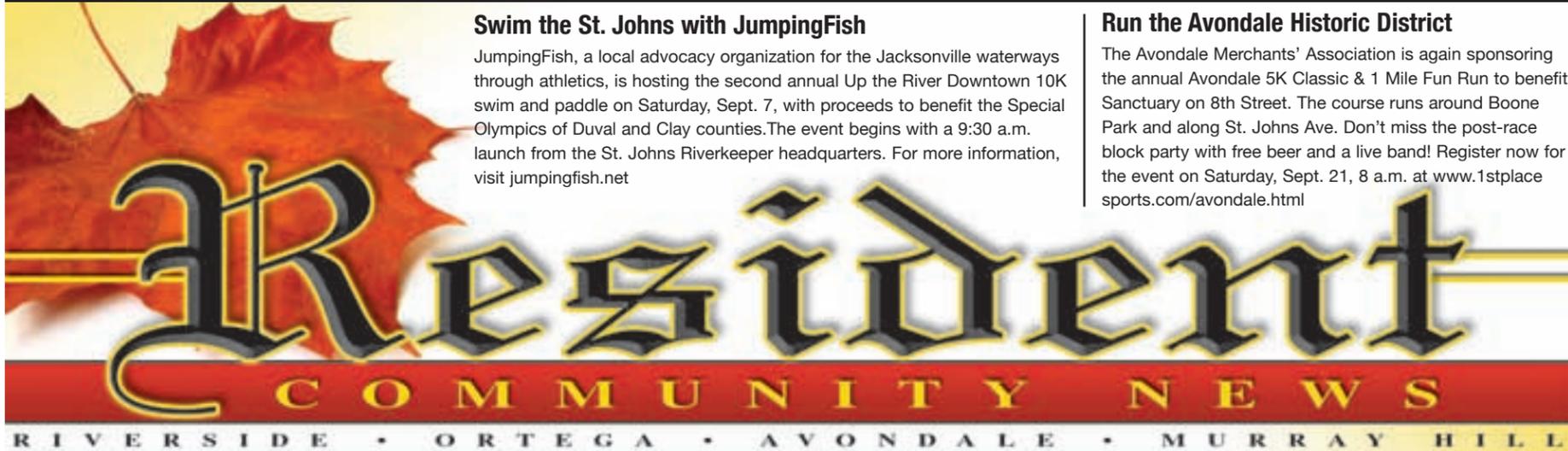


Swim the St. Johns with JumpingFish

JumpingFish, a local advocacy organization for the Jacksonville waterways through athletics, is hosting the second annual Up the River Downtown 10K swim and paddle on Saturday, Sept. 7, with proceeds to benefit the Special Olympics of Duval and Clay counties. The event begins with a 9:30 a.m. launch from the St. Johns Riverkeeper headquarters. For more information, visit jumpingfish.net

Run the Avondale Historic District

The Avondale Merchants' Association is again sponsoring the annual Avondale 5K Classic & 1 Mile Fun Run to benefit Sanctuary on 8th Street. The course runs around Boone Park and along St. Johns Ave. Don't miss the post-race block party with free beer and a live band! Register now for the event on Saturday, Sept. 21, 8 a.m. at www.1stplace sports.com/avondale.html



# Family that lobsters together...



Three generations of Ortega residents, William "Buzzy" Allen III, Will IV and William V display the day's catch while vacationing on Man-O-War Cay in the Bahamas. The lobsters were caught on the reef surrounding this small Abaco island. Lobsters are just one of a myriad of sea life in the area including wild bottlenose dolphin, eagle rays and sea turtles, all seen the same afternoon.

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Jaguars center Brad Meester with new cub

## New zoo addition just in time for football season

A new jaguar cub, born on July 18 and coincidentally sharing a birthday with Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shad Khan, has a tall order to live up to – including, perhaps, the success of his namesake if voters bestow either the name Khan or Shad upon the cub. According to Dan Maloney, Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens Deputy Director of Conservation and Education, "We're hoping it's a great omen for the Jaguars team, the City and the Zoo."

The new jaguar cub arrived just in time to kick off the 2013 football season. Zoo officials say he is doing well and is looking forward to being drafted as the newest Jaguars teammate. The community was invited to name the mascot by voting on one of these five names: Khan, Shad, Jaxson, Jax or Pounce de Leon.

"We are extremely proud of this iconic new addition to not only the Jacksonville Zoo, but to the Jacksonville community," said Tony Vecchio, Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens executive director. "We look at this cub as more than a mascot for the Jags and for the Zoo. We'd like to think of him as the City of Jacksonville's mascot."

The youngster completed his first wellness check Sunday at the Zoo, conducted by the Zoo's trained animal staff and Jaguars center Brad Meester, his wife Jamie and their six daughters. The male cub passed all physical exams including heart, lungs, temperature and abdominal check. He weighed in at just less than seven pounds.

This is the 50th Jaguar cub to be born at the Jacksonville Zoo. Jaguars have been part of the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' animal collection since at least 1958, with the first cub born in 1973.

## JEA arborists caught in a cross-fire – "service vs. esthetics"

*Communication, education key for win-win solution*

BY KATE A. HALLOCK  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Often when nature collides – some would say, interferes – with man's desires, nature is the loser. Every two and a half years in the Historic District, "power" and personal preference come together for a sparring match.

In one corner of the ring are preservationists and property owners; in another corner, the JEA trouble crews. Right smack in the middle – serving as referees – are the JEA arborists and foresters.

Arborist Early Piety, who cares for the historic Treaty Oak and the Cummer Oak, summed it up. "It has to be a win-win situation; we've got to have power and electricity but we have to accommodate the trees with proper cuts according to ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) standards," he said. "When you wake up at 2 a.m. and get up to get a glass of milk, do you want the light to come on? I know I do. If a bad storm comes through and the trees aren't trimmed properly we could be out of power for much longer than necessary."

### Rule of law vs. property rights

Property owners get understandably upset when the trees that they have planted, albeit directly under a power line, come under the pruning blade and are left

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## HANS TANZLER, JR.

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### A Standout Player – Remembered

BY PEGGY HARRELL JENNINGS  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Hans Tanzler, III paraphrases his father's philosophy saying, "It's better to strive for significance and fail than to not try and be insignificant for sure!"

A Jacksonville icon, former Mayor Hans Tanzler, Jr. passed away at the

age of 86 on July 25 at his son's farm outside Gainesville.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, millions of words have been written about Hans Tanzler, Junior. Almost 3,000 Google references with hundreds of photographs chronicle a life well lived. Civic Leader, Judge, Sportsman, Statesman, Family Man, Artist, Dancer, Harmonica Player – he strived for significance and stood out in every endeavor.

#### A standout sportsman

Graduating in 1945 from Robert E. Lee High School, this amazing athlete lettered in football, basketball and baseball. A "Gator Great", Tanzler was inducted into the University of Florida's Athletic Hall of Fame – the first Florida Gator Basketball player to pass 1,000 points! He played every sport – golf, tennis, hunting, fishing – with enthusiasm and a determination to be the best. In his extensive travels, he caught fish in oceans, rivers and streams of every continent!

His son relates that until his last days he took his motorized wheelchair out onto the dock and fished. Emily and Hans IV exhibit joyful photos of their granddaddy teaching them to fish at Marco Island. He shared his passion for fishing with stepson Robert Woodward and with stepdaughter Carol Brown's sons whose favorite memories are those special fishing trips.

When Robert was injured in a skiing accident in 1978, Tanzler was encouraging and positive. Carol Woodward Brown says, "He admired Robert's tenacity and was proud of the fact that his disability did not define him."

Tanzler's own tenacity was tested when he suffered a blood clot and had to undergo a partial amputation of his leg. Daughter-in-law Debbie says, "We never, ever heard him complain; he adapted to life's circumstances." Hans III concurs that his dad was a "John Wayne, type of guy who had honesty, integrity and leadership qualities." Thus, his image as the "white hat" candidate for Mayor in 1967.

#### A standout statesman

Hans Tanzler definitely stands out in the crowd and not just because at 6'6" he is physically head and shoulders

above most of those pictured. There are snapshots with beauty queens, inspecting the first rescue trucks in Jacksonville; with a Bold New City of the South sign after consolidation passed taking Jacksonville into being the largest city in the nation.



The Tanzler Family - Hans III, Emily, Debbie and Hans IV Tanzler holding photo of former Mayor Hans Tanzler, Jr. in front of a portrait of Hans Tanzler I who escaped the Nazi Regime to bring his family to the US

Consolidation is a big part of Hans Tanzler's legacy. Tommy Hazouri states that it "helped move the government from an archaic system to a stronger form of government with a stronger mayor. Mr. Tanzler's dedication to ending pollution has been important in these ongoing quality of life issues."

Hans III, Executive Director of St. Johns River Water Management District, acknowledges the legacy of protecting water resources and celebrating the river he grew up on saying his father was "inspirational". Just a mouse click away is the famous photo of the former mayor skiing on the St. Johns River with the Cypress Gardens team as part of his clean river campaign!

#### A standout civic leader

Click again: He's serving as a Criminal Court Judge, he's running for governor. When asked if he was inspired to seek the office of mayor because of his association with Hans Tanzler, former mayor Tommy Hazouri replies that he aspired to be mayor in junior high school.

"Not that Mr. Tanzler wasn't an influence, he was an imposing man – in looks, stature, personality – he was in good physical shape. Being about a generation apart, our relationship at that time was more from a student point of view." He laughingly remarks, "Working in his office while I was in college, I couldn't get over looking at him as "The Judge."

There are shots of Tanzler presenting keys to the city to John S. McCain; at NAS with President Gerald Ford and Anwar Sadat; with his pal Louis Ritter; throwing the 1st pitch at a baseball game; in a Santa hat smiling broadly while ringing a bell for the Salvation Army (which he did for 20 years); with JJ Daniel burying a time capsule; promoting education and the arts. Look again. He is receiving a plaque designating the part of Interstate 295 which is named after him; there he is joking with Bob Hope! And Jack Benny! So much energy and vitality suspended in time.

#### A standout person

Photos may fade but time will not diminish the joie de vivre, the magnetism, the power of the man whether in sepia tones or in full color. Family members share poignant and humorous remembrances of the goose he rescued for Emily, his legacy for Debbie of true friendship and "two wonderful children and a wonderful husband." His special bond with Carol who says, "He treated me like a princess"; the loving kindness he showed to wife Mercedes during her illness.

Carol recalls him rolling his wheelchair over to her mother's bed, comforting her by playing "Eidelweiss" on his harmonica; celebrating Christmas (in his bold red jacket) by shopping personally for each and every present; dancing with Emily at her debut; his striking paintings of birds and wildlife; his jokes, his way of making you feel like you were the most important person in the room; his Christian faith, which Hans III honors by wearing his father's cross saying, "He was a deeply spiritual guy."

This John Wayne tough guy with a soft heart was a man well loved by his family. Robert and Carol revel in memories and moments while boating on the St. Johns. Emily notes, "Granddad was a man of strength, courage and spirituality." On a recent trip to Italy the Tanzlers "laughed, cried, prayed and healed" as they burned memorial candles in the Duomo Cathedral of Milan for this stand out man. Hans IV, says, "I was always in awe of my grandfather. He was the patriarch – he could do anything."

Photos of Hans Tanzler, Junior are not "pictures of a gone world" but glimpses into a lifetime of stories worth telling and retelling by those who loved and knew him best. There is not one thing insignificant about that!

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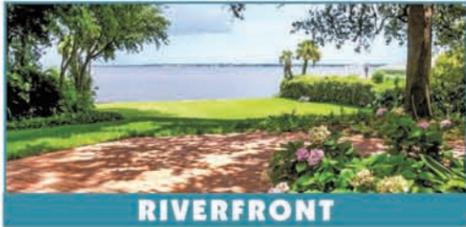
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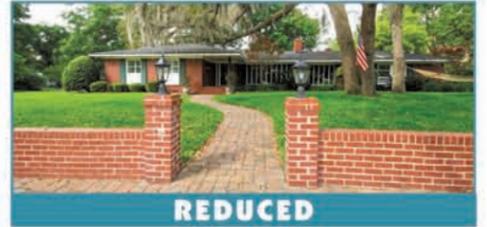
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# Community asked for input on 220 Riverside

*Residents offer ideas for retail at Unity Plaza*

BY STEPHEN KINDLAND  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Residents can help determine what businesses will occupy 3,000 square feet of space at 220 Riverside, a progressive, residential high rise under construction along Riverside Avenue in Brooklyn that will include a 1,000-seat outdoor theater.

Jen Jones, executive director of Jacksonville Unity Plaza, the not-for-profit segment of the Hallmark Partners real estate project, says she welcomes any and all suggestions – especially ideas involving independent, locally owned retailers.

“This space is for Jacksonville,” Jones said of available space for up to four shops. “Right now, I am looking for unfiltered ideas.

“This is a no-holds-barred process,” she added. “We’re hoping to hear from all sorts of people.”

Jones said the businesses will be in addition to two “non-big box” restaurants, one of which will be a farm-to-table destination restaurant. The other will be a “chic, urban, after work hang-out,” according to information on unityplaza.com, the website peo-

ple can use to submit ideas.

Construction of the \$40 million project – which will include 294 apartments and an assortment of small-space businesses situated along

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**Jen Jones**

Director of Jacksonville Unity Plaza

Several residents have submitted comments to the website, which also contains progress reports about 220 Riverside. Suggestions have included a coffee or ice cream shop, a fashion store, a food truck plaza and a micro-brewery.

Jones, an accomplished art dealer and consultant who is intimately familiar with the Riverside/Avondale area, said she will look for common threads that will guide the decision making process.

“We’re all ears,” Jones said. “Every idea counts, and [they] are spurring meetings and development and programming ideas.”

She also said the chosen businesses will reflect 220 Riverside’s mission and vision.

“What we’re really looking to do is unify multiple cultures,” Jones said. “We want to be a catalyst for change.”

She said Unity Plaza plans to use a percentage of rent collected from residents and business owners to sponsor year-round concerts and educational programming at the state-of-the-art outdoor theater.

“It’s a guaranteed funding stream” for promotional events, Jones said. “Your business could not not be a success at Unity Plaza.”

a lake the size of a football field – is expected to be completed by next summer. However, Unity Plaza officials want to begin working with prospective businesses by late fall.

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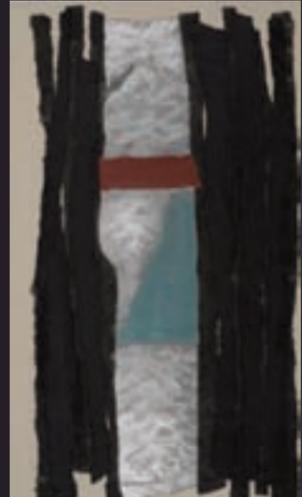
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# Riverside/Willowbranch project progress dampened

*Contractor feels rain cloud follows him*

BY KATE A. HALLOCK  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Acts of God notwithstanding, residents along Willowbranch and Riverside feel it may take a miracle to complete what has turned into “The NeverEnding Project.”

The construction project was originally proposed under Mayor John Peyton’s administration in April 2009. The intent of the project was to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety of the existing bridge and intersection by bringing it up to current City Standards.

According to the four-year-old project presentation, the existing bridge was to be widened by replacing it with a box culvert, which would provide the minimum width needed to construct two 12-foot travel lanes and the required 14-foot safety clearance on both sides of the street. The construction of the project would also improve drainage and traffic functionality.

After awarding the bid to The Touring Company in May 2011 it took nearly a year to get the contract drawn up and approved. The contractor’s plan then was to start after the 2012 rainy season ended and finish the project in first quarter 2013.

“Our original start date of Nov. 28 [2012] was delayed due to the inability to shut off the water main which needed to be relocated. We had to wait well over 100 days to get new valves installed which put us into the rainy season,” said David Touring, president of The Touring Company. “This could have been determined in the planning and design phases.”

Once Touring was able to commence in late March 2013 – eight weeks after he initially thought the project would be completed – he encountered more problems.

“There were two main issues with the project that were considerable. One, the amount of water that flows through the site on a regular basis was not anticipated in the planning and design phases, and two, the cofferdams that were specified were inadequate to withstand the flow in the creek,” Touring explained. “After three attempts to do what was specified, we did contract with a specialty company to install the current cofferdams. The City did not approve this expense (yet), but I refused to put more dirt back in the canal. They [the cofferdams] are working very well.”

Residents in the small condominium at 2936 Riverside Avenue have closely monitored the project, posting photos on their association website and dealing almost daily with City engineers and the contractor. One concern they had was the long-term health of an old cypress tree, whose roots had been exposed through the excavation process.



The contractor was finally able to pour concrete in the bottom of the creek, one of the first steps in the process to building retaining walls and doing backfill; according to David Touring, once the rainy weather is past, progress will pick up

Arborists with JEA, which is working nearby on St. Johns Avenue, took a look at the cypress tree. “Joe [Anderson] and Mike [Robinson] looked at the cypress trees at the Willowbranch Avenue crossing and saw no issues of concern with the construction,” reported Gerri Boyce, JEA media relations coordinator. “They did not see any major root severances and the tree would have grown with minimal roots in that direction with the drainage ditch and high water levels in the soil.”

The start of the rainy season in late May was the beginning of many project woes. Construction dam blowouts in June, followed by a wetter than usual July, brought new challenges.

