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Patrons spring into action for children

The 10th Annual Spring for the Arts gala brought in a record amount of funds this year to support the afterschool arts education programs of the Cathedral Arts Project, entering its third decade of service.

The evening's theme, *Reaching for the Stars*, is exactly what the organization hopes for each of the children enrolled. "Children in our program begin to understand that if they work hard, they can accomplish goals they never thought were possible," remarked Heather Geraghty, event chair. "They realize they have the power to solve problems, to overcome setbacks and obstacles, and to achieve success."



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Easter Fun

From sunrise services to Easter egg hunts and all types of fun for the whole family!

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Thorn in the Side, or Open Season?

To most observant residents, the corner of Herschel Street and San Juan Avenue has become a seasonal flower shop and plant nursery. For others, the timing and proximity to local vendors in our area raises concerns and questions. Is this free enterprise or is this bad business? You decide.

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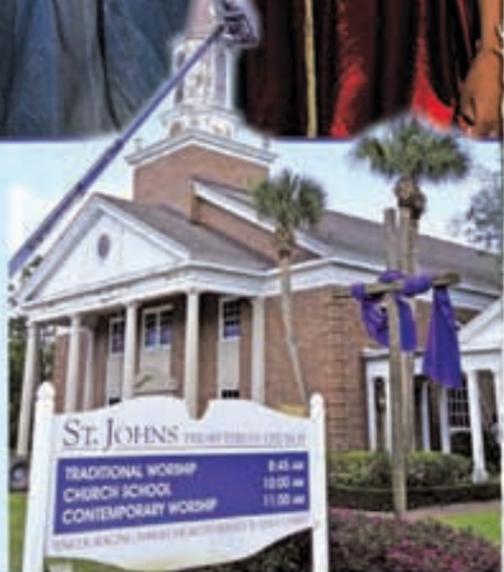
Unnecessary Accident

Should St. Johns Avenue become a local road under city jurisdiction, or remain State Road 211? An after-dinner accident has one driver shaken and a pedestrian to the hospital. Questions about pedestrian safety begin to raise eyebrows. Are there solutions in sight for safer streets?

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Local church blessed in getting, generous in giving

Workers high up on scaffolding paint the exterior – including the steeple – of St. John's Presbyterian Church on Herschel, in the final phase of a major refurbishing project. Last fall an evaluation of the roof and leaking steeple led to a Miracle Sunday capital campaign that raised \$240,000 to address those issues with a new roof, as well as paint the interior, the exterior and later this summer, resurface the pavers in the front and back of the church. According to Rev. Jon Lovelady, senior pastor, the goal was \$200,000 but 10 percent would be given away, divided between Living Waters (which provides third world countries with fresh water) and Metro Kids Konnection. The generosity of parishioners resulted in 20 percent more than the goal, allowing each mission to receive \$12,000. The missional emphasis of the campaign had everything to do with its success, noted Rev. Lovelady.



River Health in Focus

The state legislature begins to take note of our water woes. Read more about the legislation on tap for the priorities of our state leaders.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Expansion of Skyway down Riverside corridor is right decision

Back in 2009 the Jacksonville Transportation Authority did a study on extending the Automated Skyway Express (ASE or Skyway) to a point just south of Forest Street and west of Riverside Avenue (behind Johnny's Deli & Grill). At that time all development in the Riverside Corridor was on hold due to the "Great Recession." Now may be the time to revisit building this extension.

There are three major changes that now make it worthwhile to revisit extending a Riverside Line on the ASE. The first is the addition of 220 Riverside being developed by Hallmark Partners; this is a group of 294 apartments along with retail at ground level.

The second change is by Pope and Land; it includes 300 units and retail anchored by a Fresh Market. If half the estimated 900 residents (this estimate is less than the 2.58 per household average) of these two developments took the ASE to and from work this makes the ridership from these developments 900 (a single trip is considered to be a rider and if a person makes two trips in a day they count as two riders).

The third is Unity Plaza, a park and amphitheater to be completed at 220 Riverside Avenue. This would attract up to 2,000 people for concerts and other events. This Skyway extension connects the park to over 1,000 people living on the Southbank and to almost 1,500 hotel rooms. In addition, people living on the Southside or to the West or Northwest could park at the

ASE Park-n-Ride facilities and go directly to the event. An ASE station nearby could alleviate the difficulty of finding parking along Riverside Avenue or Forest Street.

Making the end of this Riverside Link a major bus terminus would not increase Downtown transit times and would improve transit times on those bus routes. The ASE could run at 4 1/2 minute headways with trains consisting of two cars. When combined with the same headways on the Southbank Line and the Convention Center Line, the Central Station would be served by a train every 90 seconds. The travel time to the Rosa Parks Station would still be about 10 minutes.

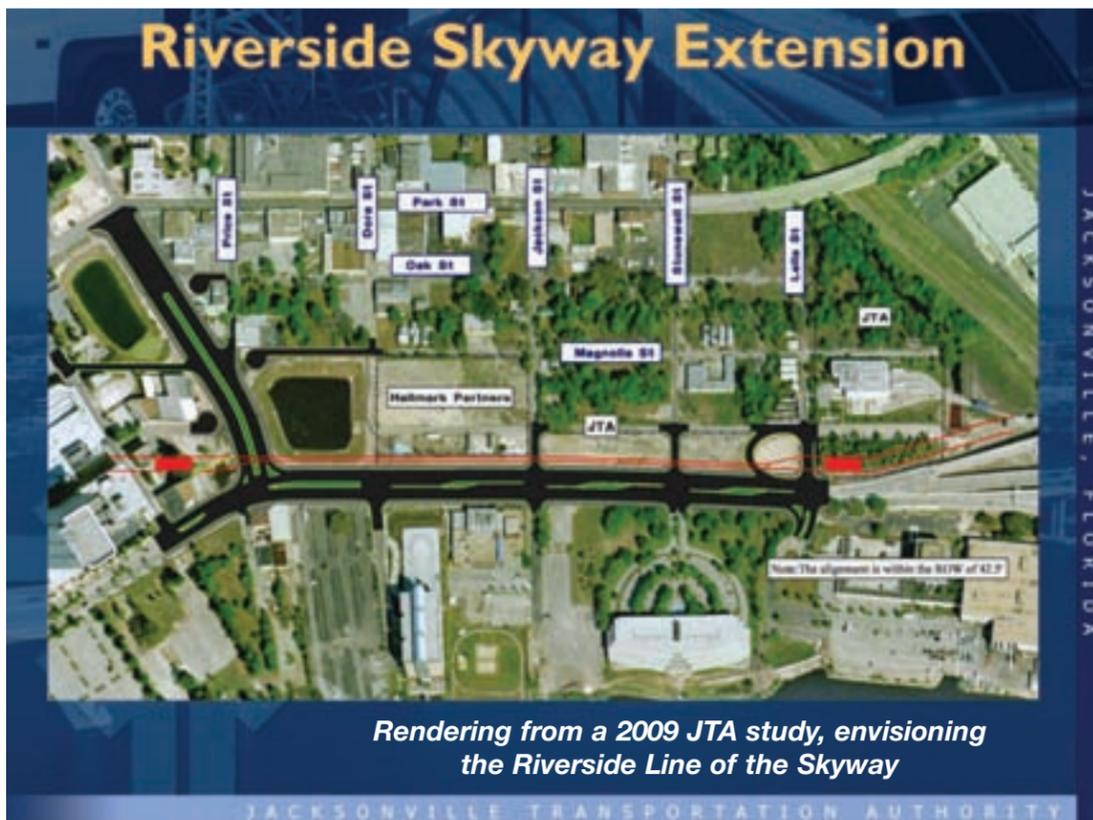
The 0.7 mile line would be realigned down the median of a redesigned Riverside Avenue. There are many possibilities for transit oriented developments at locations along the alignment. There are also ways to incorporate a historic structure such as Fire Station Number Five into these plans.

The combination of housing, retail and/or office space on land currently used for surface parking would firmly establish the Brooklyn/Riverside area as a thriving urban neighborhood and improve connectivity with other revitalized Urban districts.

According to planning level cost estimates made prior to a feasibility study or completion of the engineering and design the cost could vary between \$50 million and \$70 million. This could vary based on whether any land acquisition or guideway cantilevering (building to the side of the supporting columns) is required and also is dependent on the number of vehicles acquired.

In replacing several miles of roundtrip bus routes with the ASE, a comparison could be made to operating a Sentra and a Leaf. The Leaf has a higher purchase price but with one-quarter of the operating costs.

- Bruce A. Fouraker



Rendering from a 2009 JTA study, envisioning the Riverside Line of the Skyway

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In Memoriam

FRANCES NASH

OCTOBER 4, 1925 - FEBRUARY 21, 2014

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Just a few short months after attending the 30th anniversary of the renovation of the Florida Theatre in recognition of her husband Bill's fundraising efforts, Frances Johnston Nash, 88, passed away at home on Feb. 21, after suffering a stroke.

Fran received a degree in art from Wheaton College, where she met, in her words, "the love of my life", William Nash, Jr. They were married in Atlanta on Dec. 20, 1949 and began a long career with Prudential. He travelled extensively and was transferred to Atlanta, Houston, Newark, and Jacksonville. Fran was always a gracious and capable corporate wife, creating a beautiful home in each city, frequently accompanying him on conferences, and reaching out warmly to agents and their families.

Fran, called Nannie by her grandchildren, excelled as an artist, teacher, storyteller, and writer, but is

remembered by friends and family for another trait.

"I want to tell you about Nannie as a person, day-to-day as a wife, a mother, and a grandmother," said grandson William Nash IV in his eulogy. "The one word I keep hearing to describe her is 'elegant.' Nannie was elegant in everything she did."

Nash went on to say that his grandmother was from "an era gone with the wind."

"Her accent is not made anymore. Southern accents are beautiful, but the

Atlanta accent of the early 20th century is probably one of the most beautiful," said Nash. "I don't think the woman had an 'R' in her vocabulary. My cousin, Parker Roberts, for example, was always 'Paaawka Raawbuts.' When we would pull up to the Yacht Club, it went something like

this, 'Bill, you let us out heya unda the pawtico and go paawk the caaw ova thaya by Dawn Rawbutts caaw.'"

Fran's elegance extended to teaching family members the value of



silence, patience, kindness, and listening. Grandson Parker Roberts shared that "we as a culture have lost our ability to muse...to think creatively or critically about anything. Nannie was brilliant at both of these things." He said this was her greatest gift to him...the ability to muse.

Granddaughter Laura Nash said the biggest lesson she learned from Nannie was the power of killing people with kindness and unconditional love. "Nannie was constantly pursuing people, reaching out to spread truth and love, particularly persistent with those who did not want to be pursued."

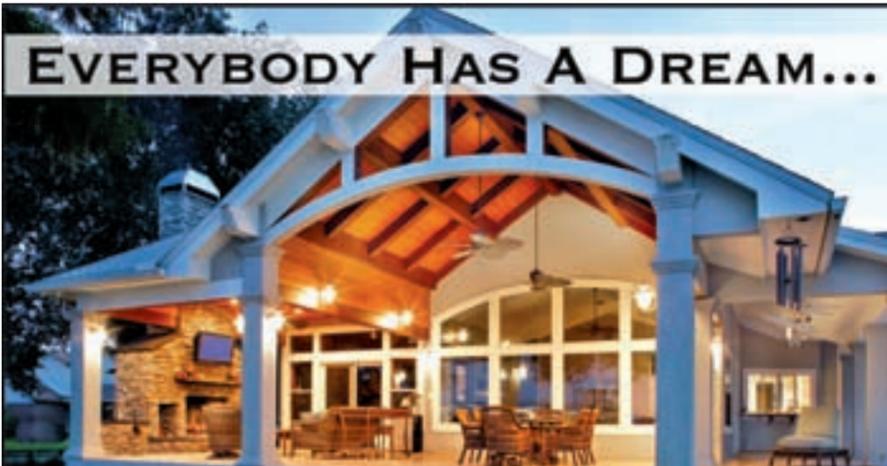
Fran's love of the Lord, her wisdom, and her refreshing humor are woven throughout her letters, poems, and stories. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she led Bible studies and wrote countless letters to prisoners, shut-ins and anyone in need. Fran was a member of the Florida Yacht Club, the Ponte Vedra Club and a former board member of the Visiting Nurses Association and Prison Ministry.

Fran is survived by her husband, Emanuel William Nash, Jr. and children, Emanuel William Nash, III (Laurie) and Katherine Nash Roberts (Don), grandchildren David William Roberts (Annie), Emanuel William

Nash, IV (Leanna), Parker Nash Roberts, Laura Frances Nash, and Donald Johnston Roberts; great-grandchildren, Laurie Frances Nash, David William Roberts, Jr., Luke Parker Roberts, and Emanuel William Nash, V. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and her husband's five brothers and sisters and their spouses.

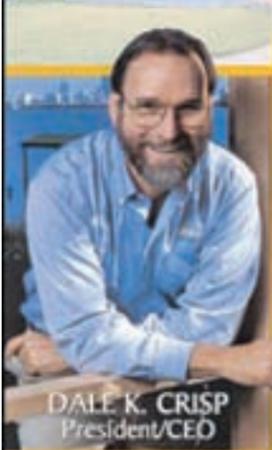


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Local small businesses concerned, upset by vendor

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

To paraphrase Kermit, it's not easy selling green.

After a slow crawl out of the economic recession and this winter's dismal weather, local nurseries and florists were especially hoping for a strong spring season.

Those hopes were dashed – or at least daunted – by the surprise arrival of a temporary plant and flower vendor at the corner of Herschel Street and San Juan Avenue in Fairfax in early March.

According to Joel Philips, owner of Philips Garden Store at



4234 Herschel St., when Seasonal Holiday Sales pitched their tent a block away, his immediate reaction was dismay. "I had a bad feeling in my stomach when I saw that big tractor trailer being unloaded. We try to do what we do here as the best we can," said Philips. "It's right when we were so excited about coming out of this awful winter."

Philips is not alone in his unease. Even businesses in the Shoppes of Avondale aren't happy about it. Anita Miller, of Anita's Garden Shop and Design, said "We're disappointed because it affects the retail climate in the neighborhood. It's poor form in a lot of ways."

That "poor form" reflects concerns that brick-and-mortar shop owners have about a "pop-up" business that doesn't pay local taxes the way that the established businesses do to support the community.

According to Simon Garwood, a broker with San Marco's Warren & Company, Seasonal Holiday Sales has all the permits, insurance, etc. for a four-month lease. "They approached us and we negotiated a seasonal lease on behalf of the Thebaut family [the property owners]."

Seasonal Holiday Sales, owned by George and Laurie Harrington of Mandarin, had operated a Christmas tree lot last fall in the small shopping center on Roosevelt Boulevard which includes La Nopalera, Tuesday Morning and Pet Supermarket. The fact that they've moved from a more highly trafficked road to a small neighborhood doesn't make sense to Philips, who took over the 53-year-old family business in 1993.

"Usually those businesses are in high volume places, like Blanding, Beach or San Jose boulevards," noted Philips. Seasonal Holiday Sales has a dozen or so locations all over Jacksonville, mostly positioning in close proximity of existing nurseries, according to Philips.

"Their literature says they sell seasonal flowers, fireworks, pumpkins and Christmas trees with all the things that go with that," he said. "Of course the church [St. Mark's Episcopal] has sold trees many years with the youth group; I always think of the neighborhood with those kinds of incursions."

Philips does care about the neighborhood and it's evident in how he conducts his own business. "We try to give back to the community every time we can. We try to support the churches and the schools any time they have a special occasion, special benefits; what we try to do is a little bit for everybody that asks," he said.

