficult days, and generally made me feel like a normal person as I find my way as a mom. I’d be lost without them!”



Tammy Morreale

Super Mom Tammy Morreale lives in Avondale with husband Frank and 7-year-old triplets Charlie, Henry and Jackson, who attend Riverside Presbyterian Day School. Tammy is a National HR Quality Director at PwC (Price-waterhouseCoopers), responsible for compensation and quality control processes. She said that the boys follow birth order stereotypes and that it is much easier raising triplets than three children of different ages or having an older child that might demand attention while tending to three infants.

“I am the mother I am thanks to all the wonderful, Godly examples of motherhood who proceeded me and who shaped my values...my mom, my older sister, my mother-in-law and many women in my church growing up. They each had their own unique style of motherhood and I hope I’ve incorporated a little bit of each of them into how I raise my boys.”



Morgan Storm

Super Mom Morgan Storm lives in Avondale with husband Witt and children Bayard (7), Cardin (5) and Ford (4), who attend Riverside Presbyterian Day School. A working mother, Morgan is the Assistant Director of Advancement at RPDS, and said she has it so good being able to do a job she is passionate about while also getting sweet “surprise visits” with her children throughout the day.

“I am the mother I am thanks to the innocence and adoration looking back at me in my children’s eyes. Whether we are celebrating together after an achievement, crying together after a rough day with a friend, or struggling together to talk through a bad choice, the look in their eyes reminds me of the powerful and important role I have as their mom and motivates me to be the best I can be for them.”

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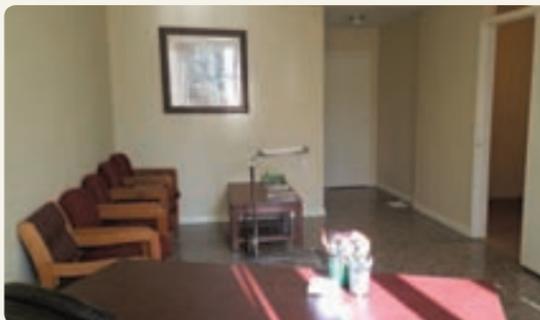
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Happy 100th Birthday, Helene Cameron Bunnell

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

Helene Bunnell's "centennial skydive" had to be postponed this year. Although she is known to exclaim "I don't have any ambition!" skydiving at 100 is more than ambitious, some may feel it's risky and ill-advised.

"Well, I've done it several times – for my 88th, 89th and 99th birthdays and I could do it yet!" justified the Ortega centenarian, whose recent ill health prevented her from the planned event. "I

decided that's how I wanted to celebrate my birthday. I always want to do more than blow out candles."

Last year Bunnell jumped on Mother's Day. She enjoys the thrill of looking at the scenery from so far up and see the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf at the same time. Son Richard and several grandkids travel to Deland for the event and have joined her on the multi-generational dive. Bunnell said, "There's a crowd of us! It's fun for the whole bunch to be there."

The spirited woman explained that she is the oldest one in her family tree and

credits "stubbornness" for her longevity. It is evident that her inquisitive, adventurous nature has also contributed to her long life. After a variety of vocations, she married Wayne Bunnell, a dairy farmer, and raised a family. She laughingly recalled, "I tried milking a cow once. I walked out and left the pail where it was."

She and Wayne traveled all over the United States and Europe after Richard was grown. "I love to see new places, new things, new people. I like to read – anything at all – I pick it up and if it's well written, I read it." Daughter-in-law Wynelle shared, "She has always been



very independent. She is quite a lady." Her advice for young people? "Have patience; things will straighten out! But, dare to do things. If there's something you'd like to do, *do it*. Who knows what you might discover?"



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The Way We Were – Ann Stiefel Joiner Brewster

By Julie Kerns Garmendia
Resident Community News

Ann Stiefel Joiner Brewster will celebrate her 90th birthday in November. She grew up on Avondale's Hollywood Avenue with her father Clarence, a pharmacist with a Forsyth Street pharmacy and her mother Amy Stiefel. She lived near many friends who all attended school together. She and her friends could not wait to enter junior high at John Gorrie Junior High School.

"One of the best things that happened while I attended John Gorrie was the Dance Cotillion and dance lessons," she said. "Mr. and Mrs. Pratt gave ballroom dancing lessons every Friday evening. The Woman's Club next to the Cummer Museum was transformed into a dance school. It was a wonderful social occasion for the 50-60 junior high students who danced to records and had such fun. The Pratts were excellent dance instructors. Our mothers hosted dinners before the lessons during the two years most of us attended," she said.

As a youngster, Brewster played hide-and-seek with playmates in a vacant lot at Fitch and Hollywood that her maternal grandparents John and Anna Raabe owned.

"We roamed all over Avondale playing games we made up on our own, even at night during the summers. There were no Barbie dolls back then!" she said.

The Raabes owned residential and commercial property throughout the area.



They lived in a long-gone, two-story, six-bedroom home that dominated the corner of North Julia and West Beaver Streets. It seemed huge to their granddaughter Ann, who has never forgotten visiting there.

Brewster is a swimmer who took lessons from Crystal Scarborough at Lackawanna Pool on Lenox Avenue when she was in elementary school during the 1930s. The Lackawanna Playfield where the pool is located was considered the city's premier athletic facility when it opened in 1929. It was renamed Mallison Park & Center in 1968.

"I remember riding bikes with my friends over to the pool and paying 10 cents to swim," she said. "I later learned that Miss Scarborough moved to California and became well-known for her methods of teaching infants to swim."

Ann Stiefel graduated from Lee High School in 1943. She attended Ward Belmont College in Nashville and the University of Georgia. She married the late Miller Joiner, a friendship that grew into love that lasted 43 years. They first met when she was 15 and he was a Bolles student.

"Miller grew up in Riverside on Ernest Street and I knew him for a long time before we married," she said. "After high school he entered military service as a pilot and finished his college education afterwards. We married in 1952 and moved into a new Ortega Forest home on Westfield Road. Our good friends, the late John Watkins and his wife Ella (Hawkins) Watkins, lived right



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across the street from us. Ella's sister Jane had been in my class. They grew up on Edgewood Avenue. I still see Ella at Riverside Garden Club, Watsonian Circle meetings." Ann has been a Garden Club member for 50-plus years.

During the course of their marriage the Joiners also lived on Water Oak Lane and then built a home on Exeter Lane for their growing family. Miller worked in the Ford Motor Company office at their Talleyrand plant. Ann only left Ortega for a few years when Ford transferred Miller to Richmond, Virginia.

Around 1968 the Joiners moved back to Jacksonville with their three children and bought a riverfront home on Ortega Forest Drive where they lived about 12 years. When they sold their Ortega Forest home they lived on Venetia Boulevard until 1989 when they moved to Riverside. The couple had three children: Andrea, Margaret Ann and Miller Joiner, Jr. III, who resides in Venetia. He has one son, Parker, 24, Ann's only grandson.

After Joiner's death, Ann became reacquainted with and married fellow Lee High School 1943 graduate Gene Brewster, now deceased. He grew up in Avondale on Belvedere and missed their graduation because he was called into military service.

"I only got to know Gene when I was 70 years old!" she said. "We volunteered together for Meals on Wheels and helped down at the Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless for the 12 years we were married."

A visit with Brewster requires some scheduling around her weekly Bridge games. A keen player with three different groups, she also substitutes. Brewster enjoys two Book Clubs and is active at St. Mark's Episcopal. She has taken two cruises sponsored by the Jacksonville Symphony and looks forward to family gatherings. Her brother Clarence Stiefel, Jr. is retired from the insurance business and lives in Fairfax Manor with his wife Fran (Giles). Her other brother, the late John Stiefel



was a Gainesville psychiatrist whose son, her nephew John Stiefel, Jr., lives in Avondale. He and his wife Catherine (Jennings) Stiefel have two sons.