Then, last month the City issued a change order and redesign on the project to correct storm water problems down Willowbranch Avenue. According to Touring, that will add a bit of time to the project and will affect the schedule for the pavement.

“We are still hoping to complete this project in September, at least the pavement, so we can open the road,” he stated. “Every time we get a hard rain it sets us back almost a week.”

The contractor had to pour concrete into the bottom of the creek before they could move forward with constructing retaining walls. It takes a day to prepare the creekbed [pumping out water], so when it rains they have to start all over.

“This would not have been an issue in November-February,” Touring said. “We did make our first two pours this week [August 19]. Fingers crossed.”

“All that is really important now is that we have identified the issues with the project and we are all working together (City, Engineer, us, etc.) to get this project done,” concluded Touring.

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# Avondale station bites the dust, makes way for the Mellow Mushroom

Burkhalter took the first bite out of the station on Aug. 12; the topping of the chimney was a crowd thriller; the entire demolition took about 30 minutes from start to finish



Steve Diebenow, local attorney, and John Valentino, owner of Mellow Mushroom

## Ironic end to historical icon

BY KATE A. HALLOCK  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

A small crowd gathered to watch the destruction of the derelict gas station at the corner of St. Johns and Ingleside on the site for the planned Mellow Mushroom Pizza Bakers in the Shoppes of Avondale. Demolition was virtually complete within 30 minutes on Monday, Aug. 12.

A few items were removed from the garage, including four old gas pump meters and the death certificate

of the owner. Vince Porchiazzo, site superintendent for Tenant Construction, said that they would recycle everything they possibly could.

Valentino's original plans for Mellow Mushroom involved adaptive re-use of the gas station, according to a release by Keymer Group. Simon Keymer noted that after extensive negotiations with Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) and others, the decision was made to demolish the gas station in favor of a new building with a parking lot.

"The demolition of the gas station represents an ironic end for the iconic

structure built in 1964. Ironic because John Valentino sought to preserve the gas station and ultimately agreed to its demolition as part of a compromise with neighbors to provide additional parking," said Steve Diebenow, attorney for the project. "Mellow Mushroom Avondale is a great illustration of thoughtful infill development that balanced concerns for an existing historic structure with practical parking solutions in the historic neighborhood."

Milan Malinovic, principal, Design/Cooperative, is the architect and interior designer for the new restaurant. "It will be quite different from the other Mellow Mushrooms; it will fit in the neighborhood," he noted. "Even the historic

people in the city [City of Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission] were happy with the outcome."

Valentino shared, "I'm just glad it's finally moving forward. It's unnecessary that it's taken this long, but if it were easy, then everybody would be doing it. It's going to be a great thing. The plans are beautiful; we're trying to keep them close so that when it's all done everybody will be surprised.

"I think everybody will be happy. If they're not, I don't know what could have been done better. I'm obviously dedicated to the neighborhood and making a significant investment," Valentino concluded.

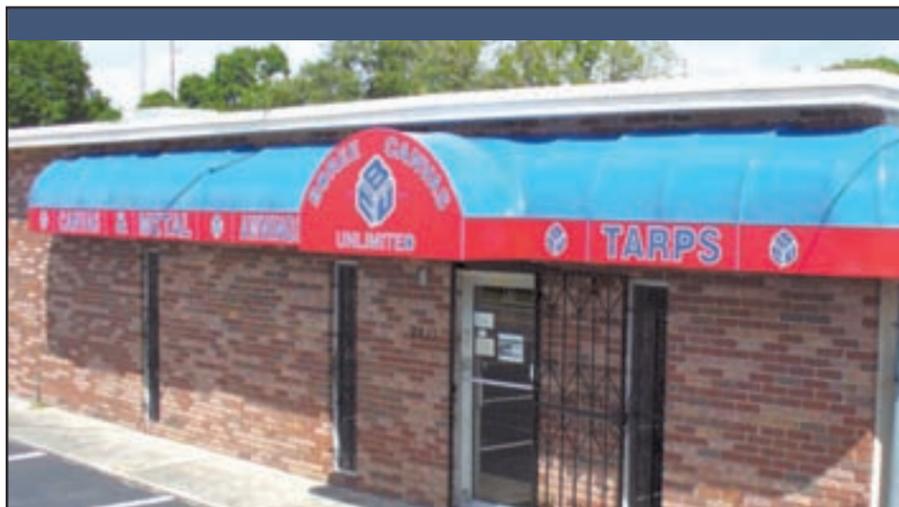
According to Porchiazzo, it will take a week to completely remove the debris, including the concrete, and to

begin the tear out of portions of the former Emly Benham/'town building in preparation for construction.

Mellow Mushroom is expected to open before the end of the year.



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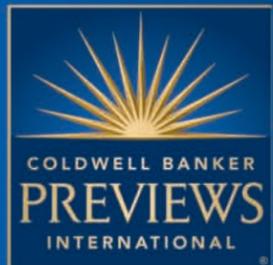
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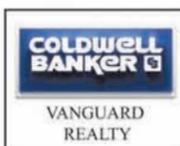
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As a pharmacist, I worked for two retail

pharmacies as staff and management, but decided in 2012 I needed a break. My husband and most of his side of the family have been in the real estate industry for years. After a few years of hearing all about how exciting their careers were, I decided to join them and obtain my real estate license.

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**JEA FROM 1** ..... looking like a bonsai creation gone awry.

But how often do property owners take the time and bear the expense to properly cut a tree that may be a hazard to their and their neighbors' power?

By rule of law the trees between the sidewalk and street are City property and, by extension, owned by JEA, stated Gerri Boyce, media relations coordinator for the JEA. "JEA does not have to have permission from the adjacent property owner to trim. And they [the property owners] do not have the technical right to bring a halt. JEA's policy is to notify homeowners when we are beginning a trimming cycle in their neighborhood."

Normally this policy works reasonably well, except when JEA began tree trimming in the 5 Points area earlier in the summer.

Communication (or lack of) is what brought residents, Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) and JEA together several times over the summer because bid crews preceded the communication piece in the existing process.

"As soon as JEA's forestry department recognized the lapse in the process we immediately called the crews away from the area," noted Kim Wheeler, Manager, T & D Preventative Maintenance.

Then followed several meetings over the summer with JEA's arborists and foresters to review the tree trimming practices and revise some policies to address the tree canopy in the Historic Districts.

"Even when the tree is on the homeowner's side of the sidewalk and within their property boundaries, we have the rights to 'do what is reasonable, necessary and customary to maintain the utility service,'" Boyce said. "This is called Proscriptive Rights. If the utility has been there for 25 years, the utility has the rights to maintain the line. The trim cycle

[2-1/2 years] defines those parameters."

According to JEA arborist Joe Anderson, who holds a forestry degree, RAP has a valid mission to uphold the historic aspects of the neighborhood, but "our mission is wider and broader. We have to provide safe, reliable electrical service to our customers, but we need to balance service with the health of the trees and the aesthetics," Anderson said. "When most of the complaints are about the aesthetics, we're reaching our reliability goal." Carmen

"As soon as JEA's forestry department recognized the lapse in the process we immediately called the crews away from the area,"

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Godwin, RAP executive director, affirmed RAP's mission: "We are one of two really distinct, unique areas of the [consolidated] City, and we have both national and local ordinances that protect the historic features, including trees and sidewalks. For us it's very important they [JEA] understand we are a unique area and the tree canopy is very important."

**Coming to agreement?**

"Trimming any tree, especially in the Historic District, is always a sticky wicket and there's never a good answer," Piety said from

experience. "The JEA is under mandate to clear the wires, so there's not much of an alternative. Back in the '60s, '70s, and even '80s there were no rules for trimming and trees were cut indiscriminately; there was such an outcry over those practices that those who cut now do proper cuts, having gone through training."

While JEA's tree contractors are currently trained to Tree Line Utility USA practices, moving forward they will receive additional training in Historic District trimming immediately prior to cutting in those areas. A certified arborist, acting as general foreman, and a JEA arborist or forester will remain in the area undergoing cycle cutting.

The JEA will also begin the open wire secondary replacement this fiscal year in conjunction with the cycle trim; open wires will be replaced with single line of bundled cable, which is insulated against possible contact from trees or squirrels.

While Godwin is cautiously optimistic about the proposed changes, she noted "We deal with the issue of the aggressive tree trimming practices every two and a half years and we sit down at the table; this is the first time [in three cycles] I feel we've made a lot of progress, but I don't know if we're there yet. They are trying to research ways they can minimize the effect on the tree canopies."

In a progress report to RAP and other concerned residents, Wheeler wrote, "JEA recognizes that trees and urban forests add value to property and enhance the quality of life in a variety of ways. However, utility tree pruning programs are necessary to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of vital services to the community. When trimming trees, our goal, at JEA, is to create the right balance between safety, reliability, tree health, aesthetics, and community concerns. Yes, we agree that preserving the past is important; but we also agree that preserving old ways may not always be the only way to continue forward."

New ways could include underground utilities. While replacing open wires, also known as aerial bundled cabling (ABC), may result in a smaller pruning radius RAP's ultimate wish is that the utilities be buried.

"We'd love to see underground and no more tree trimming; the ABCs will reduce the amount of trimming they will have to do," Godwin said. "We'd like to see a plan in writing for changing out the cables and moving toward underground cables."

JEA had quite a few more items on its list of improvements that it will be incorporating into the needs of the two and a half year trim cycle. With four degreed foresters and six certified arborists supervising and inspecting tree trimming around the power lines, residents can have some assurance that all sides will be declared winners in this match.

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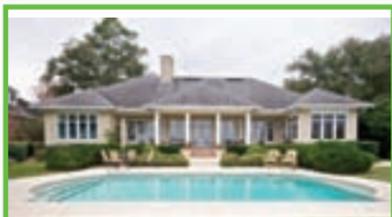
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# Luxury condo tower coming to Riverside

*Developers of 220 Riverside, Villa Riva plan 16-stories*

By STEVE DiMATTIA  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Riverside's real estate revitalization will soon take a surge skyward with the development of a 16-story luxury condominium tower overlooking the St. Johns River at 500 Bishopgate Lane.

Bryan Weber, a principal at Jacksonville-based Hallmark Partners – the group behind 220 Riverside – expects construction of the so-named Beacon Riverside to begin early 2014 with completion near the end of 2015. It will rise 14 floors above two parking levels with 55 units ranging from \$600,000 to nearly \$2 million. Units will be 2,200 to 4,500 square feet with the top floor crowned by a 7,500 square foot penthouse. Development costs are projected to total \$40-45 million with a \$55 million projected sell-out, Weber said.

Beacon Riverside is in many ways modeled after Villa Riva condominiums and townhouses, completed in 2005 for \$45 million and located down the road from Bishopgate Lane on Riverside Avenue and Stockton Street. Weber developed Villa Riva as managing director of Flagship Communities and is overseeing Beacon.

"We envisioned Villa Riva for people who owned a home on the river and were looking to downsize slightly but still wanted a presence there while enjoying a maintenance free lifestyle,"

Weber said, noting all 66 of its condo units and six townhouses were sold when it opened and that it has maintained stability in the market. "We see Beacon Riverside offering the same opportunity. The added draw now is that Riverside and Brooklyn have become even more vibrant neighborhoods and they are growing straight into Downtown, also boosting its revitalization."

Weber pointed to the Cummer Museum and YMCA renovations, Riverside Arts Market, access to varied shopping, entertainment and restaurant possibilities, as well as Hallmark's 220 Riverside – a 294-unit, seven-story apartment complex with retail and a community park (Unity Plaza) currently under construction on Riverside Avenue in Brooklyn scheduled to open August 2014 – as signs that Riverside/Brooklyn is experiencing a strong resurgence.

Allan DeVault – co-owner of Black Sheep restaurant, 5 Points merchants' association president, and Riverside Avondale Preservation board member – feels Beacon residents will have the resources to play a continued role in the area's growth.

"These are people who want to come into the urban core, and not, say, to the beaches. They want to be close to

the vibrancy of Downtown and will emphasize the necessity of rebuilding the urban core. And they have the financial resources, connections and influence to encourage the city to be a partner in that rebuilding, or, at least to be more cognizant of the area's needs," DeVault said.

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principal at Jacksonville-based Hallmark Partners

Some view Beacon as a further sign of recovery of the area's overall real estate market. "A luxury development like this is a

great indicator of the health of the recovery in the core neighborhoods and adds to the energy going into downtown," said Jon Singleton, Northeast Florida Association of Realtors Historic Area Council chair and realtor for Watson Realty's Avondale/Ortega office. "No one has been funding condos; that Hallmark could be an attribute to their track record. This is also good for city coffers."

Paving way for Beacon's relatively ambitious construction schedule is the fact that they have reworked an existing site plan that was approved for 80 units for a never-built high rise called Bishop Gate, which was entitled in 2006.

"We downsized from 80 to 55 units to make it more appealing," Weber said. "We are in an urban transitional area and honoring all of the requirements that guided the original PUD [Planned Unit Development] agreement in terms of height restrictions, set back, and such. RAP was included in those initial PUD discussions. We respect Riverside and have a design that stays within its traditions yet is refined for the next generation."

The 1.4-acre site has been home for The Robin Shepherd Group since 1997. The current structure was built in 1947 and renovated in 1960, according to city records. Weber said it is not a contributing historical structure and will be demolished. Shepherd will move to Riverplace Tower on the Southbank in mid-October, according to its website.

Beacon Riverside's sales gallery is set to open after Labor Day and will be located at 806 Riverside Ave. Weber said a design rendering will be available within two weeks.



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# Jacksonville chosen as partner city for Kennedy Center's Any Given Child program

BY KATE A. HALLOCK  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Representatives from the City of Jacksonville, Duval County Public Schools and the Cathedral Arts Project welcomed Darrell Ayers, vice president of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to Central Riverside Elementary School on Aug. 22.

Ayers announced that Jacksonville was chosen as the 14th Partner City nationwide for Any Given Child, a program that creates a long-range arts education plan for public schools through Grade 8.

"The partnership with the Kennedy Center for Any Given Child represents a tremendous honor for the Cathedral Arts Project and our entire community," Mayor Alvin Brown said. "We are thankful for the opportunity to enhance and celebrate the dynamic contributions of artistic and cultural activities, and enhance arts education in our city."

Ayers, who has ties to Jacksonville through his high school and college years and who met his wife here, said "It wasn't a difficult decision for us...to select Jacksonville, FL as the 14th city to as part of the Center's Ensuring the Arts for Any Given Child."

Jacksonville joins 13 other communities, including Sarasota, FL, in the program. "We felt there would be a great success here. First, we got a

terrific application from the Cathedral Arts Project, thanks to Kimberly Hyatt," Ayers continued. "Also, when we had our meetings with the mayor, we said one of the things we wanted to do is help the community take its resources to the next level and I found out that this was one of the big things the mayor's always talked about...to build on the success that already exists here in the Jacksonville area."

"This is great news for our schools and our city," said Dr. Nikolai P. Vitti, Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools. "The Kennedy Center's Any Given Child initiative is directly aligned to our strategic plan focus area of developing the whole child, and provides our community an incredible opportunity to advance our work of enriching and improving the lives and educational outcomes of Jacksonville's children."

"We've been impressed with the enthusiasm [for the arts] here," concluded Ayers. "It just made perfect sense for the Kennedy Center to be part of the work that's going on here in Jacksonville."

The program will incorporate existing resources of the Duval County Public Schools, along with those of local arts organizations, such as the Cathedral Arts Project, and the Kennedy Center to create a plan for arts education specific to the city.



Darrell Ayers, vice president, Kennedy Center; the Rev. Kimberly Hyatt, executive director, Cathedral Arts Project; Paula Wright, Duval County School Board, District 4; Becki Couch, Duval County School Board, District 6, Mayor Alvin Brown; David Kammerman, director of institutional giving, Cathedral Arts Project, and Marla Matson-Quattrone, director of development and communications, Cathedral Arts Project

## St. Paul's celebrating 90 years in Riverside

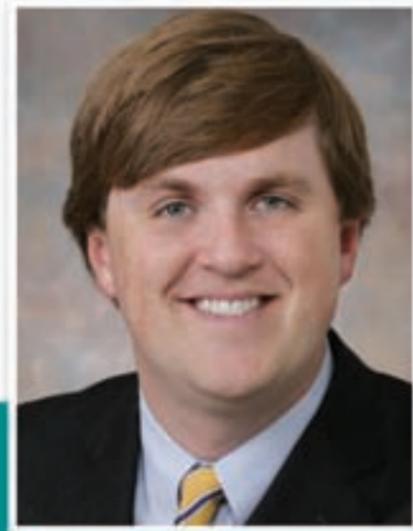
There are only five Roman Catholic parishes in the Jacksonville metropolitan area that are older than the 90-year-old St. Paul's Catholic Church and School at 2609 Park Street.

Established in 1922 when Bishop Patrick Barry petitioned the Archdiocese for a new parish, the original building (now the school) was the site of the congregation's first mass on Sept. 23, 1923.

The current sanctuary was built in 1939-40, with its first mass held on Easter Sunday, Mar. 24, 1940. The parish currently serves about 800 families and is commemorating its 90th anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving and re-dedication of the church at 11 a.m. on Sept. 15, followed by a reception. Later that evening, members and friends will attend a Gala Dinner Dance at the Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel.