"My argument would be that I don't think that this community, much less the City, is going to see a whole of anything from a company like that in return."

In addition to giving back to the community, Philips is concerned

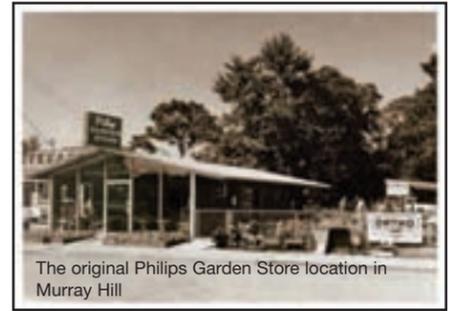
about the fit of certain types of businesses in the Fairfax neighborhood.

"We're also trying to rent some space and I fully realize that everyone that's come to talk to me about this is not a fit for this neighborhood...if I wasn't a little discriminating about who we're going to lease to, I probably already could have leased it. Some things are more important than money," said Philips.

The local nursery and florists, like St. Johns Flower Market, and Anita's Garden Shop, are hoping that customers also feel that loyalty is more important than saving a buck.

"When you're in a small community like this, folks watch out for each other," shared Philips. "They've taken great care of us all these years and we've tried to reciprocate. We are fortunate beyond words to have the loyal – really, friends, not just customers."

Only time will tell whether Seasonal Holiday Sales will survive to



The original Philips Garden Store location in Murray Hill



Durward Allen, Wynona Irish, Joel Philips, Red O'Toole

return with pumpkins and Christmas trees next fall, clear competition for the youth groups at St. Mark's and at Ortega United Methodist Church, where pumpkins have been peddled for decades.

"Competition is competition," Philips concluded. "I don't begrudge that but I would be lying if I said I did not take it personally the second I saw it. It was such an in-your-face move to be just three blocks down in a place that's off the beaten track a little bit. Without the outpouring of customers in full support of us, I would have had a much more insecure mindset about it. It really helped my feelings to have that support."

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Temporary progress for Murray Hill leaders

Club closure seen as catalyst for change

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

While residents and business owners of Murray Hill may be breathing a sigh of relief at the news last month that the Fat Kat Lounge has closed, what happens next could go either way.

"The way it's zoned right now I think they could move right back in and have another night club," said Jim Love, District 14 Councilman. "I am certainly working to change that and the way to do it is with zoning."

Fat Kat had been operating at the 1187 S. Edgewood Ave. location for about three years, and according to Love, former District 14 Councilman Jim Overton also had the same issue 12

years ago. "It was for a different kind of night club, and he fought it but lost," said Love. "I have the zoning folks looking into it to determine if they've [Fat Kat] violated the current zoning."

Between the time of the Feb. 16 early morning shooting, where one person died and four were injured, and the closing of the club less than a month later, Love held a public meeting at City Hall to discuss night club safety improvements. He shared ideas from other cities across the country and opened the floor to Murray Hill residents, area night club owners and operators. Late in the meeting Fat Kat's manager, Eddie Kane, appeared and insisted that the problem wasn't the club. "We do care. It's not us," he said. "We're open for suggestions."

Len Burroughs, vice president, Murray Hill Preservation Association,

suggested that the club close for good. "Fat Kat needs to go."

After the news that the lounge had closed, Burroughs shared this. "Murray Hill Preservation Association is very pleased that Fat Kat's has closed. It is unfortunate that their employees lost their jobs but there has just been too much violence there for many years."

An official statement from MHPA stated "We believe that Murray Hill property owners and businesses have a social responsibility to help keep Murray Hill clean, safe and vibrant. We hope the property owner and business operator will open in the space previously occupied by Fat Kat a neighborhood-friendly entertainment venue or eatery."

Love felt the public meeting went well and was glad the many of the club owners and operators participated.

"We had a lot of good ideas. I knew the good club owners had ideas that we could implement into a new ordinance to make all clubs better. That's what I was hoping for and I got it."

Burroughs and Love are both enthusiastic about the changes that are occurring in Murray Hill. Bold Bean Coffee Roasters is opening a roasting facility right next to the former nightclub and also a bakeshop, Knead, which will serve brewed coffee, but not espresso beverages, according to Jay Burnett, co-owner of Bold Bean.

As for what's to become of the empty lounge, "I would hope that a restaurant would go in there. That place is ready for a turn-around; it has improved," said Love.

Burroughs also noted "The owner of the property has a liquor license so we will be getting something that serves alcohol and this is fine, but maybe a neighborhood bar and grill type restaurant."

Riverside touted as Planning Model

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

When the panel of experts was asked to come up with the top three attractive or important destinations in the Riverfront District, Dr. Dawn Emerick, president and CEO for Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, said "The 'golden child' is Riverside. A lot of the work that is going on, they're really doing some progressive things. That work in Zone 1 was probably hitting all 10 standards in the checklist."

The keynote speaker at the Mar. 26 luncheon, Dr. Richard Jackson of UCLA, posed that question, among others, to a panel that included 14 community and corporate leaders. The presentation was sponsored by ULI North Florida and AIA Jacksonville, and followed one-on-one meetings of the panelists with many of the companies and organizations in the Northbank area.

The experts heard presentations, asked questions, and ultimately will make recommendations for the betterment of the Northbank Riverfront District.

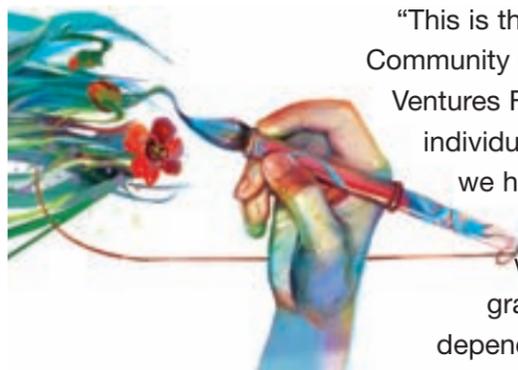
The checklist that Emerick referred to is the Ten Design Principles & Healthy Outcomes from the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Building Healthy Places Initiative. The Health Planning Council added a list of potential health outcomes, if implemented correctly, to each of the 10 standards. According to Emerick, "Riverside meets them all."

One of the presentations that the panelists heard prior to the luncheon was from Riverside Avondale Preservation and Stephen Tocknell, of Tocknell Planning Services, on the proposed 5 Points Concept Plan.

"I was impressed with the 5 Points plan," said Carol Westmoreland, Florida Redevelopment Association. "That is a very big attractor...it will scale down the impact of cars at 5 Points through fantastic design."

In an earlier conversation with Tocknell, the Avondale resident noted that the City of Jacksonville Planning Department made a 180-degree turn in thinking that City engineers would need to be involved. Once they reviewed Tocknell's plans, they determined that it would not be necessary for them to have extensive engineering efforts in the project.

Emerging First Coast artists invited to apply for grants



"This is the 24th year that The Community Foundation has made Art Ventures Fund grants available to individual artists, and in that time we have made 139 grants of nearly \$240,000. This year, we anticipate making 9 or 10 grants to individual artists, depending on the average amount requested." — Amy Crane, Program Director

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida is inviting emerging individual artists from the First Coast area to apply for an Art Ventures Grant of up to \$3,500. These grants are offered to help individual artists take the "next step" in their artistic development.

According to Amy Crane, Program Director, The Community Foundation, for Northeast Florida, "This is the 24th year that The Community Foundation has made Art Ventures Fund grants available to individual artists, and in that time we have made 139 grants of nearly \$240,000. This year, we anticipate making 9 or 10 grants to individual artists, depending on the average amount requested."

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, legal residents of Baker, Clay, Duval,

Nassau or St. Johns Counties and have resided in one of these counties for at least 12 months at the time of application. Due to the high demand for grants, artists may not receive grants in consecutive years and are only eligible for three Individual Artist grant awards in a lifetime. Individual Artist Applications are due by June 5, 2014 for grants beginning November 1, 2014.

"The generous benefactors who have given to our Art Ventures fund invested with the belief that a thriving arts community was essential to the quality of life in Jacksonville," Crane said. "As one of our funders (Mary Ann Bryan, herself an artist) put it, "We really want the First Coast to be a place that artists can call home."

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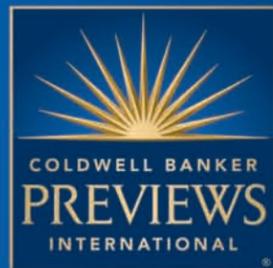
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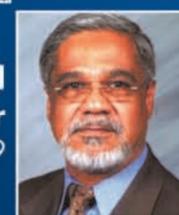


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Pedestrian struck in the Shoppes of Avondale

Incident highlights vulnerability, need for plans

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

“Just because you can, doesn’t mean you should.”

That sentiment applies equally to drivers and to pedestrians who traverse the Historic District’s retail corridors on busy streets. Unfortunately, two individuals did not take heed on the night of Mar. 8, when a pedestrian crossing St. John’s Avenue in the block between Talbot and Ingleside was struck by a southbound motorist.

St. John’s Avenue, or State Route 211, has a 30 mile per hour speed limit by law; however, thanks to District 14 Councilman Jim Love, a few years ago the Florida Department of Transportation agreed to post signs for 25 mph through the two-block stretch that defines that retail corridor.

But, just because you can drive 25 miles an hour on St. John’s Avenue through the Shoppes of Avondale, doesn’t mean you should. Likewise, just because you are accustomed to crossing the middle of the road from one shop to another or to your car, doesn’t mean you should avoid using the crosswalk.

Since a crash report record was unavailable, *The Resident* cannot confirm whether speeding was a factor. However, it was known that the pedestrian was not crossing the street

in a designated crosswalk, instead stepping out from between cars in front of Blue Fish Restaurant and Oyster Bar between 9 and 9:30 p.m.

Residents and customers of the Shoppes of Avondale have traditionally enjoyed crossing St. John’s Avenue from any point along the corridor. With the opening of Mellow Mushroom, and the creation of a special zone to provide liquor licenses for Biscottis and the Casbah Café, the area will only continue to see more people patronizing the Shoppes. Ultimately, this means more pedestrian traffic out and about in the streets.

ISSUE PERVASIVE IN URBAN AREAS

It’s not just Avondale that struggles with the issues of unwelcome speeding. “You hear it over and over again,” said Lori Boyer, District 5 Councilwoman and sponsor of the Context Sensitive Streets Ordinance which went into effect a year ago. “One of the ideas with Context Sensitive Streets was that we were supposed to be able to have different speed limits, perhaps different design standards, for different streets in different areas.”

According to Boyer, there needs to be a conversation to come up with parking solutions and traffic calming for the urban residential streets because there is capacity to have more cars drive down urban streets,



Paramedics work on a woman who was struck by a car while crossing St. John's Avenue on Mar. 8, Riverside Avondale Trolley Night

just not at fast speeds through residential areas.

“We have to do something,” said Boyer. “Speed humps are not the answer on every street, but we have to get a lower speed limit that is enforceable...stop signs, narrowing the streets...something.”

Regarding Avondale, Love said that small speed humps would create too much noise, larger ones would reduce the speed limit too much, and anything proposed would have to go through the State of Florida.

In fact, three entities would have to be involved to make changes: FDOT, City of Jacksonville Public Works and the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, according to Kevin Kuzel, executive assistant to Councilman Love.

In Boyer’s online newsletter, she noted “the number of pedestrian and

bicycle fatalities in Jacksonville, and our rating as one of the least bicycle and pedestrian friendly communities in the country, is a major impediment to recruiting young adults to our City and impacts our business climate and workforce. We are lagging behind most other urban areas in this shift, to our competitive detriment and at a cost to our quality of life.”

“From a mindset, if we’re going to recognize we have more urban areas, we have to acknowledge that pedestrians are going to be walking back and forth,” Boyer concluded. “This is going to continue to intensify and come to a head soon.”

Do you think this issue deserves more consideration? Are your elected officials working to correct this problem? Share your thoughts with editor@residentnews.net or call (904) 388-8839 x103.

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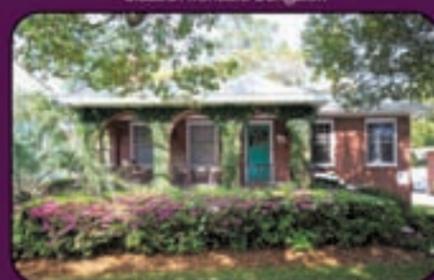
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Graffiti 'ghost' artist arrested

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

On Mar. 18, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office arrested artist Kevin "Chip" Southworth as the man behind the utility box graffiti done in the fashion of the former New York artist Keith Haring. Southworth signed his work as KHG or Keith Haring's Ghost.

A petition being circulated on MoveOn.org by graphic/environmental designer Stacey Harper asks that Southworth be released without fines or jail time. His artwork on 11 utility boxes around the city has purportedly resulted in more than \$1,100 in damages. The local artist could face up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

"After living in Jacksonville for more than 10 years, I consistently found myself in conversations discussing Jacksonville's lack of culture, being just ordinary and what can we do as artists to make it more exciting," Harper said. "Many of us from the art community have been so excited about seeing Chip bring Keith Haring back to life in San Marco, taking away an ugly eye sore to replace with such positive inspiration artwork from the past."

According to his attorney John Phillips, Southworth, 42, is a lifelong resident of Jacksonville, a veteran of the U.S. Navy Presidential Guard and very active in the San Marco community. He has worked with the Chamber, the City Council and the Cultural Council regarding his art. Some of his art is currently hanging in the Cummer Museum and he was recently commissioned by the City of Jacksonville to paint a portrait. The online petition also states that Southworth's wife is undergoing treatment for breast cancer and requests that the City instead commission Southworth to repaint all of the silver utility boxes around town to help pay for his wife's treatments.

City officials have stated that the dark colors Southworth used on the boxes can increase the temperature inside and cause equipment failures. City workers have been repainting the boxes with two coats of an aluminum colored paint at a cost of \$110 per box.



What do you think?

Art or graffiti? Does the punishment fit the crime or should Chip Southworth be commissioned to continue his work (using appropriate paint colors to avoid damage)? Let us know what you think! Send your thoughts via email to editor@residentnews.net.

City adds accountability pages to website

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Last month, City of Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown launched two new webpages that will provide residents information on accountability, performance and progress.

The Mayor laid the groundwork two years ago, establishing the Public Accountability Office to better manage public information and build stronger avenues of access for Jacksonville residents. In August 2012, he appointed Alexis Lambert as the new Public Accountability Officer. Lambert previously served as the Florida Attorney General's Sunshine counsel.

One of the first projects was a col-

laborative effort between the Public Affairs Office and the Information Technologies Division to launch JaxScore 1.0, a public-facing dashboard to provide information on the city's performance and progress toward the administration's top priorities. The online tool was previewed by COJ's Deputy Chief of Administration Cleveland Ferguson with a JAX2025 subcommittee back in November 2013 and then launched in early March.

JaxScore currently offers 35 static "scorecards" with specific performance information, such the percent of live releases under Animal Care & Protective Services (80.98 percent as of October 2013). In future versions, the City intends to provide more in-depth

and interactive access to finances and performance measures that will provide more transparency and accountability into City operations.

Clicking on a scorecard (www.coj.net/jaxscore-1-0.aspx) will serve up 2013 data as a PDF. The data is primarily quarterly, year over year back to 2011; however some of the information has not been updated since June 2013.