Brewster's interest in family and history is for good reason. Her family descended from the 1600s in Virginia through her father's Stiefel relative, Augustine Warner. In 1642 the British Crown awarded a land

grant of 600 acres on the Chesapeake Bay to Warner for safely transporting settlers to Jamestown. Warner Hall waterfront plantation and 38 of its original acres is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 1642 foundation of the family mansion is preserved beneath a restored home that suffered fire damage twice over the centuries. The Warner Hall Inn

historic bed and breakfast and the Warner Hall Graveyard are Virginia landmarks visited earlier this year for the first time by Ann and many family members. Ann's Stiefel/Warner family tree includes President George Washington, a descendant of Augustine Warner, making the first president her distant cousin, among other important historical figures.

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Local couple takes on third historic renovation

A passion for period pieces and homes

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

"Oh no, not again," was Dr. William Long's response when his wife Kathy led him into the 1922 two-story ivy-covered brick home on River Boulevard that had been designed by notable Jacksonville architect George Olaf Holmes.

Having previously renovated two historic homes in Ortega, Dr. Long could see immediately the 87-year-old structure had issues. Window sashes were rotten. Pigeons inhabited the attic. A brick chimney was crumbling. Cracks lined the plaster walls. The house needed new wiring and plumbing. In the back, six-foot slurry-over-cinderblock walls were unstable and the yard was impossibly overgrown.

But still, the house had much to offer. Most of it seemed solid, secure and structurally sound. Two original fireplaces downstairs were adorned with handmade tile from Chicago. Plaster millwork surrounded the ceilings. The kitchen was large and included a butler's pantry, boiler room and "lemonade" window near the floor. Unlike other 1922 houses, there was ample closet space and a marble-floored power room downstairs. Extended eaves overlooked large windows, which were carefully positioned to promote cross breezes from the St. John's River across the street.

Also, the location was perfect. The house was situated within walking distance to St. Vincent's Hospital where Dr. Long works, the shops at 5 Points, the Cummer Museum and the small apartment building next door, where his mother-in-law lives.

"When my wife took me into the house,



July 2014 prior to renovation

my first response was 'no, not again' but as is usually the case, her passion for the project prevailed," Dr. Long said.

Dr. Long's wife had studied interior design at Virginia Commonwealth University and had developed a passion for antique furniture. Kathy's desire to renovate bygone homes was sparked by collecting period pieces early in her marriage. "Generally old pieces lead to old homes," she said. "We both like the character and the charm of the neighborhoods in which they are built."

The 1922 house is the third – and youngest – historic home in Jacksonville the Longs have renovated. The Longs' first historic home was a 1914 shingle shake home on Grand Avenue in Ortega. It had been vacant when they moved into it 33 years ago and they installed electrical and plumbing upgrades as well as a new HVAC system and kitchen.

Twenty years later, they tackled a 1907 shingle shake house on a quieter street in Ortega. Built as an office for the logging mill across the Ortega River, each room upstairs had two doorways – one to enter the room and one to access the office next to it. The Longs closed some doorways to create more closet space utilizing 1946 blueprints that the former owners bequeathed them.

The Longs moved to their second home because they loved the location, but after 11 years, they decided to move again, hoping to find an older home that required "less upkeep." Although she did not intentionally seek another renovation project, Kathy said couldn't resist the 1922 house after she saw its location.

"I fell in love with the street. It's so active. It's in constant motion," Kathy said, noting it's not road traffic but dog-walkers, joggers and "helpful" neighbors that keep the street abuzz. "It's pleasant here. I like the urban part of it. You can walk everywhere. The pace is slower because you don't just jump in your car. I love seeing people sitting on their porches."

The Longs started renovating in July 2014 and hope to be finished in two



1922 home designed by George Olaf Holmes. Photo credit: State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory, <http://floridamemory.com/items/show/142403>



Fancy window façade in stair well



Exterior of the house April 2015



Kathy Long on her front porch

months. The project has been easier than their previous endeavors because they have been living with their daughter and not in the house while it is under construction, Kathy said.

Because her new neighbors told her River Boulevard occasionally floods during storms, the Longs decided to replace the knob and tube wiring which "no insurance company likes," Kathy said. They also installed a new HVAC system placing ductwork behind the walls. Although she intends to retain many of the house's original features, such as the antique ball-tip door hinges and beveled glass windows, many fenestrae had to be replaced due to cracked glass and wood rot. Kathy said she retained the original glass wherever possible.

Stately 10-foot ceilings tower downstairs while upstairs the ceilings are nine and a half feet. Kathy said she was surprised to discover some rooms had three ceilings when they began to install ductwork.

To make the house more comfortable, the Longs gutted the kitchen, removing the boiler room with its coal-fire furnace and butler's pantry. The kitchen is being restructured so they can have an eating area and install modern countertops and appliances. Upstairs, Kathy is adding a laundry room, and reducing the number of bedrooms from five to three. One bedroom will become a sitting room while another will be a closet. She plans to keep the French paneling, circa 1960, in the dining room. They will not immediately use the two wood-burning fireplaces in the living room because they need to be repointed with stainless steel inserts, a project for another day. "The neighbors would never forgive us if we burn down St. John's Quarter," Kathy said.

In order to preserve the historic brick exterior, the Longs covered it with lime wash. The backyard walls, which include recessed alcoves for plants, have been stabilized. Kathy said she intends to use original bricks to create sitting area and



Charming recess in backyard wall, April 2015

paths lined with boxwood for a maze-like atmosphere. "It's perfectly suited for a knot garden," she said. "It reminds me of Miss Havensham's and I want to recreate some of that," Kathy said alluding to the Dickens character. "I think my grandkids will have a blast out here."

Restoring a historic home to its former glory enhances the existing neighborhood, Dr. Long said. "It's important not only to preserve and restore historic structures but to restore some of the history of Jacksonville itself. Some of Jacksonville's architectural history was destroyed in the great fire of 1901. This makes preserving what we have even more meaningful," he said.

When renovating an older residence, homeowners should consider several points, Dr. Long said. Most projects take much longer than anticipated and it is important to be thorough. "You need to use people who are knowledgeable, who feel pride in their work and in historic preservation," he said. "There is always more to be done than one first recognizes. One must be prepared. Cutting corners will cost more in the long run. Do it right the first time."

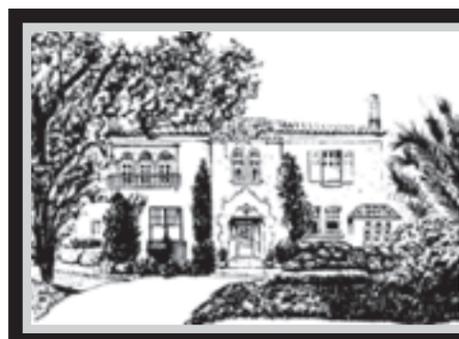
Also, most renovation projects are full of surprises and usually run over budget, Kathy said. Although she didn't initially seek to restore another historic home, she is certain any house they selected would have included renovation. "If you've done your own renovation, at least you know what is behind the walls. That's when you can sleep well at night," she said. "We're patient. We know we need make the house structurally sound. We want it to be here for another 100 years."



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In Memoriam

Kent Lindsey — June 1, 1953 – April 15, 2015

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

He started as a cowboy in Texas, working on a ranch growing up, and at first his life was all about horses, but when he realized he'd become too big to be a jockey he turned his life toward music, remembered Mike Shackelford of his best friend and band mate Kent Lindsey.

"He was quite the ham, even at a young age. I heard he led stage productions at age 6. He really was a beautiful man," Shackelford recalled.

When Lindsey died at 61 of cancer on April 15 he left the stage as an accomplished musician, actor and filmmaker. "He was fearless about his passion for life," Shackelford said. "He didn't do anything with a safety net."

Lindsey was living in El Paso, Texas, when his good friend, Pat Horine of



Kent Lindsey and Mike Shackelford on stage together one last time at the second reunion of their band, Justin, in August 2013. Photo by Jeff Holland.



Best friends forever, Kent Lindsey and Mike Shackelford in Kentucky, 1976

the Kingston Trio, suggested he give Shackelford a call in Kentucky in June 1975. "Before he hung up the phone he said, 'I'll be there in two days,' and he came to see me in Lexington," Shackelford recalled. "Then he moved up there."