The festivities also include a \$100-a-ticket raffle for prizes totaling \$15,000, plus a carnival on Sept. 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., which will include a mechanical bull and a 200-foot zipline ride. Funds will support the school through scholarships for economically-challenged families, updated technology, safe, secure environment, according to Principal Kim Repper.

St. Paul's is one of 21 congregations in the Diocese of Saint Augustine, which was established in 1870. Just two congregations in the Jacksonville Parish survived the 1901 fire. Three, including St. Paul's, were started shortly after World War I, while 14 were established in the three decades between World War II and the Vietnam War era. Until Bishop Kenny High School was established in the 1950s, St. Paul's was the only Catholic high school in the diocese.



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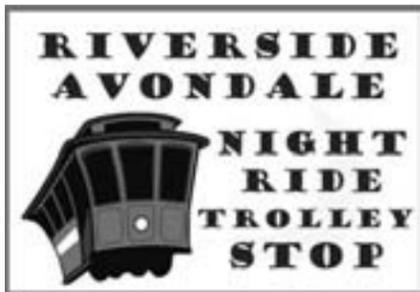
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# Getting around in the neighborhood

**Riverside Avondale Trolley Night**  
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The Riverside Avondale Night Trolley event, sponsored by Riverside Avondale Preservation, neighborhood restaurants, bars and others, is an initiative to show the Jacksonville Transportation Authority that a trolley service at night would be successfully utilized in the neighborhood.

Residents are invited to see that clean, convenient, reliable and low cost public transportation can be a viable alternative to cars in the congested destination areas of 5 Points, Park & King, Stockton and College, the Brewery District and The Shoppes of Avondale.

Tickets will be available to ride the JTA Trolley at various locations. There will be printed route maps available and a mobile optimized website that will show current route locations, with 17 stops, on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Tickets for the first night will be

given away at participating sponsors prior to the event or can be purchased on <https://riversidenighttrolley.eventbrite.com> for \$5 and includes unlimited rides that night. The proceeds will go to continued transportation and parking efforts in Riverside Avondale neighborhood.

## Shoppes of Avondale Valet Service

According to The Shoppes of Avondale Merchant Association president Dianne Garcia, the valet service began operations last month at Prudential Network Realty, where the service stages vehicle drop off and pickup. Valets park the vehicles behind shops between Sherwin Williams and the Fox, and behind Coldwell Realty. The cost is \$5 per vehicle, but the association is hoping that restaurants will eventually ante up for the valet service.

## Parking Study committee sets townhall meetings

The Parking Study committee has determined that townhall meetings for residents in two neighborhoods will be held the end of this month. The Park and King streets townhall will be held Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m. at West Riverside Elementary School. For Avondale, residents will meet Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m. at Fishweir Elementary School.

## From the Beach and back via the Connector

A start-up service is hoping that beach residents will embrace the idea of a shuttle to Downtown for late weekend night entertainment. The Connector is being billed as a fun and safe way to get from Jacksonville Beach to Downtown and back, according to Trey Hebron, founder and president of The Elbow, which is partnering with 1904 Music Hall in the formative stages of the initiative.

According to Hebron, "We're already in the funding and implementation portion of this project. We are trying to finalize our plan and get this thing on the road!"

For \$8 per rider, the round-trip shuttle will escort up to 50 people at a time downtown and back across "the ditch", safe and sound.

Plans are in the works to open the shuttle up every Friday and Saturday night. In addition to saving money for patrons, it will also save lives through DUI prevention. Drinking is permitted on the shuttle and passengers are encouraged to be clean and courteous. Buses will pick up and drop off behind the Tropical Smoothie/Firehouse Subs on Beach Blvd., leaving Jacksonville Beach at 9:30 p.m. and then leaving from 1904 Music Hall at 2 a.m.

For details, visit <http://theelbowjax.com/the-connector/> or visit their Facebook page.

# Realtors face fines for sign placement

*New ordinances to remove restriction*

BY LARA PATANGAN  
 RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

If the real estate agent you hire doesn't bother to put a for sale sign in your yard, it could be a bad sign. Or, it could be that they are just following the law.

According to section 656.1306 of the Zoning Code, real estate signs have to be set back 10 feet from the property line which sometimes means behind a fence, hedge or other obstruction that makes them obscured.

Jon Singleton, an agent with Watson Realty, has sold real estate for 11 years. While the law is nothing new, he has never seen it enforced until recently. He was surprised to receive three \$55 citations for having a for sale sign in a client's yard.

He didn't remove them either. "With the way the City is applying the code (requiring signs to be 30 feet from the center line of the street), makes it impossible to adequately market and sell homes," explained Singleton. If all goes well, Singleton shouldn't have to risk the fine much longer.

District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer has drafted ordinance 2013-486 that "allows placement of a real estate sign advertising the sale or lease of a residential property between the edge of pavement and the lot line of the property."

She expects it to pass in the beginning of the month. "It's just one of those things that you are surprised it's some other way," Boyer said. "It's like motherhood and apple pie."

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# Public forum offers chance for input on traffic flow, pedestrian safety

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BY STEPHEN KINDLAND  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Residents in Riverside, Avondale and surrounding neighborhoods have a chance to provide input on traffic flow and parking space in the Five Points business district when a public forum is held later this month.

Stephen Tocknell of Tocknell Planning Services and members of the 5 Points Merchants Association say they welcome “any and all comments” concerning traffic flow, on-street parking and safe travel for pedestrians and bicyclists in the bustling commercial area.

“No one has any preconceived notions,” Tocknell said of the forum, scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Sun-Ray Cinema, 1028 Park St. “The whole point is to address ideas that people have.”

The merchants association has joined Riverside Avondale Preservation in hiring Tocknell to conduct a “concept study” that will serve as a blueprint for creating a safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists while minimizing the affect the changes will have on motorists traveling through the commercial area.

The plan also can be used to bolster the chances of the city spending as much as \$750,000 to follow through on whatever plans result from the study. City Councilman Jim Love is seeking that amount after being approached by members of the two groups.

Love, whose District 14 includes

Five Points, remains in support of the redesign, which likely will include changes to the historic, five-way intersection from which the district gets its name. He said that improvements are becoming more urgent, given the opening next year of nearby residential complexes, including 220 Riverside, a 294-unit project in nearby Brooklyn.

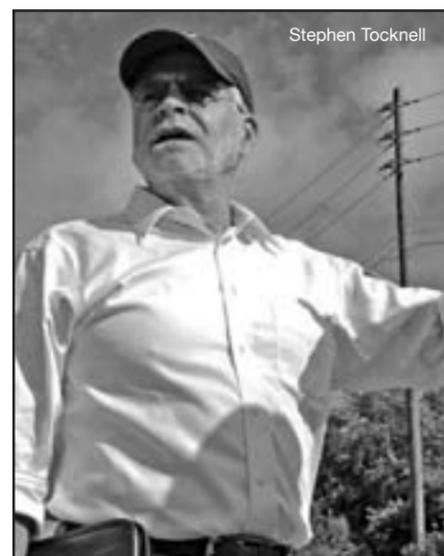
“I certainly applaud their efforts,” Love said of Riverside Avondale

Preservation and the merchants association. “I will

do my best to figure out how to get some money. It’s needed; they’re thriving over there.”

RAP – a not-for-profit group established in the mid-1970s to protect the area’s historic integrity – is using \$36,000 left over from previous fundraisers to pay for the study, and has joined the 5 Points Merchants Association in raising money to demonstrate to the city that they are willing to come up with an estimated 10 percent of the cost to complete the projects outlined in the concept study.

Tocknell said he and others involved in the study have been working with city planners, engineers and



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other officials, and that he remains impressed with the resolve of RAP and the merchants association.

“This plan isn’t going to be put on a shelf,” he said. “It’s a plan that’s connected to an engineering plan that is connected to construction. That makes the whole thing a lot more worthwhile.”

Several ideas for improvements have emerged since mid-July, when Tocknell led Love and two dozen other people on a tour of the commercial area. The tour included a close look at the quasi-roundabout at the five-way intersection where Oak, Margaret, Lomax and Park streets meet.

The intersection has long been a source of confusion for pedestrians and drivers – especially motorists unfamiliar with the area. Proposed changes to increase safety while keeping the historic value of the light-house-looking post that flashes red and yellow lights – likely will be addressed at the forum, according to Allan DeVault, a managing partner of the Black Sheep restaurant on Oak Street.

He said other topics of equal importance will be covered, including the restructuring of the intersections at Post and Margaret streets and Post and Park streets.

“Community input is really the main goal of the forum,” DeVault said.

Tocknell says he hopes the forum will be well attended.

“I’m very pleased with how all the pieces are coming together,” he said. “Everyone likes the approach we are taking.”

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# Alligator trapped, killed near elementary school

A 12-foot alligator, estimated to be 300 to 400 pounds, was trapped and killed in the canal that runs next to Stockton Elementary School in Ortega Forest. Apparently the gator had been appearing in the canal for a few weeks and was deemed a possible threat to people and pets in the area.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, an alligator may be deemed a nuisance if it exceeds four feet in length and it is considered dangerous to people, pets and property. Alligators less than four feet in length are not large enough to be dangerous unless han-

dled. They eat fish, frogs and other small animals. Typically, they are not large enough to be a threat even to small pets. The mere presence of a small alligator is not cause for concern. Occasionally, alligators less than four feet in length are legitimate problems and must be addressed.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has a special Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program (SNAP) to address complaints concerning alligators. Call toll-free 866-392-4286 if there is a nuisance alligator in your area.



Savannah Williams, age 6, poses on an alligator trapped and killed near Stockton Elementary School last month.



Civitan Club of Jacksonville members presented a \$28,600 Jacksonville University scholarship endowment Wednesday, June 26 to JU President Tim Cost. Pictured are (from left) Civitan members John Layton and George Revels; Cost; and Civitan members Harry Pierce and George Carswell

## Civitan Club endows JU scholarship fund

Seventy years ago, the Civitan Club of Jacksonville raised \$20,000 to buy property to move Jacksonville Junior College – which later would become Jacksonville University – from downtown to Riverside. Then, the club immediately raised another \$30,000 for renovations and outfitting classrooms.

“The Civitan Club has always had a special place in our heart for JU,” said Avondale resident George Revels, a member of the organization since 1980.

In recognition of the significant role the Civitan Club of Jacksonville had in the early development of Jacksonville University, the civic organization created a \$28,600 endowed scholarship for JU students and presented the endowment on June 26 to JU President Tim Cost.

Club member John Layton, also of Avondale, will serve on the scholarship selection committee. Students with financial need who work to help pay for their education will be eligible for the scholarship.

“We are extremely grateful to the Civitan Club of Jacksonville and its members for their longstanding partnership with Jacksonville University,” Cost said. “Because this scholarship endowment benefits hardworking innovators, leaders and dreamers of tomorrow, it’s an investment not just in JU, but in the community as a whole. We pledge to continue to be good stewards of the Civitan Club’s kind, generous support of JU and its students.”

For information about the Civitan Club’s JU scholarship program, call (904) 256-7716.

## Murray Hill Theatre celebrates 18 years

For almost 2 decades the Murray Hill Theatre, a nonprofit nightclub on the west side of Jacksonville, has offered a safe place for young adults to enjoy live entertainment without drugs, alcohol, secondhand smoke and negative lyrics. The theatre, operated by Tony Nasrallah, commemorated its 18th anniversary with a two-day music festival last month, including local and national bands and acoustic singers and songwriters.

Murray Hill Theatre has put on over 2,100 live music events and has continued to build its reputation as not only one of the best live music venues in the country and but arguably as the nation’s premier Christian rock venue. The theatre, located at 932 Edgewood Avenue South, includes a full service restaurant, open for lunch Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner Tuesday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.



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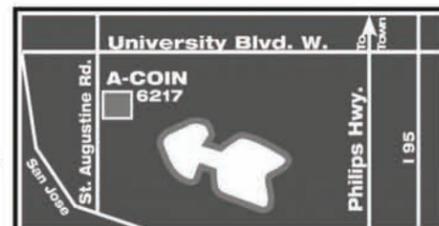


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# “Moppin’ up McCoy’s” project adds momentum to commitment

BY STEPHEN KINDLAND  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Several environmental advocacy groups are banding together to hold a clean-up event along McCoy’s Creek as efforts to restore the purity of the once free-flowing waterway continue.

Moppin’ Up McCoy’s – an event that welcomes volunteers – is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28 at eight different sites along the 3.5-mile creek, which flows through Murray Hill and numerous Riverside neighborhoods before emptying into the St. Johns River near Brooklyn. The clean-up sites include Hollybrook, Powers and Westwood city parks.

This month’s clean-up will be followed by the Emerald Necklace Festival, scheduled to be held from noon to 4 p.m.

along McCoy’s Creek Boulevard near Hollybrook Park.

The festival is a first-time event honoring the creek as one of the city’s many aquatic jewels, according to

organizer Melissa Beaudry, a development coordinator with North Florida Land Trust. She said the festival will be a family-oriented affair that will feature live music, a food truck, awareness and education booths, exercise stations and free tours of McCoy’s Creek.

“We’d definitely like to see kids there,” said Beaudry, who grew up in San Marco. “We’d like to show them that nature is everywhere. Our point is to create awareness and education about the quality of our urban waterways.”

Sarah Nan, a member of the Real McCoy’s all-volunteer creek clean-up crew and the city’s Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission, said those two organizations are teaming with North Florida Land Trust, St. Johns Riverkeeper and the Jacksonville Jaycees to stage the two events.

Nan has been working with dozens of other volunteers who conduct monthly clean-up sessions along McCoy’s Creek and other urban waterways. She said that during the past seven years, volunteers



Daniel Solomons hauls away a sign he found in McCoy’s Creek during a recent clean-up session staged by an all-volunteer group that calls itself The Real McCoy’s because of its mission to restore the beauty of the 3-5-mile creek.



Dunnacan Pullen of Avondale, a member of a volunteer group calling itself The Real McCoy’s for its mission of cleaning up McCoy’s Creek, drags a car bumper from the creek near McCoy’s Creek Boulevard and King Street during a recent clean-up session

have pulled more than 1,600 tires from area creeks and riverbanks, as well as an estimated 30 tons of trash. The estimated total includes more than 500 tires and 13 tons of trash from McCoy’s Creek in the past seven months alone.

“It’s just very exciting to see what’s happening,” Nan said. “For so long we didn’t think anyone cared, but now people are coming together to really help out.”

She also said that cleaning up McCoy’s Creek is part of a long-range plan to connect the creek to an urban greenway system that would include walking and biking trails. The system

conceivably could be connected to the Jacksonville/Baldwin Rail Trail through Jacksonville’s Westside.

“There are lots of plans in the works,” Nan said. “It’s pretty exciting.”

Moppin’ Up McCoy’s and the festival are being aided by a grant from Wells Fargo’s Environmental Solutions for Communities program, in partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Federation.

For information about volunteering for the Sept. 28 events or monthly waterway clean-ups, call St. Johns Riverkeeper outreach director Shannon Blankinship at (904) 256-7613, or go online to [www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org](http://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org).

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# To be or not to be (a historic district)?

*Historic designation can be tough sell*

BY NANCY LEE BETHEA  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

With three official historic districts in Jacksonville – Riverside/Avondale, Springfield and St. Johns Quarter – the past is being preserved for future generations.

Springfield, with more than 1,000 buildings over 50 years of age, gained the historic district distinction in 1992. St. Johns Quarter, a small area of Riverside close to the St. Johns River, earned it in 1996. Riverside/Avondale, a neighborhood known for distinct architectural styles, received it in 1998.

Two additional neighborhoods, San Marco and Old Ortega, share some of Jacksonville's rich heritage, but they are not official historic districts.

## What it takes

Gaining status as an historic district is a complicated process generally initiated within neighborhoods, according to Joel McEachin, City Planner and Supervisor, Historic Preservation Section for the City of Jacksonville.

The process begins with a recommendation from the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission. Established in 1990, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission is comprised of attorneys, architects and educators. The Commission's goals include helping the public wade

through the historic designation process and shedding light on district and state regulations, according to the City of Jacksonville's web site. In addition, the Commission strives to help neighborhood organizations protect and preserve their architectural, historic and cultural resources.

Upon acquiring the Commission's recommendation, a neighborhood must find an entity to sponsor their application to gain historic designation. Only certain entities can sponsor an application, which complicates the process even more, according to McEachin. "Sponsors are usually a council member, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission or neighborhoods working with council people," he added.

Once a neighborhood submits its application, the City prepares the paperwork technicalities for them. Then, the City sends a report and recommendations to the Commission. If the Commission deems the application complete, they start the clock and the process begins, McEachin said.

If the application moves forward, the City notifies each neighborhood resident of hearings and meetings. The City also provides ballots to enable residents to vote on whether they support seeking the designation as an historic district.

A town meeting then takes place, and a public hearing is held before the Commission, McEachin shared.

Next, the neighborhood's applica-

tion is reviewed once more, and if it is approved again by 50 percent or more of the neighborhood's residents, it heads to Jacksonville's City Council. If City Council approves the neighborhood's application, a public hearing before the zoning commission takes place. The approved application then goes before City Council and the Mayor. Finally, the neighborhood is flagged for permits, and the area's designation as an historic district begins, McEachin added.

## Old Ortega and San Marco – historic or not?

Currently, the neighborhoods of Old Ortega and San Marco lack designations as historic districts, though full of rich history and architecture.

