



Bob Massey and Diane Pauly, members of the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville, live The Four Way Test and encourage others to get engaged, get involved and get packing. *Read More, Page 39*



Homecoming attendees Nicol Hurst Mickler, Wolfson Class of '88, and Sarah Balanky Halter, Class of '99, are now both teachers at Hendricks Avenue Elementary School. *Read More, Page 45*



Loyal San Marco fans came out in support of the #San-MarcoStrong movement to raise funds and awareness for locals impacted by the flooding and damage from Hurricane Irma. *Read More, Page 4*

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Eight Episcopal students – Turner Riggs, Xander Magevney, Nathaniel King, Adam Smith, Mac Lyerly, Max Voss, Samuel King and Jack Thompson – were among students who earned double school service hours for each hour served during campus cleanup. *Read More, Page 27*

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Sophia MacDowell with Whitney Morgan, Leanna and Ava MacDowell

Playful in the Pumpkin Patch

The arrival of the annual pumpkin delivery drew a crowd of helpful congregants to “The Point” at Southside United Methodist Church in San Jose Sept. 30. Pumpkins are now on sale, along with gift cards and an annual cookbook, “The Taste of Fall,” featuring recipes from the membership of SUMC. Funds raised will go toward missions, trips, events and other church occasions.

Hendricks repaving project delayed

The Hendricks Avenue repaving project, which was expected to begin in October, has been postponed until January 2018.

Debbie Delgado, a spokesperson for Florida Department of Transportation, said the agency had been waiting for the completion of a JEA project in the area that has been delayed.

A September open house to explain the details of the project also will be rescheduled for early December, she said.

About three miles of San Jose Boulevard and Hendricks Avenue from Cornell Road to San Marco Boulevard will be resurfaced and bike lanes added. The work is expected to last most of 2018.

Downtown Dwellers encourages residents to ‘take ownership’ of Riverwalks

Concrete parks need ‘Friends of Riverwalks’ group

By Lilla Ross, Resident Community News

Downtown resident Sandra Fradd is on a mission to get people thinking of the Riverwalks as a neighborhood.

In a new initiative, she’s urging residents of the five towers – Berkman Plaza and Churchwell Lofts on the Northbank and the

Strand, the Peninsula and San Marco Place on the Southbank – to start walking.

Fradd, president of the Downtown Dwellers, said the Riverwalks are considered to be parks by the city and she wants the roughly 1,000 residents in the area to start thinking of them that way, too. She said she would like to find an app that will enable people to track their time so she can share with the city the usage rate.

“It would give people an incentive to take care of it,” she said. “And it’s a chance to get

out in the air with friends and enjoy this beautiful part of our city.”

Fradd announced the initiative at a Downtown Dwellers meeting at the Lexington Hotel Sept. 20 with representatives from each of the towers. It was the first event that encouraged people from each of the towers to mingle and talk about what they would like to see happen in the neighborhood.

Peninsula resident Gianni Vivian, vice president of Downtown Dwellers, thinks *Read More, Page 14*

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Publishers' Note

Hurricane Irma put us all through a great deal, whether from the stress of evacuating, then watching online what was facing our neighborhoods, or to remaining in place and hearing the scary and powerful sounds of high winds and pounding rain in the early hours of Sept. 11.

No one thought water would rise to such historic levels, damaging and destroying docks, boats, bulkheads and balustrades. In some of the lower-lying areas, the flood soaked businesses, homes and apartments full of belongings, saturating drywall and electrical systems and, in some cases, compromising elevator shafts in condominiums and commercial buildings. Some homeowners may have to make the hard choice to condemn their family homes and rebuild.

Belongings can be replaced. The silver lining is that people were safe. Thanks to the efforts of local first responders, JEA line workers and support staff, leadership in the Mayor and Governor's offices and the federal government response efforts, we will overcome this catastrophic event and show the rest of the country what Floridians are made of.

We are encouraging everyone to seek opportunities to patronize those local businesses that have been hardest hit. In this issue, you will read about the many ways in which people have helped their neighbors thus far. Many organizations delivered goods, offered relief and worked hard to restore hope throughout the region.

Keep in mind, the Florida Keys were hit incredibly hard. Plan a trip, get down and support our Florida neighbors. Puerto Rico was recently devastated from the effects of Maria, which followed just behind Irma. They are going to need relief and continued assistance.

We're still stunned from the impacts of Irma in our area, but we hold the rest of the country – from Texas to our U.S. territories in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Island, and other islands throughout the Caribbean – in our prayers.

Pamela and Seth Williams

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San Marco community comes together in wake of hurricane disaster

By Lilla Ross
Resident Community News

San Marco merchants are beginning to see the silver lining, even the hint of a rainbow, as the Hurricane Irma recovery effort turns into an experience in community building.

It was evident as people gathered Sept. 23 for San Marco Strong, a fundraiser in a parking lot behind Beer:30, along with other businesses that were inundated with knee-deep water 12 days earlier.

Kevin Burns, owner of Beer:30, organized the event to help the other businesses in the area. "We had 20 inches of water but we were lucky. The businesses across the street — European Street, Bistro Aix — had four to five feet."

Burns said they had to replace the floor and repair the air conditioner but the craft beer emporium is open for business. "We put the beer up and only lost two cases," Burns said.

Burns said the merchants and their customers are doing what they can to support



Kevin and Jeff Burns of Beer:30

each other. "It's really bringing the community together," he said.

At one end of the parking lot were piles of storm debris; at the other end a field of tents with brews from Beer:30, barbecue from Bearded Pig, t-shirts from Hot Spot Power Yoga, popsicles from Hyppo, doughnuts from Good Dough, and clothes from Grease Rags. In the middle of it all, a FEMA tent dispensing information about resources available to help in the recovery.

The event's co-sponsors — San Marco Preservation Society (SMPS) and the San Marco Merchants Association (SMMA) — accepted donations that will be distributed through local churches and charities, said Linzee Ott of SMPS. "We all know people who have been hit by this," Ott said. "There are people who are in need of immediate assistance."

In addition to the event, about two dozen local businesses and restaurants contributed a portion of their sales through Oct. 1 to #SanMarcoStrong.

George Foote, SMMA president, said some businesses could be closed for months and even those that have reopened have lost business. "Some people don't have flood insurance but even with insurance they are forgoing income every day they are closed."



JD Davis and Michael Schmidt served the crowd barbecue eats from The Bearded Pig.



Damon Thomas with Liz Murphy Thomas, Grease Rags owner Cindy Platt and Sarah McMillan

"People had stopped coming the week before the storm and didn't come the week after, but it's starting to pick up," Foote said.

"We will pull together," said Bryan Mickler, SMPS president. "This is an opportunity to lift each other up and to feel the community spirit."

Friends and customers of Dance Trance, one of the shops in the hard-hit northern strip of shops along San Marco Boulevard,



Logan Moore of Good Dough serves his creations to Dana Wilson, who came out to support her fellow neighbors and local merchants. "This is lovely, it's two in the afternoon, how can you not get out and support your local community," said Wilson, of her visit to the event.

"We lost our life's work in that studio. Such a pleasure to have it for the last 10 years," Beth Handline said. "The response has been overwhelming. Hopefully something good will come out of this tragedy."

Some shops escaped the worst of the storm. Arielle Hinds of Good Dough said the shop at 1636 Hendricks Ave., lost power for a few days.

"Compared to what everyone else went through, we did okay," Hinds said. "It's cool to see everyone come together and support each other."

Meredith Gieger of Hyppo Pops said the shop at 1432 Hendricks Ave. lost power but wasn't flooded. "We evacuated the popsicles to St. Augustine, so we just waited for the power to come back on."

Cindy Platt, manager of Grease Rags Clothing Co., 1670-2 San Marco Blvd., said the flooding damaged dry wall and air conditioning and ruined the furniture. But the merchandise wasn't damaged.

"We raised the racks and then overloaded them so they wouldn't tip over," Platt said. "That saved us. It'll take us a couple of weeks to get it cleaned and painted. We've been very fortunate."

In addition to its website, Grease Rags has been selling its clothing in pop-up boutiques that friends have let Platt set up at Steele Hair Gallery in Murray Hill and Honeycomb Salon.

"As stressful as it is, it is turning out to be a blessing," Platt said. "It's exposed us to so many new people. And so many people are helping. It's really become an exercise in community building. Disasters remind people about what's important."

started a crowdfunding campaign on youcaring.com to raise \$30,000 to help Jay and Beth Handline reopen the popular dance fitness studio.

Three to five feet of water destroyed the dance floor, sound equipment and shop, and damaged the building. The Handlines don't have flood insurance.

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FEMA teams go door-to-door after storm



FEMA staff put up a tent at the San Marco Strong fundraiser Sept. 23.

Nearest disaster center in St. Johns County

By Lilla Ross
Resident Community News

The day after Hurricane Irma hit, the Federal Emergency Management Agency set up shop in a mobile intake unit in the vacant “East San Marco” lot at Hendricks Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard in San Marco.

Teams also went door-to-door in hard-hit areas like Riverside and San Marco registering people for assistance. Though the mobile unit is gone, people can still register for assistance at www.disasterassistance.gov.

Applicants should be prepared to provide the following:

- Social Security Number (one per household)
- Address of the damaged home or apartment
- Description of the damage
- Information about insurance coverage
- Telephone number
- Mailing address
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposits of funds

Gary Petty, FEMA media relations specialist, said a permanent disaster recovery center might be opened in Duval County if the state determines there is a need. Currently the nearest disaster center is in St. Johns County.

“We’re aware there’s a long wait,” Petty said. “In the first week after the storm 1.1 million Floridians had applied for assistance.

“This has truly been a disaster for millions of people, and for many more an inconvenience. It has turned everything upside down,” Petty said. “People have lost possessions, the kids are out of school, a lot of people are out of work. It is a very stressful time.”

Petty said it is important to understand that FEMA helps households, not individuals, which was a shock to many people who went through Hurricane Katrina and had to pay back the government. It’s best just to have one person in the household apply for help.

“It’s not to make them whole,” he said “The first line of recovery is insurance. We fill the gap so they can move back in. But it’s only to make their dwelling safe, sanitary and functional. We don’t want them displaced for any longer than they have to be.”

Short-term assistance with rent is available through FEMA’s Individual and Households Program for people who have been displaced.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is offering foreclosure relief and mortgage insurance available both for mortgages and home rehabilitation.

Disaster-related unemployment assistance also is available for those whose jobs were affected by Irma, including the self-employed. They can apply for unemployment benefits online at Florida’s Department of Economic Opportunity; search for disaster unemployment assistance.

Small Business Administration loans may be available to help repair flood-related damage to homes or businesses and replace personal property.

SBA provides low-interest disaster loans of up to \$200,000 to repair a primary residence, up to \$40,000 for homeowners and renters

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to replace personal property, and up to \$2 million to businesses and most private nonprofits for physical damage and economic injury needs as a result of the disaster. Survivors need to register with FEMA first to determine their eligibility for any federal assistance that may be available.

Petty also encouraged people to take advantage of free counseling, especially

families with young children who may have been traumatized by the storm. He said it’s not uncommon for people to feel stress, anxiety, nightmares and depression after a disaster.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Disaster Distress Helpline (1-800-985-5990) remains open 24/7 for free help coping with the stress of the storm.



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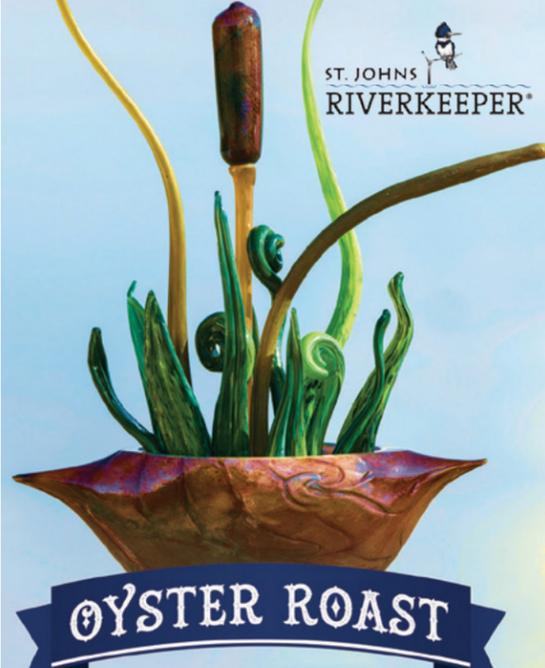
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Hurricane aftermath underscores need for creek dredging

By Lilla Ross
Resident Community News



Millers Creek came out of its banks at Sharon Johnson's home, covering a large dock and nearly reaching her back deck.