In Lexington, the two started up the iconic band Justin and played together for 14 years. They got their start in Jacksonville when they were offered a two-week gig at the Steak and Ale on Arlington Expressway on March 15, 1976. Two weeks extended to four weeks and before long Shackelford and Lindsey had moved to Jacksonville, playing before a packed house every night as Steak and Ale's house band. "We started with two acoustic guitars then ended up as a rock and roll band," Shackelford said. "At first we were kind of like the Smothers Brothers, singing songs and always telling funny stories. He was very entertaining."

Eventually Lindsey decided to leave the band for the "more secure" profession of acting. "We never broke up, we just stopped playing," Shackelford recalled.

As an actor, Lindsey leaves an impressive resume having appeared in feature films such as "Passenger 57," "Glory" and "GI Jane" as well as numerous television shows and national commercials. He was also featured in many industrial film productions for agencies such as CSX, UPS, NASA and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

In Jacksonville, Lindsey is best remembered as Safari Sam, a character he played on a Saturday morning TV show on Fox 30's Kids' Club. He also was the creator, producer and host of the Emmy award winning "Jacksonville Legacy Series." He served as vice president of the Florida Motion Picture and Television Association and was a graduate of Leadership Jacksonville as well as president of the Meninak Club in 2010.

Lindsey was also active in Jacksonville theatre. Lee Hamby, a local actor and director, recalls working with Lindsey in 2001 in the play, "Assassins," a show where all the characters were presidential assassins and Lindsey played John Wilkes

Booth. "We hit it off," he said. "He was a genuine kind, giving and extremely talented man." Hamby said Lindsey's last theatre performance was in "The Eight Reindeer Monologues" three years ago, shortly before he found out he had cancer. "I could go on for days about how wonderful he was. This is such a loss to the community."

Hamby remembers well watching Lindsey's Safari Sam show on Saturday mornings. "Looking back I guess it was the cheesiest thing in the whole world, but as a kid I thought he was the coolest thing ever."

Former Jacksonville Mayor Jake Godbold, who was a subject of Lindsey's Legacy Series, remembered him this way:

"When Kent spent almost an entire day interviewing me, I knew that he had been fighting a long battle with cancer, and I knew he had to be uncomfortable from all the medicine he had endured for months. But, during the entire process, as we talked, I watched someone with tremendous grace and courage who never complained but made sure that the focus was on what I was saying and not how he was feeling. It was obvious that he had done his homework and his questions were insightful and based on lots of research. Kent was a true professional in every sense of the word."

A celebration of Lindsey's life will be held at 3 p.m., Monday, May 11 at the studios of WJCT Channel 7.

On Thursday, May 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. a fund-raising gala, "A Musical Evening at the Gratitude Café," will be held at the WJCT Studios to benefit Lindsey's wife and daughter. Tickets are \$75, with a \$30 charge for a wristband that covers all food and drink. For more information go to www.gratitudecafe.org.



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Residents bid goodbye to longtime mailmen

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

“Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.”

Retirement, however, will do what weather never did. On April 25 over 100 Ortega Forest residents gathered at Ortega United Methodist Church to share happy remembrances and celebrate the retirement of longtime mailmen Mike Havancik and Gary Reynolds. Coincidentally, both postal carriers have served Ortega Forest for 26 years. Havancik is ending his career with 32 years total, Reynolds with 40.

According to his postal customers, Havancik has kept his eye on the neighborhood. He watches out for folks, thwarts crime, and is a Secret Santa and every dog’s best friend! Havancik remarked, “It’s the best neighborhood. Everyone is like family. I’ve watched kids be born – grow up – I’m on my 3rd generation of dogs! The hardest day of my job was my last day.”



Mike Havancik, Gary Reynolds

Reynolds agreed. “I will miss my customers so much – every day I looked forward to going to work.” The first day of retirement? Havancik had a “honey-do” list to start on and Reynolds said he thought he’d just put his uniform on anyway, although he is looking forward to “traveling and getting up whenever I want to.”

Maggie Means and Susan Brown remarked that “It is a great loss. They are the two most caring people! These are big shoes to fill.”

Arbor Day dedication honors Gefen

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News



Sid Gefen poses in front of the tree purchased by friends and family in honor of his 95th birthday.

Four years to the day when the Sidney J. Gefen Riverwalk Park was dedicated on the Northbank, the Epping Forest resident was back for another dedication. In celebration of his upcoming 95th birthday, Gefen’s family and friends had purchased a live oak (7 years old, with 6-inch trunk) to be planted April 24 in the newly remediated park.

Soil remediation was required when contamination was discovered, according to Brian Burkett, project manager with the City’s Parks and Recreation Department. The

Solid Waste Department took the lead on the wo-month-long project, which began with stripping out all the existing landscaping in order to take off the top two feet of soil.

After removing the soil, clean fill was brought in and rye grass planted to stabilize the soil while waiting for the new shrubs. Burkett and his crew were tasked with re-vegetating the park and needed

a large tree. He turned to Anna Dooley, Greenscape executive director, to see if she could find a tree.

When Dooley realized which park was undergoing the remediation and re-landscaping, she immediately thought of Sid Gefen. The park had been the site of a maintenance facility for a marina owned by Gefen.

Dooley worked with Burkett and others to arrange for the dedication on Arbor Day, which happened to fall just a few days

before Gefen’s 95th birthday.

“Arbor Day, which began in 1872, is the only national holiday that doesn’t reflect on the past, but focuses on the future,” said Anna Dooley, Greenscape executive director. “Having this tree planted in commemoration of Sid’s big birthday is combining both the past and the future.”

Later that day about 40 employees from CSX volunteered to plant all the new shrubs, which were carefully placed in position by Burkett’s team.

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* FLASHBACKS *

Purposeful Preservation

By Robin Robinson
Resident Community News

Although some commercial buildings are permanently repurposed as residences, and vice versa, there's that occasional unique structure that seems to have more lives than a cat. 5 Points, which has more than its share of historic homes now serving as businesses, boasts a structure that has caught the eye of both home owners and business owners over and over.



Colonel Raymond Cay moved to Jacksonville in 1904. As a proud son of the Confederacy he was a true Southern gentleman. Upon his arrival he built a beautiful mansion on Riverside Avenue. (Photo courtesy of the Florida Archives: Florida Memory)



After the Great Fire of 1901 talented architects flocked to Jacksonville to facilitate the rebuilding of the city. Rutledge Holmes was one who came from Charleston and went to work on designing the Armory, the Duval County Courthouse, the Consolidated Building and the residence of Colonel Raymond Cay. The impressive Mediterranean-style mansion was located at 1249 Riverside Avenue on the "Row" of Riverside high society. The home was torn down in the 1960s, but the Carriage House that served the mansion, shown here in the early 1900s, is the sole remaining piece of Cay's estate. (Photo courtesy of the Jacksonville Historical Society)



Colonel Cay's Carriage House, built in 1905, is located at 1545 May Street on one of the few surviving brick-paved streets in Jacksonville. It has been utilized over the years as different residences and businesses. It is shown here in 1961 as a residence. (Photo courtesy of the Jacksonville Historical Society)



Today Colonel Cay's Carriage House is the charming stone building that is home to the Cecil Vignutti Salon for Hair. The owners did a tremendous job of renovating the interior of the two-story structure by taking it back to its original brick walls and high open rafter ceilings. The marvelous windows are utilized for an abundance of natural light. The furnishings are a taste of urban chic.

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Local creators reflect on One Spark experience

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

Some of the 537 creators spent months in the planning, others were “sparked” by last-minute inspiration. Many were existing companies, yet struggling to break through while some saw the third annual World’s Largest Crowdfunding event as a chance to jumpstart new businesses.

Several local creators won awards, including Jessica Osborn (Pass That H.R.O.!, Social Good, 3rd place); Kenny and Kate Roux (Let’s Tile Hemming Park, Art, 3rd place); Keagan Anfusio (The Grey Area; Art Juried Award); and Samantha Parton (B.O.L.D. City Summit Leadership Academy; Education; the Jax Award).