• High transparency score

Later in March, during Sunshine Week, the City announced that the First Amendment Foundation rated the City of Jacksonville's website as the most transparent city website in Florida with a high score of 80 (the average score in the survey was 50 out of 100 points),

and Mayor Brown announced the launch of a new transparency web page. The new web page (www.coj.net/Transparency or www.coj.net/public-accountability.aspx) provides a central location for information about the city budget, public meetings, the Mayor's Office, City Council, and city departments.

Five of the 11 buttons take the user to another page on coj.net, where navigation to one's desired goal can be more than a few clicks. The other six buttons open up a new browser window for independent websites, such as the city's Procurement Division, Building Inspection Division, the Clerk of Courts, the Property Appraiser, 630-CITY, and the Duval County Tax Collector.



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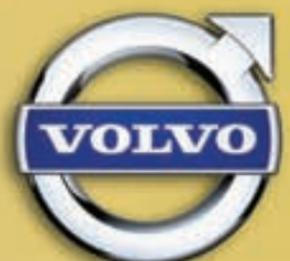
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Water issues bubble to surface in legislative session

BY LISA GRUBBA
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Two bi-partisan bills moving through the current legislative session could impact the health of the St. Johns River.

Senate Bill 1576 and House Bill 1313 would protect some of the state's crucial springs, provide funding for septic tank and sewage treatment plant improvements, and set deadlines for the state to monitor pollution levels in the springs.

"If we don't do what's right, our springs will get to the point where we can't fix it," said Senator Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee, at a public rally on the Old Capital steps in February. Montford is co-sponsor of SB 1576, along with four Republican senators.

The St. Johns River is "only as healthy as our springs," said St. Johns Riverkeeper's (SJRK) Lisa Rinaman. "The river is fed by 85 freshwater springs."

Florida's springs are world famous for their iridescent color from a combination of clear water, white sandy beds, and limestone rock. Now, many are algae covered and lifeless. As Florida has grown, so has pollution, from fertilizer runoff, livestock runoff, leaky septic tanks, and commercial discharge. At the same time, the water pumping into the springs from underground has decreased, reducing the ability to flush out pollutants.

The reasons for reduced spring flow are in dispute, and finger-pointing among polluters is heating up. But one fact is clear: as the springs decline, so do lakes and rivers. And that's got the attention of politicians from all across the state.

"Let this be the year that protecting our waters in Florida is cool again," said Rep. Alan Williams, D-Tallahassee, at the February rally, where he shared the podium with a dozen politicians, both Democrat and Republican.

The bi-partisan sponsorship has generated a lot of buzz among capital watchers. It's an "unusual alliance of...five strongly committed senate

committee chairs," said Ryan Smart of the Florida Conservation Coalition, an environmental group started by Senator Bob Graham.

SB 1576 was drafted by Sen. David Simmons, R-Altamonte Springs, and was initially opposed by business and agricultural groups. Twenty-four groups got together, including the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Farm Bureau, and Boat U.S., and sent a letter with their concerns to the co-sponsors. One concern was that the bill required business, homeowners and municipalities to comply with stricter regulation even if state funding isn't available. Sen. Simmons amended language early in the session to address that concern.

The letter also said that new legislation isn't needed. "Florida has the regulatory tools it needs to meet the kinds of water supply and quality challenges this legislation seeks to address. These programs simply need to be fully funded and conscientiously implemented," it reads. But FCC's Smart said because there are deadlines, the legislation "forces policies that have been on the books 30 or 40 years."

House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, initially said he didn't expect to see water policy addressed this year. He said funds would be put toward restoration, but

not prevention. But fellow Republican Sen. Simmons pushed back on that at the February rally. "I've spoken with other legislators and it's growing. We will establish a water policy in this state, not only for this year, but every year."

SJRK's Rinaman said she sees Weatherford's position "softening" due to public input and bipartisan support. At the least, 2015's incoming leaders have expressed a willingness to tackle policy issues.

The projected \$1.3 billion state budget surplus makes projects of all types easier than in recent years. Governor Rick Scott's proposed budget includes \$1.4 billion in water restoration projects, after years of cuts to environmental budgets. Of that, \$55 million is earmarked for springs.

But Rinaman said that about half of the springs budget, or \$25 million, is for developing alternative water supply plans, such as the proposals to pump water out of the St. Johns River. SJRK's position has been that the state should increase water conservation and tighten withdrawal permits before spending the money to siphon water from the river. "It's robbing

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Lisa Rinaman
St. Johns Riverkeeper

Peter to pay Paul," said Rinaman. The bills will likely be amended as they move through various subcommittees during the two-month session. To track the bills and their votes, go to www.myfloridahouse.gov, click on "bills" in the top toolbar, and enter bill number 1576 (Senate) or 1313 (House) in the box below. The session ends in April.

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Many One Spark creator projects come from neighborhoods

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Billing itself as the “world’s” crowdfunding festival, One Spark, in its second year, can boast that it is a true global affair. Since the inaugural One Spark festival in April 2013, numerous international markets have contacted festival organizers expressing interest in partnering with One Spark to host festivals in their cities. One Spark Berlin (Germany) will customize its version to adapt to the Berlin market, anticipating approximately 200 creator projects to participate.

Meanwhile, here in Jacksonville, just three projects are coming from outside the United States – from Italy, Senegal and North Korea.

However, our own neighborhoods are great contributors to the event, responsible for 109 of the 632 creator projects, a respectable 17 percent. Eighty-one of those projects came from residents in Riverside (19), Avondale/Murray Hill (42), and Ortega (20), based on registered ZIP Codes. Twenty-eight of the projects were registered by residents in San Marco/St. Nicholas (22) and San Jose (6). Nearly 500 projects are based in Duval County (486, accounting for 77 percent), while another 23 percent are in Florida outside Duval County.

One Spark 2014 creator projects increased 56 percent over last year’s event. Although 925 total creator projects are registered, match-making to 77 official One Spark 2014 venues for the Apr. 9-13 festival resulted in 632 (nearly 70 percent) receiving a host space.

Breakdown of creator projects by category are: innovation, 48 percent; art, 21 percent; music, 11 percent; science, six percent; and technology, 14 percent. In our neighborhoods, 40 percent of the creator projects were in the innovation category, followed by 28 percent in art, 18 percent in music, seven percent in science and nearly six percent in technology.

Bold Bean creates new coffee blend for One Spark festival

Bold Bean Coffee Roasters is partnering with One Spark, The World’s Crowdfunding Festival, offering the One Spark Blend, a coffee brewed especially for the festival.

One Spark Blend is a blend of Honduras Marcala and Ethiopian Yirgacheffe that is sweet and malty with a chocolate overtone and notes of hazelnut, citrus and jasmine.

Bold Bean patrons were offered a sample of the new blend in late February and from customer reactions, it looks like it will be a crowd pleaser.



Meredith O'Malley Johnson, One Spark public relations manager, Erin Lee of Bold Bean, Zack Burnett, Bold Bean operations manager, and Joe Sampson, One Spark executive director

Intuition Ale Works offers two limited release beers

Intuition Ale Works ran out of its One Spark Kölsch on the fourth day of One Spark 2013, so in addition to increasing product of the smooth, German-style ale, the Riverside microbrewery is introducing One Spark Alt, an amber malty brew inspired by the Altbiers brewed in Dusseldorf.

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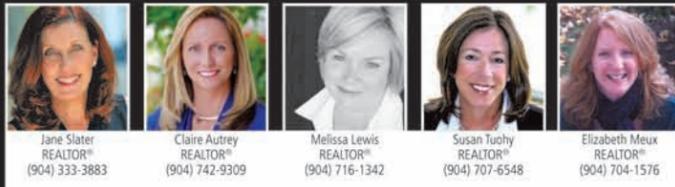
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Jacksonville ranked #1 for small business starts

Editor's Note: When my husband and I moved here in from Pittsburgh, it was more than just a desire to get away from the harsh winters that led us to make Jacksonville our pick city. Because we're active in boating we wanted to be on a river and considered half a dozen other "river cities" before making our decision. We first visited here in late July 2011 so there were no surprises later about the heat and humidity. Jacksonville was number one for us for its small-town friendliness, quick and easy access to Downtown, and we sensed that it was a city on the cusp of greatness. I was pleased to read that Jacksonville is considered the top city to start a business.

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Recently WalletHub.com analyzed the relative start-up opportunities that exist in the 150 largest cities in the United States in terms of population in order to help aspiring entrepreneurs – from restaurant owners to high-tech movers and shakers – maximize their chances for long-term prosperity.

The analysis noted that Jacksonville, Florida's largest city, boasts the country's second-highest five-year small business survival rate, as well as attractive corporate tax rates, a bountiful labor force and fairly accessible small business funding. Thus the WalletHub ranking of #1 in the country for small business starts.

The ranking is not a popularity contest based on public opinion. WalletHub used 14 unique metrics to gauge the relative entrepreneurial opportunities that exist in the 150

largest U.S. cities, based on population. The metrics considered the level of overhead involved with opening a business as well as the level of local business competition, the depth of the talent pool, and the cost of living to evaluate overall business friendliness among those cities.

The Resident reached out to leaders in the community to validate WalletHub's findings with their own perceptions.

For Sandy Bartow, Vice President of Entrepreneurial Growth at JAX Chamber, the answer is clear why Jacksonville has earned this rank. "Because collectively we are cultivating a community of risk takers and our entrepreneurs see both opportunity and support in Jacksonville."

To sustain that growth, Bartow noted, "We need to continue to grow a strong infrastructure of support for all levels of entrepreneurship as well as celebrate our successes. We are fortunate to have strong entrepreneurial support organizations that collaborate

to impact the entire region. The JAX Chamber, the US Small Business Administration, Small Business

"The cost of living in Jacksonville is lower than other Florida cities like Orlando, Miami and Tampa. Also, we have the youngest population of any major city in Florida, with a median age of 35, and a diverse population, which make this a great city for business – whether it's a large company or a young entrepreneur attempting to get a business established," he continued.

Astleford, who lives in Epping Forest, also noted that the One Spark festival has been helpful in launching small businesses.

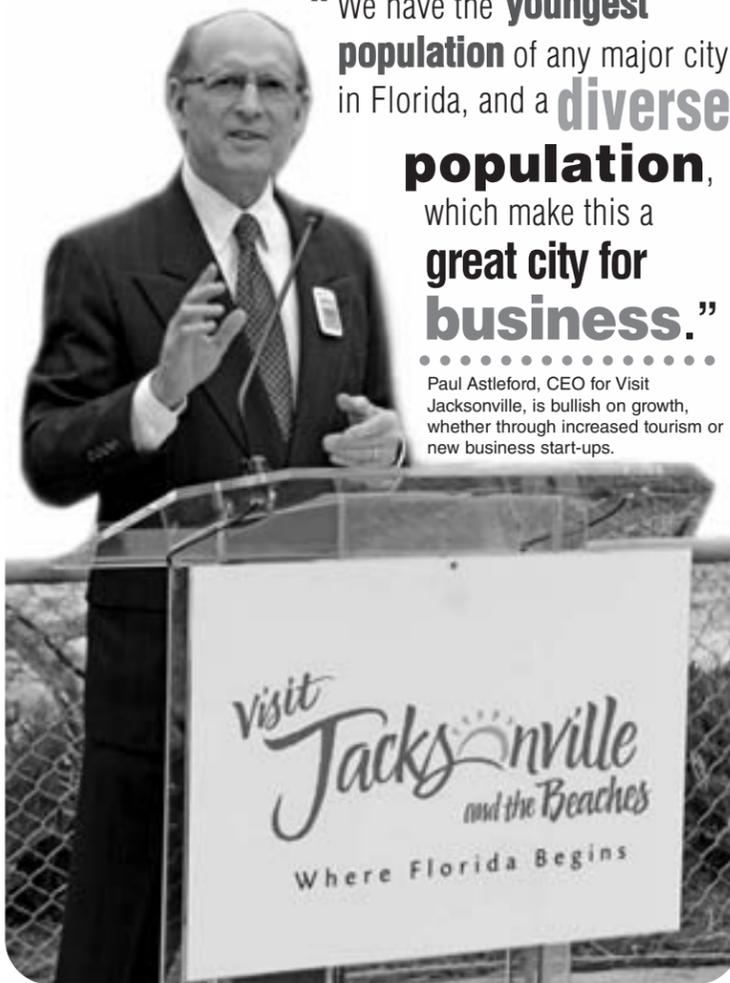
"It also doesn't hurt that, with One Spark and a growing number of technology firms being incubated here, along with many locally-owned restaurants springing up, Jacksonville is building a reputation as a young, cool city with a strong dining scene. That's definitely an attraction for people who are looking for a place to launch a new business."

Lori Boyer, District 5 Councilwoman, is positive, too about the potential for growth in the community.

"Jacksonville's recent ranking as the best city in the country for start-up businesses is certainly great publicity that will help foster additional entrepreneurial investments. Those small businesses are the core of our economy, and more than a few started here have grown to national and international stature," she said. "But, perhaps even more importantly, it may help us recognize what a wonderful city we call home and bolster our sense of civic pride and identity. Congratulations Jacksonville!"

"We have the youngest population of any major city in Florida, and a diverse population, which make this a great city for business."

Paul Astleford, CEO for Visit Jacksonville, is bullish on growth, whether through increased tourism or new business start-ups.



Development Center and Jacksonville Women's Business Center support business owners in moving through their fears by increasing knowledge and business acumen. We also need to shine the spot light on entrepreneurs who every day take risks and create jobs."

Visit Jacksonville's CEO Paul Astleford, formerly from Columbus, OH, said "Some of the attributes that make Jacksonville a great city to start a small business are similar to those we share with potential leisure travelers and meeting and convention planners in promoting the city.

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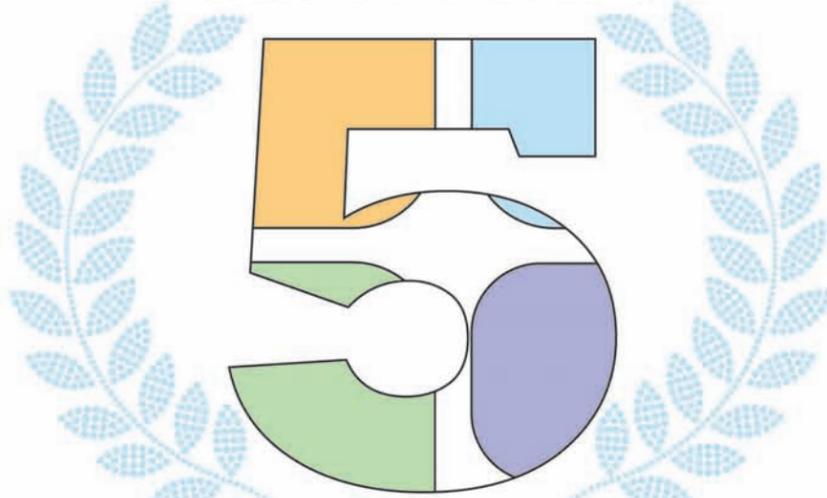


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Nonpartisan group hopes more women enter local politics

2015 municipal elections offer opportunities for women candidates

BY NANCY LEE BETHEA
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

A growing grassroots initiative, Nine in '15, encourages qualified women to run for City Council seats, public policy boards and commissions and other offices in the 2015 municipal elections in Jacksonville. Scheduled for next March and May, voters will elect the Mayor, City Council members and constitutional officers to serve the city.

Nine in '15's primary goal is to raise awareness of the unique contributions women make to political discourse and action. Nine in '15 also strives to address the under representation of women in elected and appointed positions.

• Plans take shape

Conceptualized during a shrimp dinner among friends, the organization now has educational materials, a logo, a mailing list and a chance to change the political landscape in Jacksonville, according to one of the group's organizers, Pam Paul. Paul spoke to a group of mostly women at a Nine in '15 meeting held Thursday, March 13 at WJCT studios.