The flooding after Hurricane Irma last month was a rude reminder to residents along Millers Creek that the inlet really needs to be dredged.

But it will be at least a year before work on the creek in the Mayfair neighborhood of St. Nicholas starts.

"For people who just bought houses that might seem like a long time, but that's really short term for us," said resident Sharon Johnson, secretary of the Millers Creek Special District.

"One way or another we have been pursuing it since the 1940s," Johnson said. "When we bought our house in 2000 we were told the dredging was imminent. That was not correct. They did dredging on Pottsburg Creek and ours was under consideration but we never made it to the top of the list and then the economy tanked."

The land around the 1,000-foot waterway has been occupied since 1799 when English surveyor David Miller settled it. The last dredging project was done in 1947 and the creek has slowly silted up over the past seven decades.

"It looks like beautiful water but it's only a few inches deep at high tide. At low tide, it's horrendous. It's awful, black gummy goo. It's an eyesore and it's nasty."

— Sharon Johnson

"We have so little water. The manatee used to come up but now it's all silt," Johnson said. "It looks like beautiful water but it's only a few inches deep at high tide. At low tide, it's horrendous. It's awful, black gummy goo. It's an eyesore and it's nasty."

But a lot of work still has to be done before the dredging can begin.

Permits must be procured from the state Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers. That might be doable by spring, but that's when sturgeon begin spawning in the St. Johns River, so dredging must wait.

The biggest decision facing the group is where to put the dredge material that is dredged from the waterway.

"The biggest cost is how do you handle the material that is removed. Do you handle

it multiple times? Where is its final resting location?" said Joe Wagner, senior dredging engineer with Amec Foster Wheeler, the consultant for the group.

The farther the material has to be taken the more expensive it gets, Wagner said. The Port of Jacksonville has a dump site but charges a \$22 per cubic yard tipping fee. Wagner estimates that about 30,000 cubic yards will be dredged from the creek, and when you factor in the transportation costs, that would make the port site prohibitively expensive.

So, the group is talking with several property owners closer to the creek who might be willing to have the material on their land.

Another issue is how to remove water from the dredge material, which is mostly sand and silt. Sand will drain but silt retains water that must be mechanically removed.

Once all of those issues are sorted out, they have to figure out how to pay for it. Wagner said a low estimate is \$1 million to \$1.5 million. Part of the cost will be paid with the \$3,000 assessment levied on homeowners by the Special District.

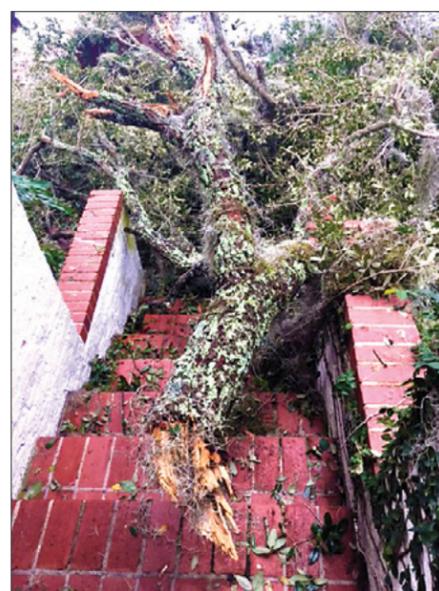
Other options were discussed at the Sept. 18 board meeting, including trying to qualify for a Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) grant, which would provide up to 75 percent for public navigation projects, and 50 percent for other projects.

The city would have to seek the grant on behalf of the district, but Jacksonville has already received several million dollars in FIND grants for a variety of projects on the river, including kayak launches. And that's another possibility, putting a boat launch on the creek.

Opening the neighborhood to a public recreation site creates other issues of parking and privacy, Wagner said. The advantage to a kayak launch is that the city will continue to maintain it.

Once the dredging is done, it will have to be maintained, Wagner said. It will have to be re-dredged in five to seven years and then again every seven to 10 years.

"I applaud these folks; they are taking on a good-sized project," Wagner said. "I'm a fan of the concept of special districts. It makes people talk to each other and think about solutions that work for everybody. That's a good thing all around."



Tree debris at Sharon Johnson's home on Millers Creek.



Gary Hall begins the cleanup process after Millers Creek took over his backyard.

Tree removal, damage claims not clear cut



A tree in Miramar fell from private property onto a city street, taking down a power line.

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

Thanks to an abundant tree canopy, Hurricane Irma left a lot of trees uprooted or damaged in her wake after barreling through Jacksonville Sept. 11. Palm trees, pine trees and live oaks abound in the historic districts, and many were tossed about in yards and onto streets.

The liability for damages and cleanup is often not clear cut.

When a tree falls from private property onto public property, such as the street or right-of-way, the City will cut the fallen tree out of the public right-of-way up to the beginning of the property owner's line. Disposing the remainder of the tree is the responsibility of the property owner, according to Tia Ford, spokesperson for the City of Jacksonville. "The City's work is limited to the right-of-way."

When a tree planted in the City right-of-way, such as the area between the street and the sidewalk, falls onto adjacent private property, the City is responsible for the entire tree.

"Provided there is no damage to private property, the City's contractor will secure a hold harmless agreement from the property owner before accessing the private property for the tree removal," Ford stated. "If there is private property damage, Risk Management will facilitate both the tree removal and damage claim."

When it comes to damage claims, it depends on insurance policies.

If a visibly dead or dying tree falls from one private property to another, then the owner of the tree is potentially at fault, said State Farm agent Cam Anderson. The owner's liability policy should cover the claimant's damages.

"However, if Mother Nature decides to push down a tree [onto a neighbor's property], then it is not the owner's fault," Anderson said. "In this case, the tree's owner's insurance policy would cover their own damages and the [neighboring] claimant's policy would cover the claimant's damages. Both parties would be responsible for their own deductibles."

If a tree falls and causes no damage to building, fence, driveway, etc. then there is no coverage for removing the tree debris, Anderson said.

Removing fallen trees can be costly, depending on tree height, diameter, number of limbs, size of root structure, location and ease of removal, but what it ultimately boils down to is time and, as Early Piety said, "Time is money."

According to Piety, president of Specialty Tree Surgeons, Inc., a tree down in the front yard next to the curb won't take nearly as much time as a tree in the backyard.

"If the tree is in the backyard, through a little gate, behind the green house, on the other side of the pool, and it has fallen on the fence, and you have to cut it up in little bitty pieces to get it out of the backyard, that takes considerably more time to clean up, therefore the cost is higher," said Piety.

For homeowners chomping at the bit to get trees removed, Piety said to be patient.

"We will get to you as soon as we can. The first priority is to get all the trees off of houses. This stage is nearly done," he said. "The second priority is clear driveways and entrance ways so the homeowner can have access to his property for repair. This stage is nearly done also. The last priority is the yard. I know people want their yard cleaned up as soon as possible, but with so many tree down it just takes a while to get to them all. It's like leaving a football game – everybody can't leave at once."

Residents protest City's plan to use park for debris site

By Lilla Ross
Resident Community News

In the wake of Hurricane Irma, another crisis was averted in the early days of clean up when District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer thwarted a plan to turn Alexandria Oaks Park into a dump site for storm debris.

The park along the FEC railroad tracks between Marco Place and River Oaks Road is popular with dog walkers, families and sports groups.

An alert went out on the social media site NextDoor, and neighbors quickly weighed in:

"This does not seem very well thought out...many trucks traveling our quiet residential street, how long will the dumping continue and then the trash will be moved, I am assuming, to a final location and how long will the in and out continue!" wrote Carolyn Hinckley, a resident of Marco Place, the northern border of the park.

"The final question is how will our park look after this dumping is over! We live on Marco Place and are adamantly opposed to this intrusion into our

neighborhood! And why are the people who live around the park just hearing about this crazy plan!"

Michele Ramey wrote: "My husband and I strongly disagree with this idea and have already sent emails to Ms. Boyer."

In response to a barrage of emails, Boyer initially responded: "We are under a Declaration of Emergency so the Mayor has unilateral authority to make these decisions as needed but I reached out and asked about the plan and alternative sites as soon as I was alerted by neighbors this morning."

And within the hour came the reprieve: "Council Member Boyer has been in contact with the Mayor's Administration, and Alexandria Park will no longer be used as a storm debris site. The City is making arrangements to use another property in District 5."

The alternate site is the Jackson Square property east of the FEC tracks.

Jon Singleton, who lives on the park, wrote: "I know they need a staging area, but am thankful we're not losing this much-needed green space refuge while neighbors are rebuilding."

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New multi-family housing gets DIA 'thumbs up'

City Council approval needed for REV Grant

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

What began as a five-story, 50-unit urban-style apartment building has tripled in size in 18 months. When the plans were submitted to the Downtown Development Review Board (DDRB) in April 2017, the proposed project had grown.

In January 2016, *The Resident* reported a vacant lot behind Clara's Tidbits Restaurant and Catering would be the site of a new apartment building to be developed by San Marco Professional Building LLC, a

company owned by Dr. Robert Bass, a gastroenterologist from Jacksonville Beach.

Bass's company purchased the 1-acre property at 1444 Home Street from Southbank Partners for \$1.43 million in 2004. According to records from the Property Appraiser's office, the land is assessed at \$964,631.

Wrapping in several other parcels in the one-square block area bordered by Home Street, Hendricks Avenue, Louisa Street and Kipp Avenue, the plan now calls for a minimum of 143 studios, one- and two-bedroom units in a four-story building. Also included in the development are retail and office space as well as a parking garage.

A 0.3-acre parcel at 1411 Louisa Street is currently not indicated as part of the development plan. Used as a parking lot, the property was purchased by real estate



Rendering of proposed San Marco Apartments on Home Street (By Fisher Koppenhafer)



Except for a parcel at the corner of Kipp Avenue and Louisa Street, a 1.9-acre property will soon be the site of a four-story residential apartment complex.

developer SRJ Ventures Inc. for \$283,500 in 2004.

CDP (Catalyst Development Partners) Home Street LLC is now indicated as the developer for what will be the San Marco Apartments, and the architect is Fisher Koppenhafer.

To accommodate the increase in size of the development, the Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) at its Aug. 23 board meeting approved an Allocation of Development Rights to the developer, converting approximately 1.43 acres of general office development rights to a multi-family development right.

During the DIA board meeting, the applicant's attorney, Steve Diebenow, of Driver McAfee, Peek & Hawthorne, P.L.,

requested the number of units approved be increased from 143 to 155 as a precautionary move to avoid re-doing a traffic study required to justify the conversion of the development rights.

The resolution supports the DIA's Business Investment and Development goal to "increase rental and owner-occupied housing downtown, targeting key demographic groups seeking a more urban lifestyle" by actively pursuing "a minimum of 3,850 built and occupied multi-family dwelling units by 2025."

Christian Harden, principal, NAI Hallmark, noted this type of development is badly needed in the urban core.

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“We need more of this type of infill... multi-family apartments that are not on the river,” said Harden. “Millennials are seeking a lot of amenities in a small footprint, and more density will support more amenities and help us rebuild the tax base.”

Once the Jacksonville City Council adopts the DIA’s resolution, CDP Home Street LLC will have 180 days to acquire the property, then 12 months to obtain construction permits.

Also on Aug. 23, the Community Redevelopment Agency board approved a \$2.53 million REV (Recapture Enhanced Value) Grant, which represents 75 percent of the property taxes to be collected and paid out over 15 years.

In exchange for the grant, CDP Home Street LLC will allocate 10 percent of the units for workforce housing – housing that is affordable for households with an earned income which is insufficient to secure quality housing within a reasonable proximity to a workplace, such as Downtown Jacksonville.

Collectively, the project will result in the investment of approximately \$24.8 million for the construction of the rental apartment facility and associated improvements, according to the resolution approved by the DIA.

The project heads to the Downtown Development Review Board for final design approval and to City Council to vote on the REV grant.