"Historic districts are important for all cities, but they have to be approved by community vote," Matt Carlucci, San Marco resident and former Jacksonville City Councilman, said.

Reaching unanimity in a residential area is difficult, according to Carlucci, and historic districts are always a thorny issue.

"San Marco has been reluctant to impose restrictions on itself," he said. "A lot of people would support it, but more members of community feel it could be an invasion of property rights. So, it's a property rights type of issue."

"The bottom line is residents have been unable to build consensus in [Old Ortega and San Marco] to pass an historic district."

Still, in Carlucci's experience, when neighborhoods succeed in gaining historic designation, most residents are pleased they did. "Even those who were opposed to it at the beginning were glad it passed in the long haul," he said.

With easy access to the St. Johns River, ample walking spaces, unique

architecture and rich culture, some may argue an official historic designation is unnecessary for Old Ortega and San Marco.

"What makes San Marco different is the architecture of the homes. When you're there, you know you're in an historic area," Carlucci said. "The same is true for Ortega and Springfield."

## Historic district red tape a business killer

Intuition Ale Works, a local brewery offering high quality handcrafted beers on King Street, lies within the Riverside/Avondale historic district, a situation offering both benefits and drawbacks.

On the plus side, the area's rich culture drew Avondale resident Ben Davis to set up shop in Riverside. "It's the best neighborhood in the city – the most unique, the most loyal," Davis said. "I knew if I embraced the neighborhood, they'd embrace beer." And they have.

On the other hand, Intuition's building is classified as a non-contributing historic structure in an historic district. In addition, the area is zoned light industrial, according to the City of Jacksonville.

The combination of having restrictions on renovating the building plus residential neighbors across the street means Davis is considering a move. "I can't do much [to the building]. It's pretty complicated," he said.

With a non-contributing structure, Davis faces no restrictions on changing the interior of the building as long as it does not affect the exterior, according to Joel McEachin, City Planner and Supervisor, Historic Preservation Section for the City of Jacksonville.

Davis said he'd relocate tomorrow if he could. He hopes to find a new location within three years to prevent renewing Intuition's King Street lease.

"We want to make more beer, so we're looking for a larger location, ideally closer to the urban core downtown," Davis said.



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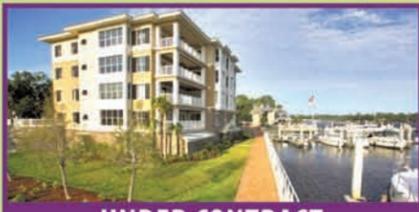
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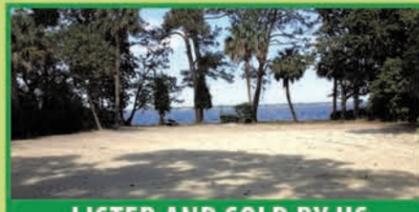
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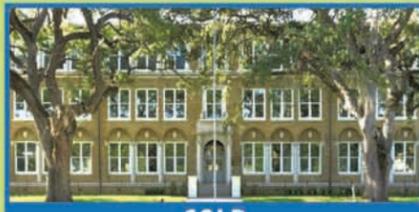
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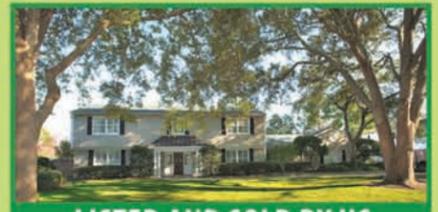
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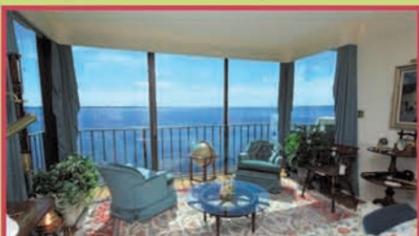
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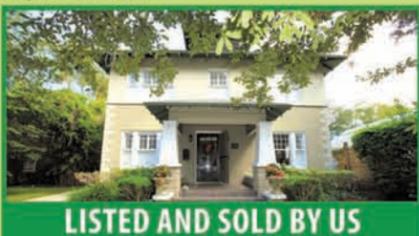


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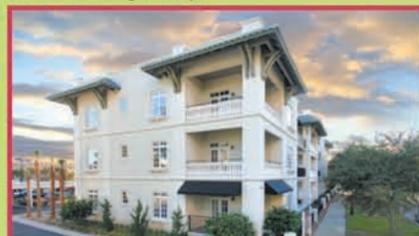


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# Alumni hot about name change petition

Who is Brandon Kirsch and why is he stirring things up?

BY KATE A. HALLOCK  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Alumni at the first ever 65th anniversary class reunion of Robert E. Lee High School certainly had a lot to talk about last month. The Class of 1948 most likely did much more than simply catch up with their classmates' lives; they also probably vented about the online petition currently circulating for a name change to the high school.

Just when you think the War Between the States has been firmly put to bed in the history books, someone fires another shot across the bow.

On Aug. 1 the *Times-Union* printed a letter from reader Brandon Kirsch of Neptune Beach, who has created a petition to change the name of Robert E. Lee High School, claiming "There are so many inspirational Americans to name a high school after. Why a slave-owning Confederate general deserves such an honor is beyond my comprehension."

Lee alumni were quick to fire back.

John Pringle, Class of 1950, sent an email to classmates about the petition and also made his opinion known with the *Times-Union*. "Since the attendance at Lee is now predominantly black, it is felt that the name of a slave-owning Confederate general is not an appropriate name. Would you like to see your high school named Dr. Martin Luther King High School or The Rev. Jesse Jackson High School? I for one bitterly oppose such a name change and I am sure many of you do also," read his email.

Reader responses on Jacksonville.com were varied, as were comments posted to the petition site, where 14 have petitioned for the name change and five are against the petition.

Noted one comment on the petition website, "Robert E. Lee, without



exception, was the finest general in the Civil War. If he had stayed with the North and took command of the Army of the Potomac, as was offered, the war would have ended quickly. But he was a man of honor and went back to his home state to serve the South. No, don't change the name of Robert E. Lee High School. I suspect if you dug back into the background and history of everyone a school was named after you might have to change 90% of the names. Leave well enough alone. Go find something else to complain about, something with substance, something meaningful."

Lee High School alumni, for the most part, are against the idea of a name change. Wrote Terry Weitzel, "You might mention that George Washington was also a slave-owner. Should we rename Washington, DC and Washington state, and what should we do about the Washington Monument? How about Andrew Jackson? Native Americans should remember that he ordered the removal of the Cherokee from their homeland, resulting in many deaths along the Trail of Tears. Let's rename Jacksonville!"

Some opposing opinions are even stronger. "I would rather see the school torn down than give in to changing the name," said Al Marshall, Jr. in an email.

Though not an alumnus, Ray King, had a different opinion: "Only the location and name are the same. The campus is different, the school interior is different. The culture and the student population are definitely different than from a generation ago. The only thing left other than the location is the original name which represents a culture different from what is there now. The alumni know who they are and when they were there. They do not send their children there now so a name change should have no bearing on their reunions. There is no significant connection between the older alumni and the students now other than the school name. Robert E. Lee High School will always be theirs in tradition, fond in memory. It is, in reality gone. A name change might be a relief. I am a Bolles graduate of 1952, otherwise I would have attended R. E. Lee and am considered by some to be an alumnus because of a book I wrote about us way back

then. The campus there at Bolles is also quite different than two generations ago, but the culture there, though now no longer military, and now co-educational and mixed racially is essentially the same. Alumni still send their children there [to Bolles]. They don't to Lee. They can't. Just let it go."

Another alumnus posted an opposing viewpoint on the petition website. "It is fitting that the current students at Lee High School select an appropriate name for the school in light of the injustices imposed on their forebears," stated Jackson Harper, Class of 1950.

So, just who is Brandon Kirsch, beyond someone with a strong opinion about Robert E. Lee? The Resident attempted to contact Kirsch to find out more about the man and his petition, but his phone number is disconnected or no longer in service. According to another news outlet, Kirsch, a Canadian, is a dermatology resident at Mayo Clinic Florida.

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# Getting to know... **Angela Anderson**

*Independent living teen finds time to volunteer*

BY JULIE KERNS GARMENDIA  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

**Q. A traumatic event led to new friends and one of your volunteer jobs...what happened?**

The day before I moved out of the foster care transitional group home into my new apartment in Riverside I was in a car accident that seriously damaged my vehicle. I didn't know what I was going to do. The Foster Closet was delivering some donated furniture to me on move-in day and I showed Tammy McGwire (Founder & President of Foster Closet), the photos of my accident and wrecked car. I couldn't believe what they did...Tammy just opened her heart to help me. They got my car and posted my situation on Facebook. A supporter from her network of contacts paid for my car to be repaired so I could get to my job and classes. I don't know what I would have done

without Tammy and the Foster Closet. It was amazing and inspiring to me. After that I became a volunteer for the Foster Closet.

**Q. What is the Foster Closet?**

It's an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for Northeast Florida foster parents (relative or non-relative) and Independent Living Teens like me to obtain free donations of all sizes clothing, children's accessories, supplies and toys, furniture and other necessities. The Foster Closet has helped more than 3,400 foster children and about 250 teens. The organization's motto is "foster parents need help to provide help," and their mission is found in the Bible, James 1:27..."to look after the orphans."

**Q. Who is Tammy McGwire?**

Tammy's a foster mom who has become my mentor. She, her husband John and their two biological children welcomed their first foster children in 2005. They were shocked that nothing was available to help families prepare to receive their foster children who often arrive at short notice and with nothing. She began saving clothing for other foster families until it took over a closet and then her garage. Older teens "age out" of foster care at age 18 and although we receive a modest stipend and scholarship assistance, we have to obtain housing, jobs and live on our own. I first learned about FC when they delivered furniture to help another foster teen.

**Q. You chose to live in Riverside – what brought you here?**

My job's at Mossfire Grill and I'm close to FSCJ. I love the walkability of my neighborhood and there's always so much to do here or nearby. I especially enjoy the historic homes, art galleries, Riverside Arts Market, Jacksonville Art Walk and the Cummer Museum.

**Q. Are you in touch with your biological family?**

I have five siblings all in foster care, except the youngest who was recently adopted. I entered foster care at age 13 and have some contact with my biological mother who lives in Gainesville. The things I have been through in my life have only made me work harder to do well and finish my education.

**Q. Why do you volunteer?**

I volunteer for the Foster Closet helping them paint, move, work on fundraisers...because they helped me and so many other foster kids. I also volunteer to go back and help the girls at my former foster group home. They're aged 14-16 and I call them my foster sisters. I show them how to dress for a job interview, drive them

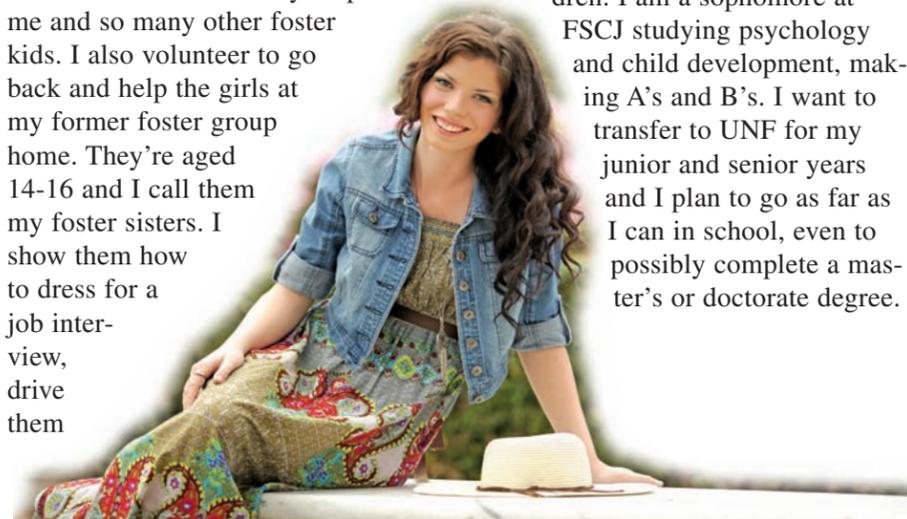
around to try to find volunteer work or fill out job applications at restaurants or grocery stores. We have heart-to-heart talks; I try to keep them on the straight and narrow. I understand how they feel, what they've been through. They know they can trust me, open up and talk to me and I'll help if I can. I even have foster moms who call me for help. I also volunteer at the Jacksonville Women's Center, talking to teens who are in or have been in the juvenile justice system.

**Q. Hobbies?**

I love to read and draw...I'm taking painting classes at FSCJ, working with acrylics right now. I love abstract and surreal art; I'd like to try oil painting. I have many friends in the area and I have my rescue kitty, Marie Curie.

**Q. Future plans?**

My dream is to open one or more group homes for teen foster children. I am a sophomore at FSCJ studying psychology and child development, making A's and B's. I want to transfer to UNF for my junior and senior years and I plan to go as far as I can in school, even to possibly complete a master's or doctorate degree.



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# Local muralist transforms popular tagging wall



Photo by Jim Love

BY DANA GREYSON  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

A gigantic, exquisitely gnarled fig tree recently took root in Riverside, on College Street near King. The 150-foot-long mural is Jacksonville's latest art project and graffiti deterrent.

"We wanted to do something cool to bring the Riverside and King districts together. Hiring Shaun Thurston to transform a big, gray wall, regularly tagged by graffiti, into an awesome mural is our way of using art do just that," said John Stanford, manager of retro gastropub The Salty Fig.

"We've seen Shaun's amazing murals around town, most recently the floating islands at Chamblin's Uptown bookstore and coffeehouse in downtown Jacksonville (see [www.ShaunThurston.com](http://www.ShaunThurston.com) for more).

We gave him full artistic license."

Known for creating more mystical and edgy murals, rife with hidden messages, Thurston's goal for this, his biggest canvas yet, was much more literal. Thurston explained "It's about harmony, fitting into this neighborhood, integrating and embracing what's here. Even though The Salty Fig supported the more impactful but controversial image I originally sketched out, I decided to change it. I felt it needed to be more about sustainability and balance. I wanted creating something simply beautiful.

"I grew up here, and remember the images in my grandfather's home, of deer, and game birds. The mural's pheasant is more consistent with the locally farmed game The Salty Fig provisions," he said.

# CAP art on the move, now at City Hall

The Cathedral Arts Project (CAP) is celebrating its 20-year history of serving the Jacksonville community with a traveling student art exhibit entitled Lobby for the Arts. Since its debut at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens in January, Lobby for the Arts has traveled into the lobbies of Haskell, Baptist Hospital, Florida Blue Corporate and Retail

Center, Christ Episcopal Church, and EverBank Plaza, and has been viewed by over 10,000 people thus far.

"When a child takes the stage for their first performance or attends an art exhibit which includes their work, they see themselves in a whole new light. Suddenly, they realize that they have something to offer and they feel more confident to make their dreams a reality," said Marla Matson-Quattrone,



Director of Development and Communications and Ortega resident.

The exhibit, on display at City Hall through Sept. 6, will feature artwork and performances by CAP students from participating schools across Duval County. The 26 visual art pieces, inspired by the natural beauty and lifestyle of Florida, were selected from nearly 300 entries.

Jennifer Blahey, a CAP student, had this to say about participating. "Being in this show makes me feel great. Now, I feel like anything is possible."

For more information about Cathedral Arts Project or the Lobby for the Arts exhibit and program series, visit [www.capkids.org/](http://www.capkids.org/). Corporations or facilities interested in hosting the exhibit should contact Forrest Holland at [forrest@capkids.org](mailto:forrest@capkids.org).

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Mendlow and Rohman are graduates of West Virginia University, where they met and both majored in advertising. While in college, they worked together as a promotional team for Anheuser Busch, where Rohman served as the Marketing Coordinator for the Morgantown, WV area and Mendlow was the Lead Brand Ambassador.

The two decided to make the move into the real estate industry and came to Jacksonville from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area to pursue their new career path. With their background in marketing and prior success working together as a team, Mendlow and Rohman knew this would be a good move for them and are excited to see what the future holds.



**VyStar opens Riverside branch**



VyStar vice president Gene Moore wields the scissors while CEO TerryWest (right) holds the ribbon steady at the branch's Aug. 7 grand opening

The community turned out to welcome the newest business on the block last month when VyStar Credit Union opened its Riverside branch at 760 Riverside Avenue.

"We are so excited to be in this neighborhood and it's being revitalized, so what a great opportunity to be here to serve this community for who's here and who's coming," said Terry West, VyStar CEO. "There is a tremendous amount of revitalization; it's an important time to be here."

Renovations began in April. Branch manager and vice president Gene Moore said the location was the perfect place for VyStar. "Since April this is one of the fastest turnarounds getting in here and I didn't realize what it would be like to get ready. I knew it would take a team of people," said Moore. "We're going to be really involved in this community and we want the people here to know that."

"I love it here," said Riverside resident Taneka Perry, branch supervisor, who moved over from a Westside office.

**Jacksonville Civic Council selects their new executive director**

The Jacksonville Civic Council, an organization comprised of Jacksonville's business and not-for-profit leaders, announced late last month the selection of Jeanne Miller for executive director.