The Resident caught up with two local creators, who vied for their share of the 117,169 votes cast, and \$93,324 in contributions.



Carmen Marino and Sara Mae Simpson



Annie Murphy

Trash picking to profitability

Annie Murphy of Repurpose Jax is no stranger to construction, deconstruction and do overs. She and husband Michael got to “this point in their lives through a long and convoluted story.” Owners of Eco Relics in Riverside, the Murphys hope to create a woodworking studio, have classes for kids and host field trips at their 50,000 sq. ft. warehouse (an old freight railroad depot in Riverside) to educate people at a young age about the importance of re-using and re-purposing salvaged items. She laughingly explained that she is “the original ‘green’ trash picker lady and Michael loves architecture so our passions took on a life of their own.” Annie and Michael want to help train the next generation “to see the beauty in objects instead of just throwing them in the trash.” Their motto is reuse, recycle and repurpose, and their One Spark goal was \$100,000.

Art for mental illness

With her multimedia art exhibit “Inside Out” at One Spark, Avondale resident Carmen Marino hoped to help minimize the stigma surrounding mental illness. Marino, who has a mental health background, a master’s degree in counseling and herself struggled with depression and anxiety disorder, said that two years ago she was in a bleak place. Her painting “Cognitive Dissonance” shows the face she presents to the world and her inside self which expresses, “I’m in this right now but I’ll come out.”

The display of paintings on canvas depicted various artists’ journeys with mental illness,

accompanied by photographs and statements describing personal reflections and the reasoning behind the artwork, sharing with viewers that what a person presents on the outside is not always how they are feeling on the inside. Visitors to the exhibit helped create a community puzzle to express an emotion or feeling.

With her \$15,000 goal, Marino hopes to establish a nonprofit organization and have free art programs all over the city for those diagnosed with mental illness. She said “One Spark was exhausting but we heard personal stories and had conversations with people who are struggling. I feel like we were able to give a lot of people hope.”

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Farm to market vendors know their soil

By *Kate A. Hallock*
Resident Community News

Not content to rest on its fresh-leafed, homegrown laurels, the Riverside Arts Market entered its sixth season last month with significant changes to Farmers' Row. Visitors accustomed to making RAM their one-stop shop for all their produce, whether locally grown, in season or not, may now notice that there are some items they can't buy on their Saturday morning trip to the canopy of the Fuller-Warren Bridge.

"We've only had two emails from customers who are disappointed that we don't have the breadth of farmers we've had in the past because it will not be a one-stop shopping trip for them," said Krysten Bennett, RAM director. "We don't want RAM to be about convenience necessarily, we want the RAM experience to be unique in the urban core."

Bennett explained that in response to an extensive visitor survey conducted last season, they learned that a growing percentage of visitors look to RAM as a trusted source for truly local, seasonal produce. "We'll be the place you can come to because you have the confidence that the produce you buy is local, seasonal. If you need something not in season, not local...not found at RAM...Publix and Fresh Markets are close by."

Beginning with this year's market, Farmers' Row will be more producer-focused, locally grown and seasonal. Distributors are, for the most, out.

"A huge majority [of the visitors] were under the assumption that everything they were getting there was locally grown, directly by the farmers from whom they were purchasing. That was not always the case," Bennett said. "It showed us that our visitors were looking for truly farmers' market experiences rather than a produce experience. We wanted there to be more transparency in the market and for the Farmers' Row guidelines to be in line with the artists' guidelines, that they hand make what they sell."

Katie Delaney, RAM's new farmer

liaison, will oversee Farmers' Row and interact with both growers and visitors. She has made site visits to many of the growing list of farmers who participate, whether they do so every week, once a month or when their specialty produce is in season. On Saturdays at the Farmers' Row booth, Delaney will have information about the farmers and will be able to help educate the community about sustainability, sharing with them the benefits of seasonal produce and local foods.

"It's a growing trend that people are becoming more interested in knowing where their food is coming from. They are asking more questions. There is a perception that what is on the table is actually what is seasonal and that is not always the case," said Delaney. "People in Jacksonville are interested in what is local... going to local artisans, getting local breads, listening to local music, and I think the produce is a big element of that. We want to make it an all-encompassing experience."

RAM has a growing number of local farmers with two new ones this season and Delaney is going to fill up the 18 stalls in Farmers' Row. According to Delaney, Congaree and Penn Farm & Mills is the first rice farm in Jacksonville in over a hundred years. Right now they have about five rice products and are expanding into apple saplings and eventually into cider production. The other new farmer, Fresh Start Produce LLC, from Starke, has an all-natural type of farm experience, collaborating with other farms.

One of the challenges that RAM faces is that the growing season isn't year-round in northeast Florida. "Heading into summer we'll have much less variety and we do plan to make allowances for farmers to bring in produce sourced from other farms with which they might work, but we must have knowledge in advance and they must be clear through labeling what piece of ground that produce came out of," said Bennett. "If they can't do that, they don't belong with RAM. When it comes to produce, we're cutting out the unknown."

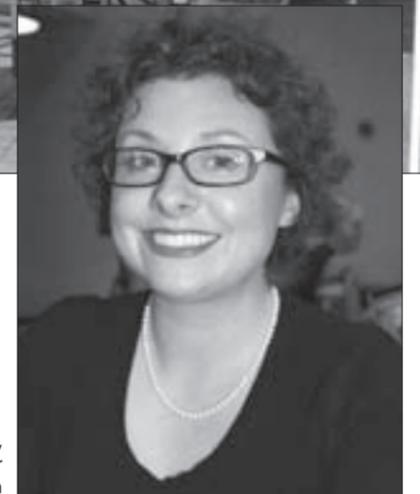
Bringing Delaney, a San Marco



Jason McDonald of FreshJax mans his booth under the bridge at RAM.



Congaree and Penn Farm & Mills owner Scott Meyer, former Avondale resident, and Amy O'Hoyt had a booth at the recent GastroFest in Hemming Park.



Katie Delaney, new farmer liaison

resident, on board part-time enables the RAM staff to focus on the other 200 vendors while Delaney serves as a sounding board for the farmers.

Farmers who grow it themselves will be given precedent when there are applications with similar products, but there are going to be circumstances that

need to have exceptions but are still viable within the goal of local farming, Bennett noted.

"We want our visitors to create relationships with the farmers," Delaney said. "Understanding how much love goes into growing...it makes it taste much better."

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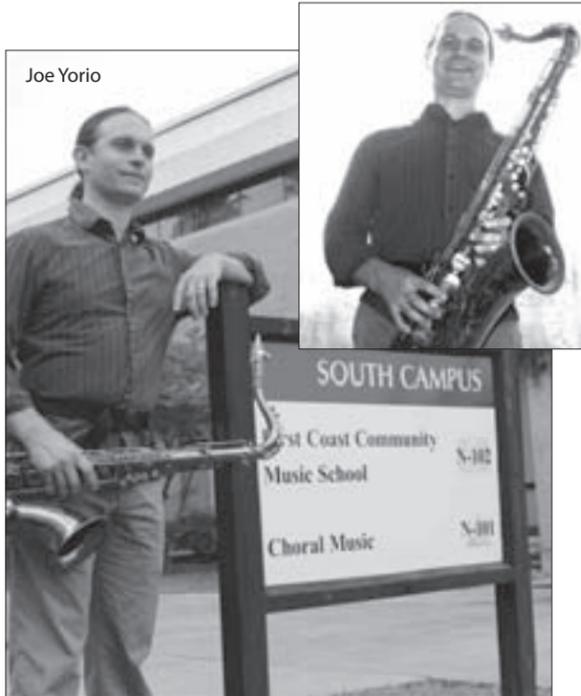
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Jazz Festival tunes up for 36th year

By Vince Iampietro
Resident Community News

If your ears long for live Jazz, the 2015 Jacksonville Jazz Festival is soon here with swingin' groups, traditional trios, and Klezmer bands who will grace several stages downtown during Memorial Day weekend. National acts Spyro Gyra, Tito Puentes Jr. Orchestra, and Michael Franks appear along with Jacksonville's own Mama Blue, The Kelly/Scott Quintet, and the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra.