Building elevations for the San Marco Apartments

Irma impacts fundraisers, other events

The September social calendar is traditionally heavy with a variety of fundraising events, many of which represent the single largest opportunity for nonprofits to raise money for programs and operating expenses. Thanks to Hurricane Irma, most events were washed out of their original dates last month and have rescheduled.



Environmental Protection Board Symposium

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
UNF Adam W. Herbert University Center

Avondale 5K Classic

Saturday, Oct. 7, 8 a.m.
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Benefits Sanctuary on 8th Street

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Friday, Oct. 13, 5 p.m.
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Young Collectors Party

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6-8:30 p.m.
Intuition Ale Works
Run-up event for 2017
Art & Antiques Show

25th Annual Jacksonville Environmental Awards Luncheon

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017, at 11 a.m.
UNF Adam W. Herbert University Center

Driving for Dreams Car Show

Saturday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m.
Autobahn Indoor Speedway
Benefits Dreams Come True

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Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.
Riverside Arts Market
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Salute to Veterans

Thursday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m.
Florida Yacht Club
Benefits the Navy League
Jacksonville, Florida Council

A Grand Affair

Sunday, Nov. 19 3-5 p.m.
Jacksonville Main Library
303 N. Laura St.
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Irma's impact not over for unforeseeable future

Boyer calls immediate response good

By Lilla Ross
Resident Community News

The numbers are still being tallied but one thing is certain: Hurricane Irma has given San Marco a lot to think about. The historic storm that sent the St. Johns River over its banks Sept. 11, 2017 hit the historic district hard.

District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer said the cost of the damage to private property will far exceed public damage, which was mostly to docks, fencing and bulkheads.

"In terms of the public damage in San Marco, those aren't going to be enormous numbers," Boyer said. "Money is already in the budget for bulkhead repairs at Riverfront Park. The delays in the bidding process may have worked in our favor.

"It's the private damage that's going to be the enormous number. It will be very different than in other years. In [Hurricane] Matthew we had tree and debris, and we might have more with Irma, but what we didn't have was flooding. It is extensive and it will be very costly for homeowners, tenants and business owners."

Jacksonville Orthopedic Institute (JOI) and Baptist MD Anderson experienced flooding and reopened three days after the storm.

"Baptist Health took this opportunity to renovate and remodel the JOI operating rooms and rehabilitation center," spokeswoman Cindy Hamilton said

The new rehab center opened Oct. 2 with an additional operating room for JOI outpatient services.

Hamilton said Baptist doesn't yet have a dollar figure for the storm damage but it will exceed Matthew, which cost \$3.6 million.

The business district immediately south of the hospital was the hardest hit area with businesses closest to the river getting four to five feet of water. The businesses closed for repairs include Bistro Aix, European Street, OE&S, Dance Trance and others. Dates for reopening are uncertain.

That stretch of San Marco Boulevard is famous for its flooding. The city upgraded the drainage a number of years ago, which has helped.

"This wasn't about drainage," Boyer said. "This was about storm surge. This was the worst surge in 184 years. We don't have a drainage system that can address that"

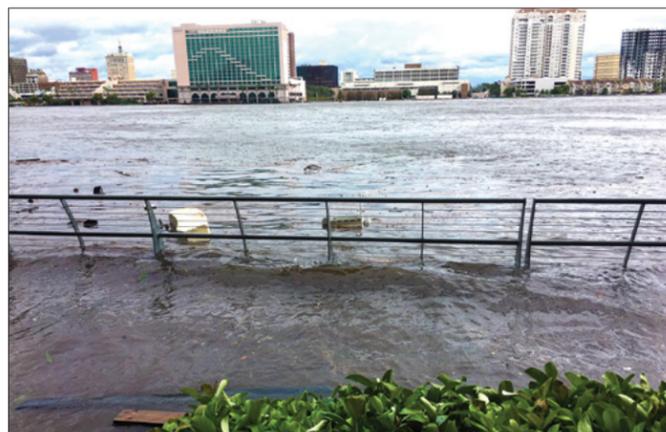
The city has pumping stations on Landon Avenue and Nira at Children's Way. Money



Mark Krancer captured the irony in this shot of Hightide Burrito Company during the storm surge Sept. 11.



Flood waters came within a foot of The Peninsula on the Southbank. (Photo courtesy of John Spassoff)



The Southbank (Photo courtesy of John Spassoff)



Larue Street in San Marco



A pile of hardwood floors and debris awaits pickup on Landon Avenue as a sign in the foreground warns contractors about unlicensed work during an emergency.



The right-of-way between two apartment buildings on River Road in San Marco shows the height of the storm surge nearly reached the utility boxes.

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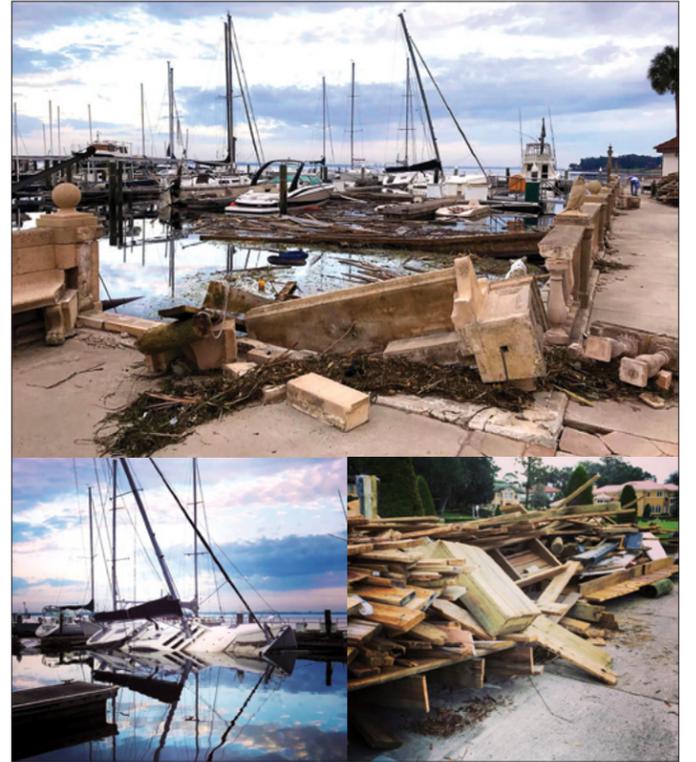
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Marc Jackson shot this photo of European Street Café from his kayak the afternoon of the flood.



Marc Jackson paddled his way from Marco Lake to The Alexandria on then over to San Marco Boulevard to capture shots like this one.



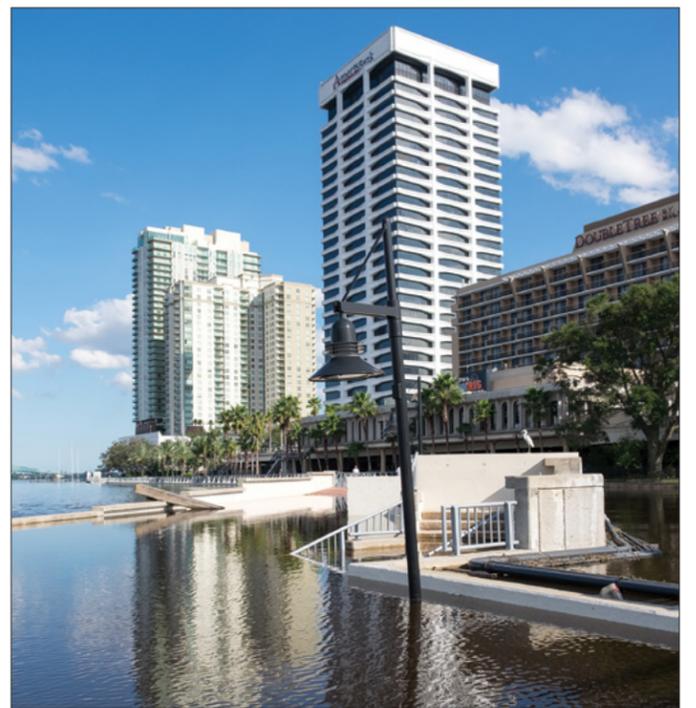
The docks at the Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club took a huge blow from Hurricane Irma. (Photo by Kellie Ann Kelleher)



JEA linemen worked in Miramar to restore power two days after Hurricane Irma devastated the San Marco area.



Landon Park was one of many neighborhood parks overtaken by the St. Johns River.



Southbank high-rise residents had birds-eye view of Riverwalk flooding.



Downed wires create a tangled mess in Miramar.



This San Marco apartment building was gutted by Irma's flood waters.

is in the budget for a third pumping station on Lasalle Street, Boyer said.

“Even if we had had that third pumping station it wouldn't have helped,” Boyer said. “Pumps improve the speed of rain removal. We pump it into the river. If you have storm surge, you would be pumping it into the river that is coming over the wall.”

One solution would be to build higher bulkheads but that's very expensive. “We could build the Riverfront Park bulkhead two feet higher but unless everyone else does it, it's not going to accomplish anything because the water will just flow around it,” Boyer said.

Real estate impact

That is small comfort to realtor Cindy Powell, who owns two condominiums at River Road and Landon Avenue. She lives in one and leases the others in the two quadplexes.

“I've had to gut my four downstairs units. Tear out the walls and the floors. It's down to the studs,” Powell said. “FEMA won't cover it because it's rental. And now I have to rewire but insurance won't cover it because it's considered an upgrade. I really don't know how I'm going to come out of this.”

“You need cash to get things rolling. That's what makes it so difficult. We haven't received any insurance money yet. I'm just taking it one day at a time, really one minute at a time. I was hoping to get them back on the market by the end of October, but someone told me that wasn't realistic.”

Farther south on River Road, realtor Missie Sarra LePrel just had a lot of yard debris to clear out.

“I probably received 50 calls from around the country from clients and friends asking how I was because they had seen San Marco on the news,” LePrel said.

Irma will definitely have an impact on the real estate market, she said.

“Some of the houses on the market had to be taken off for repairs,” she said. “When they go back to market, the sellers will have to make disclosures about the damage, the repairs and show receipts. If the work was done properly, it will be fine. They might be in better shape with new floors, walls and upgrades. But buyers need to be sure they get the disclosure and the records.”

LePrel said the storm might hurt the market in the short term, but she thinks in

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the long term it will help because it showed that San Marco is a great place to live. “People have banded together. You saw the camaraderie of the neighborhood,” she said. “You are coming to one of the nicest neighborhoods. The storm just evidenced that it to highest degree. You saw what the neighborhood was like. It was truly beautiful.”

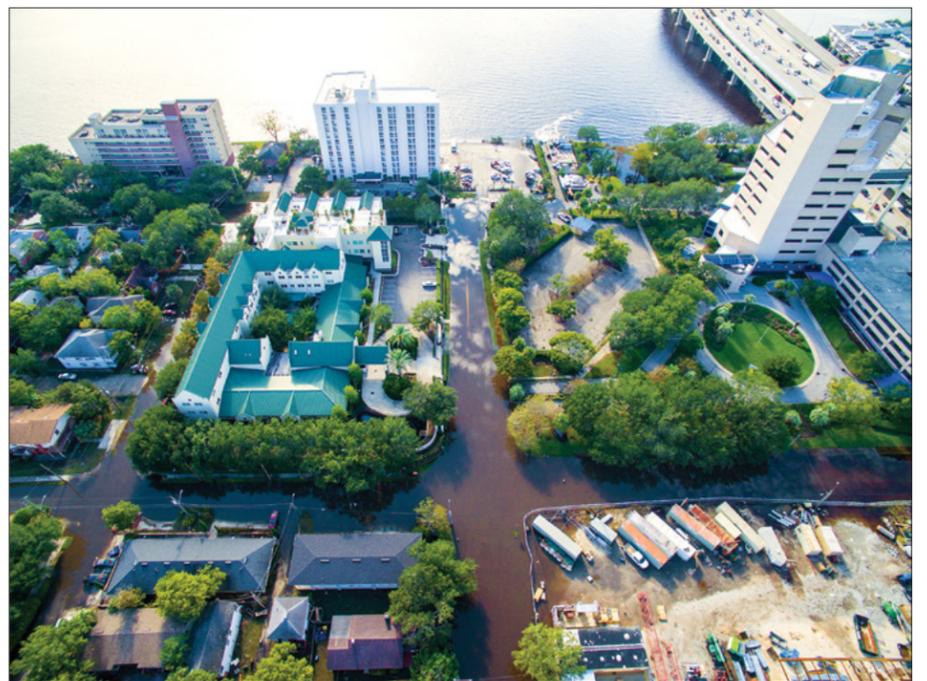
Early lessons

Boyer said she has three take-aways from the storm.