Nine in 15's volunteer leader, Carol Thompson, also spoke at the March 13 meeting. In opening remarks,

"To represent the whole community, we need the perspectives and leadership styles of women."

Carol Thompson

Nine in '15 Organizer



Thompson emphasized women make up half the population and half of the voters in Duval County. "To represent the whole community, we need the perspectives and leadership styles of women," she said.

• Targeting nine City Council seats

Focusing on nine City Council seats open in 2015 because of term limits, Nine in '15 exists to help women gain the confidence and harness the resources to navigate local political waters.

Eight candidates have filed to run for City Council through the Supervisor of Elections Office. Seven are women. "By no means do we support only women," she added. "We support qualified candidates, talented candidates to represent the diversity of our community."

Audrey Moran, Senior Vice President for Social Responsibility

and Community Advocacy at Baptist Health, ran unsuccessfully for Mayor of Jacksonville in 2011. She backs the goals of Nine in '15.

"To support good candidates to run for office, we need to recruit great candidates with brains and abilities to be a real source of change," Moran said. "We need to encourage people and put together resources [for them]."

Moran believes more women on City Council would yield more serious debate and consensus building on important issues. In 2000, over half the City Council seats were filled by women, Moran said. "The City was booming," she added.

• Overcoming perceptions

Dr. Matthew Corrigan, Chair, Political Science and Public Affairs at the University of North Florida, attended the meeting. He said women make good leaders, but they are often reluctant to run for political office for

various reasons.

Women are much less likely than men to consider themselves qualified to run for office, Corrigan pointed out. He cited a study published by American University's Women and Politics Institute.

Female potential candidates are less competitive, less confident and more risk averse than their male counterparts. Women also react more negatively than men to many aspects of modern campaigns ("Men Rule: The Continued Under-Representation of Women in U.S. Politics," Jennifer J. Lawless and Richard L. Fox).

Corrigan agrees. Women need to be encouraged, supported and funded during and after campaigns.

Nine in '15 is actually providing the encouragement, support and identification of resources, but at this time, it does not endorse or fund candidates.

To share your thoughts on Nine in '15, write to editor@residentnews.net.

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Female candidates reflect on races run and those yet to come

Jacksonville politicians, past, present and future, weigh in on running as a woman

BY NANCY LEE BETHEA
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Females are under-represented in Jacksonville's political offices. Women represent 51.5 percent of the population of Duval County, according to the 2010 United States census.

running for office, Jenkins decided to run for City Council.

Successful in her campaign, Jenkins served two terms on City Council, District 4, from 1999-2007, and as Council vice president in 2001. Better communication existed between local government agencies and the Mayor's Office during her time on the Council, Jenkins said, partially due to more women holding seats. "People understood what the issues were, and how they would be voted on," Jenkins said.

• **Lori N. Boyer**

San Marco resident Lori N. Boyer currently serves as the City Councilwoman for District 5. Elected in 2011, Boyer said her decision to run took encouragement and reaching a point in life where she had time to commit to public service. She waited until her youngest child was in college.

In Boyer's case, the nudge came from the late United States Representative, Tillie Fowler. Boyer was nominated for an Eve Award in 2004. At an awards gathering, Fowler spoke, and she encouraged women to run for office. "It does mean something when another woman encourages you to run," Boyer said.

Currently, Boyer serves as chair of the Rules and Land Use and Zoning Committee and chair of the Task Force on Consolidation, among other things. Working with her husband, Circuit Judge Tyrie W. Boyer, and attending the Jacksonville Political Leadership Institute helped prepare her for public office, she said.

Like Jenkins, Boyer appreciates viewpoints Council members bring to the table. "Everyone has different perspectives. It enriches debate," she said.

Boyer would like to see more women on City Council. "Fifty percent of the population is women, yet the Council is not 50 percent women," Boyer added.

"It's a challenge to get women to make the commitment to run," Boyer said. "Women need a supportive spouse and family to do it. They do not need to feel guilty about time they're not at home."

As for the grassroots initiative Nine in '15, Boyer agrees with the group's efforts. "Women need to be encouraged. They might need more of a nudge [than men] to run," she added.

• **Tracie Davis**

Deputy Supervisor of Elections Tracie Davis said making the decision to run for Supervisor of Elections in 2015 was not easy. The Springfield resident made the decision after being encouraged by co-workers, praying and discussing pros and cons with her family.

Davis has worked at the Supervisor of Elections office since 2001, first as an Education Specialist then as both Director of Community Outreach and Director of Education and Communications. Davis was named Deputy Supervisor in 2011.

"Even though I've filed, and I'm in it to win it, I'm still going into something unknown as a woman," Davis said of her campaign. "There's a difference for women because you have a family to think about, and women provide so much, but it's not that different from men running," she added.

Her biggest challenge has been name recognition outside of the political arena. She confronts it by attending events and getting her name out there, she said.

Davis is qualifying to run by petition, so she needs 5,573 signatures or one percent of the population to support her candidacy. She's using the signature process as a marketing tool, Davis said. "People ask about me, and that leads into a conversation," she added.

The best part of running is the buzz Davis witnesses when people find out a woman is running for office. "When people hear I'm running at the events I go to, first there's surprise, then applause. It's been empowering and exciting," she said.

For more information on offices up for election in 2015 and current candidates, visit the Supervisor of Elections web site at www.duvalelections.com.



"I would love to see more women run."

– **Suzanne Jenkins,**
*Jacksonville City Councilwoman,
District 4, 1999-2007*

"With meetings now, I don't know what they're doing. There's no discussion." Jenkins was fortunate to run for office when she did

Of 19 seats on City Council, only three are currently filled by women. Fifteen years ago, 10 women held City Council seats.

Is Jacksonville a man's town? Are women too intimidated, overcommitted or family-oriented to run for political office these days?

The Resident spoke to three women who have either ventured into the local political arena or plan to in 2015. All three agreed running for office is a tough decision for women. Reflecting on past races, present terms and future elections, the three shared their thoughts on women in Jacksonville politics.

• **Suzanne Jenkins**

Suzanne Jenkins, an Englewood resident, began her political career as a citizen activist working within neighborhoods. Challenged by former City Council president Ginger Soud, who was Chair of Land Use and Zoning at the time, to consider

because people wanted to vote for women. This was partly due to scandals surrounding President Bill Clinton, she added.

Five candidates ran in the race, four Democrats and one Republican. "Everywhere, the Republican said, 'I'm the only Republican in the race.' So, I started saying, 'I'm the only woman in the race,'" Jenkins said. She won the run-off election even though the three Democratic candidates she defeated supported the Republican candidate.

Now co-owner of a public relations and communications firm, Jenkins said she will make herself available to anyone considering a run for political office. "I love to help people launch. I especially love to help women launch," Jenkins said. "I want to pass the baton."

"I would love to see more women run," she added. "A diverse mix is a benefit for the City. People's realities are different, and it's good to have a reflection of different realities."

The Janie Boyd Real Estate Team



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McMorrow and Suslak look forward to continued growth

BY SUSAN D. BRANDENBURG
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Real estate royalty in Jacksonville, Linda McMorrow and Sally Suslak have earned their sterling reputations through hard work and dedication to their profession. Even the names they have chosen for their respective companies, Legends and Traditions, are testimony to their determination to maintain an ongoing standard of excellence.

McMorrow and Suslak are president and president-elect of NEFAR (The Northeast Florida Association of Realtors), which provides its more than 5,000 members promotional activities, professional development, standards administration, media relations, and political advocacy. In addition to representing the entire Northeast Florida area, as realtors and residents on either side of the St. John's River, the two women have the two "fiercely loyal" *Resident Community News* neighborhoods well-covered.



During what she calls the recent "little difficulty" with the economy, Linda McMorrow noted that NEFAR meetings and other regular places where realtors gathered were not well-attended. She rallied her agents at Legends of Real Estate in San Jose, encouraging them to "Get up, dress up and show up!"

When people asked her repeatedly when (or whether) she thought the market would recover, McMorrow responded honestly that she was "cautiously optimistic." "You have to be optimistic to be in the real estate business," she said. "If you're not, you might as well get out of the business and do something else." Today, her motto of "get up, dress up, show up" has also become familiar to NEFAR members as an important first step toward achieving success in life as well as real estate.

Sally Suslak of Traditions Realty in Riverside has been a licensed realtor since 1977 and says that she has seen more than one recession during her career. "Even when interest rates rose to 17 and 18 percent, people still bought and sold houses," she said. "It's a matter of being creative."

The "big boom," as far as Suslak is concerned, was artificial as evidenced by the fact that it became easier to qualify for buying than for renting. "The market today is very much on the upswing," Suslak said. "And one of the things we can do as a group at NEFAR is to help make people more aware of the value of using a trusted realtor in a real estate transaction. People are being cautious with their choices and actually taking the time to look for exactly the right house to buy, and that's good for all of us."

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For buyers, McMorro noted, the interest rates have somewhat stabilized – still under 5% - and new construction in the State of Florida in 2013 went up

32% over 2012 – and it's still climbing. So it's a good time to buy, as well.

"My passion and specialty is in any and all aspects of residential and investment property in older established areas," said Suslak. A resident of an historic home in Riverside, Suslak is a past Riverside-Avondale Preservation Chairman and board member who helps older neighborhoods educate themselves and determine whether or not a historic designation is right for them.

"I've lived in urban and suburban historic districts my entire life," she said. "Today, younger people are looking toward historic neighborhoods because they are closer to Downtown

"If you're a real estate agent, this is a wonderful time to be in the business."

Linda McMorro



and family appealing. As with most of the historic districts, Riverside and Avondale have achieved high walkability scores on a national scale. That's important to a lot of people nowadays – having the grocery store and school within walking distance of your home.

There is also a warm neighborhood feeling...talking to people as you walk and making friends as you go."



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Sally Suslak

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"Selby was a school teacher before real estate and when you're a good teacher, you're a good manager. She has a way of motivating people and focusing on what they need to do,

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while I'm pretty good at providing a level of service to my clients that keeps them coming back. We're a good team," McMorro said, smiling, "and we now have a fabulous group of 40 agents in our three Legends locations."

McMorro and her husband, Tom, live in Epping Forest, not far from the Legends of Real Estate location in San Jose. "We have three wonderful grandsons, two who live in San Marco and attend Bishop Kenny High School," she said. "We're blessed that they are so close."

Married to Walter Suslak for 42 years and very much a "traditional" neighbor in the historic district where they reside, Sally Suslak of Traditions

Realty, LLC, says she always falls back on her mother's favorite advice: "Just do the best you can and don't worry about what anybody else is doing."

She noted that there is plenty of business for everyone in today's market and she has become a "go to" person for other realtors who have questions about historic districts. She looks forward to furthering that leadership role at NEFAR next year, and for now, is gladly shadowing Linda McMorro.

"Linda is fabulous," said Suslak. "She is a pro and a great role model. When you take on a job like the presidency of NEFAR, representing more than 5,000 members, it's important to have a strong role model in place. Linda McMorro is that person."

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Girl Scouts honor Women of Distinction at 25th annual luncheon



Women of Distinction: Jennifer Chapman, Carmen Townsend, Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, Marsha Oliver, Allison Korman Shelton and Dr. Pamela Chally

The 25th Annual Women of Distinction luncheon, held Mar. 12 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, honored six local women and benefited the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council. Co-chairs Cheryl Riddick and Karen Wolfson were excited about this year's honorees, and about raising much-needed funds for Girl Scouts.

"The first time I was ever president of anything was my Girl Scout troop," Karen Wolfson said. "I think if Girl Scouting could become an opportunity for more girls, then some of the other issues we have in our community for young women might not exist."

The honorees were Jennifer Chapman,

a director with Fidelity Investments, an entrepreneur, and a community advocate; Dr. Pamela Chally, Dean of the Brooks College of Health at UNF; Marsha Oliver, spokesperson for Duval County Public Schools whose leadership experiences have earned her numerous honors;

Allison Korman Shelton, Vice President, Marketing and Community Relations for Stellar and who serves on the boards of many non-profit organizations; Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, a foreign policy expert, serving on numerous presidential campaigns and a Visiting Distinguished Scholar at UNF; and Carmen Townsend, a remarkable woman and the mother of the late J.T. Townsend, who started the J.T. Townsend Foundation.

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council serves over 13,000 girls in North Florida. Membership is open to any girl age 5 to 17 and all adults over 18. For more information, contact Jennifer Simmons at (904) 421-3487 or jsimmons@girlscouts-gateway.org.

Sorority alumni group hails 100 years

The Jacksonville Alumni Panhellenic Association (JAPA) will celebrate its centennial anniversary this year. The 130-member group gave over 15,000 volunteer hours in 2013 through work with local churches, libraries, Scout troops and more. Members also raised money to give four scholarships to area girls who graduated high school in 2013, totaling approximately \$6,000.

Neighborhood residents who belong to the association include Martha Van der Mallie, Janet Booth, Marilyn Kerr, Molly Knight, Jane Chadbourne, Beverly Helganz, Holly McMurry, Kellie Prusieki, Amy Swift, Emily Williamson, Beverly Barrs, Peggy Clark, Paige Hayes, Theresa Lahey, Barbara Maurer, Nancy Mahon, Carol Michael and Lynn Mickler.

Watson Realty earns highest honor for second year in a row



The Diamond Award was presented to Watson Realty Corp. during an event that drew a record audience of 2,500 top real estate professionals from nearly 20 countries

Watson Realty Corp. was awarded Leading Real Estate Companies of the World's (LeadingRE) highest honor, the Diamond Award, at the network's annual Conference at the Wynn Las Vegas on Feb. 26.

Presented annually, the award recognizes outstanding performance in all of LeadingRE's business programs and is given to only one affiliate of this global organization. This is the second consecutive year Watson Realty Corp. has won the Diamond and the fourth time in the award's 12-year history.

"It is an honor to have won the Diamond Award four times," said William A. Watson Jr., founder and chairman of Watson Realty Corp. "This incredible accomplishment illustrates the hard work and extra efforts by the entire Watson Realty Corp. family and its affiliated

companies. It is a true example of the type of teamwork we apply to every single transaction we handle. Our sellers and buyers can rest assure that they will they will receive the same exemplary service for their transaction."

In addition to the Diamond, Watson Realty Corp. received other prestigious accolades, including awards for Outgoing Referral Production, Outgoing Sales Production, Top 5 Most Outgoing Closings (third place), Top 5 Pinnacle Award (second place), Institute Outstanding Participation, OUR WORLD Community Engagement and the Rainmaker Lead Generation Award. The Watson Realty Corp. marketing department also received honorable mention for internal and consumer promotions.

Local author in third printing with second book

San Marco author Dorothy K. Fletcher is enjoying a little success with her newest book *Lost Restaurants of Jacksonville*, which has sold over 2,000 copies. The book evokes memories of a gracious time gone by, as does Fletcher's first book, *Growing Up in Jacksonville*.

"That [volume] technically puts it into the third printing, but because this book was selling so well, History Press did a larger than normal second printing," said Fletcher. "Usually they print 1,000 per run, but they printed 1,500 this time."

One of those bygone restaurants was Patti's, which had two locations at one time; one on Beach Boulevard north of University Blvd. and one in the Roosevelt Mall. "It was the "go-to-Italian" place and was the most mentioned restaurant I



researched. Everyone loved Patti's," Fletcher said.

At the moment, Fletcher doesn't have anything in the works, but recently served as a Celebrity Chef in the Salvation Army's annual fundraiser, serving Neenie's Chess Pie. "Nenie was my paternal grandmother, and her pie is to die for," she shared, "if I do say so myself."