"Jeanne has deep skills in areas the Civic Council requires," said Steve Halverson, president and CEO of The Haskell Company and Chairman of the Jacksonville Civic Council. "She is a



proven leader with a breadth of experience over her career that makes her perfect for this very important position and I look forward to working with Jeanne on the many important projects the Civic Council undertakes."

Miller, a resident of Ortega, is currently the General Counsel and Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at Florida State College of Jacksonville and will begin work with the Jacksonville Civic Council on Sept. 30.

**Tres Leches celebrates their anniversary with exciting changes**

Next month, in celebration of their bakery and café's first anniversary in Riverside, Eddie and Irene Sweda will introduce several exciting changes. Loyal patrons of Tres Leches Bakery and Café will enjoy new cuisine (a new catering menu plus beer and wine served), new hours (open on Sundays) and new appearance (inside and out). With a 4.5 out of 5 Yelp rating, the Stockton Street bistro has quickly taken root in the neighborhood. Congratulations!

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## Murray Hill florist says goodbye after 30 years



Flowers by Pat, 948 Edgewood Avenue, closed its doors on Aug. 31 after providing floral arrangements to the Murray Hill community for 30 years. Pat Cyrus began arranging flowers as a part-time and now will be merging her business with Georgia McCall

Pendarvis of Dinsmore Florist, 10452 New Kings Road, who is celebrating her 50th year in the floral business.

able to enjoy more time off, according to Pendarvis.

"The best part of being a florist is designing flowers," Pendarvis said. "The worst part is delivery and the time element." Most days, she works in the back of the Dinsmore shop while her son, Scott McCall, handles orders and deliveries in the front office.

Known as one of Jacksonville's go-to wedding florists, Flowers By Pat provided flowers for more than 3800 brides and grooms across the area. Now, Cyrus and Pendarvis will work on weddings together. "Weddings are my specialty," Cyrus said. "I just do what the bride wants me to do. I listen. I want that wedding to be perfect," she added.

Inside the Dinsmore shop, both florists will be able to do what they love most – design flowers. Both Pendarvis and Cyrus look forward to working together in one location to provide customized arrangements for their clientele.

## Small crowd turns out to cheer on competition doughnut eaters

What better way to celebrate an anniversary than with a contest! Celebrating its 66th year in business in Murray Hill, the Edgewood Bakery held the 5th Annual Donut Eating Contest on Aug. 17.

When asked why the bakery held the first contest in 2009, "It just sounded like fun," said owner Sandy Polleta. "We always look for fun events to include our customers in and we've always had a great response. People think it's an easy task...it's not!"

Eight eager contestants were challenged by Polleta to wolf down one dozen glazed doughnuts in two minutes. Southside resident and competitive eater Tony Davis was the person

with the fewest doughnuts remaining when the time was called. Davis managed to polish off eight doughnuts with a few sips of water; he walked away with a medal, a gift certificate and, of course, bragging rights.



Polleta shared that in five years they've seen some interesting eating techniques, contestants who trained to work up to the event, and – fortunately – no reappearances of the downed doughnuts.

Also competing were Riverside residents "Pugsley" Neyman and

Brandon Hudson; Josh Morrow of Avondale; Jim Sparks, Ortega; Ralph Bedingfield and Jim Sisk, both of Murray Hill, and Mark Campbell, of the Westside.

## CAP names Avondale resident as new director

David Kammerman is joining the Cathedral Arts Project team this month as new Director of Institutional Giving. Most recently Kammerman was on the Honors Faculty at the University of North Florida.

Dr. Kammerman was an easy choice as an addition to our development efforts at Cathedral Arts," remarked Rev. Kimberly Hyatt, Executive Director. "He possesses a special combination of a superb intellect coupled with a diplomatic spirit, not to mention extensive experience with the arts, education and communications. An award-



winning educator, David also brings years of work in strategic program expansion, brand development, community outreach and advancement for such internationally renowned organizations at Newsweek, The Paris Review and the University of Oxford."

Kammerman holds a Ph.D. in comparative literature from the University of Southern California, and was editorial manager of Newsweek International's Worldwide Special Editions. The Avondale resident is married to Marcelle Polednick, executive director of the Museum of Contemporary Art.

## Winn-Dixie welcomes new Ortega manager

Ortega residents welcomed a new face in town last month. New Winn-Dixie store director Jim Bray transitioned from his position as District Manager for Fresh & Easy stores in Los Angeles, CA to his new role at the store on Roosevelt Boulevard in the Venetia Plaza.

"I am thrilled to be a part of the Winn-Dixie team," said Bray. "I'm enjoying getting to know our customers in the Ortega community while continuing to provide them with excellent service."



Peter Russell wields the scissors during the ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the sales office for The Windsor, a new assisted living and memory care facility in Ortega. Left to right: Michael Dwyer, Kinita King, Joann Cohen, Debi Thomas, Kristin Green, Gwen Thibault, Peter Russell, Kathy Layton, Dani Brashear, Wendy Dotson and Niki Oliver

## JAX Chamber welcomes new partner

Although its building completion date is still about six months away, The Windsor, an assisted living and memory care facility just north of NAS Jacksonville, has opened its sales office and is ready to meet potential residents. The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony last month at the new sales office located in the Target plaza on Roosevelt Boulevard.

Peter Russell and wife Kathy Layton, owners of the new facility, were there to welcome members from the health community, while division vice president Gwen Thibault, sales director Kristin Green and regional sales director Debi Thomas made sure that everyone enjoyed the complimentary cocktails-and-canapes buffet.

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With a bowtie and Southern Charm, DJ mFACE, aka Matthey Davey, made his way through Jacksonville- stopping at O'Brother's Irish Pub in Riverside on his whirlwind tour of 26-days, 15 cities, grossing 4,175 miles throughout the Southern portions of the country. Davey, a DJ and native of Richmond, Virginia was inspired by the work of Habitat for Humanity and wanted to raise funds by growing a tour- combining music and charity. The goal was to engage young professionals in cities throughout the South by delivering funds to Habitat affiliates. Davey will be on the move in the Summer of 2014, when he announces plans to unveil HabiRocks!, with a new set of goals and tour stops. Visit [www.djmface.com/tour.html](http://www.djmface.com/tour.html) to learn more.



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The 5th annual Toast to the Animals was the perfect soiree for soft-hearted lovers of dogs and cats. Donors, volunteers and friends of the furry were on hand Aug. 16 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront to raise a glass of wine or beer for the purr-fect cause and beg for treats from Sweet Pete's, Espeto Brazilian Steakhouse and Whole Foods Market.



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## A REUNION FOR THE AGES

*Towers family a pillar of community*

BY VICTORIA REGISTER FREEMAN  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

"Babies to Eighties" was the theme of the Towers' family reunion on Independence Day. The patriarch, 89-year-old Charlie Towers, lawyer and well-known civic leader, was surrounded by 81 members of his clan, many of whom reside in or near Jacksonville.

The event was organized by Towers' sister Sarah Van Cleve who held it at her Richmond Street home and who showcased the talents of the extended family. There were Hot Wings cooks, graphic artists, a videographer, and numerous storytellers. Family members were encouraged to submit a recipe for a cookbook and to include some background with the recipe.

A glossy Treaty Oak style family tree was given to everyone along with a simplified cheat sheet of the family connections. The labyrinthine connections were clarified by a questionnaire which encouraged folks to find family members who had submitted unknown events about them-



Photo by Heather Stine

selves such as- 'Who ran a cattle ranch? Or attended the Queen's party? Or who ran a marathon at age 40?'

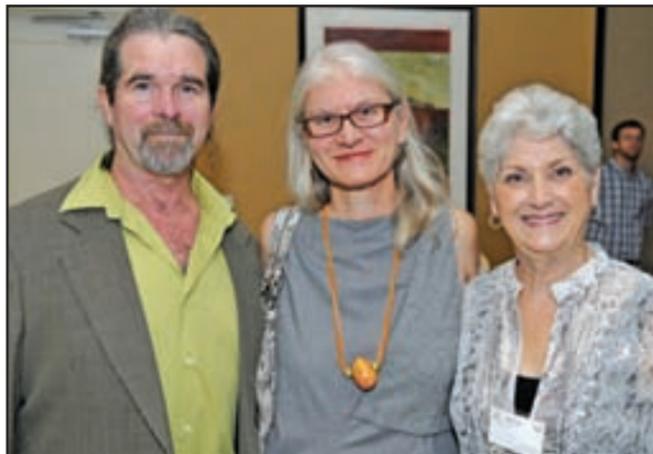
A tee shirt bearing the reunion motto and the iconic lighthouse of Towers' Hardware was given to every arrival. Some folks wore their shirts during family memento sharing time. One of the mementoes was a chipped tea cup taken from the ruins of grandmother's house after the 1901 fire.

"This," says Van Cleve, referring to the teacup, "shows we have been part of Jacksonville for a very, very long time."

## WOMEN'S CENTER CELEBRATES WOMEN, SUFFRAGE

It was an evening dedicated to the 93rd anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, a major victory for women's rights. The 18th Annual Celebration of Women held a fitting tribute, as The Women's Center of Jacksonville recognized those who continue to improve the lives of women through advocacy, support and education. The passage of the amendment gave women equal representation through the ratification of voting rights- it was passed August 18, 1920.

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# Caped canine superheroes enhance lives



Tonda Hoyt and Canine Companion in training Holly

BY PEGGY HARRELL JENNINGS  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

From litter mates to help mates, the specially bred Labradors and Golden Retrievers of the Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) are ambassadors of good will wherever they go.

The graduates of CCI advanced training serve their humans in a variety of ways as skilled companions, hearing dogs or as facility dogs. Way beyond “Roll over, Rover,” they respond to around 40 different verbal commands – the larger dogs even moving wheelchairs or tuning someone over in bed.

Volunteer puppy raisers Tonda and Lee Hoyt of Ortega Forest have raised six dogs for the California-based non-profit, four of them graduating to full service. Lee said that Labs and Golden Retrievers are the only breeds used since they do not have aggressive tendencies and “Labs are so willing to please and to learn.”

After a year or so of loving care and socialization, the doggies are “turned in” to the equivalent of doggie boot camp, a nine- to 12-month specialized training program.

Tonda explained that turning over

the first dog is the most difficult but it is also “the most gratifying experience to raise a puppy and hopefully see him go on to graduate to full service.”

The connecting threads of the dogs run all over the country as they are carefully paired with their human companions and rarely stay in the same town where they were raised.

Bennie, raised by the Hoyts, fields the ball for his best friend Ashlee Rigsby during a Pensacola Miracle League baseball game so Ashlee can remain in her power chair and throw it to the pitcher. Gloria, Ashlee’s mom, says, “When we met the Hoyts at the graduation ceremony, we realized what a gift of love we received. When not playing baseball, Bennie opens and closes refrigerator doors, turns lights on and off and performs innumerable tasks to help Ashlee. He is her best friend.”

Dawn Antill, one of Tonda Hoyt’s students, feels the same way about her dog Woody that she received in May. Grandmother Barbara says that Dawn “is so happy that Woody goes to doctor and hospital appointments with her, sleeps with her, stays by her side.”

In the case of Ashlee and Dawn it’s not diamonds that are a girl’s best friend but their faithful dogs.

Socializing includes taking the dogs just about everywhere. Lee Hoyt takes Taz to work with him and Tonda, a teacher at North Florida School of Special Education, uses their current puppy Holly as she works with autistic children. The Hoyts tell the story of being in a restaurant with their dog Lockwood when a family came in with an autistic child who, as children will, started poking at the dog. After assuring the mother that it was okay, the poking continued with the good natured pup “smiling.” Lee recounts that the mother “just started bawling when the child who had not spoken before, piled on top of Lockwood and started talking.”

Tonda’s students can earn the reward

of brushing Holly’s teeth and coat or walking her. “It is good for the children’s motor controls.” Reading to the dog is a favorite activity. As one little boy said, “Bennie don’t care if we read good or not!”

Joanne Cellar, a puppy raiser in the Lakewood area, is preparing to turn over her fourth and latest dog Banjo and says laughingly, “No one in my family will go to the turn-in with me. When we turned in the first dog we raised we all cried. It was mess. There’s always a little piece of your heart that goes with the dogs but you know the potential for the next phase of their training, so it makes it a little bit easier.”

When puppy raisers pick their little bundle of fur up at the airport from the California breeders, they can be assured that the pup has been carefully screened for medical issues, temperament and willingness to learn. The pup arrives tattooed, numbered and named based on an alphabetical listing available to the breeders.

Joanne continues, “I actually won the right to name a dog at a fundraiser. It took months of waiting for the Bs to come back around as choices for names before we got to name Bolles. We wanted to raise a puppy to heighten understanding of the disabled community with our boys and the other kids at The Bolles School.”

Bolles, now a facility dog in the Colfax, LA courts, helps victims of crime and abuse recount their stories by offering unconditional love and support, being a calming influence and often accompanying the victim to the witness stand.

When not in their working attire, gentle leader harness and “super dog” cape, these puppies are just like any other frisky pooches, chewing favorite boots until they look like “sling backs”, romping around, digging and playing. As typical puppies they have mishaps, sometimes in public places. Tonda tells



Woody and Dawn Antill

the story of a dog who overheard the command word for potty and did exactly as he was told. Unfortunately, it was at a busy airport!

People will be “crying all over the place” at the next matriculation ceremony at Busch Gardens as puppies are turned over, dogs graduating are reunited with their puppy raisers for the first time in nine months who then get to pass the leash to their exceptional person who is weeping with joy and love at receiving their new helpmate.

Sixty percent of the dogs do not make it through the extensive training phase. These highly trained dogs become specialists in their own areas, sometimes as police dogs or therapy dogs. Often they are adopted by their puppy raisers or another family with a need for cuddling and companionship.

Christine Clark, also a local puppy raiser, states that you could not pick better friends than the people in the Jacksonville puppy raisers group. “They are a great group of people.”

The CCI slogan states “Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People” and, we might add, “Raised by Exceptional People.”

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# outlook Bright for condo ownership in Older Neighborhoods

BY LORRIE DEFRAK  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

High demand for and low inventory of condominiums in Jacksonville's Historic Districts and older neighborhoods seem to be strong indicators of an economic upturn.

The current bright status of the condo market contrasts the gloom of just a few years ago when prices plummeted, homeowners associations struggled with deficits, sellers battled desperation and buyers wallowed in remorse.

Now, the allure of a relatively maintenance-free lifestyle in the walkable, exciting neighborhoods of Riverside, Avondale, Ortega and Murray Hill plays a major role in boosting sales, prices and optimism.

A Northeast Florida Association of Realtors' (NEFAR) condominium market analysis that compares the first

eight months of last year to this year shows the following average improvements in the combined areas of Riverside, Avondale, Ortega/Venetia, Murray Hill, San Marco, San Jose and St. Nicholas:

- Total units sold: 45.5 percent more
- Median sale price: 4.5 percent higher
- Percentage of list price: 0.5 percent more than asked
- Days on the market: 14.7 percent fewer days

"Of the almost 60 closed condominium sales for Ortega, Avondale and Riverside as reported by our local MLS since this time last year, we are seeing an increase of 27 percent in total number of closings and an increase of 14 percent in average price increase from this same time last year," said Lorri Reynolds, managing broker/vice president, Watson Realty, Avondale/Ortega.

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## Lorri Reynolds

Managing broker/vice president, Watson Realty

"It is predicted that condo living will see a revival in popularity as more people are looking to simplify their lives by downsizing both space and time needed to maintain a home," she continued. "Couple this with our area's inherent appeal to homebuyers and you can expect to see top dollar paid for multi-family properties that are well maintained and located near restaurants, shops and entertainment."

"Condos were hit harder and are now starting to come back. The low, low prices are starting to work their way out of the market," said Janie Boyd, broker owner, Janie Boyd & Associates, Avondale/Ortega. "Buyers who are downsizing are selling their houses. That is helping. And people who were holding onto their money now have a new confidence level. They are willing to step out and make a move."

Boyd believes it's a good time to buy condos because prices are still good and interest rates are going up. "We're excited about the condo market," she said.

"Decent value, low prices and good area" make it a smart time to buy condos in the Historic Districts, concurred Umesh Patel, mortgage originator for Jax Federal Credit Union on Park Street. He said interest rates for condos, which usually are a quarter percent higher than those for a 30-year fixed single family home, jumped a whole percent in June to 4.875.

Patel acknowledged that condos are generally still harder to finance than single-family residences. Considerations include the ratio of renters to owners, solvency of the homeowners associations' reserves and location. For buyer protection, he strongly advises potential buyers to have the association complete a condo questionnaire that provides the lender information such as number of units, percentage of owners, delinquency rates and snapshot of the financial situation.

## Financing easing up

As more homeowners opt for condos, lenders become more willing to finance them.

"The problem has been getting financing. We had a flurry of rental apartment properties that went condo and investors flocked to them for little or no money down. Then the value fell and there were a lot of defaults, short sales and foreclosures. Associations were sitting there with people not paying fees and they were strapped for cash. It was a terrible situation," said Linda McMorrow, broker owner, The Legends of Real Estate, and president elect of NEFAR. "We are slowly clawing our way back from that."

In addition to a significantly more favorable owner-renter ratio, which plays a major role in securing financing, McMorrow said an overall

improvement in the Northeast Florida housing market that is allowing people to sell their big houses is "probably the single most prominent factor that has loosened up the condo market."