- People who live in flood zones now know it’s a good investment to buy flood insurance. “People thought it would never happen,” Boyer said. “There are a lot of people who didn’t have insurance and are suffering significant losses. The accuracy of the maps has been verified.”

- The city needs to address whether it should continue to facilitate development in flood plains. “It is permissible to build in a flood zone. You have to build high enough, but is that wise from a city economic development standpoint? If they have to be rescued, it’s not a good public policy decision.”
- People will have greater confidence in the emergency operations system. “When they say, you need to evacuate, you should believe them.” About 264,000 people live in the areas ordered evacuated during Irma.

Overall, Boyer said she thinks the City did a good job with its immediate response to the storm. “I’m not defending JEA’s communications with its customers but the line workers did a good job. We didn’t have any loss of life. I think it was a pretty good plan.”



Aerial view of flooding in the San Marco hospital district on Sept. 11



Children’s Way was a dumping ground for water-damaged possessions.



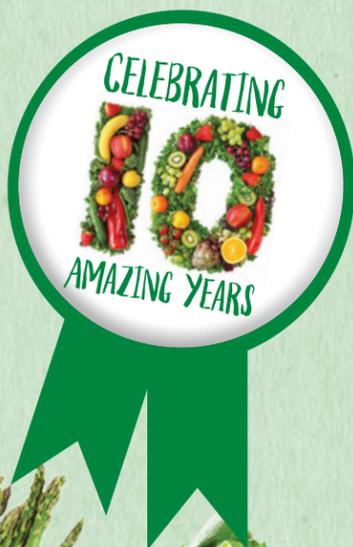
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Downtown Vision Inc. releases State of Downtown report

Highlights share business development momentum

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

Shortly before Irma – the most intense Atlantic hurricane to strike the United States since Katrina in 2005 and the first major hurricane to make landfall in Florida since Wilma in 2005 – unleashed its force on Jacksonville, Downtown Vision, Inc. released its State of Downtown Report with optimistic highlights.

Downtown Vision, Inc. (DVI) is the Business Improvement District (BID) nonprofit created in 2000 to develop and support a vibrant Downtown community and promote it as an exciting place to live, work, visit and invest. San Marco resident and attorney Jacob Gordon is the Chief Executive Officer.

The 18-month study, from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 of the growth of Downtown Jacksonville, tracked and analyzed key indicators such as development and investment, office market and employment base, residential demand, hospitality and tourism health, business and retail mix, and safety statistics to measure success.

The report indicates 81 major investment projects are putting more than \$2 billion into the local economy in infrastructure, civic, retail, office, hotel, residential and mixed use developments.

In addition to summaries on quality of life factors, such as culture and entertainment amenities, transportation updates and the vitality of the riverfront, the 20-page report provided a variety of facts and statistics worth bragging about.

Among them, Forbes magazine claims Jacksonville is No. 1 of the 10 hottest real estate markets to watch in 2017, the No. 1 U.S. city where Hispanics are doing the best economically (2015), No. 2 in where to invest in housing in 2017, the No. 2 city where Americans are moving to (2016), the No. 2 city with the most vibrant employment scene (2015), and the No. 5 fastest growing city in America in 2017.



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Flooding could put damper on occupancy

At least one of the report highlights – Downtown office vacancy rates – may be affected by Hurricane Irma. The reported stated, for the first time since the 2008 recession, Downtown's office vacancy rate had fallen below the cumulative rate of the suburbs, 15.4 percent vs. 16.2 percent.

It now remains to be seen whether Irma will drive Downtown vacancy rates back up, if only for the short-term.

Severe storm surge caused flooding on Bay Street, forcing the Wells Fargo Center building to shut down and restrict tenant

access for two weeks. The 37-story building's basement parking garage was filled with water, and power was out for more than a week, hampering cleanup efforts.

Wells Fargo employees, of which there are 400, and a few other tenants began to return to their offices toward the end of September. Prior to the hurricane, the occupancy was 92 percent. Among the tenants, the law firm of Pajcic & Pajcic occupied offices on the 19th floor, and Jimerson & Cobb law firm was on the 14th floor.

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John Smith, The Plaza homeowner association vice president; Dimitri Demopolis, Churchwell Lofts manager; Tom Dumas, Downtown Dwellers treasurer; Sandra Fradd, Downtown Dwellers president, and Gianni Vivian, The Peninsula homeowners association president

people who walk regularly will develop a sense of ownership, pick up trash, report things that are broken. And it's also a great way to get to know the neighbors, he said.

"We have a lot of common interests," Vivian said. "We need to build this neighborhood with the city."

John Smith, a Berkman Plaza resident, said Northbank residents are anxious for something to be done about the abandoned Berkman II and are considering filing a blight complaint with the city. The property has been rezoned from residential to commercial so that it could be developed as a hotel but a developer has not been found. Smith said he would rather see the site developed as residential.

"Downtown Dwellers wants to create an environment in downtown to make people want to live here. We need infrastructure to support residents like a hardware store, a dry cleaners and a drug store. They tell us that business will come in once people are here but I think it needs to happen together," said Smith.

District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer, who represents San Marco, attended the event and shared some of the things that are happening in the area, including a plan to landscape the Riverwalks with vegetation inspired by the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens.

She said she's hoping the extension of the Riverwalks to the Fuller Warren Bridge and past the Duval County Public School Board building, and the addition of a kayak launch and finger piers for boaters will bring more activity to the Riverwalks.

She said with increased activity comes an additional effort for security and maintenance. Downtown Vision will be hiring four additional ambassadors to help with upkeep. Identifiable by their orange t-shirts, the ambassadors also are "eyes and ears" in the area and can alert police to security issues. The Jacksonville Chamber of

Commerce also is working with private groups to help maintain the Riverwalks.

Friendship Fountain will be restored and enhanced with lights, color and music. It will be the first site with what Boyer calls a node that "will help tell the story of the river." The other sites will be the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts and the Main Street bridge.

The fountain also may play a role in a light show that Boyer is exploring for the space between the Main Street and Acosta bridges. It would be modeled on Hong Kong's Symphony of Lights, a 13-minute daily laser light and music show in the harbor.

"It would give us fireworks without the pyrotechnics," Boyer said. "It would give us the most return on our investment and I think it's feasible."

The design for the "road diet" for Riverplace Boulevard is almost complete and work could begin in the coming months, Boyer said. She told the residents to expect traffic disruption for the 18 months the project is expected to take.

Boyer also said to expect the demolition of the old courthouse and city hall buildings as well as completion of the Liberty Street basin project, which will make that section of the riverfront "development ready."

Several Southbank residents voiced concern about a parcel next to the Peninsula that is in foreclosure and expected to be auctioned soon. They are worried the property will be developed as condos or a hotel and hurt the character of the area. They wanted to know if the city would be willing to purchase the parcel for parking or a park.

Boyer said she thinks the area would be a wonderful park but not to expect the city to buy it. She suggested the residents work with the lender to see if a resolution could be found.

Downtown Dwellers will have a meeting Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. at MOSH.

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Riverside homeowners Larry and Molly Rolfe had an even older home, built in 1913, which had a wet crawlspace even under drought conditions.

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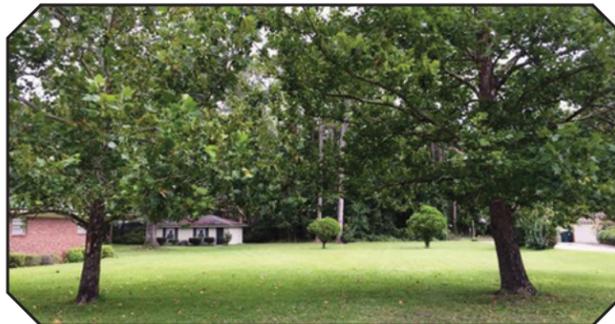
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Merchant Maritime Academy honors local lawyer

Jacksonville attorney Rod Sullivan, of San Marco, was awarded the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award at a ceremony held at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

The award was presented to him by Rear Admiral Mark Buzby, USN (Ret.) Administrator of MARAD. Sullivan is a frequent commentator on local news stations and for eight years was a professor at Florida Coast School of Law.

Sullivan graduated from Kings Point in 1977 and worked on U.S. cable-laying ships before attending Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida and Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

He began his legal career in Jacksonville and has practiced maritime law here for the past 35 years. He has been involved in many major maritime cases in Florida since then, including the suit involving the sinking of the Tote Maritime Ro-Ro vessel El Faro. He has also argued and won a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sullivan was interviewed by the media over 80 times in connection with the sinking



John Arnzen, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni president, Rod Sullivan, Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby, USN (Ret.) U.S. Administrator of the Maritime Administration (MARAD), and Rear Admiral James A. Helis Superintendent, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

of the S.S. El Faro. In addition he has appeared as a maritime legal expert in connection with the sinking of the MV Costa Concordia off the coast of Italy, and the Korean Ferry MV Sewol. Local news stations call on him for his legal opinions, and he has appeared in the national media as a

legal expert on the CBS Evening News, FOX & Friends, CNN, NPR, CCTV (China), KBS (Korea), and the Discovery Channel. He has been published in the New York Times, USA Today, the Washington Times, the International New York Times, and the Florida Times-Union.

Four performance groups win Arts Alive grants

Expanding its format from an awards luncheon to an all-day conference, the 2017 Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville State of the Arts drew audiences to several venues.

The conference kicked off Aug. 30 at the JAX Chamber for coffee hour with Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry, Secretary of State Ken Detzner and Chamber CEO Daniel Davis. Sandy Shaughnessy, director of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, led a workshop on Arts and Economic Prosperity before attendees headed to the Jessie Ball duPont Center for the luncheon and awards ceremony.

Keynote speaker was Taiwan native Lily Yeh, artist, author and community change-agent, whose mission is to build community through art, learning, land transformation and economic development.

Also at the luncheon, \$60,000 in grants were awarded through the 2017 PNC Arts Alive Grant program to four arts groups: The Florida Ballet, The Cathedral Arts Project, The Jacksonville Civic Orchestra and The Performers Academy.



Artist and guest speaker, Lily Yeh aka "Barefoot Artist", presented her findings in spirituality and artistic expression. Yeh showcased her work and shared her inspiration for her new book titled, "Awakening Creativity - Dandelion School Blossoms".

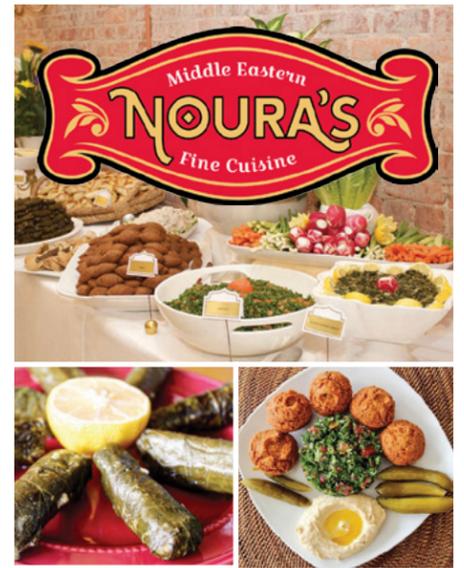
The afternoon workshop on activating art partnerships and the private sector, led by Kristi Aiello, market development and community engagement manager for Florida Blue, was followed by a reception at Hyperion Brewing Company.



Laura Evans with Kimberly Jones



Joshua Delphonse and Edwin Newton of the Young Men and Women's Leadership Academy enjoy the luncheon as special guests.



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NAI Hallmarks names two new principals, shareholders



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Two years after being promoted to Senior Vice President at NAI Hallmark Partners, Christian Harden is one of two new principals and shareholders at NAI Hallmark, which also ditched “Partners” in the company name at the same time.

Along with Keith Goldfaden, Harden will oversee daily operations and strategic growth of the 24-year-old company.

“I’m relishing the opportunity,” said Harden, who joined the company in 2009. “It was not expected at this point in my career, but it’s a good fit and a great team.”