Keeping the beat in Avondale

Keeping all that jazz in sync is drummer and festival veteran Eric Mason of Avondale. Mason first played percussion at age 5 when he accompanied his ragtime piano-playing grandmother by arranging pots and pans, then playing them with wooden spoons.

At 16, Mason and his family moved to Jamaica where he discovered that "Jamaica is not just straight up reggae but has a thriving jazz scene...infused with Caribbean and Afro-Cuban music styles." There he earned a certificate in Afro-Cuban Music Studies from the Jamaica School of Music, Kingston.

Back in the U.S., Mason performed with UNF's inaugural jazz program class at the Jacksonville Jazz Festival in 1987.

"The UNF Jazz Program and Jazz Festival grew together and helped the Jacksonville music culture to grow" said Mason, who has backed Toots and the Maytals, Arturo Sandoval, and the Drifters, among others.

Balancing family life, playing music full time, and working in orthopedic and medical sales, "...is always challenging" for Mason, whose day job allows him selectivity with performances. Mason's love of jazz echoes concern and hope: "Jazz is about lineage and history and the generation that appreciates it are out by attrition."

Mason wants to "play and advocate for young people for traditional jazz" and sees "amazing musicians taking the art form to mind-blowing levels of musicianship." Mason can be seen with the TBA Big Band, Windjammer the Band, and Jimmy Parrish and the Waves.

Jazz bridges the river

Jazz rhythms and horns are natural aural accomplices and jazz trombonist Gary Roberts, owner of Roberts' South Bank Pharmacy in San Marco, is happy to play that sound. Though an accomplished player, Roberts' decision to become a pharmacist rather than professional musician happened during college. The Ortega Forest resident explains, "I was a music major before pharmacy but

switched because I had to take either band or chem lab, which were at the same time. I only wanted to perform and so few make a living there - but I had skills in math and pharmacy which led to the switch."

Roberts, who plays for the West Jacksonville Jazz Ensemble during worship services at West Side Baptist Church, enjoys music with horn parts and textures. "Whether I have good or bad feelings during the day, I always feel better after playing...jazz creativity, how it all comes together...always draws something out in me."

Roberts said he's lucky to have a family who allows him time for the trombone. "Playing jazz trombone is not like work; being able to play music is a God-given talent to use for good, and I'll continue to do so...I can take music further in life than athletics (for example) - long as I have wind, I'll play!"

When Dan Mullis, former West Side Baptist Church musician, now Director of Music Missions for Operation Mobilization, contacted Roberts seeking donations for children to attend the Jacksonville Jazz Festival Music Clinic, Roberts' Pharmacy provided funds to sponsor up to 50 children. Music can be a life-long pursuit, according to Roberts: "It has no definite end point. I have friends in their 80s who are great musicians."

Professional jazz in Murray Hill

Adding depth to that jazz sound is saxophonist Joe Yorio of Murray Hill, who first picked up the saxophone in 1980 at the age of 8 and knew he would one day be a pro. Yorio's musical interests began with John Coltrane and continued

into the saxophone after hearing Billy Joel's "Just the Way You Are."

Today, Yorio is the professional he imagined as a child. A UNF Performance Major teacher and professional player, Yorio describes himself as "...an extrovert in the body of an introvert" who "can more fluently express myself as a musician because there is more truth in sound and vibration than there is in words. I almost feel like it's the process of Jazz that's so captivating and good for my own personal development."

Along with sax, Yorio resumed playing the clarinet because of its expressiveness and likes feeling its "channel of air under my fingers" because it's more attached to the music. "The clarinet strikes a chord with people. Whenever I play it, I always get a compliment after the show." Yorio performs with the band Gary and the Yehudas at this year's Festival and can be seen with Windjammer the Band.

Admission to the Jacksonville Jazz Festival is the sweet sound of free, while VIP and Preferred Day Passes are available for a charge and good from Thursday, May 21 through Sunday, May 24.

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Cummer installation traces roots to Gilman Piece

By Katie Smith
Resident Community News

On April 13, CoRK denizen (in fact, one of the original colonizers of the artists' studios at the corner of Rosselle and King streets) Dolf James installed his latest piece in a series of large-scale, geometric, welded-aluminum sculptures on the grounds of the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens. The piece, entitled *Equal Point*, reaches 11 feet high and stretches more than 20 feet along the Riverside Avenue

frontage. Four aluminum trapezoids joined in radical relation to one another strive for precedence but settle for equal distinction in a cohesive, vaguely industrial convergence. James' piece is on a scale that invites viewers to examine both the sculpture and its setting, with unique play of material and negative space available from any angle.

A full-time sculptural artist for over two decades, James learned welding two years ago in order to explore new forms of sculpture, first on a modest scale until



curiosity and natural evolution led him to "make it big." The opportunity to do so came over a year ago, at the request of longtime patrons Charles and Marilyn Gilman, whose Avondale front lawn now boasts the original large scale aluminum Dolf James piece, an untitled sculpture somewhat smaller than but similar in style

to *Equal Point*. *Equal Point* is scheduled to maintain its current location for public viewing through June 1, with a longer tenure possible. A limited number of handmade 1/22nd reproductions of *Equal Point* are available to collectors in the Cummer boutique.

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Executive Director Anna Dooley said "Our mission to plant, protect and promote trees is very rewarding in itself, but having the recognition of City Council for our work is very much appreciated. We thank Councilwoman Lori Boyer for this honor."

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Chairman-elect stresses partnering well for benefit of all

More arts and culture better for community

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens in Riverside will soon have a new chief advocate. Ryan Schwartz of San Marco has been named incoming Chairman of the Cummer Board of Trustees. He is currently serving on the board as vice chairman and will take over the top spot in October 2015.

“It is a true privilege to follow in the long line of dedicated trustees and chairpersons who have been entrusted with ensuring Mrs. Cummer’s desire ‘to take some small part in the cultural progress ... for the benefit of all the people of the City of Jacksonville’ perpetuates,” he said.

Chief Marketing Officer at US Assure, Mr. Schwartz has been actively involved in philanthropy and leadership in numerous organizations including the Community Foundation, Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida, and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville.

Schwartz was first appointed to the Cummer Board in 2011 when the museum turned 50 years old. Two years

ago the Cummer trustees finalized a long-term strategic plan, he said. “For the Cummer, [the plan] addresses the museum’s audience and how we can be the best at interpreting what we exhibit for our visitors,” he said. “It covers sustainability. This isn’t an inexpensive venture in the least. We must broaden our base of support and ensure we grow our endowment so we can be well positioned for the next 50 years. It also calls for us to ensure we invest heavily in our talented staff so they can bring the museum to life for all who visit.”

The Cummer recently won national acclaim when it successfully dealt with the discovery that its collection contained three pieces stolen by the Nazis in World War II. *Vanitas*, a still-life by 17th century Dutch painter Jacques de Claeuw, which the Cummer acquired from a New York gallery in 1962, was retained by the museum after it decided to repurchase it from its original owner. Meanwhile, an early Meissen coffee and tea pot, which had been donated to the museum in 1965, were returned to their rightful owners. The museum “is a model for best practices and good governance”



End of the Festival by Hughie Lee-Smith, Ryan Schwartz’s favorite painting in the Cummer collection



Ryan Schwartz, incoming chairman at the Cummer

and shares its “learnings in this area with our peers in the industry,” he said. “We are committed to telling the very important story that goes along with this topic to our own community and visitors.”

As a child, Schwartz said his family would visit museums when they visited different cities, and he continues this tradition as an adult. When he moved to Jacksonville 17 years ago, he visited the Cummer often and was enchanted by its art deco design and the riverfront gardens.