A big change is the health of condo associations, echoed Jim Branch, consumer lending production manager/vice president, Regions Bank. "Lending is restricted any time 15 percent of condos are behind on dues," he said. "Now we are able to lend on condos we were not able to lend on before. Another thing is the levels of investor concentration have decreased dramatically. Mortgage lenders want to have at least 50 percent owner-occupied units before we make loans."

"Eventually the ratio of investor to owner-occupied has become more owner-occupied," said Charles Boyett, director of market development, Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty. "And living in the Historic District is just cool. No matter what age or walk of life, you've got the flavor of old historic homes with trendy new vibes."

## Location is key

Developer Michael Balanky, president/CEO of Chase Properties Inc., agrees it's all about location. "We're not getting back to 2004 through 2006 prices any time soon, if ever, but for the right location, there certainly is a market," he said. "People enjoy the condo lifestyle – lock the door and leave."

Balanky called the whole Riverside-Avondale area spectacular, with its welcoming presence. "It's almost like going into the past. Its grid street systems are very popular and you can walk for miles and miles," he said, adding that in addition to the charm of the neighborhoods' many parks, churches and shops, areas such as Park and King and Five Points have an eclectic feel.

"As long as the market continues to grow, downtown will evolve and the more its periphery will evolve, and vice versa," Balanky said of condo sales in the Historic District. "Rates are still historically low. Even though they spiked recently, they are expected to stay low for the next year or two."

"It's the community," agreed John Snyder, broker at Turnage Realty, Avondale. "Places like Avondale, Park and King, and Five Points are drawing folks. They are real friendly places to live." He sees the condo market trending up in terms of lower inventory, less time on the market and higher prices.

Gunnel Humphreys, co-owner of Edge City, a women's clothing store in Five Points, moved a block from an apartment to a condo at 1661 Riverside Avenue. "I absolutely love the location," she said. "To be able to walk home from my store in five minutes is

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fantastic. I can stop by the grocery store to pick up food, and we have every type of restaurant. It's perfect." She said she also appreciates the security, convenience and low-maintenance of condo living.

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According to Boyd, condos in the Five Points area are "hot properties," including the relatively new 1661 Riverside Avenue and The Chelsea Lofts as well as older buildings like Park Plaza. Condos on the water such as Beau Rivage and Ortega Yacht Club have had multiple sales in the past few months.

Sellers who are modernizing older condos are helping to create "a big explosion in popularity in the Historic District," Boyd said.

An example of creative condo conversion is The John Gorrie. The old junior high school on College Street was purchased by philanthropist and former Jacksonville Jaguars owner Delores Barr Weaver, who transformed it into 68 condos with mixed floor plans. About 50 remain available - ranging from the low \$100,000s for a studio to about \$250,000 for a spacious two-bedroom unit, according to Lee Elmore, sales associate with

Prudential Network Realty, listing agent for The John Gorrie.

Besides contributing to community revitalization, Weaver's motivation was to provide affordable housing to young professionals, first-time owners and other buyers who want to live in an urban setting, Elmore said.

"I couldn't be more positive about what is going on not only with The John Gorrie but the whole area in sales of condos," Elmore said. "Riverside-Avondale is becoming the place to be, with new restaurants opening and the nightlife."

Condos became a "sellers' market overnight," particularly in luxurious high rises on the St. Johns River, said broker Lee Norville of Norville Realty, Avondale. For instance, only four condos are for sale at the 66-unit Villa Riva at Riverside, where prices can top \$1 million. Two years ago availability was considerably higher, he said.

"Condos at Villa Riva sell very well for good prices," said Sally Suslak, managing broker, Traditions Realty, LLC. "They are quality built, on the river, with the smallest almost 2,300-square-foot, so they work for people who are downsizing and have a lot of furniture."

**"Condos were hit harder and are now starting to come back. The low, low prices are starting to work their way out of the market,"**

**Janie Boyd**

Broker owner, Janie Boyd & Associates, Avondale/Oriega

**"Places like Avondale, Park and King, and Five Points are drawing folks. They are real friendly places to live."**

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Suslak said condo units within walking distance of Five Points are selling well because of the restaurants and Publix. "It's a good time to buy," she said. "Prices and interest rates are still low. With a scarcity of units, prices are only going to go up."

Across the river in San Marco, the nearly 10-year-old, 37-floor Peninsula is sold out after a 30 percent fallout by 2008, when the economy soured, said Nicole Dana, special agent for The Peninsula and Realtor for Prudential Network Realty, Avondale. She has seen condo pricing come down 50 percent then stabilize at about 20 percent less than original costs. About 15 units are available on the resale market in The Peninsula.

For the most part, lenders burned in 2008 remain reluctant to make commercial loans for condo construction unless developers have considerable cash and units sold, according to Dawn McGovern, Lakewood branch retail executive, BBVA Compass. "Developers are applying for loans to develop in the San Marco and Riverside areas but the amount of cash flow they have to put in is more than they have available," she said.

However, retail lending for buyers

such as first-time homeowners and empty nesters is easing up, "depending on the customer, credit and amount of money they are putting down," she said, cautioning "if you don't know how much you can afford, come in and ask. People get their hearts set on something they can't afford, then get disappointed."

Gil Pomar, market president, Northeast Florida Region, CenterState Bank, said with the market improving he wouldn't be surprised to see new condo development in the Historic District, depending on availability of funding and land.

Pomar is optimistic about the condo market as long as prices and rates stay low. "A year ago, people did not even try to sell homes. Now they are able to sell their houses and downsize into condos," he said.

Although condo inventory is down in the Historic District, real estate experts concur that units remain available in new and old buildings to buy or rent. With prices and interest rates creeping up, most agree this is a good time to buy. "You can get a condo from under \$100,000 to more than a half million, depending on where it is and the features," said McGovern.

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## Gardens create community connections

BY VICTORIA REGISTER FREEMAN  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

John Tritt is an outgoing individual who speaks proudly of his Osceola Street garden's interesting harvest. His small, raised-bed plot produces a unique assortment of basil, heirloom tomatoes, okra, beans, new connections with neighbors and teachable moments for his five-year-old son.

"I have got quite the eco-system going on here," Tritt laughs. "Because I have lots of bugs, the lizards come to eat them. Then, recently, a large egret dropped in to eat the lizards. My son watches every move the big white bird makes. He is amazed by its appearing in his front yard, absolutely amazed."

Tritt would get a good parenting pat on the back from Harvard professor, Howard Gardener and Audubon medal winning author Richard Louv. A pioneer of multiple intelligences, Gardener has added an eighth intelligence to his initial seven types. He calls this eighth type naturalistic intelligence, and he produces plenty of evidence to back up his core contention that it is an essential intelligence.

Louv, author of the best seller, *Last Child in the Woods*, has linked the lack of nature in children's lives to the rise in obesity, attention disorder, and depression. He stresses the fact that videos and books are no substitute for actual encounters with the natural world. He has coined the term "Nature Deficit Disorder."

Beyond assuring that his two sons are free of NDD, Tritt's garden has also enabled him to weave connections with his wider neighborhood.

"Folks tend to stop and talk when they see us working in the garden. Recently, a stranger pulled over in a

white pickup truck and asked me if I would like to trade seedlings. He had grown extra seedlings of another plant and would trade me for some of my basil. It turns out that he lives a few blocks up the street, and he has driven by my house for years, but we had never met. He told me about a neighborhood group that meets to trade plants and seeds. I might try to look them up on Meet Up.com."

The Tritt family garden adds a new layer of definition to the phrase community garden. Their garden is not in a group plot, but it builds community because folks who garden are drawn to others who obviously speak the language of mulching, weeding, scouting, pollinating and seed swapping. Another connecting thread is that gardeners tend to be generous folks (especially during zucchini season). Who knows, maybe the next step in forging community connections might be potluck with a recipe exchange.

And there could be a handout from the University of Florida that informs folks which seasonal veggies should be planted. For North Florida, UF's September planting schedule includes beans, cabbage, carrots, corn, cucumbers, endive, kohlrabi, lettuce, onions, peas, pumpkins, and radishes. The bugs should demand their share of these items and their presence should entice lizards and perhaps snowy egrets, too.

### Fall gardening workshop

The Duval County Extension Offices/UF IFAS is offering a Fall Gardening Workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road. The cost is \$5.00 to attend. Topics include Garden Recyclables, Tips for Fall Edibles, and Gardening in Raised Beds. To pre-register, call Becky Davidson at 904-255-7450 or email bekyd@coj.net with your name and phone number.

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## Bernie's Wine Stop offers unique, affordable wines for discerning palates

Looking for something new and different and affordable in wine? For grape-loving neophytes to aficionados and connoisseurs, the coolest new place in town is Bernie's Wine Stop in Murray Hill.

When a local Wine Warehouse closed recently, wine lovers in the neighborhood felt a void. They also missed Bernie Zitomer, a wine retailer in the business for 20 years. Zitomer and business partner Tom Whicher began chatting – over a glass of wine or two, naturally – earlier this year about the possibility of opening their own retail wine shop.

"After six months of talking, we finally found the location," said

Whicher. That spot, right next door to Swimming Yesterday, was a boon for the business start-up in late May.

"People who make the effort to go a little farther for fresh fish, are also willing to do the same for wine," Zitomer explained. "And vice versa."

Between them, the wine-pairing duo has nearly 40 years' experience in retailing and marketing wine and, yes, drinking it and becoming extremely knowledgeable about good, affordable reds and whites for the Jacksonville market.

"People who like to experiment with their wines come here looking for the latest and greatest," said

Zitomer. "A lot of what we stock comes from South

America, South Africa and Europe, where there is more diversity and it's more affordable."

Whicher said that they buy from fewer than 10 wine vendors, and



are quite selective striking a balance between quality and price, enabling them to price their offerings for daily use.

Although the price points typically range from under \$9 a bottle to \$30, Bernie's Wine Stop carries a few labels on either end of the range. "We price it to drink," said Whicher. "If it's carried at a grocery store or discount store, we don't want to stock it, the wine needs to be affordable."

At any given time, the shop carries approximately 200

labels (called facings), and the entire inventory is displayed. When it gets closer to the holidays, Whicher said they would bring in another 100 or more facings. "We get weekly deliveries from every supplier," he noted. "We can taste up to 20

wines per week with our wholesale representatives and make our selections from there to determine which wines we'll carry."

Bernie's Wine Stop also holds wine tastings every Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., un-corking over a dozen bottles for the event. "That's not normal," said Whicher, the marketing half of the team. "Most tastings only offer a few bottles, usually no more than seven or eight."

A small display of craft beers, including locally made Bold City and Intuition Aleworks, supplements the grape-based beverages, providing one-stop service for customers. "We'll also deliver cases of wine for parties," Zitomer noted. Whicher chimed in, "Our POS is state-of-the-art – wireless, no cash register – and we can keep track of customer purchases to help them recall a favorite when they come back again."

The wine experts rely primarily on word-of-mouth advertising, banking on Zitomer's reputation with previous customers.



Fine, affordable wines and meal pairing advice can be found at Bernie's Wine Stop, at 1080 S. Edgewood Avenue, Suite 8 (in the Murray Hill Plaza). For information, contact Bernie Zitomer or Tom Whicher at (904) 647-6658 and "Like" them on Facebook.

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# Local SPORTS

## Church basketball league continues to gain popularity

BY STEPHEN KINDLAND  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Hundreds of future Michael Jordans and Lisa Leslies are expected to again take part in a basketball league sponsored by Riverside Presbyterian Church in conjunction with Jacksonville University.

Church Pastor Bill Hoff said the program has grown steadily since play began more than a decade ago. He said the league, which has separate divisions and age groupings for boys and girls ages 6-15, draws players

from as many as 35 ZIP codes.

"We usually get about 500 kids a year," he said.

Registration begins Sept. 15 and ends Oct. 15. The cost is \$100 for the first child in a family, and \$70 for each additional child. The fee includes a tee shirt and shorts.

"We try to keep the league affordable," Hoff said. "About 25 percent of the kids get some form of scholarship."

Parents can register their children online at [rpcbasketball.com](http://rpcbasketball.com), or at Riverside Presbyterian Church, 849

Park St., according to league director Sara Brackin.

"This league is so incredible," Brackin said. "It's a great opportunity to build community through youth sports."

Brackin is starting her fourth year as director, and is hoping for as many as 600 players who will learn the meaning of teamwork, sportsmanship and other character builders that will help them succeed in life.

"They aren't all going to be professional athletes," she said. "It's just as much about teaching the children as it is about winning. There's always success with every child."

Hoff said the program got a boost several years ago, when former Jacksonville University athletic director Alan Verlander approached him with a partnership offer that features an opportunity for kids to play during halftime at some of JU's games, held at the Jacksonville Coliseum.

"It sounded like a win-win situation right away, so we jumped on it," Hoff said.

Teams play at several area churches during a season that runs from early November until playoffs are held in February. Game locations include Lakewood United Methodist,

Southside Baptist and St. Matthews Catholic churches, as well as the Riverside YMCA.

Kids play eight to 10 regular season games, and have practice at least once a week. They also can attend a free, two-day minicamp conducted by former college and NBA star Christian Laettner, who puts on a free clinic for the program's volunteer coaches as well.

Volunteer coaches also are needed. For more information about coaching or the program, visit the website or call Brackin at (904) 226-4024. She also can be reached by email at [sararpcbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:sararpcbasketball@gmail.com).



John Sullivan drives to the hoop during a Riverside Presbyterian Church league game held last year at Lakewood United Methodist Church



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# Down...Set...2013!

BY WILLIAM MILNE

What an exciting season – Freshman Quarterback Johnny Manziel of Texas A&M was named the youngest Heisman Trophy Award winner in history; the traditional powerhouse Alabama Crimson Tide repeated as National Champions; a four-team post-season playoff structure was confirmed to begin in 2014; once-retired Urban Meyer lead the Ohio State Buckeyes to an undefeated season in his first year as Head coach and the University of Mississippi earned its highest rated recruiting class in its history and, most importantly, another year of memories and traditions will take their rightful place in the hearts and minds of us all!

Thank you, 2012, and congratulations to all who experienced great times during the year!

## Welcome, 2013!

The brown leaves are about to fall to the ground as they get blown by the cool fall winds. The green grasses of summer will soon be cut in preparation for the season ahead. Everywhere one goes they can feel the aura and hear the thunderous echoes that prelude to the time that we all love and cherish. It is time for football season – the season of friendship and rivalry; of competition and camaraderie; of winning and losing; of memories and “character building”!

Whether you are a player, a coach, a fan or an employee of the sport, football elicits the best in all of us! While there are eleven men on the field playing the game, football is the ultimate team sport! Every single person plays an important role in the game of football. From the star quarterback to the fans in the top row of the stadium, every person associated with football has a role to play and every person is important to the greatest team sport in the country. While the individual 60 minutes of play are the reasons for the season, the great essence of football season is often captured outside the stadiums!

Football season is the time of year when families and friends reunite; rivalries are renewed; and, happily, new friendships are bonded. Even when the weather is 110 degrees in the Swamp in Gainesville in September or 10 degrees at Notre Dame in November, friends and families of all ages and backgrounds alike unite in support of their teams (only on some holidays do that many reunions manifest).

When our teams win (especially against the rivals), we hold on to the pride and glory for 365 straight days. When we lose, the bitter agony drives us to count down the next 365 straight days!

It is often said that every day should be Saturday! While other sports have their passion, they often fall short of the collective passion for football. How fortunate are we as a nation to have such a bonding entity as football? Further, how fortunate are we to live in the great city of Jacksonville, Florida? We in the River City are enriched with the annual match between the Florida Gators and the Georgia Bulldogs; the long-standing TaxSlayer.com Gator Bowl; the hometown Jacksonville University Dolphins, NFL Jacksonville Jaguars and the AFL Jacksonville Sharks. Our home is a hallmark for legendary moments in football history. Just ask Bobby Bowden!

## The exciting question is...

What lays ahead for the future of college football? For 15 years, the ultimate season winner has been decided by the Bowl Championship Series – a set of bowl games designed to reward the highest rated teams. The “B.C.S.” has been a terrific series throughout its history and produced some of the most exciting games in history. Often controversial, the football community has been clamoring for a play-off to better determine the ultimate winner. The voices were heard and honored, and this 2013 will mark the final season for the B.C.S and the new playoff era will start in 2014.

So that is how the final team rankings will be decided...but who are the real winners of football season? We all are, because we who join in football’s celebration all win from the friendships, traditions, memories and “character building.” Just like in life, we experience the ups and downs with our teams but we always walk the journey together.

As our great nation continues to recover and prosper economically, football will continue to bring us together for a truly amazing national journey. Whether you are a Rebel, Gator, Bulldog, Gamecock, Tiger, Seminole, or Huskie, you know exactly what I am talking about. The memories that we all share and build refresh and renew us every season, no matter the conditions of our surrounding environment! Sometimes the losses are so tough that we feel a personal loss! However, all too often, the glorious wins offer us memories of a lifetime that can never be forgotten. The fact that we care so much that we experience those levels of emotion proves that football brings out the best in all of us!

So as we approach the 2013 season, may the dawn of a new era of football be one to remember for you! May this be a season where your team gives you those great memories that will last a lifetime! Through the aforementioned rivalries among friends and brothers to the unities that bring us all together, may you enjoy and experience everything that football has to offer -the wins, the losses, the marching bands, the aura, the weather, the bragging rights, the cheers, the friendships, the rivalries. These are the enormous

qualities of football that truly bring out the best in all of us!