Harden, of Avondale, holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Florida and an MBA from the University of North Florida. He is a 2015 graduate of Leadership Jacksonville. He was the 2016 president of NAIOP (National Association of Industrial and

Office Properties) Northeast Florida Chapter where he has served the Board since 2011, and received NAIOP’s Emerging Professional of the Year award in 2013. He serves on the Downtown Development Review Board.

Goldfaden, formerly of San Marco, has been with the company 10 years. His professional affiliations include the NAIOP – Northeast Florida and ICSC. In addition, Goldfaden is a 2011 graduate of Leadership Jacksonville and serves on the board of directors for the Cathedral Arts Project. He has a Master of Science in Real Estate from the University of Florida and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Emory University in Atlanta.

Family Support Services to get new CEO in 2018

After 10 years with Family Support Services of North Florida, CEO Lee Kaywork announced his retirement, effective Jan. 15, 2018.

Kaywork, who joined FSS in 2007, will be succeeded by Robert Miller, president of the agency. Miller joined the nonprofit as its chief financial officer in 2013 and was named president this past January.

Prior to his tenure at FSS, Kaywork held management positions with KPMG



Lee Kaywork



Robert Miller

and Regency Centers for more than two decades, following a career as a U.S. Navy flight officer.

Emerging Philanthropists award \$50,000 to 15 agencies



2017 Weaver Philanthropic Initiative Class, front: Jason Spencer, Alison Trager, Ben Trager, Kirsten Martino, Ben Setzer; back: Marshall Hill, Glenn Miller, Doug Tutwiler, Blair Sherman, Dan Foley (Photo by laird/blac palm, inc.)

After a six-month immersion in strategic philanthropy, 10 emerging philanthropists have collectively made grants totaling \$50,000 to 15 nonprofit organizations in Northeast Florida.

The 2017 Weaver Philanthropic Initiative class selected their recipient organization(s) individually, and their grants reflected a wide variety of interests and focus

The nonprofit agencies benefitting from the class’s grants include:

- Big Brothers and Big Sisters of NEFL to support programming for kids on the waiting list for a Big Brother or Sister
- Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Florida to support their after school activities which includes tutoring and their summer enrichment programs
- Camp I Am Special to support the capital campaign for the new aquatic center
- City Year Jacksonville to help ensure children are able to reach their full potential
- Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center for general operating support for programs they provide to girls and families in our community
- I.M. Sulzbacher Center to support the new Sulzbacher Village project
- Jacksonville Jewish Center’s Galinsky Academy to fund an experimental fundraising concept for the Ldor Vdor campaign which supports the educational programs at the Center
- JAMS arts & music after school program for students

- Jewish Family and Community Services Inclusion Program to help school age children with special needs by providing full-time staff who support parents, teachers and student in academics, religious school and camp
- Jewish Federation of Jacksonville for general funding for programs which support people in need at home and around the world
- Leadership Jacksonville to create a curriculum on Civil Discourse to be used with all of the programs LJ offers, including High School, College, Adult and the new Summit programs
- LGBT Resource Center at UNF for general operating support and to assist with sustaining all of their programs
- My Village Project Community Fund at The Community Foundation to support their grant making for Black-led nonprofits serving the Black community in Jacksonville
- St. Francis Soup Kitchen to assist with their administrative costs
- We Care Jacksonville to continue their mission to provide medical resources and services to those in need

Nurturing the next generation of Northeast Florida philanthropists is the goal of the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, which periodically gathers a class of potential donors, guiding them through an intensive education process, complete with an opportunity to experience hands-on grantmaking.

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Baptist Health's Baity receives national excellence award

G. Scott Baity, JD, BCS, deputy general counsel for Baptist Health, is a 2017 recipient of a First Chair Award for excellence in legal counsel. The prestigious First Chair awards, which honor more than 150 of the nation's top in-house counsel for their accomplishments in the past year, recognize leaders in their areas of practice who have made significant contributions to the legal community through their hard work and innovation.

Baity, of Avondale, was recognized in the category of Top Assistant General Counsel,

and was honored Aug. 30 at the First Chair Awards Conference & Gala in Chicago. He has spent more than 20 years at Baptist Health, first as a staff attorney and later as an associate general counsel.

"Working at an organization like Baptist Health, alongside such talented attorneys, executives and clinicians, is rewarding in itself," said Baity, who was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1997. "Still, it is an honor to have been recognized by my peers in the broader legal community and to be affiliated with the First Chair organization."

Baity, a graduate of the University of Florida and the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University, has been board-certified as a specialist in health law since 2003 and has been named one of Jacksonville's Top Lawyers in Healthcare since 2012. He is a member of the board of directors of The Arc Jacksonville, and serves on the Board of Legal Specialization and Education of The Florida Bar, which oversees the awarding of board certification to Florida attorneys.



Scott Baity

Local yoga studio looks to build community

For Donna Jackovich, yoga is more than her passion – it's her life. After having been on the move for many years, travelling to various parts of the country, she recently returned from Boise, Idaho to bring her many years of yoga prowess back to the local community in San Marco.

"I love hot yoga and I want to share it with others," she said, as she spoke of her passion for the practice.

The story of her current studio began a few years ago on a return visit to Jacksonville. She was a guest at the former Bikram Yoga studio in the same location of her current 1225 Hendricks Avenue studio. Jackovich enjoyed classes and the studio space so much that she was disappointed to know it didn't exist upon her return to town a few years later. She decided to bring the energy back into the studio and, shortly thereafter, planted a seed for those seeking a yoga refuge.

Her goal is to breathe new life into the culture of hot yoga and deliver a world class



Donna Jackovich

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New clothing reseller opens in San Jose

Calling itself a fashion exchange, Uptown Cheapskate held its grand opening Aug. 31 at 10601 San Jose Blvd. in the Whole Foods shopping center.

The franchise buys only current style clothing that has been in the stores in the last two years in order to provide high demand, high quality/brand name clothing in great condition to its customers. Customers can find new and gently-used clothes from brands like Coach, Victoria's Secret, Michael Kors, Express, Anthropologie, J. Crew, Urban Outfitters and more at a fraction of retail prices. Visit Uptown Cheapskate on Facebook or call (904) 438-5258 for hours.

Delegal selected as Florida Trend Legal Elite

Thomas A. "Tad" Delegal III, of San Marco, was selected by his peers to be one of Florida's Legal Elite Attorney's, according to Florida Trend Magazine

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Local author sees novel premiere as movie

Former San Marco resident Charles Martin grew up on River Road and recalls watching movies such as “Zoro” and “The Jungle Book” at the San Marco Theatre. Now the author will soon have the pleasure of watching a movie made from his seventh novel, “The Mountain Between Us,” at the same theatre.

The film, produced by 20th Century Fox, premiered at the Toronto Film Festival Sept. 10 and will be released internationally Oct. 6. Filmed in Vancouver, it stars Kate Winslet and Idris Elba, and was directed by Hany Abu Assad, a Palestinian director.

Martin’s publisher at Random House pitched the book to a movie scout six years ago.



Charles and Christy Martin at the Toronto Film Festival



“The film has had various versions and reiterations, producers, cast and directors ‘til we get to today’s version,” said Martin’s wife, Christy. “It is different than the book, which his very loyal readership may fuss about, but it’s beautifully filmed and the details of how they filmed it are ambitious and noteworthy.”

After working in the insurance industry and writing nights and weekends, Martin decided to pursue writing full-time while working odd jobs. Eighty-six letters of rejection later, a nonfiction piece he was hired to write got his foot in the publishing door around 2001 and led to an agent for his fiction.

Martin, who has a creative writing degree from Florida State University, a Master’s in Journalism and a doctorate in communication from Regent University in Virginia, is working on his 14th novel.

San Marco company celebrates 25 years keeping places clean

Jean’s Clean Team, a Hendricks Avenue business in the San Marco area, is celebrating its 25th year in business.

“As an entrepreneur, I’m really pleased to reach this milestone,” said CEO Jean Hill. “According to the Kauffman Index, females now make up 40 percent of new entrepreneurs in the U.S., and I’m delighted to be part of that company. When I started, I didn’t know any other females striking it out on their own.”

This anniversary is particularly satisfying to Hill, given that statistics show only 30 percent of small business survive until their 10th year.

“I started small – just myself – cleaning homes alone for many years, and I now have a team of 20 women across Jacksonville and St. Johns County,” said Hill. “I could worry about competing with many cleaning services in this city, but I focus on personalized service, including decluttering and I’m really pleased that I tend to be given the top 5-star rating on Facebook from my clients,” she said.



Jean Hill

Earlier this year, Hill’s business received the “Positively Jax” Community Award from TV station News4Jax (WJXT) for its involvement with the charity Apryle Showers, cleaning the homes of designated cancer patients undergoing treatment.

River Garden director retires after 25 years

It was standing-room-only as River Garden residents, family members, board members, volunteers and staff joined Suzanne Lyda, Director of Social Services, in celebration of her remarkable 25-year career.

Joining River Garden in 1992, Lyda became Director less than a year later, and has led and mentored her team for a quarter century.

“Suzanne could always be counted on to get the job done with skill and caring. She treats everyone like family,” said Jim Richman, Chief Operating Officer. “In short, Suzanne is passionate about doing the right thing for River Garden and for the residents.”

When asked what working at River Garden has meant to her these past 25 years, Lyda replied, “River Garden has provided me with fulfillment in my life. It



Suzanne Lyda and Martin Goetz

is a place where care is done well and done for the right reasons.”

Lyda has touched the lives of literally thousands of people, often as a friend, an advocate, a social worker, even a beacon of light during difficult times. She was succeeded by one of the team members she mentored, Mary DaCorta, who was promoted to Director and took the helm Sept. 26.

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San Marco resident joins Episcopal Children's Services

Longtime San Marco resident Deborah Moore has been named development officer for Episcopal Children's Services, which provides early childhood education services for more than 59,000 children in Northeast and Central Florida.

"We are delighted to welcome Debbie to the ECS team," said Connie Stophel, CEO. "She is highly qualified, has strong roots in the community and will be a great asset to ECS and the children and families we serve."

Immediately prior to joining ECS, Moore served as development manager for New York Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, but she also has extensive experience on the First Coast, where she formerly served as associate director of development for the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, and director of development for organizations such as Catholic Charities and Family Promise of Jacksonville.



Deborah Moore

"ECS has a wonderful reputation to build on, and the mission of the organization is something I am passionate about. Early childhood education prepares our children to learn and succeed," said Moore.

In addition to her development experience, Moore also worked as a community relations consultant for Florida Blue and The Florida Blue Foundation and served as a community and public relations director for Jacksonville's ABC affiliate WJKS TV (Channel 17). She is a graduate of the University of Florida, where she earned a B.S. in Public Relations.

Bank of America gives back to community

Bank of America announced a new round of grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$14,000 for 10 Northeast Florida nonprofit organizations. The community development grants totaling \$79,000 are provided to advance economic mobility in the region.

"We greatly value the Jacksonville organizations dedicated to supporting our neighbors and improving their economic potential," said Greg Smith, Bank of America's Jacksonville Market President. "Each year, we try to give back to the community that gives so much to us, and giving to these organizations will help create more pathways to economic mobility in the Jacksonville area."

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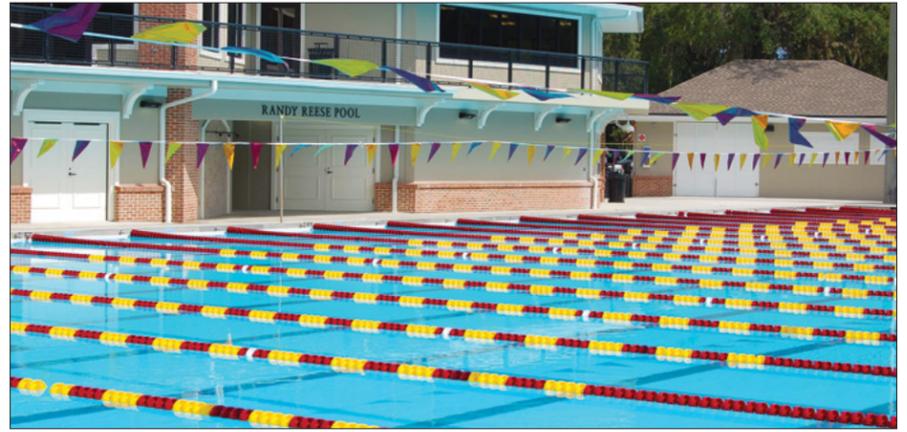


The Clara White Mission was one of 10 nonprofits given a grant from Bank of America.