“I used to think good art was pretty much limited to that created by the Impressionists or the Old Masters. While their work is truly magnificent, once you learn a little more about art, your taste can change dramatically,” he said, noting his favorite painting in the Cummer collection is a 1954 work by African American artist Hughie Lee-Smith entitled *End of the Festival*. The painting “brilliantly brings together light and dark, detail and perspective, happy and sad, past and future,” he said.

Schwartz credits three Cummer staff members and Museum of Contemporary

Art Director Marcelle Polednik with teaching him “everything I know about art.” Polednik, of Riverside, “has been most generous in educating me about contemporary art, which to many of us is the hardest to make sense of,” he said. Cummer Director Hope McMath and Chief Curator Holly Keris, both of Riverside, and Community Trustee Cindy Edelman, of San Jose, have also been invaluable in furthering his art education, he said.

Partnering with MOCA as well as “virtually every arts and culture organization” in Jacksonville is important to the Cummer and the museum does it well, Schwartz said.

“We are strongly rooted in the premise that the more arts and culture we can have in our community, the richer it is,” he said. “For all of us, the resources are way too scarce for us to approach it from a competitive standpoint. We’d all lose. It’s easier than you think because we all have offerings that complement each other’s core strengths and assets.”

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Music and dreams born again

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

Robert Lester Folsom is making a come-back.

Folsom, an Ortega Farms resident, is a professional house painter but that wasn't his first choice for a career nearly 40 years ago. At one time the 60-year-old guitar player dreamed of making it big in the music industry.

After impressing a recording studio engineer in Atlanta in the late 1970s, Folsom took out a loan, got his band on board and recorded "Music and Dreams" in 1976. Although the album was well received, Folsom and his group didn't get enough gigs to pay off the loan, much less make a career in the music business.

"We had a small splash of success in southern Georgia and maybe North Florida, but it was hard to break into the local music scene in Jacksonville," said Folsom.

In 2009, "Music and Dreams" was rediscovered on the Internet, re-mastered and re-released for iTunes. Then, record label Mexican Summer invited Folsom to put together a band to perform his music at the College Music Journal Festival in Brooklyn, New York. Around the same time, Riverman Music

in South Korea re-issued the album in CD with two singles as bonus material.

"Not a week goes by that I don't get texts from fans in Asia, Europe and South America who tell me how much my music means to them," Folsom said. "It's amazing, unbelievable ... and I'll take it!"

Avondale resident Susan Boggs had played with Folsom many years so he invited her and her sons Josh, of Riverside, and Jeremy Blanton, Murray Hill resident, to join him for the festival.

"The Brooklyn debut was fantastic and quite an experience and since then we have played around Jacksonville," said Boggs. "We added Clayton Carter (grandson of Carter's Pharmacy) as our drummer a couple of years ago."

Although Josh Blanton left the band as bass player last year, he pitched in on the drums for a recent Riverside Arts Market performance when Carter could not attend.



Carly Brown, vocals, daughter of lead singer Lester Folsom; Roy Peak, bass guitar; Jeremy Blanton, lead guitar; Josh Blanton, drums and vocals; Lester Folsom, songwriter, rhythm guitar, lead vocals; Susan Boggs, keyboards and vocals

"Having the opportunity to play in this band with my sons has been so special for me. I was a piano teacher for 18 years and they both are great piano players and music has always been a way to connect," Boggs shared. "The fact that they - now much better musicians than me - let me be a part of their music is something I value."

Recently Folsom's daughter, Murray Hill resident Carly Brown, joined the band when he needed a female vocalist for some of his earlier songs. "We've always had a strong connection through

music," said Brown, who works full-time at Mac Papers. "Playing together helps us stay connected."

Shared history connects the band as well. "I used to mentor Josh, Jeremy, Clayton and Carly when we played in the Praise Band at Ortega United Methodist Church," Folsom said.

Folsom and the band have played at Art Walk, Underbellies, The Elbow and private events, as well as at RAM. "I've always wanted to be part of the local scene. Now I'm international!"

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From neighborhood street to 14,000 feet

Avondale couple's bucket list adventure

By Katie Smith
Resident Community News

For several months, neighborhood residents have been remarking on the unusual sightings of a man and woman in mountaineering kit, apparently hiking the sidewalks of Avondale, Riverside and downtown Jacksonville.

In a relatively urban environment, trekking poles and technical packs are enough to raise a few eyebrows and more than a few questions. Were these hitchhikers? Misinformed adventure tourists? Perhaps some new "courier-on-foot" service?

The mystery is solved: the quirky pavement hikers are none other than Avondale's own resident veterinarians, Drs. Alan and Beth Weldon, training to hike the Inca Trail in Peru.

With almost 14,000 feet of vertical difference between sea-level Jacksonville and the highest point of the Inca Trail, the Weldons included elevation conditioning by doing a few day-hikes above the snow line near Boulder, Colo. in April prior to their departure for South America. Short acclimatization trips at elevation have been shown to



help reduce the risk of altitude sickness.

The Weldons' hike spanned a four-day, 20-mile mountainous route from Cusco, Peru to the 15th-century Inca settlement of Machu Picchu. Fortunately for their aching feet, the return trip was accomplished by train and bus.

Their next destination, on the Pacific side of the Andes Mountain Range, was the Nazca Desert near Ica, Peru,



home of the enigmatic Nazca Lines. The Weldons joined Roberto Penny Cabrera, "The Desert Man," a conservationist and advocate for the desert, to learn about the inhabitants of the ancient sea that once covered the land before the rise of the Andes.

The 60-foot shark, Megalodon, predatory whales, and giant five-foot penguins swam in the ocean more than

36 million years ago, and the Nazca and Paracas people later buried their dead in the area, which is threatened by exploitative artifact hunting.

Read Alan Weldon's recap of their trip and advice for training for Machu Picchu at thehorsedoctor.blogspot.com, which also covers daily life and his veterinary practice, Jacksonville Equine Associates.

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Independent schools sports league picks up speed



Jacksonville Country Day School and San Jose Episcopal Day School shake hands after a soccer game.

Less than two years ago a small group of independent schools formed a sports league to give students the opportunity to play a variety of sports for their school.

The North Florida Independent Schools Athletic Conference (NFISAC) now includes Jacksonville Country Day School, St. Johns Country Day School, St. Mark's Episcopal Day School, San Jose Episcopal Day School, and Beaches Episcopal Day School and offers basketball (boys and girls teams), volleyball (girls), flag football (boys) and soccer (coed).

"The league's mission and goal is to get students involved in sports, instill the school pride value, and support a healthy lifestyle at the elementary school level," said Drew Upchurch, Auxiliary Services

Director of Jacksonville Country Day School and one of the founders of the NFISAC.

Other schools have shown interest in joining the league in the future and have reached out to Upchurch about expanding. The optimum league would consist of eight teams with no more than six sports throughout the school year.

"We are pleased with where the league is at right now," Upchurch adds. "The diversity amongst student athletes both male and female make the league more vibrant."

The upcoming spring soccer season kicks off April 14 at Jacksonville Country Day School's field. To attend a game, contact Ian Nyquist at inyquist@jcds.com for details.

Angels for Allison offers grief support group

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News



For someone who has lost a loved one, especially a child, the fear of forgetting is ever present. While the initial grief eventually fades, the desire – the need, even – to hear that child's name spoken aloud never passes.

Angels for Allison, the Ortega-based nonprofit that provides funeral expenses for

families who lose a child, has started a new program to help grieving moms and dads talk about their 'angels.'

Angel Talks in Chancz's Corner will be moderated by Kimmy Littlejohn-Clark, an "angel mommy" who lost her 43-day-old son Chancz in 2012; he was born with

Trisomy 18, a very rare and life-threatening chromosomal condition.

"We were not expecting to bury a child," said Littlejohn-Clark, who was 43 when Chancz was born. "The hospital staff told me about Angels for Allison; they were there at the right time."

Littlejohn-Clark was a recipient of financial funeral aid from Angels for Allison and soon became involved with the organization as a volunteer.

"She has been helping us every year during the Festival of Flight to get other families to attend by writing to them and encouraging them through her social media," said Mary Lee Willetts, interim

executive director.