Here is to the time that we all love and cherish...football season!

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- Sept. 17:** Tennessee at Florida  
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- Sept. 28:** JU Dolphins at Drake
- Oct. 5:** Tennessee at Georgia
- Oct. 12:** Florida at LSU
- Oct. 19:** Florida State at Clemson
- Oct. 26:** JU Dolphins vs. Davidson (Homecoming)
- Nov. 2:** Florida vs. Georgia at Jacksonville  
Florida State at Miami
- Nov. 9:** Alabama at LSU
- Nov. 16:** Florida at South Carolina  
Georgia at Auburn  
JU Dolphins vs. Stetson (Hall of Fame Weekend)
- Nov. 28:** Ole Miss at Mississippi State
- Nov. 30:** Florida State at Florida  
Georgia at Georgia Tech  
Clemson at South Carolina  
Alabama at Auburn
- Dec. 7:** SEC Championship Game, Atlantic  
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- Jan. 1:** TaxSlayer.Com Gator Bowl in Jacksonville  
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# Larson Rug Cleaning

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Summer on a coast usually means sand – and the insects that live in it – which find their way inside your home and into your rugs. Now that those fun days at the beach are coming to an end and kids big and small are going back to school, it's a great time to have your rugs professionally cleansed of all those sandy critters.

Because sand, dirt, dust and allergens can lead to health problems, having your rugs regularly cleaned will help you maintain a clean living environment. Gary Larson, owner of Larson Rug Cleaning, says "Now is a good time to clean carpets when you're back home from a summer away or you've enjoyed an outdoors kind of summer. Plus, you'll want your rugs in company-ready shape for the holiday parties."

### Get it out before it gets ground in

The cleaning and treating process takes about a week, using custom equipment and systems that Larson has designed over the years. "I am with the rug through the whole process, from the time I inspect it in the home, take it to the cleaning facility, clean it, finish it and bring it back to the home. No one else

can make that claim." Whether you have kids, pets, allergies or aversions to chemical cleaners, Larson Rug Cleaning is proud to claim non-toxic rug cleaning. "Everything in the process is thorough, yet extremely gentle and non-toxic," says wife and partner Chrissy Larson. "Everything we use is safe for humans as well as pets."



Chrissy 'The Moth Lady' and Gary Larson

### Call the moth busters at the first sign

Moths need four elements to thrive: food, low lighting, an undisturbed environment and moisture – and there's a lot of it in Jacksonville. "Since those tropical storms came through last year – and the hurricanes before that – there's been a real plague of moths in this city," Larson explains. He urges homeowners to check for themselves.

"Pull back the furniture that's been sitting on your rugs. Flip the rug and look for evidence of moth eggs or droppings. They look like sand, but slightly bigger and more rounded and take on the color of the rug," said Larson.

Larson Rug Cleaning is the ghost-busting equivalent of moths in the Jacksonville area. With 35 years of rug cleaning experience under his belt, Larson can determine if there are moths in your house within five minutes. "We're experts in taking care of moth

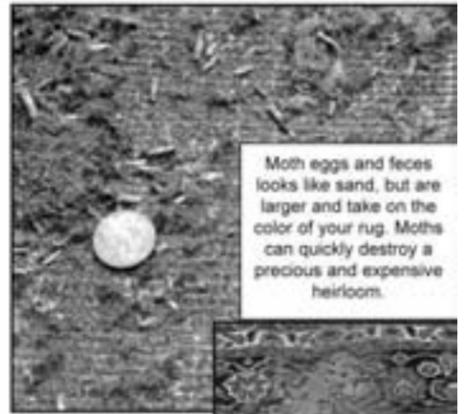
damage. No one else in the city wants to do it," says Larson.

Chrissy Larson, who has a background in fabric science, will hunt through the house for signs of moths, remove them and install moth traps as a preventive measure. Chrissy says "You have to have patience to look for and remove moths. Most people don't."

She does not recommend moth balls and has natural alternatives to chemical repellants.

In the meantime, Larson will remove the infested rugs for a thorough cleaning. Not every rug may show evidence of moths, so he'll let you make the decision whether to do them all. "I don't believe in taking advantage of people," he stated. "But for peace of mind, many choose to have them all cleaned and treated."

When a rug is first purchased is the best time to look for and treat for moths, especially if it's been manufactured overseas. Then, put



Moth eggs and feces looks like sand, but are larger and take on the color of your rug. Moths can quickly destroy a precious and expensive heirloom.

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# The GREAT outdoors



BY NATHAN & TED MILLER

With the Jaguar's regular season and college football kicking off, September marks a great time of the year to be in Northeast Florida. Air temperatures should begin to cool slightly. Football fans make their way to their favorite college town on Saturdays, or tailgating along the north bank of Jacksonville on Sundays.

September also is a time when unusually high tides coincide with the new and full moons. This event we call flood tides.

The new moon will be on September 5th of this year followed by a full moon 14 days later. During this period of this particular month, we will see higher-than-normal high tides. Redfish will stage in the creeks during the rising tides until the high tides reach the peak, allowing the fish to feed in areas of the marsh typically not accessible.

Marsh life such as snails and fiddler crabs that live in these areas rarely see tidal water. But this month, they will. And redfish will be hungry and looking for them.

When targeting tailing reds, some of these areas are accessible by foot. Drive along the roads that run adjacent to these marshes during the final stage of the incoming tides and look for areas that are beginning to flood. Park your car, grab your gear, and walk in.

If you fish these areas by boat, follow the incoming tides up the narrow creeks until the tide reaches the highest point. Many of these flooded areas will be up against hardwoods that rarely see tidal water during the year. These oak trees thrive in the higher elevation, so the closer

# Flood tides bring redfish for stealthy fishing



San Marco resident Capt. Lawrence Piper with flood tide red fish on the fly.

you get to the trees, the better chance you have in finding the targeted areas.

As you push quietly up the creeks towards your destination, stop periodically, look and listen. Many fish will begin feeding during the final stage of the incoming tides and you may see a few before the tide is at the highest point.

Once you find a spot that looks good, the hunting begins.

Remain on the vessel. Look for any movement or ripples in the water. You may see water pushing from a moving fish. Look for moving grass which indicates a fish swimming along. Or you may see what you came for...a tail waiving several inches in the air as the fish feeds along the hard bottom.

Once you confirm there are fish feeding or moving around the area, the fun begins.

There are a couple of ways you can position

yourself to make a cast. You can either push pole across the flooded marsh and cast from the boat or exit the vessel and walk around.

If you wade, it is important to make sure you are wearing appropriate clothing. Boots or tennis shoes with long pants will allow you to walk around without getting irritated by the marsh grass. And make sure you ease yourself into the water and walk carefully. There are many depressions along the bottom that can drop several feet in depth.

As you are hunting for tailing reds, walk slowly. The feeding fish can be very wary of any movement or foreign sound along the flat. You are in their home so it does not take much to alert your presence. Just because you do not immediately see a fish pushing or tailing does not mean they are not there. Often times while you are walking, a fish will spook several feet away and water will erupt. Your chance at that fish is usually done.

Once you find a tailing red, slowly move to a comfortable casting distance, but not too close. Make your cast beyond the fish and slowly retrieve until you think your bait is in close proximity to the feeding fish and can be seen or the scent can be picked up. Stop your retrieve. Twitch, twitch and twitch your bait again. Let it sit a few moments. Twitch again. If nothing happens, retrieve slowly and recast.

When casting or twitching your bait, it is important to be aware of where your line is in relation to the fish. Main line touching or running across the fish's tail or back will most certainly spook them.

We find that a spinning reel outfit with a 7' or 7.5' light-weight rod works well. A 20-30 lb. braid main line for sensitivity and abrasion strength should be plenty. Connect the main line to the 15 - 20 lb. fluorocarbon leader using a double unit knot. We also find that rigging a gulp bait or live shrimp weedless hook can ensure you spend more time

fishing and less time hooked up to grass. Local experienced flood tide anglers have also been known to live by the rule of only taking one fish per flat per day. Even if your intention is to release subsequent fish, catch one and move one. Leaving a school of tailing reds to hunt another day demands discipline, but is sound advice.

The size limit on redfish in Northeast Florida is no less than 18" and no more than 27" in total length. The aggregate limit

Ben Townsend, William Cook, Reedy Monahan display their catches



is 2 fish per person, or a maximum limit of eight fish per vessel. Anyone between the ages of 16 and 64 require a saltwater fishing license.

Fishing license exemptions also include:

- You are a Florida resident certified as totally and permanently disabled and you possess a Florida Resident Disabled Person Fishing Certificate.

- You are a resident who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, you are not stationed in this state, and you are home on leave for 30 days or less, upon submission of orders.

Redfish numbers have improved greatly since the approval of Amendment Three of the Florida Constitution back in 1994 (aka, Florida net ban). It is great to witness this fishery thriving as it is today.

Although the limit has recently been increased to two fish per person, you don't need to harvest two. We find catching and releasing the second fish to fight another day can be more enjoyable.

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Ortega resident Jesse Rain with a gorgeous redfish

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# SADLER POINT MARINE CENTER

While Sadler Point Marine is well established as "Jacksonville's Only Full Service & Do-it-Yourself Boatyard," they are also one of the only Yamaha-certified full service centers in "Jacksonville proper" on the water. Just east of the Roosevelt Bridge on the Ortega River, Sadler's location at 4669 Roosevelt Blvd. saves power boaters from trailering and is still viable for sail boaters.

"We've seen a big shift in boating in recent years," explains Brooks Busey, President of family-owned Sadler Point Marine Center. "People still want to get on the water. It's just more likely to be on a smaller boat."

Tom Owen, Sadler's service manager and 24-year-veteran of the marine business, adds, "Sure, our Travel Lift can still haul out many boats up to 60 feet. Now we're

also fully staffed and trained to support the most popular boats on the water today, 20 to 35 foot outboards with a center console."

It took a major investment to support that change. "We chose Yamaha because of their market presence and excellent reputation. Yamaha training is a serious commitment," Busey emphasizes. He and Owen spent nearly a week each on operations training in Kennesaw, GA.

They also sent two of their mechanics for a full week each, and will continue to do so for continuing training.

Sadler's staff of 12 employees offer a diverse and comprehensive professional skill set, from sanding, painting, fiberglass, carpentry and welding, to refrigeration, generators, and electrical.

Busey grew up in the marine business.

Owen is an



## Sadler Marine Service Center adds Yamaha-certified service



EPA-certified air conditioning expert, experienced with generators, air conditioners, refrigeration and complex electrical systems on larger yachts.

One employee, Chip Thomson, who Busey "inherited" with the marina purchase in 1999 still works on the property. "[He's] the kind of guy if you got stranded on a deserted island would figure out how to make a radio with a coconut," chuckles Owen. Sadler's service technicians focus on complying with the exacting standards required by Yamaha and the latest marine technology systems. Busey's youngest "crew member is 25, yet boasts over ten years of solid experience with Sadler.

While there's a friendly competition among marine service centers, when a prospective customer calls

around for a quote, Sadler believes in being completely candid with the customer. "Our upfront estimates tend to be much more all-inclusive. For example, our bottom job estimates spell out a lot more than lifting, blocking and painting. We include pressure washing, sanding,



washing the hull and waterline, removing exterior strainers for cleaning," Owen details. "Customer communication, whether by phone, text, or in person is a big deal with us," adds Busey.

Maintaining a "Clean Marina" certification is core to Sadler's business practices. Given that Brooks Busey's wife Jennie Busey is the St. Johns Riverkeeper's Education

Director, Sadler's staff understands the importance of environmental stewardship. "We do our best to make sure we and our customers understand and comply with environmental standards," said Busey.

Serviceing large powerboats and sailboats remain a thriving part of Sadler's business.

Boaters as far as the Bahamas sing Sadler's praises. "We never expected cruisers would sail 25 miles inland just to come see us, but they do. They hear about us from other cruisers by word-of-mouth and from sites like [www.ActiveCaptain.com]," confesses a pleasantly surprised Busey.

Despite all Sadler's expanded service capabilities, Busey is most concerned that their customers remain loyal. Not surprisingly, they are.

Sadler Point Marina is accessed from Lakeside Drive, under the shadow of the Roosevelt Boulevard bridge. Contact Tom Owen at (904) 384-1383. For more information visit [www.SadlerPoint.com](http://www.SadlerPoint.com) or look for Sadler Point on Facebook.

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

BY KATE A. HALLOCK  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Finishing summer reading and checking school supply lists are just part of the process to get ready to go back to school, according

## Public, private, parochial schools gearing up for start of new school year

to Deirdre Conner, Director of Advocacy & Communications for the Jacksonville Public Education Fund. "For parents, teachers and advocates for public education, now is the time to get informed about the current state of our school system and upcoming changes that will affect all of our city's schools."

What schools are in your neighborhood,

and how are they performing academically? What's happening with the revised calculation of School Grades? What's in the new Duval County Public Schools budget? You can find all of this information and more at [www.jaxpef.org](http://www.jaxpef.org).

Conner also noted that another important issue everyone should be aware of is the transition to Common Core standards. The

Common Core standards are set to be implemented next school year (2014-15) and many teachers in Duval County are already using them or being trained to use them.

"These standards don't guide what is taught in classrooms; rather, they outline what standards students at each grade level should be able to meet in order to be well-prepared for college and the workforce," said Conner.

Learn more about the standards at [get2core.org](http://get2core.org). You can find parent guides about Common Core standards on a special website of the Duval County Council of PTAs, [www.iadvocateforkids.org](http://www.iadvocateforkids.org).

## New start times for Duval County Public Schools

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) began the 2013-2014 school year last month with the launch of several new programs and offerings designed to improve achievement levels and the services provided to students, families, educators, and communities.

Dr. Nikolai P. Vitti, Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, has identified key initiatives and budget priorities aligned to the Board-approved strategic plan that includes four new focus areas: develop great educators and leaders; engage parents, caregivers and community; ensure effective, equitable, and efficient use of resources; and develop the whole child.

In an effort to promote and increase accountability from all students for safety and discipline, DCPS is launching an anti-bullying hotline. Students and community members can dial 390-CALL to leave an anonymous tip with a member of the support team.

## Back to school began in summer at RPDS

As Independent School teachers, the Riverside Presbyterian Day School teachers work throughout the summer attending professional development, reading current educational research and collaborating with their colleagues and Director of Curriculum Development to ensure their teaching exceeds State, National and Common Core Standards.

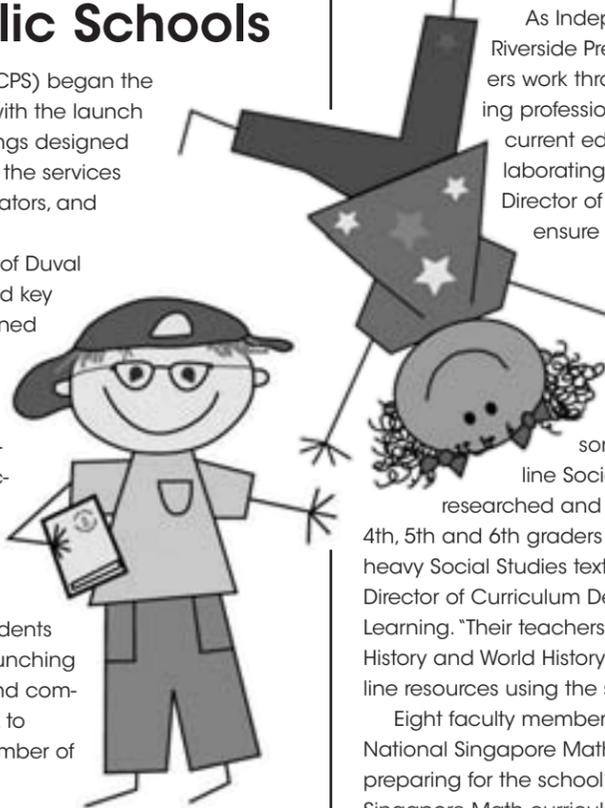
This summer history teachers Anthony Franklin and Annette Brinson immersed themselves in lesson preparation for the new on-line Social Studies Program that they researched and selected for fall. "Next year's 4th, 5th and 6th graders will say good-bye to those heavy Social Studies textbooks," said Terry Kent, Director of Curriculum Development & Head of Early Learning. "Their teachers will teach Florida History, U.S. History and World History with student e-books and on-line resources using the school's new Chromebooks."

Eight faculty members spent a week at the National Singapore Math conference in Las Vegas, NV, preparing for the school's fourth year with the Singapore Math curriculum. "We have found the

teaching of visual and conceptual understanding of math to be superior to other programs," Kent said. "The lessons are structured for mental math practice and for children to communicate multiple ways to solve math word problems."

Along with Kent, Rebecca McNeil (pre-kindergarten teacher), Deanna Green and Annie Goldfield (first grade teachers), Melissa Leszczynski (second grade teacher), Stephanie Milne (third grade teacher), Karen Worsham (math teacher for fourth and fifth grades), and Donette Snyder (resource teacher) spent the week attending sessions led by nationally and internationally acclaimed math educators. Several of the sessions included discussions about Singapore Math matching and exceeding the Common Core Math Standards.