Organizations receiving grants include:

- Beaches Habitat for Humanity
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- Clara White Mission
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- Clay County Habitat for Humanity

Former Episcopal School coach honored by pool dedication



The 50-meter pool at the Episcopal School of Jacksonville dedicated to former swim coach Randy Reese

Swimmers from the Episcopal School of Jacksonville and the University of Florida who trained under International Swimming Hall of Fame coach Randy Reese gathered Sept. 30 to honor Reese at the dedication ceremony of the 50-meter pool at the school.



Former Episcopal School Swim Coach Randy Reese

Reese was 24 years old when he accepted the head coaching position at Episcopal for its new swimming program, and Reese was charged with building the team. Within five years, Reese had built a juggernaut swimming program whose men's team was named best in the nation by *Swimming World* magazine. His swimmers at Episcopal earned All-American and national champion status; they qualified for the Olympic trials and accepted bronze, silver, and gold medals on the podiums at the Olympic Games; they swam at some of the best collegiate swimming programs in the country.

Those chlorine-haired teenagers are in their fifties now, yet the bond between them and their devotion to Reese remains. Last fall, as Episcopal endeavored to renovate its 50-meter swimming facility as part of a capital campaign, a group of Reese's former swimmers launched a fundraising

initiative to name Episcopal's pool for their former coach.

"For most of us, Randy played a big part in developing who we are now. I started swimming on the Randy Reese Swim Team shortly after turning 11, and he had already convinced 40 kids to set their sights on national prominence; to get up at 4:45am for two hours in the water before school, lifting weights and running during school, and another two hours after school," said Olympic gold medalist Nancy Hogshead-Makar. "We were the beneficiaries of his progressive training ideas; ask any of us about 'bands,' 'baskets,' 'wheelies,' swimming up the Ichetucknee Springs, snorkels, and more. We were so proud of how hard we worked, and it set a benchmark for our personal and professional lives."

As Reese left Episcopal to lead the swimming program at the University of Florida, outreach to those he'd coached there resulted in more contributions in Reese's honor. He led the University of Florida to Southeastern Conference championships and NCAA titles and Reese was named SEC Coach of the Year 10 times.

"As accomplished as his swimmers were, Randy has been as accomplished as a coach. It seems impossible that he coached Episcopal High School to a national championship at just 24 years old, then coaching at the University of Florida for so many years with so many championships," said Avondale resident Hogshead-Makar.

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Discover culture at the JCA Cultural Arts Festival

The Jewish Cultural Arts Festival kicks off in November at the Jewish Community Alliance, celebrating literature, film and the arts. The two-week event, held at 8505 San Jose Blvd., runs Nov. 2-16 and delivers a variety of opportunities for the community to enjoy Jewish books, authors, movies, music and theater.

Included this year's festival is Jacksonville's 21st Jewish Book Festival. The line-up of books was chosen to educate, entertain and inspire.

"I've enjoyed working with a committee that represents a real cross section of JCA membership. We've met numerous times and work towards a singular goal: to engage and entertain the community with great Jewish cultural offerings," noted first-time festival chair Sherrie Saag.

Music, film and art programming is also being planned. A Broadway musical performance by the JCA Theatre Department will celebrate Jewish composers. Also, enjoy a special screening of an acclaimed film currently showing at Jewish Film Festivals across the country. For the first time in Jacksonville, the festival will include a Jewish Book Festival Book Club and a pop-up bookstore selling book festival picks and a great selection of books curated by the Jewish Book Council.

For young families, there is an interactive intergenerational event to spark children's Jewish creativity and imagination through books, stories and art.

Visit jcjax.org/jcafest for additional details on the JCA Cultural Arts Festival or contact Lior Spring at (904) 730-2100 ext. 318 or lior.spring@jcjax.org for more information. All events are free and open to the entire community.



Laura Crooks and Katherine Naugle at the "Tee Up for Pine Castle" fundraiser held at Topgolf.

Woman's Club of Jacksonville sponsors fundraiser for Pine Castle

Keeping with its tradition of community service, The Woman's Club of Jacksonville served as "presenting sponsor" for "Tee Up for Pine Castle," a fundraising event held Aug. 27 at Topgolf and hosted by Uptown Civitan Club.

The fun event included two hours of Topgolf play, 30 minutes of practice, a silent auction, lunch and a hole in one competition. It raised over \$30,000 for Pine Castle.

Laura Crooks, of Avondale, is a member of both organizations. "We enjoyed interacting with friends and clients of Pine Castle, as well as sharing a delightful afternoon with members of the Uptown Civitan Club," she said.

The Woman's Club is celebrating its 120th birthday in 2017 and, over the course

of the year, the club has gifted West Riverside Elementary School with a special reading program and a sound system for school events (\$17,000), enabled Fletcher High School to purchase sheet music for its choral program as well as provide transportation for choral students to attend "Live From the Met" programs (\$3,500), and given over \$12,000 in scholarships to recent high school graduates and young women attending state and local colleges and universities.

Pine Castle, founded in 1952, offers programs that are designed to empower adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve their potential for independence.

Jacksonville Sister Cities celebrates 50th anniversary

At the annual Fiesta del Jaguar Sept. 16 at the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens, Jacksonville Sister Cities Association participated by manning booths representing Latin countries. Committees for the sister cities of Bahia Bianca, Argentina, San Juan, Puerto Rico and Curitiba, Brazil set up a booth with regalia and information about that country.

"It's a fun way to recruit new members," said Alice Hill.

Jacksonville Sister Cities Association will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a reception at the Main Library Oct. 5, 6-8:30 p.m. The welcome reception for visiting delegations from eight sister cities will feature Tango Ballet from Argentina and the Jacksonville Heritage Singers. Bahia Bianca, Argentina was the first city to be "twinning" with Jacksonville.



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seniors to the doctor and other outstanding services, the organization is helping defray the impact of loneliness and solitude for our aging neighbors.

A special guest appearance was made by artist Anne Neilson, who "paints with a purpose" and donates proceeds of her artwork to charity. With a signed copy of her book, "Angels In Our Midst," Neilson donated 45 percent of each sale to Hart Felt ministries. Neilson, who grew up in Jacksonville, currently lives in Charlotte, where she is raising her family and running the Anne Neilson Fine Art gallery.

Hart Felt Ministries volunteers donated a total of 9,316 hours of service in 2016, 1,462 of those were spent building wheelchair ramps. For more information about Hart Felt Ministries visit www.hartfelt.org or call (904) 861-2799.



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Lawyers gather to raise funds for legal aid

Local and state attorneys, firm staffers and JALA supporters gathered Sept. 19 – after rescheduling due to Hurricane Irma – to hear keynote speaker the Honorable Jorge Labarga, Chief Justice of Florida Supreme Court, at the 18th Annual Robert J. Beckham Equal Justice Awards Celebration, held at the Omni Hotel downtown.

The silent auction raised funds for Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, while a cocktail reception provided opportunity for guests to mingle with honorees William Sheppard,

a criminal defense, civil rights and appellate attorney with Sheppard, White, Kachergus & DeMaggio, P.A., and Samuel S. Jacobson, a civil and family lawyer with Bledsoe, Jacobson, Schmidt, Wright & Sussman. The law firm of Pajcic & Pajcic was recognized for outstanding contributions to JALA, as this year's backyard golf tournament raised \$46,000. Awards handed out this year were handcrafted by Brian Frus, assistant professor of glass at Jacksonville University, and his students.

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Local professionals break out their red shoes

An evening gathering was recently held to celebrate the very best work of Ronald McDonald and his favorite young professionals group. The leaders of the Red Shoe Crew held their annual event, Fries With That Wine, to drive interest in the mission of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville and gain strength from the younger ranks of donors.

With outstanding support from owner/operators, the group sipped wines, accompanied by the healthiest options offered by McDonald's restaurants – from salads to

chicken skewers with Mexican street corn and, of course, their popular French fries. "We not only want to support the mission, but we want to help lose the stigma that McDonalds doesn't serve healthy options," said Adam Fey, a franchise owner/operator in attendance.

The Red Shoe Crew works hard to energize the future of fundraisers and gathers for meetings monthly. To learn more visit rmh-jacksonville.org. The event was held Sept. 22 in the U.S. Assure Club at EverBank Field.



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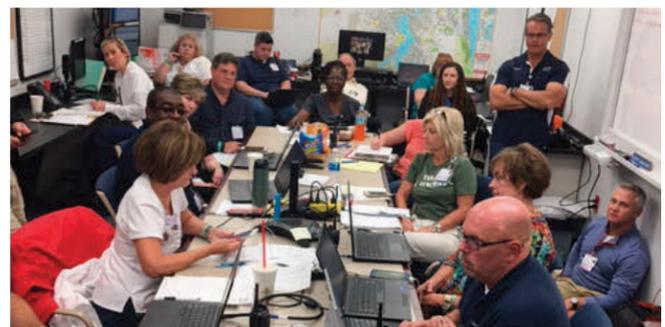
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Neighbors helping neighbors are the silver lining in the dark clouds that Irma brought to the community Sept. 11, 2017.

Men's Garden Club takes saws to fallen trees

Most, if not all, parks in Duval County took a hit from Hurricane Irma. Within Riverside Park, the Camellia Garden was also ravaged by downed pine, oak and winged elm trees. The Men’s Garden Club arrived Sept. 16 with chainsaws, hand saws, and other tools to remove as many of the trees as possible. They also affixed caution tape around trees which had branches in danger of falling from the trunk.



Walter Bryant of St. Nicholas works on a downed tree in the Camellia Garden at Riverside Park.

Elementary school collects supplies for Puerto Rico



Director of Education and San Marco resident Tonya Elstein, left, helped coordinate a drive for supplies for people in Puerto Rico impacted by Hurricane Maria. Also pictured are JCDS administrator Christy Maurer with Dr. Stephanie Font Diaz and Dr. Edgardo Agraite-Bertran, who have family in Puerto Rico.

Students at Jacksonville Country Day (JCDS) collected supplies to be shipped to Puerto Rico to help people on the island impacted by Hurricane Maria. The students collected two-and-a-half vanloads full of supplies donated by JCDS families, faculty, and staff to the island’s relief efforts.

The donated materials included diapers, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, disposable plates, and bottled water. These critical goods will be distributed through the Puerto Rican and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Puerto Rico Physician Association of North Florida.

“Once again, I am overwhelmed by the empathy and spirit of service of the JCDS community,” Head of School Pat Walker said. “Our community has many close ties with Puerto Rico, so it was especially heartwarming to see such a generous response to the crisis there.”



JCDS students donate and collect items to help Puerto Ricans impacted by Hurricane Maria.

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Church, community groups come together for hurricane refuge



Southside Baptist Church opened its doors to displaced members of the community after Hurricane Irma.

By Lilla Ross
Resident Community News

For several weeks, the congregation of Southside Baptist had been hearing sermons by Pastor Gary Webber on “Love Well,” how Jesus’ followers should love everyone, always. And then Hurricane Irma arrived with the homework — 70 evacuees.

For two weeks, the white colonial church at Hendricks Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard did double duty as an American Red Cross shelter.

“We didn’t have much notice, about 24 hours,” said Cindy Graves, administrative assistant. “We have in the past indicated a willingness to be a shelter but never have because we are in the middle of a flood-prone area. But the church never lost power. We didn’t have phones or internet for about a week, but we had hot water for showers and electricity for charging devices.”

The church not only was home for Irma evacuees but also the scene of an enormous collaboration of church and community groups.

Volunteers with Christian Aid Ministries, a Mennonite disaster relief group, came from all over the country. During the day, they fanned out over the community cleaning up yards, ripping out soggy drywall and serve meals from their food truck, Graves said. At night, they slept on the third floor of the church.

Local churches rallied as well. South Jacksonville Presbyterian, San Jose Baptist, TheCity.church, which meets at Landon Middle School, The Point Church of Riverside, Jones Road Baptist, Fort Caroline Baptist and Chets Creek Church sent volunteers, food and supplies.

Billy Graham Ministry sent counselors. The Salvation Army sent food. World Relief provided grant money for displaced families. Jacksonville Baptist Association organized Buckets of Hope filled with cleaning supplies. Southside United Methodist provided rolls of quarters for

people to use in laundromats. Kim’s Open Door organized activities for children.