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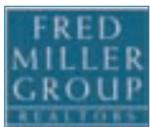
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Crenshaw honored as Champion of Change

The National Down Syndrome Society awarded Congressman Ander Crenshaw its 2014 Champion of Change Award in late February, citing his focus on advancing the nation's commitment to people with Down Syndrome through the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE Act - H.R. 647/S. 313).



Steve Beck, National Down Syndrome Society Board Member, Congressman Ander Crenshaw and Debbie Revels, Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville

"Receiving the 2014 Champion of Change award is a great honor, but really the members of the National Down Syndrome Society and its wide base of dedicated volunteers deserve to take a bow," said Crenshaw. "Plain and simple: Individuals with disabilities should have access to the same financial planning tools as other Americans."

Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville Debbie Revels, who

presented Crenshaw with the award at the ceremony, was on Capitol Hill with other members of the local chapter to participate in Buddy Walk 2014 and urge Congress to pass the ABLE Act.

Local lawyer publishes first novel

Lynne Matson, once a lawyer, now a stay-at-home mom, can add author to her resume. Her young adult thriller, NIL, had a coming out party last month at a book signing at Mellow Mushroom in the Shoppes of Avondale.



The Ortega mother of four boys said, "Growing up, I always thought I'd be a journalist or maybe a reporter...in the back of my mind, I thought being a novelist wasn't really attainable."

She began writing in 2008.

"I'd quit being a lawyer to stay home with all my boys, and one day, when my youngest son was less than a year old, I asked God: 'If you've given me any talents I'm not using, will you please show me what they are?' That afternoon, an idea for a story fell into my head, and I began writing," said Matson.

Although Matson's first novel was rejected by 80 agents, she wrote two more, one of which was NIL and now has another book in her agent's hands.

Two Avondale residents running for state House seat

Julian "Jay" Fant, Avondale resident and former First Guaranty Bank CEO, is running against Paul Renner, also of Avondale, for Florida House of Representatives District 15, in the 2014 general election. Both Republicans are going after the seat vacated by Daniel Davis, who took the position as president of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

Fant, who filed on Oct. 3, 2013, has received nearly \$170,000 in support (not

including his own contributions) as of end of February; Renner, an attorney at Milam Howard Nicandri Dees & Gillam, filed on Jul. 3, 2013 and has approximately \$128,000 in contributions. Renner, who has a three-month head start on Fant, has been endorsed by Jacksonville Sheriff John Rutherford and State Senator John Thrasher. Fant has early endorsements from former Jacksonville mayor John Peyton and CenterState Bank's Gil Pomar. First Guaranty's deposits were taken over by CenterState Bank in 2012.

Silver Cow moo-ves in to Park & King corridor

Regina Huffington, proprietor of The Silver Cow, offers craft beer, fine wine and ruminations from late afternoon to late night, Tuesday through Sunday, at 1506 King Street. The Silver Cow is a cozy place to enjoy beer and wine tastings, view a revolving artists' gallery, or play a board game. Huffington said the location "was a miracle," coming at the right time, right price with the tin ceiling that she loves. Huffington's laid-back décor includes a bar front, tables and ceiling lights all made from beer barrels.



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Clements joins Baptist Foundation board

Baptist Health Foundation announced the appointment of six new members to its Board of Directors, one of whom is Poppy Clements. The others are Martha Frye Baker; Jefferson R. Edwards, III, MD, FACS; Art Graham; Pamela Rama, MD, and Kent Stermon.



Clements, who lives in Ortega, serves on the City Year Jacksonville Board and is immediate past Florida Forum Chair for The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital. Over the years, Clements has served on many non-profit boards and is deeply committed to Jacksonville and the Northeast Florida region.

Thumbs up for restaurant's first year

Al Orhan gave his first year with Ale Pie House, 3951 St. Johns Ave., a thumbs up. "I really appreciate our customers and our neighbors," Orhan said, looking forward to a successful second year serving deep dish pizza and other Italian dishes.

Buggle honored at annual Women's Commission breakfast

Amy Buggle, executive director of DLC Nurse & Learn in Murray Hill, was one of 10 women honored last month by the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women in recognition of their outstanding contributions to



the Jacksonville community.

"It was so special that after 30 years of serving children with special needs, I was honored as a woman in Jacksonville that has made a difference and possibly changed the city's history," said Buggle. "My city means so much to me and I am glad to know that what I started by

opening DLC Nurse & Learn has been part of the fabric of what makes our city great."

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Dancing with Daddy at the Confederate Ball

BY PEGGY HARRELL JENNINGS
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“Son, I want to pass on to you the heritage of the men of our family, a certain quality of spirit, a gaiety, a sense of duty, a nobility worn lightly, a sweetness, a gentleness with women – the only good things the South ever had and the only things that really matter in this life.”
(Walker Percy “The Moviegoer”)

Despite living in what some would consider an age of bad manners and vulgarity, there is a remnant of gentility which still persists – a testimony to the good things of the old South – The Confederate Ball.

For 45 years the Sons of the Confederacy and Military Order of the Stars and Bars have hosted an evening where young belles in hoop-skirted ball gowns waltz with their first true love – their daddies.

In 1972 Joe Clark of Ortega Forrest had a chance encounter with Dean Boggs at the old Seminole Club in downtown Jacksonville.

Clark describes their conversation saying, “When most men get together they talk about sports – we talked

about history. I’ve always loved history so I started researching my family and found several ancestors who fought in the War Between the States. I joined the Sons of the Confederacy in 1974 and have attended 40 of the 45 balls.” Clark has also been Ball Chairman for the last eight years.

It was Dean Boggs, Howard Bryan and Joe Livingston’s love of the history and traditions of the Old South which inspired them to form the ball and consequently, with Michael Fisher, Tesch Brundick and Giles Patterson, the Museum of Southern History in Fairfax, a depository for safekeeping of artifacts, books and manuscripts depicting the way of life in the old South.

Clark said “The Sons of the Confederacy are not beating a war drum but are all about respecting womanhood, preserving the manners of Southern Gentlemen and not letting traditions like a grand ball go by the wayside.”

Clark, along with co-chairs Michael May and Hugh Blanton, explain that it is just a lot of fun and throughout the years generous con-



tributions have been made to various charities including Prevent Blindness, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and this year Angels for Allison.

A horse-drawn carriage, Southern Gentlemen in white tie, young demoiselles and pages, Southern Belles in demure white ball gowns carrying white roses as they are escorted through the Arch Saber transform Timuquana Country Club into an evening from the past where tradition, manners and courtesy prevail.

As fathers and daughters commence the waltz, mothers and grandmothers, many of whom are former Belles, revel in the grace, manners

and beauty of the young ladies and the sweetness and nostalgia of the evening as they relive their own moments of being presented as a Southern Belle who must “henceforth assume the sacred duty of perpetuating the ideas and traditions of the Old South...radiating charm whenever the scent of magnolia blossoms fills the warm Southern air.”

Mrs. Emmett (Jerry) Ferguson of Riverside says it was a very exciting time when their four daughters were presented one right after the other: Berrylin (1973), Joann (1974), Virginia (1975), and Fran (1977). Joann Ferguson Purdie said “It was a lot different when we were Belles –



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we wore pastel dresses, now they all wear white. We didn't have any dance practice. I don't recall any of the teas or other socials which they have now— it has evolved into a very elegant affair.”

Ashley and Keith Daw's daughter Elizabeth, a 2011 Belle, has young Caroline looking forward to following in her sister's steps. Ashley said “We enjoyed the ball as a family – seeing the presentation of the colors was quite impressive.” Sarah Grace Lewis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis (Deanna Boggs) was a Belle in 2010. Deanna, whose father was a founder, observed, “It is a way of imparting relationships of family to history – a way for young people to have experiences that build self-confidence. The young ladies get to be Belle of the Ball even if only for one night and the young men get experience in manners and social skills which they wouldn't get anywhere else in this day. “

Haramis, Nash, Ennis, Houston, Blanton, Boyer, Schnauss, Willingham, Scheu, Tomlinson, Pope, McRae, McArthur, Freeman, Bromberg, Snyder – these and many others are not just names on misty tombs engraved with C.S.A. but a heritage and legacy of Southern courtliness – “the things that really matter in this life.”



Susan Wood with Beverley Brooke and Drew Haramis

Special Olympics Summer Games kick off April 5

Special Olympics Florida serves over 24,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities, including more than 1,000 in Duval County. Those athletes have been training to participate in track and field, bocce, soccer and tennis for the Area 5 Summer Games at Atlantic Coast High School on Apr. 5. A kickoff breakfast was held last month for supporters, including Sally Hazelip, Executive Director, North Florida School of Special Education, Beth Meyer, Acting Chief of Disabled Services, City of Jacksonville, Kelley Boree, Director of Parks & Recreation, Carolyn Williams, Deputy Director, Jacksonville Public Library and Sherry Wilson, Chief of Recreation & Community Programming. “The City of Jacksonville is honored to partner with Special Olympics as wecelebrate the ability in all of us!” said Meyer.





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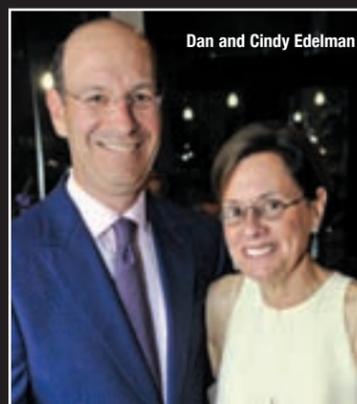
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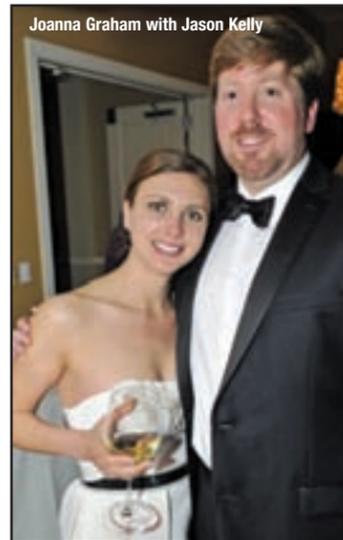
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The 10th Annual Cathedral Arts Project Spring for the Arts gala celebrated its mission—while raising over half a million dollars in one evening. The goal of helping enrich the quality of life in Northeast Florida by celebrating the creative spirit of Jacksonville's youth was in full effect, as a youth performance kicked off the live auction.

The milestone fundraising effort will go a long way in providing access to instruction in the visual and performing arts. Cathedral Arts programs empower underserved, school-aged children to succeed in all areas of their lives. Currently, the programs serve 2,145 students two afternoons each week during the school year and summer, providing quality, standards-based instruction in dance, music, theatre and visual arts at no charge, thanks to support from patrons and donors. The ever-growing event was held at the Deerwood Country Club on March 7 and tallied over 650 in attendance.



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Joanna Graham with Jason Kelly



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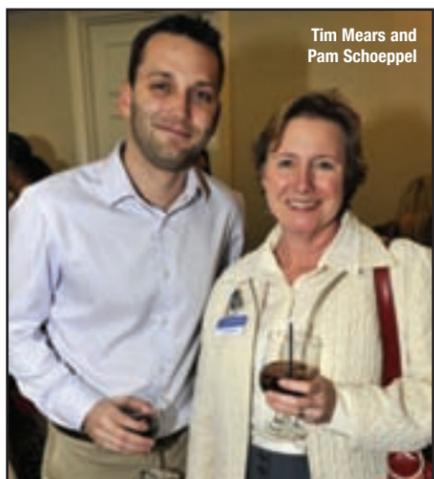
Jackie Goldman and Debra Setzer

Jewish Family & Community Services, a 96-year-old social service agency for children and families, drew several hundred people to its "You Can Count on Us" gala Mar. 6 at the Marriott Southpoint.

Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver and Lawrence and Linda DuBow served as honorary co-chairs for the event, which celebrated JFCS' work, and raised money for its programs, which serve about 15,000 people a year in Northeast Florida. Former PGA Tour and WNBA executive Donna Orender emceed the event.



Howard Caplan, Chairman of the JFCS Board with Mark Green, Jewish Federation of Jacksonville Foundation President



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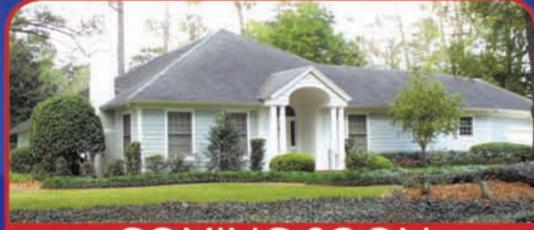
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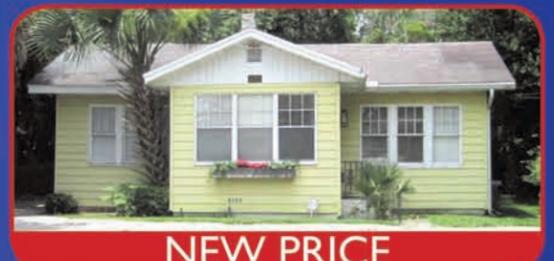
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Ye Mystic Revellers – pageantry since 1923



Elizabeth Van Cleve (the queen's mother), Dr. Robert Van Cleve (pageant wizard), Ye Mystic Reveller Queen Sarah Van Cleve, Robert Van Cleve (captain and proud papa of the queen)



Above: The Queen's Court, left to right: Gram Van Cleve-Miller, Lila Todd, Virginia Smith, Lauren Muldoon, Anna Bauman, Theodore Sharp, Dr. Robert Van Cleve, Sarah Van Cleve, Steve Shaaber, Dave Thompson, Anne Sharp, Mary Lee, Rylie Muldoon, Phoebe Stephens, Salley Todd, Michael Muldoon II

Top Right: The Queen's Court, front: Lauren Muldoon, Lila Todd, Theodore Sharp, Queen Sarah Van Cleve, Anne Sharp, Michael Muldoon II, Salley Todd, Rylie Muldoon; back: Anna Bauman, Virginia Smith, King Steve Shaaber, Phoebe Stephens, Mary Lee

Born out of a Chamber of Commerce idea to rival New Orleans' annual Mardi Gras, Ye Mystic Revellers celebrated its 88th pageant and coronation ball on Feb. 21 at the Greater Jacksonville Fairgrounds. The pageant, Revellers in Oz, took guests through a fantastical journey in the Land of Oz and rescued the Court in time to crown Sarah "Sally" Van Cleve as queen and Steve Shaaber as king. The pageant has been held every year, except the World War II years 1943-1946, and has included parodies of classics such as Cinderella, Arabian Nights and Peter Pan.

The Back Story

In 1922, the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce decided that the City should have an annual festival. The idea probably came from New Orleans

where the value of Mardi Gras to that city had long been recognized. The objective of the Chamber of Commerce was a city-wide celebration extending over several days with parades, street dancing, concerts, contests of all kinds, and many other features. It was decided to hold the event in April 1923 and to call it the "April Follies."

It was also recognized that there be private, social organizations such as the many societies which take part in the general parades of the Mardi Gras, but hold their own coronation balls. Out of this idea came the "Jesters," now "Ye Mystic Revellers."

A small group met to discuss and develop an organizational plan. It was decided to limit the active membership to 53, representing a deck of cards plus "the joker."

As its contribution to the general City celebration of "April Follies," the Revellers took part in the opening day parade. After the parade, the group assembled at the Armory for the Coronation Ball, the theme of which

was "A Deck of Cards."