Over the past few years Littlejohn-Clark found that her Facebook blog became a source of therapy for her and decided to start a support group named after her baby boy.

"God put it on my heart to start a group to reach other parents who are suffering silently," she said. "Talking about your angel brings healing; it's part of the angel journey."

The plans are to offer the support group on the second Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at the Angels for Allison office at 4155 Oxford Ave. If interested, you can contact Littlejohn-Clark at (904) 300-5103 or the office at (904) 312-9490, angelsforallison@gmail.com.

Angel News

Angels for Allison recently received news that it is the recipient of a matching grant from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund through The Community Foundation of Northeast Florida. Money raised by youth in the Halos and Wings clubs over the next year will be matched up to \$15,000.



The 5th Annual Festival of Flight will take place in a new venue this year. The event will be held at Riverside Arts Market, at the amphitheater, on Saturday, Sept. 19. Local talent is already being lined up for the benefit, and there are plans for a beer garden and tailgate area featuring football games.

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JaxSports brings kids triathlon to EverBank Field

Incredible vibe creating momentum

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

If Peter Pan had spent more time swinging a bat, shooting a hoop or passing the pigskin, he may have finally grown up. Perhaps what the boy with the never-ending childhood needed was a kick start such as the First Coast Kids Triathlon.

The triathlon, now in its seventh year, gets boys and girls age 5 to 15 off the couch and into a healthy, positive lifestyle. In an effort to retain the title of World's Largest Kids Triathlon, this year the goal is for 3,000 finishers.

To meet the finish-line goal that is 50 percent greater than last year's, JaxSports (the Jacksonville Sports Council) is partnering with the YMCA, the Jacksonville Jaguars, venue management company SMG and the City of Jacksonville, to hold the first kids triathlon ever to finish inside of an NFL stadium.

In conjunction with the First Coast Kids Triathlon, May 2-3, 7:30-11 a.m., Gator Bowl Charities and YMCA of First Coast will present Healthy Kids Day on May 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Part of a national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families, Healthy Kids Day features activities such as the Guinness World Record attempt for World's Largest Family Boot Camp, swim testing sign-ups, youth sports skills/drills clinics, art contests, petting zoo, inflatables, face painting and other family activities. The Y will also launch Wellness Passport for kids to earn a ticket to the 2016 Taxslayer Bowl.

Off the couch, on the turf

If youth now – regardless of socioeconomic status – would spend more time exercising their lungs, instead of exercising their thumbs, they will probably grow up to be healthy adults, surmises JaxSports Executive Director Alan Verlander.

“The natural inclination is to think it's the underprivileged child who needs [to do] that, but in reality, the ‘privileged’ kids who have access to video games and computer are not exercising,” said Verlander. “The goal of the triathlon is to get any child away from their screens and gadgets and get them to exercise.”

He believes the draw to get kids in the triathlon will be the finish at EverBank Field, where every finisher will be featured on the largest video boards in the world.

An eye for opportunity

Verlander didn't spend much time on the couch, participating in sports at The Bolles School and playing college baseball at Samford University, where he majored in speech communication. While he didn't consider a future as a professional athlete, what he did was parlay a love for sports into a fulfilling career.

For nearly two decades Verlander has kept his “eye on the ball” – first landing a job as director of marketing and operations with the Gator Bowl Association, then heading back to Samford University as associate director of athletics, which ultimately positioned him to be hired as Jacksonville University's athletic director.

Three years ago this month Mayor

Alvin Brown tapped Verlander for the position of the city's executive director of sports and entertainment, where Verlander's job was to make the city a destination for sporting events. He left that position 18 months later for Gator Bowl Sports, as its chief operating officer, with similar goals: to bring athletic events to Jacksonville.

Then, a little over a year ago, a public-private partnership was formed to showcase Jacksonville as a sports destination and Verlander was named executive director for the new Jacksonville Sports Council, aka JaxSports. He still serves as COO for Gator Bowl Sports.

Rooting for Jacksonville

Verlander, a Miramar native who even now lives just two streets from where he grew up, is proud of the San Marco area. “That whole area has been my whole life and seeing the changes, and more development, and the resurrection of San Marco Square, is really cool. Being a resident there is very important to me,” he said.

A great ambassador for Jacksonville as well, Verlander is upbeat about JaxSports.

“My business is sports ... so many times over the years we've fought against each other, but finally we have a leadership group in Jacksonville that is



coming together and saying enough is enough and it's time to elevate our city ... it's a lot of the business leaders, the sports leaders, the Jaguars embracing that culture,” he stated.

JaxSports board of directors has representatives from all the major stakeholders in town, Verlander stated, from the City of Jacksonville to Visit Jacksonville to the JAX Chamber of Commerce, and the Jaguars, all supportive of a unified effort.

“There has always been a decent vibe in this town revolving around sports and culture. However, at this particular time we are experiencing an incredible vibe which is creating serious momentum for sports and culture in our town,” Verlander concluded enthusiastically. “I've been in Jacksonville a long time and there is such a positive feeling and vibe for the present and future of our city like nothing that I have seen before.”



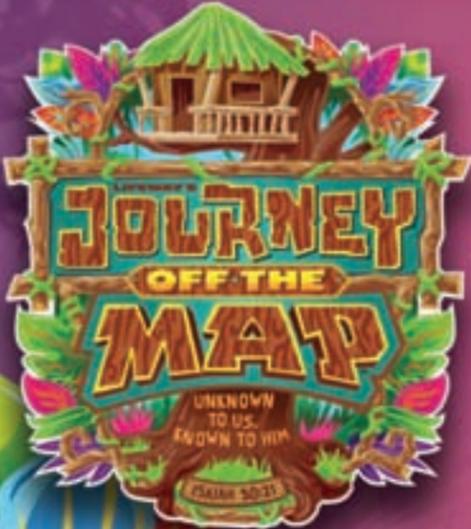
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Adam Russell of St Paul's Catholic School is one of 10 students whose work was chosen for the art tour. Peyton Kimball, of St. Matthew's Catholic School, received the celebrity vote in the contest.

The Art for Hope Tour sponsored by the Judy Nicholson Foundation for Kidney Cancer Cure is on display at Art Connections at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens through Aug. 16. Following the tour at the Cummer, the artwork will be displayed at Mayo Clinic, Watson Realty Corp, Whiteway Deli and Jacksonville Pediatrics.

Adam Russell



Celebrities' Choice art by Peyton Kimball

Second generation one-fifth of enrollment

The 2014-2015 school year at St. Mark's Episcopal Day School notes 58 alumni parents with 84 legacy children attending. Twelve of the 58 former classmates married and just over 20 percent of St. Mark's current enrollment are second generation students.



Bishop Snyder gets new head coach

Bishop John J. Snyder High School announced that San Marco resident Travis Markoski will be its new head football coach.



Markoski spent the last four years on the football staff as the defensive coordinator. The coach search committee identified Coach Markoski as the right man to grow BJS football and elevate it to the next level. Markoski will begin immediately preparing the team for spring practice which begins on May 2.

Avondale resident Merit Scholarships

St. Johns Country Day School Headmaster Ed Ellison recently announced that two St. Johns Grade 8 students qualified for Merit Scholarship Awards and they are Aaron Makar, of Avondale, and Danielle Fetner.



Bill Rothe, Head of Middle School, Aaron Makar, Danielle Fetner, Virginia Fisher, Head of Upper School

The St. Johns Board of Trustees authorized the Merit Scholarship Program for rising Grade 7 and Grade 9 students to recognize students who demonstrate both outstanding academic promise and a desire to make a significant contribution to the life of St. Johns Country Day School.

Several students applied for these scholarships, with many writing

excellent essays and earning Independent School Entrance Exam scores that were well above the national averages. Each Merit Scholarship entitles the recipient to a 50% tuition discount while enrolled in Grades 9 through 12, beginning August 2015.