Aetna sent a team to work with their customers and help evacuees navigate insurance claims process. They also used their pharmacy connections to help people replace their medications, Graves said.

“Our congregation really rose to the occasion with donations or volunteer hours,” said Scott Swanstrom, Southside Baptist outreach pastor. “We had to have people here 24/7 for two weeks. Our pool of volunteers has grown. Everyone is coming together.”

Swanstrom said they had learned from earlier disasters that a large percentage of the relief effort comes through churches because they are more knowledgeable about local needs than national groups.

“It was a learning curve,” he said. “We had 70 people and 70 unique situations. We provided a lot of social work.”

“We are in the process of putting together policies and procedures for next time, so we’ll have protocols for volunteers and be able to get people connected to resources in a timely fashion.”

As part of the sermon series, Love Everyone Always yard signs were posted around the church.

“We distributed the signs to members and now our neighborhood is covered with Love Everyone Always signs. It is an amazing experience to have to put into action what we had listened to for a couple of weeks,” Graves said. “It is moving on so many levels.”



San Marco residents Ingrid Maria Skiles, Laurel Day and Cameron Day play with children taking shelter during Hurricane Irma.

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Episcopal fills empty food pantry coffers

Football players at The Episcopal School of Jacksonville load a 16-foot box truck completely full with hurricane supplies, thanks to generous donations from students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff. Approximately 5,000 cans of food, 200 jars of peanut butter, 150 jars of jelly, 200 cases of diapers, and 120 five-gallon buckets filled with cleaning supplies/kits were delivered to the Celebration Church, a Red Cross distribution site where items will be given to hurricane victims. Episcopal also delivered food and diapers to St. Mary's Mission in Downtown Jacksonville, which serves the poor and homeless, a community hit very hard by Hurricane Irma. The pantry was empty – until Episcopal's supplies arrived.

Episcopal community comes out strong for campus cleanup



Cooper Hayman, Luke Shannahan, Mia Carter and Ellie Roy were among the more than 140 members of the Episcopal community – faculty, staff, coaches and Upper School students – who came out to volunteer to clean up campus Sept. 13.



Trey, youngest son of Episcopal School school nurse Tonya Carter and Glenn Carter, lacrosse coach and program director, does his part in cleaning up the campus.



Episcopal Upper School students gather on the school's Kirwin Flag Plaza to volunteer for campus cleanup following Hurricane Irma. Students gave up their afternoon off to ready school for opening Thursday, Sept. 14.



Welcome home, Jimbo

The Episcopal School of Jacksonville staff and faculty helped Sally Maguire Deming, the school's longtime fine arts director, ready her home Sept. 16 so her husband, Jimbo, a quadriplegic, could return home after rehabilitation. People from Palms Presbyterian Church, the technical theatre union and the school helped them clean up from the hurricane and pour concrete for a new addition to the house that will be used as Jimbo's new medically-equipped living space. Work will continue over the weeks to come to create a fully-functional indoor and outdoor space at the Deming's home for Jimbo's new situation.

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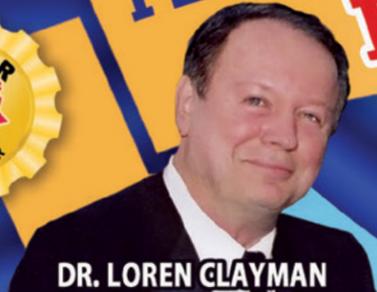
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Wolfson Children's Hospital nurses rally around one of own

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

Shortly before Hurricane Irma was scheduled to come through Northeastern Florida, area hospitals and medical centers required critical care and emergency room staff to report for "lock down" to ensure the safety and well-being of their patients.

Anjelique Martinez, a certified nursing assistant in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at Wolfson Children's Hospital, arrived home after the lock-down was lifted to discover three feet of water in her San Marco apartment.

"My neighbor kept sending me pictures of what was going on while I was at the hospital. Waiting to see the damage and what happened was the hardest part. We were on duty for three days and nights, but I couldn't get to my apartment until Wednesday because of the flooding," said Martinez.

"One good thing, my car had been in the parking lot at Wolfson; all of my neighbor's cars were under water," she said. "My



Anjelique Martinez and her son Jayden

seven-year-old son was with my parents on the other side of town, so he was safe."

When Martinez opened her door, water poured out and her apartment had already started to mold. With the help of a neighbor, she managed to salvage a garbage bag of belongings.

Martinez' short-term future is uncertain. "FEMA gave us a few days at a hotel. My son has a bit of an idea of what's happened

but he's only seven, so staying in a hotel seems like a vacation to him. I didn't let him go in and see all his stuff under water. It's just all exhausting," said Martinez.

"I have applied to several apartments but have been turned down because of my income. I have proof of income and payments going back ten years - I've never even been late with a payment. But unless I can find a private landlord who would trust enough to rent to me...I don't really know what's next. I'm just living in the moment."

Scott Allen, a co-worker at Wolfson Children's Hospital, set up a GoFundMe page for Martinez to raise \$7,500 for furniture, dishes, clothing and other items ruined by the flood. The GoFundMe page states, "Angelique has impacted so many lives. She has a servant's heart and a caring attitude."

But even in her own misfortune, Martinez praises others. Stacey Merritt of Healing Hearts Project has been promoting Martinez and all of the incredible team at Wolfson's.

Although Martinez and the other nursing staff at Wolfson care for the little heart



Medical staff at Wolfson Children's Hospital rally to raise funds for Anjelique Martinez.

patients, it is Merritt and the Healing Hearts team who understand the needs of parents, said Martinez.

"Stacey understands what families are going through because she has been there with her daughter Hope. I have a healthy child so I can't really know," said Martinez. "She comes to visit, brings food for the families, tells them what to expect, supports and comforts them. We'd be lost without her."

Bolles community comes together for hurricane cleanup

Students, parents, faculty, staff and administrators volunteered their time Sept. 12, the day after Hurricane Irma tore through Jacksonville, to help clean falling branches and other debris on the San Jose, Whitehurst and Bartram campuses.

The entire girls' and boys' boarding program joined the efforts along with day students and parents from various grade levels. "Many hands make light work" was never truer as just a few hours of effort made a marked difference and helped expedite the Operations staff's work to ready the campuses for a return to school.



Post-Hurricane Irma cleanup on The Bolles School Middle School Bartram Campus



Bolles students help hurricane victims through Red Cross

Students on all four of The Bolles School campuses are collecting travel toiletry items for Red Cross "Comfort Kits" to benefit victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Freshman students will assemble the collected items and fill the kits on their annual community service orientation event, "Make A Difference Day," in October.

Post-Hurricane Irma cleanup on The Bolles School Upper School San Jose Campus

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Living on the St. Johns River in Ortega for the past decade has been like living in heaven, but Irma was a night on the river I'll never forget. Mighty oaks were swaying back and forth like flimsy weeds, barrel tiles were flying off the roof, the wind roared like a train. I was wired for action. I checked the waterfront windows constantly waiting for them to blow in (they didn't). A momentary lapse of sanity had me trying to open a waterfront door about 3 am but when that force hurled the door at me and hit me hard, I wondered if it was going to blow off the hinges. I rammmed my entire body weight against it for 20 minutes until it held. I've been through several storms in this house and only once before had we experienced scary gusts. These winds were nothing like those gusts. This force was unreal. The winds barreling down the river hit us hard from the northeast and even though this steel and concrete home kept us safe, it was terrifying. It was a real hurricane that hit Ortega that night. I cannot imagine a CAT 4.

It took until nearly noon the next day for me to feel safe enough to walk outside to survey the riverfront where dock

boards were still riding waves that were breaking into the yard like an angry ocean. We didn't see the lower 25 feet of the yard for a couple of days at which time we saw our amazing bulkhead, made in the 20's like none-other, held strong. Our bushes that were pounded by the brackish water have since died and some sod and dirt washed out, but when compared to our neighbors along Yacht Club Rd. and Venetia Blvd, we were most definitely spared. Our home is very high and I can confidently say it withstands hurricanes.

Timelines are tossed around here. Sales contracts are delayed trying to get repair people out, appraisers are two weeks behind...but Irma left us alive and power is back on. Half glass full is who I am and hey - it could have been a real disaster considering what Maria did to Puerto Rico. I count my blessings and hope that we won't see a hurricane for 100 years, but you better go out and buy an optional flood insurance policy and a rider to your homeowners that will pay your hurricane deductible!



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San Marco flooding illustrates best in people during toughest of times

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

Calmly watching the news about flooding in San Marco around 4 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, River Road resident Sharon Reichert said she wasn't alarmed until she got up and discovered the St. Johns River flowing into her dining room.

"I was watching the flood on TV while it was coming into the house," she said. "Since the TV was on I didn't think it was that bad but they were right. At 7 a.m. all the car alarms in the neighborhood went off and my neighbor's car caught on fire.

"By 10:30 in the morning the water was 10 inches from the windows and 18 inches in the house so I called my son Brant Widaman and described what was happening. Thankfully, he suggested that I call the City line (630-CITY). They were great! I was told to put out a flag – a white sheet or towel on the front door. A boat came by around 2:30 in the afternoon and got me and my two cats, a young couple who had parked their car down the street and then couldn't get to it – it was flooded anyway – and a guy with his dog."

She looked down at her feet. "I have these shoes and a pair of flip flops a friend lent me. That's it except for my phone, my cats, my flood insurance papers, my Kindle, and the clothes on my back."

The boat took the flood refugees to the corner of Hendricks Avenue and Lasalle Street where a flatbed truck then transported them to Southside Baptist Church, which provided shelter.

"It was so weird," said Reichert. "Everyone was going into Peterbrooke's just having a



Sharon Graber and Mary Gingrich, Mennonites from Virginia, drove 14 hours to help flood victims in San Marco.

normal day and a few blocks over everything was a mess."

Reichert is saddened to lose so many of her possessions but the worst is the loss of her father's World War II memorabilia. Her parents had moved into assisted living and she was the caretaker of their items. Most are destroyed, including her grandfather's clock.

Looking around at the mounds of stinky debris up and down River Road, Reichert pointed out how helpful everyone in the neighborhood had been. She described neighbors helping to clean up the convenience store in San Marco and a young couple helping a struggling elderly lady and her cat wading down the street.

She also mentioned she was appalled at the number of sightseers, and people who were rummaging through the mounds of possessions destroyed by the storm. "What are they going to do with this stuff? Don't they realize it's toxic?" she said.

The most shocking thing, she said, as she worked outside with neighbors cleaning up and throwing away, was when several people approached her to ask if they could go through her house to see if there was anything they could take.

But Reichert said a heartening moment occurred as she was picking up debris. A truck pulled up and young people from the Rose Hill Mennonite Church in Virginia hopped off to offer her a bottle of water and invite her to Southside Baptist Church for free hot dogs and chili.

Sharon Graber and Mary Gingrich said their youth group had driven 14 hours to get to Jacksonville with their concession stand to help as part of Christian Aid Ministries. Reichert is grateful to her son and neighbors for their help and heartened that the youth group came to offer aid and not to benefit from the losses of someone else.

Bishop Kenny students create hygiene kits



Mary Schmidt, Kayla Barakat, Jordan Westbrook, Lola Martin, Layla Gungor, Sydney Mahler

Members of the Bishop Kenny Chapter of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul collected supplies and assembled personal hygiene kits to be sent to people affected by Hurricane Irma.

"A minimum of 250 kits will be sent but, if the past generosity of our students and their families is a predictor of success, we will more than likely be able to double that estimate," said Noreen Thurson, St. Vincent de Paul sponsor.

The kits will be sent to Catholic Charities in Jacksonville along with a monetary donation from the school. Bishop Kenny High School has a long tradition of support for the ongoing work of Catholic Charities in the community.



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Local florist determined to start over despite loss of home, business

By Susan D. Brandenburg
Resident Community News

Long before Irma, Bonnie Arnold worked for about 25 years as a director of nonprofit organizations, with a focus on fundraising. She helped to open three charter schools in Duval County that help students who have dropped out to re-engage their academics. She was one of the founders of PawPrints, the annual painting of the Jaguar paw prints on Bay Street.

In 2004, Arnold retired from nonprofit work, purchased a charming home in St. Nicholas with a building at the back of the property and set up shop as a floral designer.