A new position has been created at RPDS for the 2013-2014 school year. Debbie Rogers will become the school's first Instructional Technology Designer. Rogers' role will be to coach and mentor teachers within their classrooms on the variety of ways to teach more effectively and creatively utilizing technology within their lessons and units of study. "Debbie has met with each grade level and is working this summer on fulfilling each grade levels' teaching dreams for utilizing all of the latest technology tools and ideas she can discover," Kent said.



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## St. Matthew's Catholic School goes digital with new iPads

St. Matthew's Catholic School introduces digital technology with iPads issued for middle school students, according to Kathy V. Tuerk, principal of the elementary school on Blanding Boulevard. Other students will have iPad use in classroom centers, cooperative learning groups, and computer lab class lessons.

"Multiple uses for this technology include digital textbook access for many subjects, supplemental materials specific to topics through iTunes applications, and individual, immediate retrieval of information," Tuerk said.

Furthermore, she noted, all 29 Catholic schools in the Diocese of St. Augustine will continue the implementation of Common Core Catholic Identity Initiative (CCCII). These learning objectives do not differ from the high academic standards of Catholic schools and

maintain alignment with college and global workplace preparation.

Tuerk shared a statement by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) entitled "Common Core State Standards" issued on May 31, 2013 that describes the standards: "The Common Core represents a fundamental shift in the teaching and learning process. The Common Core establishes clear, measurable goals for students that assist teachers in making instructional decisions. The standards place emphasis on creativity, critical and analytical thinking and application to curriculum content."

"St. Matthew's Catholic School's administration, faculty and staff are always focused with improving student learning," concluded Tuerk. "We are energized, excited, and eager to begin the 2013-2014 school year."

## Rockin' Back to School at Riverside Park

Rockin' Back to School, the 5th annual backpack and school supplies giveaway sponsored by Riverside Park United Methodist Church, welcomed partners such as St. Vincent's Mobile Health Unit, Riverside Dental, the 11th and 12th Masonic Districts, and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to the Aug. 17 event in Riverside Park.

Elementary/middle and high school children were encouraged to select a backpack, have it filled with school supplies and receive a free school physical, including immunizations and eye exams, plus enroll in the Florida Masonic Child ID Program. Once the preliminaries were taken care of, children enjoyed bounce houses and the playground.

Beth Joyner, Outreach chairperson, said that 350 backpacks were available and they were usually all gone within two hours. "The Child ID Program is new this year," Joyner said. "After the child's information, fingerprints and photos are loaded to a disk for the parent, all the data is erased from the computers," thus ensuring the child's safety.

## St. Mark's Head of School begins final year

Cathy Hardage plans to retire as Head of School at St. Mark's Episcopal School in Ortega at the end of this new academic year, next spring 2014. Hardage has served for seven years in this position as a Christian leader and educator.

According to the Rev. Jonathan Coffey, Rector at St. Mark's, "Her support and investment in her faculty mirrored her investment in our children. The faculty is the heart of any school, and Cathy chose well when she gave her teachers her best, for, in doing so, she gave our children her best as well. We will look forward to many opportunities to show and tell Cathy how much her servant leadership has meant to us all."

The School Board appointed George Egan to chair the Search Committee which will seek Hardage's successor.



## Lee High School looks forward to using field for first time in two years

New principal Dean Ledford, who replaces Victoria Schultz, who replaced Dr. Denise Hall last spring, said that student athletes will be thrilled to play on their home field for the first time in two years since renovation of the school began. "Football, soccer and lacrosse teams have not had a home game here in two years," said Ledford. "Our first home football game will be Sep. 6; some of the alumni have asked to be part of that event."

## Day-long festival to benefit grieving local families

The Allison Brundick Haramis Foundation, Angels for Allison and presenting sponsor Fidelity Information Services (FIS) invite residents to the 2013 Festival of Flight, a fun-filled event that benefits Northeast Florida families who have endured the loss of a child.

Festival of Flight will take place on Saturday, Sept. 28, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Memorial Park. The festival will host a line-up of musical talent, along with a wide array of artwork from local artists, vendors, activities and favorite Jacksonville food trucks.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the Festival of Flight benefit Angels for Allison, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing financial assistance for expenses associated with the death of a child. Families are referred to Angels for Allison through partnerships with both Wolfson Children's Hospital and the Duval County Public School's Department Psychologists. Angels for Allison has helped 35 families since it was founded in April 2011; more than \$120,000 has been distributed to help these families bury their child.



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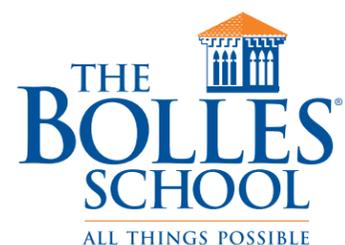
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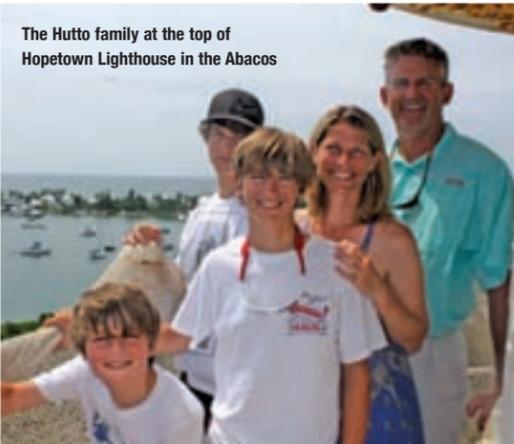
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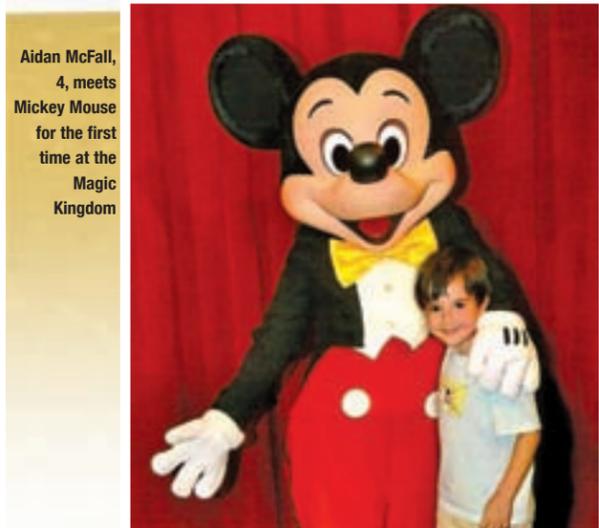
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St. Mark's Junior High Mission Trip volunteered in Chattanooga, TN; the group, including St. Mark's new associate Rector Father Richard Proctor, served at nursing homes and recreation centers throughout Chattanooga



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Blake held captive by fearsome pirate at the Pirate Dinner Show in Orlando



Julia Barrow enjoyed child-friendly hiking in the fresh mountain air of Cordillera, CO, where her father Joe lived for 30 years



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Audrey, Charlotte and Olivia Nolan enjoy a "staycation" at the beautiful Washington Oaks State Park in St. Augustine



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# The Way we Were

## C. Bradley Faughn

BY VICTORIA REGISTER-FREEMAN  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS



Historic District resident C. Bradley Faughn knew how to satisfy the Secret Service. As project manager of Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center renovation, he dealt with the President's protectors on a regular basis. If the President was to attend an event, there was always a preliminary visit from his bodyguards. Moving a bulldozer after the agents' initial site surveillance wasn't acceptable; pulling a curtain that might block a sniper's line of protective fire wasn't acceptable either.

Faughn's unique skill set – arts administration and construction management – also helped him change the face of Jacksonville. He was project manager for the construction of the Florida Times Union Performing Arts Center, including the Jacoby Concert Hall, and the renovation of Old St. Andrew's Church, as well as numer-

ous residential projects. In addition, he donated time to help local non-profits including Gertrude Peele's Reed Educational Campus and the Veterans' Farm.

It was while working on a residential project that Faughn met and hired Overstreet Ducasse as a house painter. They worked together on several projects. After Faughn's death in 2011, Ducasse, a visual artist whose work has been shown all over Northeast Florida, created a wall-sized mosaic collage of Faughn's face on a drop cloth salvaged from their final project. The collage was featured in an August CoRK show (CoRK is the Riverside Arts District at the corner of Roselle and King Street).

Ducasse, now 37, used his decade's collection of paint chips to create the collage. When asked how and why he created it, he replied, "I wanted to do something for Brad. He was a true professional. I was his right hand man until he passed away. He taught me things I didn't know about construction and I've been in construction for decades because it has sometimes helped me support my art.

"My father was a Haitian immigrant who supported our family building houses. He had me on site at five years of age and he had me mixing concrete when I was nine. My father never referred to working in construction as manual labor. He called it manly labor.

"Brad was interesting. He was more laid back than any construction professional I had known. He was totally devoted to detail, to doing the good job, but he had a great sense of humor too. We laughed a lot on the Haldemar Terrace project which was completed right before he died.

"Watching him throw his energy into that project after he had received a terminal diagnosis from his doctor was powerful for me. I watched his body go downhill fast, but his spirit stayed strong. Personally, if I had received the news he got, I think I might have maxed out my credit cards



and taken a trip, but Brad was determined to finish the Haldemar renovation in time for the annual home tour and he did. It was a little jewel box house and it sold quickly. He got to see that.

"Making a collage was something I had thought about doing since high school. In a school art class, I made a collage of the Virgin Mary from torn bits of magazine pictures. Later on, I started collecting paint chips when I realized they were pre-cut bits of color. In the back of my mind, I think I knew I would use them in a collage one day.

"When I decided to create the collage in Brad's memory, Stephanie Glen, a fellow artist who is also a mathematician, collaborated with me to create the basic picture grid. When the gluing of the chips began, I spent many all-nighters sleeping on the green CoRK couch. I had to paste and

then weight down each of the sections with boards. Another problem was that I had to create the collage while it was lying on the floor of the studio. It was not hung until the show itself. I wasn't really sure how it would look when it was hanging."

When Gillian Ticehurst, Faughn's wife, invited some friends, and neighbors to see the tribute and to meet the artist, there were tears of delight and comments. Consensus was that Ducasse had captured Faughn's half smile and his direct gaze. As one person said, "The collage is powerful, so large and so real. It looks like Brad has assumed mythic proportions." Someone else chimed in, "Well, remember, he was, after all, raised in Metropolis, Illinois, the hometown of Superman."

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# Successful in love and retail

*Cohens grew business along with family*

By JULIE KERNS GARMENDIA  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Married 69 years (70 in December 2013), it's no wonder Perry (91) and Shirley (89) Cohen finish each other's sentences, energetically debate details, but settle things quickly and amicably.

Perry defers to his petite dynamo of a wife; Shirley's sharp memory is computer quick. Activities focus now on enjoying home, friends and their beloved family of four children and seven grandchildren whose photos fill the house and accomplishments bring them joy.

Just after family, conversation easily turns to pride in the retail business they built together over 60 years. Their Riverside Gown Shop, a landmark originally located at 1021 Park Street, moved to Mandarin in 1992. At that time the Cohens shifted from moderate clothing to exclusively bridal gowns. They sold the shop in 2005; it closed in 2011.

The couple met in 1942 while students at the University of Alabama. Perry was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Dec. 10, 1943. The couple married two days later in the Belvedere Avenue home of her parents. The Cohens honeymooned in Miami Beach one perfect week, recalled Shirley.

In August of 1945 Perry was training in Brownwood, TX to leave for the Pacific, but VJ Day (Victory Over Japan) ended WWII and he was discharged from the military in 1946. He continued to serve several years in the military reserve.

After he left the service in 1946 Perry went to work for his father's import/export business in New York with an office at 320 Broadway. However, not long after they had moved to New York, Shirley's mother was diagnosed with cancer and Shirley returned to Jacksonville to help her father. Perry soon joined his wife in Jacksonville where they lived on Parrish Place in Avondale.

Shirley's parents, Hugo and Carlye Mark, owned Mark's Dress Shop downtown at Laura and Monroe Streets for years before moving it to 38 W. Duval Street in 1944. Shirley and Perry helped at the store until her sister Paula Lerner took it over. Mark's was a Downtown institution carried on by three generations of the family for 73 years. By 1948 the Cohens were managing a small outlet clothing store Shirley's father owned at 1021 Park Street, which would become Riverside Gown Shop.

In 1955 they built a home on Alhambra Drive West, where they've lived 58 happy years. Shirley raised their family there with the help of her housekeeper Cleo (last name one of the few things Shirley has forgotten), who spent 41 years with the family.

Shirley also helped Perry with the shop when possible during those years. She and their eight to 10 employees worked even harder when Perry began to travel throughout Florida, Georgia and Alabama selling Syd of Chicago dresses and Jack Winter Sportswear lines to earn extra income for his growing family. He traveled for 27 years and had major retailers including Macy's and Burdines among his clientele.

In 1985 Shirley was diagnosed with breast cancer and completed her final treatment in 1990. A breast cancer survivor, she sums up her bout with the disease in her matter-of-fact way, "...I'm just fine." A Jacksonville native, Shirley has many lifelong friends here, some she has known since the first grade.

"Having close friends your whole life, for that long, is such a special thing...thank goodness we still can get together. We love to go out to dinner in the evenings," she said.

Their children are Mark, a periodontist in Los Angeles whose daughter Amanda is 11. Son Rick works in



a local printing business. Son Danny is a Miami spinal surgeon with four children: Alexa, 25 and Erin, 24 completed their first year of medical school, and 19-year-old twins Brianna finished her first year at Northwestern University and Josh completed his first year at Vanderbilt University. The Cohen's only daughter Marjie is a Miami attorney. She and husband Tom Nealon have two children, Alex, 21, who finished his second year at Georgetown University and Carlye, 18, a Gulliver High School senior.

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# Teacher, quilter, world traveler is 90 years young

BY KATE A. HALLOCK  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

It took “dry” macular degeneration to finally slow Myra Pattishall down. Celebrating her 90th birthday on Sep. 16, Pattishall may surely reminisce about all the places she’s been and the things she’s done.

“I’ve ‘hit’ all 50 states,” said the former teacher. “I’ve worked and traveled overseas, including a week in Tibet and travel to the border between western China and Afghanistan.”

Pattishall is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University), where she received a degree in education. She taught school for a year, then moved on to work with the Girl Scout Council for 13 years as an executive director in field scouting in several Southern cities.

In 1959, the intrepid and independent Riverside resident accepted a job with the Department of Defense to teach school in Frankfurt, Germany, where she lived in a military billet for the next six years. “At that time, Frankfurt was called ‘the plum’ because everything came and went from Frankfurt. We paid \$13 a month for room and maid service.”

After returning to the states, Pattishall worked primarily as a reading specialist in the public school system, serving neighborhood schools such as

Fishweir and Central Riverside Elementary schools.

Soon after retirement in 1986, she took up quilting, attending “enrichment” classes at Florida Junior College (now FSCJ) under Gay Montgomery, until the school’s change in 2007 to a four-year college dropped the non-credit classes. That’s when Riverside

better organization to host us,” she continued.

Pattishall is also fondly called the quilters’ godmother, according to Gladys Moore, a member of the Seven Sisters Guild of quilters who get together at Riverside Presbyterian Church to quilt. Although she cannot see “much of anything,” Pattishall still spends time with the quilting group, counting squares for patterns and occasionally pressing the pieces.

“I still like to feel fabric and to talk with people,” said the award-winner. Several of her quilts have won prizes in the annual QuiltFest, which occurs later this month (see sidebar).

Pattishall currently lives at the Riverside Presbyterian Home on Park. “I’m very comfortable and pleased. We have everything we need; we don’t have everything we want,” she said. “I think the older you get, the less you need.”



Presbyterian Church opened its doors and provided a room for the quilters.

Montgomery, a resident of Ortega Farms, said “The class wanted to stay together, so we started looking around and found a great room with lots of light and plugs at Riverside Presbyterian Church.” The group was able to bring eight sewing machines from the FSCJ classes and set them up at the room in the church. “We could not have asked for a better place and a

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# Flashbacks

## Honoring the labor force then and now

BY ROBIN ROBINSON, PRESIDENT,  
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Labor Day conjures up memories of backyard barbecues, celebratory parades and dances. Pictured here are Red Cross volunteers ready to chaperone a group of young women who met in Riverside Memorial Park to go as guests to Camp Blanding to a dance for enlisted men in the 1940s.

Camp Blanding was leased by the U. S. Army and became a major training facility during World War II. From 1940 to 1945 more than 800,000 soldiers received training here. It sounds like it might have been a good place for a girl to meet someone at a dance, provided one had a proper chaperone.

Recognition of laborers and their working conditions caused concern in the early 1900s when many children were drawn into the labor force. Working conditions were not always the best and it deprived the children of obtaining an education. The Jacksonville messenger boys show here in 1913 were typical child laborers putting in long hours with little pay. This photo was taken by Lewis Wickes Hines, a New York City schoolteacher and photographer who felt so strongly about the issue that he quit his job teaching school and became an investigative photographer for the National Child Labor Committee. Photographs such as this were instrumental in calling attention to child labor problems and bringing about child labor laws in the United States. Legislation was passed and resulted ultimately in the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 protecting workers of all ages.



Labor Day is a celebration of the American worker which began in the late 1880s and is observed today to acknowledge the vital force labor has contributed to the economic well-being of our country. It became a Federal holiday in 1894.

*Camp Blanding was leased by the U. S. Army and became a major training facility during World War II.*

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