The Revellers' pageant, now in February, has grown through the years with a fresh and different theme annually.

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Mellow Mushroom donates soft opening proceeds to Daniel



Proceeds from liquor sales at Mellow Mushroom's Feb. 8 private opening night party resulted in a \$12,680 donation to Daniel Foundation. "It's going to help over a thousand kids," said James Clark, president and CEO of Daniel, the oldest children's agency in Florida. "This was so unexpected. We have many needs and this will go into our general fund to help all of our kids." John Valentino, owner of the popular pizza restaurant, said "We're happy to do this." Mellow Mushroom made a similar, though smaller, donation to Daniel seven years ago when they opened their Fleming Island location. Left to right: Cole Pepper, Kellie Ann Kelleher of Daniel Foundation, John Valentino, and James Clark.

Wedding bells in District 14



Robin and Jim Love, District 14 Councilman, flank newlyweds Jimmy and Shirley Love, who were married on Valentine's Day at the Loves' home. The reception was at the Timuquana Country Club the next day.

The Blood Alliance gives back to local organizations

Donors who gave blood and supported The Blood Alliance (TBA), Northeast Florida's sole provider of blood to all area hospitals, during the last quarter of 2013 contributed to feeding the area's hungry and helped to fund critical research for children suffering from deadly rare myopathies. Checks were presented to two local organizations, Second Harvest and the Joshua Frase Foundation on Feb. 26 at The Blood Alliance at Deerwood. Wayne Rieley, president and CEO of Second Harvest, and Paul Frase, president of the Joshua Frase Foundation accepted their checks from The Blood Alliance's COO, Ed Lawson.

The Blood Alliance donated \$1 to the Second Harvest North Florida food bank for each blood donation made at any of its donor centers during the week before Thanksgiving. TBA also donated \$1 to the Joshua Frase Foundation for each blood donation made at any of its many area donor centers throughout the month of December -- to honor the brief life of Joshua Frase, and the future lives his Foundation will save with funding for critical medical research in Myotubular Myopathy. This is the third year that The Blood Alliance has given back to Second Harvest and the Joshua Frase Foundation by way of matching funds to donors who have made blood donations.

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Silver Fox Squares local dance club donates over \$5,000 to Dreams Come True



Silver Fox Squares' presidents Paulette and Dan Kilts present Dreams Come True community relations manager Andrea Siracusa with \$5,067 from the Club's 2014 Circus Dance proceeds

Silver Fox Squares, a local square dance club in Riverside, presented Dreams Come True with a \$5,067 check on Mar. 7 at Trinity Lutheran Church, McDuff Avenue.

Proceeds were raised from the local dance group's Circus Dance held this past January. More than 100 dancers from 11 different square dance clubs in Florida came together to raise money for Dreams Come True. The Circus Dance, held at Trinity Lutheran Church, included square and round dancing,

carnival food, prize drawing, and lots of fun.

Since 1996, Silver Fox Squares Dance Club has hosted its Circus Dance in honor of Dreams Come True. They have raised more than \$50,000 for the nonprofit, fulfilling the dreams of nearly 20 children in the Northeast Florida community. The Silver Fox Squares Club dances every Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church. Learn more about Silver Fox Squares at www.silverfoxsquares.com.

Creating art to reclaim kids from cancer



Art with a Heart has partnered with Kids Together Against Cancer (KTAC), a program offering support to children and their families during a parent's cancer journey. Art with a Heart artist Kelly DeSousa and a team of dedicated social workers provide art activities developed to allow children to share their feelings in a comforting and positive environment.

Since its founding in 2001 by cousins Lori Guadagno and Lisa Landwirth Ullmann, Art with a Heart in Healthcare has served thousands of patients and their families at Wolfson Children's Hospital and Nemours Children's Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida.

"Together we create art that helps to reclaim the child from the illness," said Christy Ponder, an Ortega resident and new director of Art with a Heart.

Six days a week the Art with a Heart team of staff artists, community volunteers and interns from the University of North Florida develop sessions individualized to meet the needs of patients and families at bedside or in groups.

"What differentiates us is an emphasis on personal expression from a fine art perspective," Ponder stated. "Art expression helps humanize the high-tech atmosphere of the clinical settings while diminishing fear, pain, boredom and depression associated with hospitalization. Art can empower a child in an otherwise powerless situation."

Children hang on celebrity storytellers' every word

St. Mark's Episcopal Teacher of the Year and First Coast News' Teacher of the Week Drew Haramis brought to life *The Cat in the Hat Comes Back* at the Episcopal Children's Services Wild Reading Safari benefit at the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens' Playpark stage.



Philanthropists Helen Lane, Joannie Newton and Muffet Corse take turns reading *The Three Little Pigs* to the enjoyment of the audience at the Episcopal Children's Services Wild Reading Safari benefit at the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens' Playpark stage.

Never one to pass up an opportunity to wear costume, philanthropist Betsy Lovett shared the story of *Cinderella* while students from The Performers Academy made the story come to life at the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens' Range of the Jaguar stage.



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A great turnout for Gettin' Jiggy

In River or Ocean [or IROO], a locally based nonprofit, continues to up the ante for anglers and conservation minded outdoor enthusiasts. Their latest roll-out of the Gettin' Jiggy series was no exception, as the banquet room at Mudville Grill was crowded with interested anglers on March 11. With Captain Ron Schurr of North Florida Fishing Charters leading the program and Andrew Sashy of the National Weather Service following his lead, there were plenty of tips and tricks to take home for any savvy outdoorsmen.

As the festivities kicked off, Captain Schurr put together an



Captain Ron Schurr and Andrew Sashy

tide changes. Captain Schurr knows how to find fish on the waterways and he's placed in too many tournaments to mention. To have his advice is to get a sure leg up on the competition.

As Schurr wrapped up, Sashy rolled out a program that was sure to inform most anglers on both inshore and near shore weather trends. For those who are fascinated by the changing patterns in weather, the presentation delivered even more resources for those wishing to prepare and plan properly for trips to the great outdoors. As the evening drew to a close, the auctions were tallied and those in attendance took home some rather generous information shared by both presenters.

If you are seeking a great place to learn more about the river, the outdoors and how to support IROO, go to <http://www.inriverorocean.org>, or email Fishwithclay@gmail.com. The Clay Roberts Memorial Inshore Slam fishing tournament is right around the corner, get registered today.



John Barnard with John Runion

outstanding presentation of inshore angling tips, tricks and strategies for catching the species that win tournaments and please charter guests. With redfish, trout and some flounder tips, Schurr shared GoPro video footage of schooling reds and strategic lure choices to help navigate the differing

Local lawyers treat friends, make a few more

Attorneys Charles Jimerson and Chris Cobb have become known for their high workplace morale and camaraderie. After all, their approach has been touted in awards as they were recently voted one of the Top Places to Work in Jacksonville. They have even been known to have putting contests in the office hallways to lighten up the office environment. With this firmly in mind, the young attorneys decided to step it up a notch and throw a March Madness party for patrons and special guests in Riverside on Mar. 20.



Christopher Cobb and Charles Jimerson

As the jumbo screen was prepped for airing the college hoops action, Charles Jimerson took some time to introduce two candidates, Anna Brosche and Paul Renner, whom he considers "friends and colleagues in the business community."



Michael Russo, Michael Turner, David Brecher, State Rep. Candidate Paul Renner, Campaign Staffer Kelly Harrison and Jeff Davis

Brosche, a Republican Pilipino-American CPA and managing partner at Ennis, Pllum & Associates, spoke about her run for City Council Group 1 At-Large seat, where she hopes to take the reins and put her CPA skills to work for voters.

The speaker that followed Brosche was State Rep. candidate Paul Renner, a Republican and attorney at Milam Howard also serves as a Commander in the Naval Reserve. Renner believes he's capable of taking a conservative message to Tallahassee, seeking the House seat for District 15 to replace Chamber President and current State Rep. (R) Daniel Davis, who will be leaving the post at the end of his term. Renner has Davis' endorsement for the run, which will come to a vote in November.

The party, which concluded later in the evening, drummed up support for local business as food from Gastro Gnome Food Truck and beverages by Intuition Ale Works were on tap for friends and clients to enjoy. The firm is located in Riverside Center, at 701 Riverside Park Place in the Riverside neighborhood.

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The local Ducks Unlimited chapter in Jacksonville has been growing in the past few years, thanks in part to young leaders in the trenches. As the chapter gains strength, the most important element is taking care of those who brought out the big guns in sponsorship support during the year-end banquet.

Speaking on behalf of this year's big event, longtime DU member Russell Grooms said, "I thought it was a terrific success – about 200 people raised good money and I think everyone had a really good time," he continued, "We had some tough years organizationally, the last four or five years have been encouraging."

In celebration and thanks, the traditional "Sponsor Shoot" has become a big draw, as the facilities at the St. Augustine Rod and Gun Club provide a great time for a fun shoot with like-minded friends and DU supporters. "We're just having a really great year revitalizing the chapter, we got a lot of great support. We're just trying to continue to grow and do as much as we can for wildlife conservation," said President Baker Berg, when asked to comment about this year.



Ryan Tiedeberg takes his turn while John Pope looks on

The evening made its way indoors following the range shoot, as dinner, refreshments and more talk of DU progress was on the docket. The tradition continues with ribeye steaks, baked potatoes and plenty of cold beverages. Sponsors also get an opportunity to bid on silent auction items that have been held for this special occasion— after all, a non-profit organization never forgets to make the most out of a room full of bidders.



Elizabeth Cassidy with DU President Baker Berg

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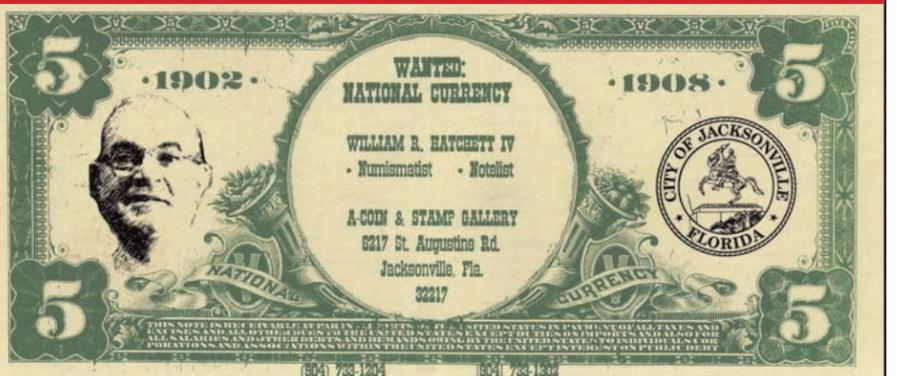
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The Way we Were

Tim Tyler

BY VICTORIA REGISTER FREEMAN
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Sitting in his Historic District military gallery, Timothy Morrish Tyler remembers how the seeds of his current life were planted over 50 years ago by his grandmother Dolly Sisk. “She taught Sunday School at The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. She loved history, read constantly and shared her knowledge by telling great stories.

“This was the 1950s, a time right after the start of the Korean War and not too long after the end of World War II. My friends and I knew veterans like my dad Jean Tyler and my Uncle Hoke Sisk. A group of us played elaborate games with plastic soldiers. We dug trenches and built battlements in our yards and in nearby parks. My grandmother went to England on trips and she sent me my first lead soldiers. They were real and shiny. I was hooked.”

When Tyler and his West Riverside Elementary friends were not devising miniature military campaigns, they were zooming through their neighborhood on bikes, eating Mrs. Holland’s blackberry pies or navigating their small boats from the Fuller Warren Bridge to the Ortega River. Tyler purchased his boat from Randy Barnett and moored it at the Phillips’ dock on

Seminole Avenue. He and his father split the purchase price of the boat.

“At that time the St. John’s was often clogged with water hyacinths, thick mats of them. I remember seeing a Navy launch laboring through a dense patch of hyacinths. There was a sailor on the bow of the boat lifting hyacinths with a machete and cutting them in half. I guess he thought he was killing them but of course he wasn’t.

“We learned our river smarts from each other and from our parents. My folks would often rent a skiff from a marina on Black Creek and we would spend the day fishing. If our boat got stuck in a hyacinth pack, we knew to pole it out and start our engines in open water. We respected the river in her many moods and we always wore flotation devices. They were not optional.”

Besides bikes and boats, Tyler and his sister Connie sometimes rode the city bus into town. “If we were traveling with May, who worked for our family, we all sat in the back. Connie and I thought that was the most exciting place to sit. Downtown itself was almost too exciting, especially May-Cohens with its wonderful book section.

“When we walked home from the bus or the park we would hear the mellow chatter of families inside their houses. In that pre-air conditioning era, chatter and the slam of screen doors were comforting sounds. In fact our entire neighborhood was comforting because at some level we knew we were parented by all of the adults. If we veered off the ‘righteous path’, the neighborhood network would report us.

“Once, while still wearing our pajamas, Connie and I slipped out of our house in the early morning carrying a jar of peanut butter and a knife. Our mom got a call from Phil Allen of Allen’s Banner foods in Avondale. He had seen us and knew something was not

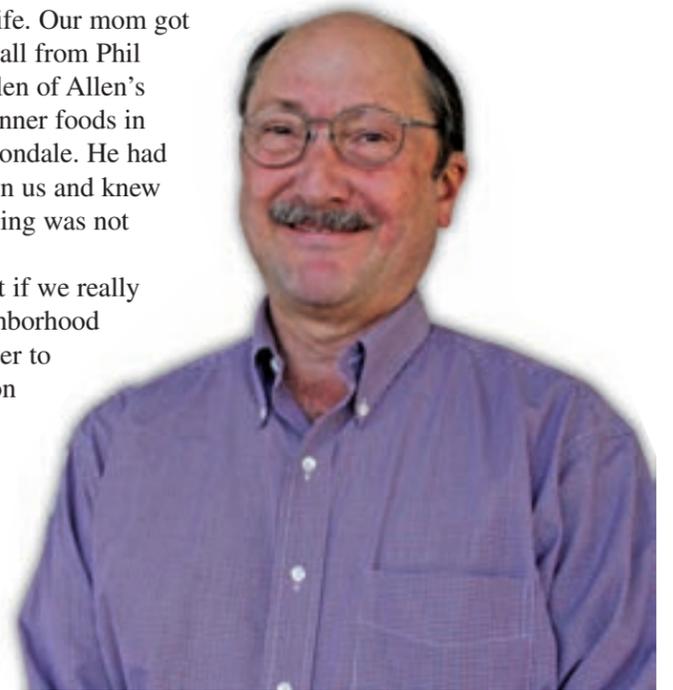
right, hence the call.

“We knew, too, that if we really hurt ourselves, a neighborhood doctor might come over to the house and check on us. Doctor Root, Doctor Holland, Doctor L’Engle, and Doctor Ragland were neighborhood doctors. We knew all of them. They knew us.

“I went from elementary school across the river to Bolles and then on to additional adventures at the University of North Carolina.”

Returning from college in 1972 Tyler had a career in the family beer distribution business and met his wife Melissa in the business arena. She was in advertising. Rotary, Daniel Memorial and Memorial Park have been his major civic involvements although he confesses to having donated lots of beer to good causes. After retirement from Neal Tyler and Sons, he started the military gallery Troops of Time which also has a website featuring local military figures.

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Former flight commander takes smooth moves to the ballroom

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Military veteran Walter Ohlrich, Jr., a resident at Arbor Terrace Ortega, had a dream. Recalling the times he and his late wife of 40 years went dancing, Ohlrich noted he had never learned ballroom dancing. "By golly, I'll try it!" he said the day his dream came true on Feb. 27.