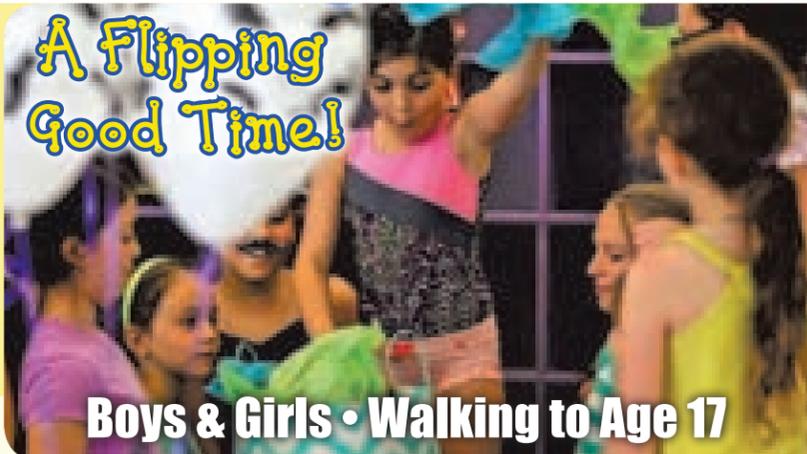
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Sailing, Safe Powerboat and Waterman's programs are available for ages 8 to 16 and are either one- or two-week sessions depending on the program. They are available to non-members with an FYC member sponsor.

Obviously, Florida Yacht Club junior sailors learned their lessons in sailing well, when two teams won the St. Augustine Race



Allison Weinbecker, Isabella Goodwin, Lizzy Grich, Jacob Fisker-Anderson, kneeling, Emily Gilreath (not available, Johnny Fewell)

Week Youth Invitational Regatta last month.

Opti winners included the Red Fleet, composed of Reedy Monahan, 1st place, Ashton Moulder, 2nd place; the Blue Fleet with Will Weinbecker, 1st place, Wes Myler, 2nd place, Bridget Monahan, 3rd and the White Fleet, crewed by Tom Commander, 1st place, and Scotty Busey, 2nd place.

The 420 winners were Johnny Fewell and Emily Gilreath, 1st place; Allison Weinbecker and Isabella Goodwin, 2nd place, and Jacob Fisker-Anderson and Lizzy Grich, 3rd place.

Exchange students home from Spain

Ten Bolles students, including Ortega residents Mary Claire Boline, Christa Greene and Marlo Morales, enjoyed a 14-day exchange trip to Madrid, Spain. Accompanied by faculty members Carmen Adair and Gloria Wood, Bolles students attended classes offered by teachers from the Colegio San Agustin and took day trips around Madrid during their visit. As San Agustin students do when they visit Jacksonville each year, the Bolles exchange students lived with host families from Colegio San Agustin.

In addition to class time and conversational Spanish practice, sightseeing played an important role in the students' Bolles abroad experience. The group visited the Royal Palace, the



Marlo Morales, Lucy Rosario, Emily Fender, Jill Kight, Mercer Peek, Audrey Trieu, Abigail Anderson, Mary Claire Boline, Christa Green and Jorge Mejia

Cathedral, the Plaza Mayor, the Puerta del Sol, The Prado Museum and The Reina Sofia Museum, in addition to day trips to the cities of Toledo and Segovia.

To learn more about this invaluable experience visit the student blog: <http://bollesinspain2015.blogspot.com>.



Feng (Crystal) Ji, Yebin (Alice) Choi, Andre Royce, Carly Crump, Wenduo Nie and Zachary Zeller; not pictured, Christian Bilgrien

Avondale resident heads to international science fair

At the State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida (SSEF) seven Episcopal students, including Avondale resident Carly Crump, earned place awards, cash prizes and scholarships and a place at the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

Crump, a senior, earned first place in her category and was awarded a \$2,500 a year scholarship for four years at the University of Florida. In addition, Crump was named as a Grand Award Winner, called a Ying Scholar, for which she received a plaque and check for \$1,000. As a Ying Scholar, Crump will represent the State of Florida and the

Northeast Florida Region at ISEF in Pittsburgh, Penn.

At the SSEF Opening Ceremony Crump was a Jason Speaker, addressing the crowd of more than 2,000 students, teachers and chaperones with her motivational talk. This was Crump's fourth year representing ESJ's region at the state fair. Her project focuses on the transmission of the Dengue virus in mosquitoes.

Other Episcopal winners were Andre Royce (first), who will also attend ISEF, Crystal Ji (second), Wenduo Nie (second), Zachary Zeller (third), Alice Choi (third) and Christian Bilgrien (fourth).

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Recently, Dr. Jackie West shared what it’s like to be a mom, a wife and a neighborhood dentist.

“After a decade of practicing in Riverside, it’s going great!” enthused Dr. Jackie. “Dentistry is unique because it combines a career in healthcare and a work/family balance.”

The practice is open four days a week because she believes every American should work four days a week for health and family. “That would be so great for children, it would lower mental health/depression issues and probably allow for more home-cooked meals at home,” she said, laughing at herself a bit, because her husband, Grant, handles all of the weeknight cooking.

Health is so important to Dr. Jackie and it even shows in her choice of reading material. “The last book I read? ‘French Kids Eat Everything.’ It is such a fantastic book and I can highly recommend to anyone struggling with their kids eating well.”

She and her team at West Dentistry recently challenged themselves to completely eliminate soda and fast food from their diets. “Yes, really! And a grilled chicken sandwich from Chick-fil-A is still fast food. Any place with a drive up window and a fryer is out!” She said the challenge was going well. “We hold each other accountable and if we splurge we write it all down...it’s a competition. It’s been tough when you don’t have much time (hence the term fast food) but it really makes you decide if it is worth it.”

Along with diet, other personal health goals include early detection and prevention measures. “This year I voluntarily decided to undergo early colonoscopy and complete a skin test at the dermatologist.” Asked why she would have a colonoscopy at such a young age, Dr. Jackie replied with a laugh, “Well, it is

funny, because my friends and family think I was crazy for doing that with no symptoms but I have it in my family history and have two young children. I am a big proponent of early detection and prevention in my dental practice, so why not practice what you preach?”

Despite the blessing of a four-day work week, dentistry has tough moments. “My biggest work challenges? Hmm...probably the physical aspect of leaning over for a living, so I try to exercise two to three times a week, including yoga, to keep my body physically able to practice.” And, “Oh yeah, hiring and firing...especially the firing part...isn’t much fun.”

When the day-to-day routine gets to be a bit much, Dr. Jackie looks forward to a trip to her favorite vacation spot. “Anguilla! It is down in the Caribbean close to St. Martin and has the best beaches and best food. The food is like being in Paris but with a seafood twist,” she said. “Plus, the Anguillians don’t allow cruises to stop on the island so it hasn’t been ruined. Europe is always a fantastic vacation but with a 4-year-old and 9-month-old that is definitely tough right now. For a long weekend trip, you can’t go wrong with Inn at Palmetto Bluff in South Carolina.”

So, what does she do on her days off? “Definitely not shopping at the mall!” What is “therapy” for most women is not for Dr. Jackie. “I dislike the hunt of finding new clothes. There isn’t much worse than shopping at the mall and coming home with nothing new,” she said. “Don’t get me wrong. I enjoy having nice clothes but I am really not good at it and being six feet tall makes it even harder.” When the need for special occasion outfits come up, Dr. Jackie turns to some good Riverside friends. “When I have nothing to wear I call Robin at Crave Boutique and she helps me. She is really tall and knows what will and won’t look good on me.”

Looking her best is especially important this year, with a big milestone birthday coming up. “Yes, the Big 4-0...and next year I’m married 10 years and will have a 5-year-old daughter and 1-year-old son.”

Dr. Jackie doesn’t look 40. She laughs out loud at the compliment. “I’m making you free bleach trays just for saying that,” then pitches a little business. “That is because I can provide Botox to patients and am a patient myself. And, why not? We give injections all day and are very comfortable with the anatomy of the head and neck. Botox has been fun for my patients and I love seeing the before and after.” Definitely a woman comfortable with her own skin!

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