Sponsored by Second Wind Dreams, a nonprofit organization that grants wishes for seniors with dementia, Ohlrich's dream included a two-hour ballroom dancing lesson at a local dance studio.

The afternoon event began with a limo ride from Arbor Terrace with his sons Walter III (Skip) and Jeff, a daughter-in-law and members of the dementia residence staff. The senior's eyes lit up at the sight of the red stretch Dodge Charger limo, but "I'll take anything that doesn't run over me!" he said.

"That's not too shabby, is it?" said Ohlrich, 85, when he was told that dinner at a favorite restaurant would follow the dance lesson.

• **A remarkable career** •

Ohlrich's smooth moves on the dance floor could be parallels of his flying maneuvers. He soloed at age 16 in a PT-17 Stearman and obtained his

pilot's license a year later. He joined the United States Navy and became a fighter pilot during the transition era from prop to jet aircraft.

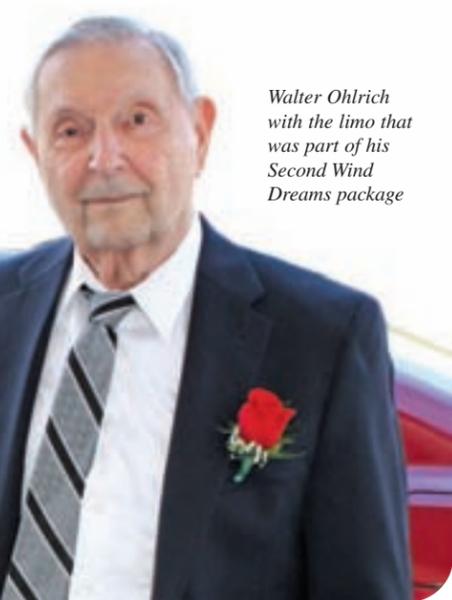
A licensed pilot for 60 years, with 11 Warbird-type ratings, Ohlrich's career included flight instructor, production test pilot and A-4 Skyhawk Project officer at the Douglas Co., a Pentagon tour and flying with three A-4 Skyhawk squadrons, two of them at NAS JAX. He served one combat tour flying A-4 Skyhawks aboard the USS Intrepid in Vietnam and later commanded Attack Squadron 95 aboard the USS Shangri-La.

"I've been shot through the arm twice," said Ohlrich, recalling his tour of duty in Vietnam. "And it's not fun, but I'm glad that I got that all done."

He also "punched out" of his aircraft four times during combat, once breaking his back, but the squadron commander brought all "his boys" home [to the carrier] safely. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, five Air Medals and the Meritorious Service Medal for his efforts. After serving as the Commander of the Nuclear Weapons Training Group,



Ohlrich with his SNJ-5 Texan



Walter Ohlrich with the limo that was part of his Second Wind Dreams package



Vietnam Squadron Commander Walter Ohlrich



Atlantic Ohlrich retired from the Navy in 1978 as a Captain with 32 years of service.

Concurrent with his Navy career, he remained active in civilian flying and Ohlrich began air racing in Reno in 1964 flying an F8F Bearcat. In the spring of 1965 he founded and served as first president of the "Warbirds of America," a division of the Experimental Aircraft Association, which is dedicated to the preservation and flying of WWII and other ex-military aircraft.

Subsequent to his Navy retirement, Ohlrich co-authored a book entitled "Pilot Maker - the Story of the T-6 Texan" and served on the Reno Air Race Contest Committee for 18 years. He was inducted into the Virginia Aeronautical Historical Society's Hall of Fame in 2006.

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Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra honors patron

Something extra special occurred at the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra

Spring Concert on Mar. 9. Pre-concert recognition, and a post-concert reception, was given for Avondale resident Eleanor King.

King was honored as a tremendous patron of the Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Symphony helped her celebrate her centennial birthday, although a tad early. She will actually be 100 in July but stays in North Carolina during the summer.

Tony Kamnikar, Vice President of Education for the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, said at the event "We honor a wonderful person at this concert. The impact she has made in the arts community in Jacksonville is astounding."

Among her accomplishments, King was on the first board of directors of the Jacksonville Symphony in 1959. She was on the organizing committee

of the Cultural Council. She was president of Friday Musicale. And she is a member of the Guild of the Jacksonville Symphony since 1959 and on the education committee.

"Six years ago she realized members of the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra needed help with tuition," said Kamnikar. "What did she do? She helped the Guild of the Jacksonville Symphony start a scholarship fund. It was named in her honor."

The Eleanor King Tuition Assistance Program for the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra provides financial help to young people in the community to play in this orchestra that otherwise would not have the opportunity.

The Symphony Guild and Education Committee of the Guild honored King by giving a donation to The Gift of Music in her name, to help purchase music for the orchestra.



Eleanor King was honored with a birthday cake at the Symphony last month. With King are her grandson Alan King, her son Ray King and her daughter Kay Conoly.

Seely steps up as Timuquana president



The Timuquana Country Club recently changed its leadership during its annual meeting of Founder Members. Incoming President Fred Seely (left) presented his predecessor, Chris Paul, with a moment of his term in office. Elected at the meeting were Mike Kelly, president-elect, and new Board members Nick Napolean and Phil Risley. Continuing on the Board are Jason Burhyte, treasurer; Chip Dempsey, secretary; and committee chairs David Loop, Rick Morales and Steve Kunz.

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Annual River Cleanup Day

The 19th annual River Celebration and Cleanup was a success by every measure. There were more than 70 cleanup sites (up from 50 sites in 2013) over greater Jacksonville. The numbers include over 1,100 volunteers (pretty much the same as last year) who collected hundreds of pounds of trash from the streets and river banks, where a Jacuzzi tub, mattresses and children's play cars were found. People came out in organized groups or on their own to help keep the city and its neighborhoods beautiful.



The Murray Hill Preservation Association led the charge in cleaning up Edgewood Avenue on River Cleanup Day: Kendra Elmore, Tina Veitch, Gayle Rice, Natalie Reese, who also picked up trash along the Northbank Riverwalk the day before, Harper Rice and Dave Walker



Knicolos Courtney, an employee at Derby on Park, picks up cigarette butts along Lomax Street for River Cleanup Day



District 14 Councilman Jim Love picks up trash in a King Sreet median along with Genora Crain-Orth



School gardens strengthen "nature smarts"

BY VICTORIA REGISTER FREEMAN
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Who is the David Copperfield of Edible Schoolyards in the Historic District? If you ask anyone connected with West Riverside Elementary School, the answer would be Connie Gandy, aka The Garden Lady. In less than one year Gandy has magically built a school gardening team that has not only renovated the West Riverside garden, but also excited teachers, administrators and parents with garden connections to Common Core curriculum skills and to improved nutrition.

By connecting the garden's produce to real recipes students enjoy, Gandy has provided the program's missing link. At many schools, garden produce is given away to needy families or sold for project funds. After the initial delight of seeing seeds shoulder their way through the soil, students lose interest in their gardens. After all, weeds are many and X Boxes abound.

Because Gandy was a former caterer, she has a vast repertoire of dishes that originate in the garden and appeal to elementary students. During a recent festival tasting, she served a warm pasta salad, rosemary muffins and kale chips. Skeptical mothers were amazed to see their children ask for seconds on the kale chips.

Gandy's route into local school gardening came via WRES Liaison Diana Marin who admired Gandy's unique home garden and asked if she might be willing to help at the school. Gandy said yes and has been busy with tastings, fund raisings and garden expansion ever since. She has revitalized a garden club consisting of the Holley family, Terry Nybella, Carol Gustafson, Penny Wright and Diana Martin.

Gandy explains, "The club meets on early dismissal days to work, plant, play, weed, harvest and taste. We submitted two grants in fall 2013 and were awarded a \$2,000. grant from The Whole Kids foundation. Several businesses and neighbors have donated cash. We also received a donation of 280 concrete blocks to build our raised beds and we were able to buy our soil at cost. People are so generous when they see what we are doing at school."



Curriculum connections are another key to the WRES's garden vitality. Dr. Sylvia Johnson, Principal, and Vice Principal Dr. Raymond Carver both promote the garden as a natural classroom. Howard Gardener, the Harvard University professor who developed the theory of multiple intelligences, would applaud them. He has recently added "nature smarts" as a major intelligence. This intelligence plays a role in speech development, writing and artwork.

Residents learn of bug and plant dependency



Speaking at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, Doug Tallamy, professor and chair of the Entomology and Wildlife Ecology Department of the University of Delaware, made a case for native plants by showing how dependent individual insects are on specific plants. Since 80 percent of the nation's food supply is pollinated by insects, it is important that their population is protected. Tallamy's bestselling book "Bringing Nature Home" lists a number of ways natives can be incorporated into Historic District landscapes.

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That time of year again

Watering and fertilizing reminders

BY LISA GRUBBA, RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

The next time you buy a case of bottled water, open up half of it and pour it out onto your lawn. If that seems like a waste, it's what the experts say we Floridians do all the time. From JEA to the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJR-WMD) to the University of Florida Extension Service

(UF IFAS), all warn that we are using 50% of our fresh drinking water to irrigate our lawns.

And now that the SJRWMD is projecting that we are reaching our limit for groundwater pumping, all are united in the same message: wise watering and reducing fertilizer runoff are more important than ever.

The SJRWMD has established watering limits, adopted by the City of Jacksonville. Under the Clean Air Act, the city is also required to establish fertilizer ordinances, which cities around the state have been doing. Both SJRWMD and the City refer to UF IFAS for best fertilizer practices.

Below are quick guides to post and refer to throughout the growing season.



Irrigation

City irrigation ordinances changed with Daylight Saving Time. From March to November the following rules apply:

- No watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Odd number addresses, no address, or those ending N – Z: Wednesday and Saturday
- Even number addresses or those ending A – M: Thursday and Sunday
- Non-residential addresses: Tuesday and Friday
- Apply up to 3/4 inch or less water per cycle, but not more than one hour per zone (SJRWMD).
- Exceptions: hand-held watering devices, micro-watering devices, establishing new landscaping, after fertilizing, or system maintenance and repair.
- The ordinance applies to all water sources, including private wells, but not golf courses, agricultural crops, nurseries, athletic fields, or other intensive recreational areas.

Additional Resources

- Training for homeowners, landscape professionals, builders and developers from Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (University of Florida Extension Service), <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu> or (904) 255-7450. JEA has a free service to check sprinkler systems and tailor an irrigation schedule: call 866-664-8644. JEA is sponsoring workshops to help homeowners perform a free Do-It-Yourself Home Energy and Water Evaluation survey. Classes are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 12, May 17, or June 14. Register at www.greenteamproject.org.
- Searchable Plant Database to help select site specific plants, St. Johns River Water Management District, www.sjrwmd.com/waterwiselandscapes/
- For a checklist of river-friendly yard practices, see www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org/river-friendly.
- To obtain information and the submission form for a soil sample, see <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/Howtotakeasoiltestsampleweb.pdf>
- For City of Jacksonville ordinances, go to www.coj.net, and search under "irrigation and fertilizer."

Fertilizing

- The numbers on the front of the fertilizer package refer to the percentages of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. Nitrogen and potassium are the worst contributors to water pollution.
- For nitrogen, the amount should be equal to or double the amount of potassium and in slow-release form.
- For phosphorus, the SJRWMD website states, "Florida soil is naturally high in phosphorus, so a "no phosphate" fertilizer is fine for most mature lawns." Phosphorous should be between 0-2, according to the city, but the St. Johns Riverkeeper agrees with SJRWMD: none is best.

Other practices:

- Don't apply fertilizer during storm watches or floods. Heavy rains may carry fertilizer into the river.
- Leave a 6-foot "no fertilizer" zone adjacent to water bodies (SJRWMD and SJRK recommend 10 feet).
- Don't blow grass clippings into the river or storm drains. Fertilizer can leach off into the river.
- Fertilize just twice a year during the growing season (March and September).
- Spot treat weeds rather than use a weed and feed product, which can cause pesticide runoff.
- Perform a free soil test from the Extension Service to see what nutrients your yard is lacking (see UF resource below).
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- Fri., Apr. 18, Noon, Good Friday service
- Sun., Apr. 20, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Easter worship

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Hemming Plaza greens up, thanks to Wells Fargo

Wells Fargo team members joined other community members for a volunteer event on Mar. 22 to clean and beautify Hemming Plaza, in time for the One Spark festival, Apr. 9-13. Downtown Vision, Inc. received a \$35,000 grant from Wells Fargo in support of its Hemming Plaza beautification project.

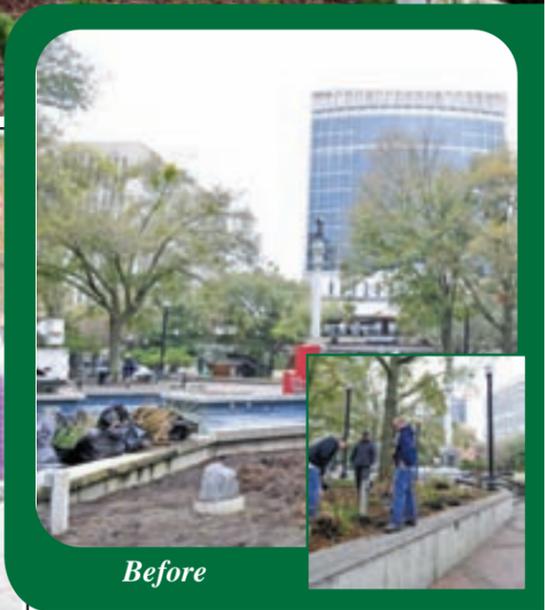
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RAP Home Tour

Annual event bigger than ever!

Society celebrating 40th anniversary

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

This year's Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) Home Tour celebrates the 40th anniversary of the organization with a new event, according to Tour Chair Joy Walker of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty.

The first RAP Decorators' Dream Home and VIP/Preview Party will involve Ethan Allen and many local decorators and businesses. The home at

1822 Edgewood Ave. will serve as the site of the Dream House.

The tour will start on Ernest Street in Riverside featuring two homes "under renovation" and will end at Riverside Ave. and Boone Park with two "new construction" homes, noted Walker.

Many accomplishments in four decades

RAP's executive director Carmen Godwin said that over the past four decades the nonprofit has quite a few note-worthy accomplishments. She felt that its single greatest feat was establishing the ordinance to enact the Historic Commission and District Regulations. "This was really key to

protecting the community. We lost around 1500 historic structures from the 1970s to the time the ordinance was enacted so you can only imagine how different the neighborhood would be if the beautiful and eclectic mix of historic buildings would have been lost," she said. "The historic structures give us a sense of place and connect us to our past."

Other notable accomplishments include improving the neighborhood "town centers", such as the Park & King commercial corridor, the Shoppes of Avondale and 5 Points; major park improvements; the Riverside Arts Market, saving historic structures and planting thousands of trees in parks and right of ways.

Buckland House restoration moving forward

Godwin is looking forward to adding three more to the list within the next decade: the Riverside Dog Park, the Community Garden, and restoration of the Buckland House at 2623 Herschel St. The State of Florida recently gave RAP a \$103,150 grant to help restore the 100-year-old house, which will serve as RAP's office upon completion.

"We are extremely grateful to the State of Florida, Department of Historic Resources for awarding us a Special Category Grant that will allow the restoration of the Buckland House to its former glory," stated Godwin in a media release.

Request for Proposal specifications are available at www.riversideavondale.org. The competitive bid process will follow specific criteria for selection that includes experience with historic properties.



1345 Avondale Avenue

This Prairie style home was built in 1922.



1822 Edgewood Avenue South

The Witschen House is an elaborate example of the Jacobethan Revival Style, built in 1927.



1835 Seminole Road

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1850 Seminole Road

One of several historical homes restored by its owners, who have hosted charity and political events here.



1880 Edgewood Avenue South

The Bootlegger House was built in 1924 with a smuggler's tunnel to the river. Totally renovated – this year's Tour Art House.



2057 Ernest Street

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Getting to know Alison Miller

BY JULIE KERNS GARMENDIA
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Alison Miller of Avondale has her hands full with her dual roles as Mayor Alvin Brown's Special Assistant and special projects director for Ronnie Belton, CFO of Jacksonville. She previously served as director of government affairs for the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. When her beloved beagle Lucy died of cancer in 2010 she thought she did not need another pet and definitely could never replace Lucy.

"I have such love for animals I decided to look into fostering and soon learned of the tremendous need for foster homes through Duval County Animal Care & Protective Services, Friends of Jacksonville Animals (FOJA) and other local animal welfare and breed-specific rescue groups," she said. "There are so many animals that need foster homes, some training and socialization so that they are ready to be adopted...and the individuals and groups working to help these animals always need foster homes, volunteers and financial support."

The daughter of Avondale residents Gunnar and Betsy Miller, Alison was born at St. Vincent's Hospital just like her mother, attended Lee High School and graduated from Bolles and Emory University. She completed her degree in Philosophy and English, then graduated from Florida State University with

her MBA in Law. Her siblings are brother Cliff Miller and sister Daisy Davidson.

Miller is an active supporter of The Donna Foundation, which cares for women who are underserved and living with breast cancer, and of Greenscape. She also supports the Jacksonville chapter of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, a national charity committed to raising funds to find a cure for blinding retinal diseases including macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa and Usher Syndrome. Miller's father is blind.

The chapter's Black Ties & Blindfolds fundraiser will be held Apr. 5 at 7 p.m. at FSCJ Wilson Center on Beach Boulevard. Tickets are \$45 per individual and \$80 per couple. Miller participates in their annual VisionWalk fundraiser which will be held Apr. 26 at UNF.

Miller's interest in community affairs and her volunteerism continue a long family commitment to public service which brings her great pride. Her parents are longtime supporters of cultural organizations, especially the Community Nutcracker Ballet. Her father Gunnar, an attorney and financial planner, has guided many local philanthropists in their charitable



giving, most notably Edith Floyd Pillars and her estate's renovation of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd pool complex. Miller's uncle, Florida Senator Lew Brantley, was a lifelong Rotarian, Shriner and served on the Florida Council of Boy Scouts. His wife, Miller's Aunt Catherine Brantley, also supported the Rotarians, Junior League, and held volunteer leadership positions within the Episcopal Church of Northeast Florida. She was a volunteer RSVP Tale Teller for Central Riverside Elementary Kindergartners.

Miller encourages residents to consider a donation or fostering or adopting an animal in need by contacting either of the two organizations she supports, Animal Care & Protective Services or Friends of Jacksonville Animals. She currently fosters two white German shepherds and a lovable terrier mix named Frisbee who need homes. Phone Miller at (904) 630-4558 or email her at aemiller@coj.net.

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Corporate-community partnership benefits young residents

BY KATE A. HALLOCK
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

A little attention goes a long way, especially for a six-year-old child. In fact, just 30 minutes a week can make a big difference in the life of a first grade student struggling to learn to read. For 10 children in each of seven Duval County public elementary schools, getting one-on-one time with a volunteer reading tutor is expected to raise their reading scores substantially and help them learn to read with fluency at grade level.

Innovations for Learning, a 20-year-old nonprofit based in suburban Chicago, has teamed up with school districts and corporations across the country to work with students in large urban school districts. Following meetings with DCPS Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti last fall, Innovations for Learning introduced a pilot for the first of two programs in January.

The TutorMate® System was launched with 70 first-grade students paired with volunteers recruited from JP Morgan Chase offices in Jacksonville.

The Fishweir Elementary Magnet School is one of seven schools selected to pilot TutorMate, a unique program that pairs volunteer office workers with children in classrooms, connecting them remotely through telephones and computers. A tutor works with a student for half an hour a week, using Skype to view the same page on their respective computer screens, reading stories and playing



“The students that participate started at a kindergarten reading level and they have moved one to two levels in five weeks. It’s been good for that extra push to get them into that rocket mode [in reading] where they take off,” said Dawn Jansson, first grade teacher. Logan Reed reads to Dimetrius Madden, a 17-year employee with JP Morgan Chase.

games that build fluency, comprehension, phonics and spelling skills.

More than 70 corporations, universities and government agencies participate in TutorMate in 10 major school districts across the country. JP Morgan Chase, a national partner and strong contributor in those school districts, is typically one of the first in that district to recruit tutors, according to Kim Whitten, national

director for development with Innovations for Learning. “The company has 4,000 employees in Duval County and when approached last fall about the possibility of the program, they picked up the ball and recruited 70 volunteers on short notice,” she said.

Each corporate partner helps subsidize the program, paying \$1,000 per year per classroom, as well as recruits 10 or more employees to provide the 30-minute tutoring session each week during the school year.

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Essay contest winner sparks creative ideas for Downtown

Last month *The Resident* responded to one parent's lament that "schools don't teach creative writing" and sponsored an essay contest.

The rules were simple – complete this thought in 500 words or less:

"Mom, take me Downtown because..."

While city leaders, movers and shakers are contemplating solutions to revitalize Downtown and bring more visitors to the city, area middle school students have some pretty creative ideas of their own.

Eighty-three fifth and sixth grade students from four area schools sent in a wide range of ideas from the easy (activity parks) to the outrageous (floating resorts in the St. John's River), but the single most recommended strategy should have AquaJax leaders sitting up and taking notice: Mom, take me Downtown because I want to go to the aquarium!

AquaJax does have initial plans that call for a 150,000-square-foot aquarium that would feature both freshwater and saltwater species, as well as reptiles that thrive in the surrounding region. AquaJax leaders will be presenting at One Spark, Apr. 9-13, at the Downtown Jacksonville Library. Here's the chance for those students to realize their dreams for an aquarium in Jacksonville, by voting for AquaJax. Visit Aquajax.net or www.facebook.com/jaxaqua for more information.

In the meantime, enjoy the winning essay by Riverside Presbyterian Day School student Sims Wulbern, who won gift cards to Pizza Palace. Runners-up Hannah Goldfield (historical museum and library), Bella Cochrane (safe bicycling) and Hazen Sherlock (art and culture trail) will receive passes to the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens.

• Jacksonville Aquarium • by Sims Wulbern

Have you ever noticed how most big cities have a certain landmark that you remember them by? For example Seattle has the Seattle needle, and St. Louis has the St. Louis Arch. What does Jacksonville have? We live in a beautiful city with a football stadium and a nice library, but we really don't have a big, memorable attraction other than our river. We want more people to come and visit Jacksonville so that it will make Jacksonville a more popular city and help boost the economy. That is why I think that we should have a Jacksonville Aquarium.

Our family is big on marine life, so if we want to go see some fish at an aquarium, we have to travel to Tampa or Atlanta. If we had an aquarium in Downtown Jacksonville, it would probably make people from cities around Jacksonville such as Orange Park, Ponte Vedra, Palatka and other cities come to downtown Jacksonville to see the aquarium.

I think the aquarium would have interactive games and booths. Kids could come up and learn about the different animals in the tank but at the same time be able to touch different things like stingrays or coral. The aquarium could have different fish and marine life, such as dolphins, sea turtles, sharks and many other fish. The aquarium would be split up into four different sections. The first section would be for sharks, stingrays, turtles, and dolphins. All of these would have separate tanks for each kind!

The second section would be for animals that live in our own St. John's River. This would celebrate what a beautiful river we live by. This section would include manatees, a variety of birds that live by the river, and many different fish. This section would help showcase how pretty Jacksonville really is. The third would contain different sections of fish, whales, seahorses and would explain to people what can happen when you litter our waterways.

The last section would be a kid's play place where kids could go play, explore touch tanks, and get a great view of the river offers playing around! How would we know what the habitats of all of these animals should be? We could just talk to JU! Since JU has a Marine Science Institute, some of them would come and help us choose which habitats would work for all of the animals.

This would be a place where I know I would want to go, and I'm sure many other kids and families would too. This would be a great place for kids to experience marine life! It would help kids who don't go to the beach or learn about fish very much in school get to learn about them more. The aquarium would also be a fun place for kids to have school field trips. This aquarium is something that would make me – and many other people – want to go Downtown.

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Disabled enjoy bicycling thanks to innovative givers

BY LARA PATANGAN
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

A neighborhood bike shop uses innovative techniques to customize bikes for people with disabilities so they never have to forget what it's like to ride a bike.

Open Road Bicycles, which has locations in San Marco and Avondale, has adapted several bikes for customers who need more than handlebars, spokes and two wheels to navigate the centuries-old mode of transportation that is ideal for enjoying historic neighborhoods.

With a combination of modern technology, old-fashioned ingenuity and resolute perseverance, Open Road helps people with disabilities enjoy the open road of their own neighborhoods.

Bryce Williams, a 13-year-old Avondale resident who had his leg amputated at age 9 from cancer, benefits from a special pedal, which enables him to ride his bike just like any other kid.

His mother, Michelle Williams, never knew the bike shop could help accommodate her son. She had been using duct tape and bungee cords to secure Bryce's prosthetic leg to the bike. But the results were unpredictable and often caused him to crash.

Williams taught her son he could do whatever he wants to, despite his

disability. She told him he just has to find a creative way to do it.

In this instance it turned out that Scott Gross, one of the owners of Open Road Bicycles, had not only the creative way they needed, but also the same can-do attitude that enables Bryce to ride his bike to school, manage the swim team and play goalie on his soccer team.

"The kid is like the Terminator. He is unstoppable," said Gross. "As long as they don't give up on themselves, we won't give up on them."

Not giving up means a lot of trial and error from Gross and his friend, John Salsbury, who collaborated with Gross on a custom pedal for Bryce as well as other special needs customers.

Salsbury is an employee of Sally Industries, an animatronic company downtown that manufactures rides and robotics for theme parks around the world. Using scrap materials from Sally, Salsbury volunteers his time to help Gross modify bikes to accommodate the unique needs of its rider.

"I surround myself with guys who think outside of the box," explained Gross. "I don't quit. When there is nothing in a catalogue, we develop an idea and make a part."

Open Road Bicycles only charges for the parts it uses and keeps working until a solution is found. Gross says altering the bikes is an exercise in trial and error, but well worth the effort.

"I find that when disabled people come in, they feel less connected to society, so to be able to give them

something normalizing, is very gratifying," said Gross. "I would love to help anyone in that situation."

Natasha Knight, 28, has dystonia, a condition she describes as "similar to Parkinson's and cerebral palsy" which confines her to an electronic wheelchair. She was thrilled when Open Road and Salsbury developed a recumbent trike for her that she rides several times a week.

Knight wears custom boots because of the dystonia, which began in 2001. Gross and Salsbury worked for months to develop the custom pedals that fit her boots perfectly.

"I love that thing - with that bike I can do anything," said Knight.

Both she and Williams are grateful for the efforts of Open Road Bicycles and Salsbury.

Dystonia patient Natasha Knight is normally confined to an electronic wheelchair, but her adaptive trike gives her greater mobility. Open Road Bicycles created a recumbent tricycle with custom pedals to fit her boots.



"I really appreciate all their hard work and getting me a bike I can ride," explained Knight. "I strive to live life to the fullest, so it's been amazing." But that gratitude for getting people back on their bikes is a two-way street. "It gave us satisfaction to see them get on their bikes," said Salsbury. "It's what people want to do."

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Signs of spring on Herschel Avenue



Pierce and Stella of St. John's Presbyterian Kindergarten & Preschool celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a hug and some sunflower seed planting



Griffin and David began the process of planting the school's new sensory garden. Children will be able to engage all five senses in this beautiful new addition to the school

Celebrating with little leprechauns



St. Paul's Catholic Pre-K 4 class made leprechaun masks to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The school offers two morning Voluntary Pre-K classes with up to 20 children per class with a state certified teacher and a VPK certified assistant. There are spots available for the 2014-2015 school year; the child needs to be 4 years of age by Sep. 1, 2014 and have a VPK voucher.



Student surprise caught on film

St. Mark's Episcopal Day School second grade student Paige Fullerton got the shock of her life on Mar. 19 - just two days before her birthday - when her Navy dad, Captain Brett Fullerton, strolled into her classroom. Fullerton has been deployed in Bahrain since May 2013 and while the two Skype frequently, Paige has missed his hugs. Several local news crews were there to capture the family embrace with mom Sheri.



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Out of 703 basketball players, sixth grader Ben Magevney and third graders Mary Elizabeth Cofran and Davison Gallagher were nominated for their age groups as players who exemplify the qualities of "cooperation, enthusiasm, hospitality, encouragement, sportsmanship, a healthy competitive spirit, unselfish teamwork, a great desire to improve, Christian spirit, and a love for the game of basketball."

Preschool alumni share reading skills at Book Fair



Riverside Presbyterian Day School first grade students Sebastian Raker (left) and Hallie Nelson (right) graduated from the Avondale United Methodist Child's Day Out (CDO) program and returned to CDO to read to the young children. Emma Ruth Ferguson (center), also an RPDS first grade student, was a special guest at the book fair on Mar. 13. "At CDO we feel very proud of our graduates and wanted to take this special opportunity to invite Hallie, Sebastian, and our guest Emma Ruth to our book fair to share some reading time with our little ones," said Cindy Lawrence, director of Avondale United Methodist Child's Day Out.

Aviation company promotes STEM education at Stockton Elementary

Aviation System Engineering Company (ASEC) employees recently visited John N.C. Stockton Elementary School to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related education.

The 30-minute program on unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), often called drones, discussed how they fly and some of their uses such as helping farmers and supporting public safety. ASEC UAS pilot Jared Victory expertly maneuvered a small quadcopter inside the school, providing a short flight demonstration while an onboard camera streamed live video to a projection screen.



ASEC employee Jared Victory holds an unmanned aircraft system, commonly known as a drone, at Stockton Elementary School.

The students were impressed by an electronic claw attached to another UAS as it opened and closed remotely with one student exclaiming, "That could be used to drop medical stuff to people!"

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Generation after generation, through the decades, some traditions never change. From Easter traditions to summer camp, looking forward with young eyes or tripping down memory lane endears these traditions to us and ensures their future.

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Young girls once attended summer camp at the Girl Scout Camp located at the mouth of Black Creek near Green Cove Springs. Recreational activities included picnicking, canoeing, swimming, and hiking. Today the 150-acre site is Camp Chowenwaw Park, which was established in 2006 when Clay County purchased the property from the Girl Scouts.

Young boys attended summer camp at the Boy Scouts' Camp Echockotee located in Orange Park along the banks of Doctor's Inlet. There they experienced a variety of water sports as well as other camping activities. This photo was taken in the mess hall at the camp.



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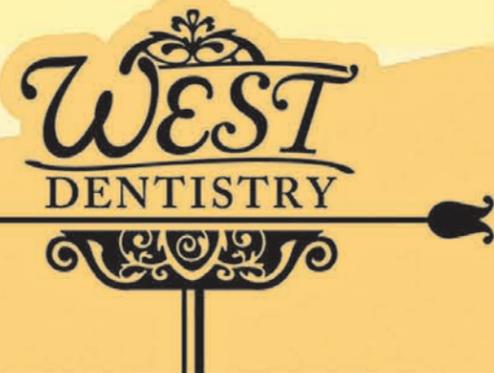
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