On Sept. 11, 2017, Hurricane Irma destroyed both Arnold's home and her livelihood.

Having evacuated to Atlanta during the hurricane, Arnold came back to find she had nothing left. Her Sept. 14 Facebook post touched the hearts of the many, including Joanne Kazmierski, who set up a GoFundMe page to raise \$25,000 for Arnold.

My reality

When you have your cup of coffee this morning...I no longer have a coffee pot, or a toaster or a microwave or a frying pan or spray oil.

When you open the fridge...I no longer have a fridge...I also no longer have mayonnaise or mustard or milk or eggs or...the list is endless.

When you go to the bathroom...I no longer have towels or toilet paper or tissues or South of France bar soap or Band-Aids...



Bonnie Arnold's trailer, Blossom

When you go to your pantry...I no longer have a box of saltines w/o salt, flour, sugar, salt, pepper or any spices or olive oil or vinegar.

I not only don't have a bed...I don't have sheets, or blankets, fluffy comforters, pillows, electric blanket, a clock, a bedside table or a lamp.

Although flood insurance will rebuild Arnold's home in the next year or so, it does not cover any living costs in the interim and she must continue to faithfully pay her mortgage.

When Arnold evacuated with "Blossom" – her eight-foot-by-four-foot trailer – she took her dog, cat, computer, passport, photos of her children and a tiny mantle clock.

Devastated by her losses, Arnold said she is grateful for what she has.

While friends like Kazmierski and fellow members of the Women Business Owners have donated to the GoFundMe account, Riverside residents Wayne Wood and Lana Shuttleworth invited Arnold to take up "open-ended" residence in the garage apartment behind Wood's historic home – an invitation she has accepted.

"I'm overwhelmed at the outpouring of generosity and love coming to me from this community," said Arnold, who is in her 70s. "I've discovered that my house and shop are toxic. The 'forever home' I bought in 2004 is no more, so I'm not going back. I'm going forward. I'm going to find a new life in a new place."

To help Arnold get a start on her new life, go to www.gofundme.com/Bonnie-Arnold, or send a check to P. O. Box 5094, Jacksonville, FL 32247. And, by the way, Bonnie is still filling orders for flowers on her website at Bonnie Floral Designs.



Bonnie Arnold wears a protective face mask during a visit from FEMA to her St. Nicholas home.



Boy Scout slogan put into practice after Irma

Boy Scout Troop 35 spent a Sunday afternoon facilitating a multi-park cleanup in San Marco after previously removing trees trapping elderly residents and clearing flooded homes in the area. The Scouts met Sept. 17 at Granada Park armed with rakes, gloves and trash bags, then moved on to Landon Park and ended at the San Marco Library. Dylan Tedder, Brandon Singleton, Andrew Pearson, Elijah Simpkins, Scott Pearson and Jon Singleton pose in front of a mound of debris and trash bags at Landon Park, putting the slogan "Do a good turn daily" into practice.



Local docs donate supplies, toiletries

Drs. Loren and Mark Clayman deliver goods to serve victims of Hurricane Harvey, just prior to Irma's arrival. The Claymans also pledged several hundred dollars in support, by way of toiletries and other durable goods for victims of both Harvey and Irma, following their first round of donations being made in early September.

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THE WAY WE WERE: DR. LOUIS AND PATRICIA LARMOYEUX

By *Ellin Iselin*
Resident Community News

The Christmas card says it all: “After 50 years of marriage, the gift of love and family continues to fill us with pride and joy! Christmas blessings from our family to yours! Louis and Pat Larmoyeux 2016.” Their secret for a long, loving marriage? Well, read on for the details.

Both Louis and Patricia (Pat) Larmoyeux were born in Jacksonville at St. Vincent’s Hospital. From there, their paths diverged on both sides of the St. Johns River, eventually reuniting in the San Marco area. The couple has created a fun and interesting life for themselves, their family and their community.

While pronunciation of the name “Larmoyeux” gives pause to many – if not most – people, Pat has a simple phonetic remedy especially for Generation X, her children’s demographic. Think of “La Toya” as in entertainer La Toya Jackson, sister of



Larmoyeux siblings Camille, Michael, Christopher, mother Helen, Ann, and Louis, Jr., April 1960

the late Michael Jackson, she said. “Larmoyeux” actually rhymes with “La Toya.”

Although the last name might not be common, it has deep roots in Jacksonville. Louis J. Larmoyeux, Sr. was a physician, as is Louis J. Larmoyeux, Jr. The decades-old practice in the historic heart of the city at 124 E. Ashley Street has survived numerous changes in the healthcare industry over the years and will soon be celebrating its centennial in 2020.

Louis credits his great-aunt Julia Larmoyeux Cline, one of only a few female physicians in the early 1920s, with founding the family clinic and with starting the medical-career tradition in the Larmoyeux family. Julia encouraged her nephew, Louis Sr., to pursue medicine, and Louis Jr. followed suit (after first considering the legal profession).

Though he ultimately chose to become a doctor, several of Louis’s childhood pals became lawyers and judges. His residence in the 1950s was in the Lakewood area and was reputed to be way out in the country. The family lived on the river just off San Jose Boulevard (San Jose West).



Louis Larmoyeux with girlfriend Patricia Stripling



Melissa, Patricia, Michael, Louis holding Matthew, Lou

Louis told how he lived a Huckleberry Finn type of existence. “My friends, siblings and I were always outside in the river,” he said. “We had a long driveway and plenty of land, so it was easy to organize ‘wars’ and ‘battles’ of every kind while still being safe from the traffic. I think every mother’s mantra back then was play or stay outside until the street lights came on, or you were called to dinner. The river was another constant source of entertainment. The whole neighborhood gang would spend hours building rafts and barrels out of scrap wood. Some floated and others sank, but it seemed we were all decent swimmers.” Louis adds, “We never wore a lifejacket or sunscreen.”

After attending Assumption Catholic School from kindergarten through eighth grade, Louis graduated to Central Catholic High School, the forerunner of Bishop Kenny High School. It was there during his junior year that Louis met his future wife, then a 14-year-old freshman. Even though there are varying degrees of recall about how the introduction took place, the couple confirmed that the setting was a city bus, which was the mode of transportation. “I was still 15 at the time, so we didn’t ‘car date’ until after Christmas when I turned 16,” said Louis. Their first formal date was at a cotillion dance.

Pat lived with her widowed mother, Ann Stripling, over the river in Riverside. Since there were tolls back then, drivers were required to throw quarters into baskets at the booths. As one could imagine – a fact verified by the Larmoyeuxs – dates could become quite expensive for the young Louis since boys were the ones to foot the bill in

those days. Indeed the Larmoyeuxs joke that Louis helped fund the Fuller Warren Bridge. As a result of those numerous trips to the other side of town, Louis was demonstrating responsibility both financially and in his care of Pat. Mrs. Stripling took notice and readily approved the courtship.

Even Louis’s graduation from Bishop Kenny could not sever the strengthening bonds between Louis and Pat. While he was attending college at Notre Dame, Pat would visit and on occasion see something she was not used to – snow! However, Pat soon was accustomed to icy precipitation because the Midwest became her home for several years.



Newlyweds Patricia and Louis Larmoyeux set out for Kirksville, Missouri, September 1966.

After a hot August 27, 1966 wedding ceremony at St. Paul Catholic Church, Louis and Pat took off in a Chevrolet Corvair for Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri. What should have been a reasonable trip turned much longer because, as the Larmoyeuxs humorously remember, the car kept overheating due to the large five-by-eight-foot trailer they were pulling.

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Louis and Patricia Larmoyeux, August 27, 1966

“We prayed for rain to cool off,” Louis said. In Kirksville, Louis completed his medical school post-graduate training and was then called to the service of his country as a United States Army physician for two years in the 1970s. Thereafter he returned to Jacksonville to help his father in family practice. Brother Michael joined the group in 1981 and has since retired.

Pat Larmoyeux’s life after BKHS mainly revolved around children – the pupils she taught and her own offspring. Pat had one year left at Jacksonville University when she married and moved to Missouri, so she finished her education at Truman State University, known as Northeast Missouri State Teachers College from 1919 to 1967.

After Pat became a teacher, she worked in a rural school where she encountered the “sweetest, most polite students.” Although there were a few classroom challenges, such as combined seventh and eighth grades and some absenteeism due to farming schedules, Pat remembers the youngsters were eager to gain knowledge. “They were such good kids,” she emphatically said.

The Larmoyeuxs are the parents of four children (Lou, Melissa, Michael and Matthew) and nine grandchildren. “My husband did not play baseball, nor did he play soccer,” said Pat. “Somebody approached him about coaching kids’ soccer, and he got video and books.”

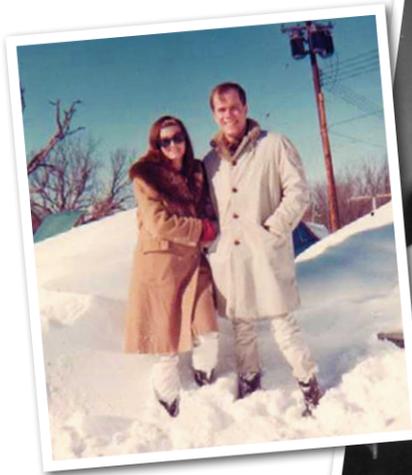
Louis learned the sports, and he learned that as coach he had more control over the practices. “If I was head of it, I could schedule in my own time,” he explained, which meant Louis was frequently able to spend time with his children, often on Thursdays and Fridays, with their activities.

That same spirit of volunteerism and community involvement carried over into professional circles as well. Louis was one of the chairmen of the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida. Additionally, he was involved with the move of St. Luke’s Hospital and helped bring the Mayo Clinic to Jacksonville.

“This was the beginning of making Northeast Florida a great and growing medical center,” Louis said. The Larmoyeux Clinic itself has added to this growth and has become part of Baptist Primary Care, a fact that makes Louis very hopeful. “The practice will go on forever,” he said.

Between faith, family and what Pat calls a healthy dose of “his time, her time and our time,” Louis and Pat Larmoyeux are pillars of the community as well as role models. The Bishop Kenny High school sweethearts are watching with pride as several of their grandchildren have made their way through those hallowed halls.

“We are so blessed, so fortunate,” said Pat. The Jacksonville natives are extremely active and show no signs of slowing down. In fact, immediately after the interview, the Larmoyeuxs were off to volunteer at Catholic Charities, which they do once a month.



Louis and Patricia Larmoyeux in Kirksville, Missouri



Louis Larmoyeux, Jr., standing, with siblings Michael, Christopher, Ann and Camille



Michael, Patricia, Melissa, Louis holding Matthew, Lou



Great-aunt Julia Larmoyeux Cline, back row, middle

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Centenarian a trailblazer, may be record holder as well

By Susan D. Brandenburg
Resident Community News

Mada Allen's eyes were misty as she listened intently to the old familiar words of her Kappa Delta (KD) sorority song.

Always think of KD when you hear this melody.

We'll be wishing you goodnight in sleepy harmony.

May your days all be bright ones, may your cares all be light ones, Tonight while moonlight beams.

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our Kappa Delta song of dreams.

Surrounded and serenaded by KD sisters from her alma mater, Florida State University, as well as women and girls from other KD Chapters, including the University of North Florida, Allen celebrated her 104th birthday on September 6, with memories, champagne, cake, laughter and tears.

A resident of Arbor Terrace San Jose Senior Living Community, Allen, who graduated from Florida State University in 1934, may be the oldest living KD sorority sister in the U.S.

"We are currently submitting an application to the Guinness Book of World

Records," said Corrine Eubanks, executive director of Arbor Terrace San Jose.

"There were nearly 40 Kappa Deltas there to celebrate their oldest sister's birthday," said Mike Kaminski, Arbor Terrace San Jose engagement director. "Miss Mada had them enthralled with her memories of days gone by."

Reminding them that Florida State University was a girl's college back in the 1930s and had strict rules against girls getting in cars with boys, Allen talked of a time when she and some sorority sisters nearly took a ride with some boys but their house mother walked by on the other side of Capital Street just as they were about to get in.

In addition to a party room filled with staff and sorority sisters, family members, including Allen's son, Bob Brann, and his wife, Jackie, were also on hand for the birthday celebration. Coincidentally, both Allen and her daughter-in-law, Jackie, taught at Hendricks Elementary School for many years, and one of Allen's students also attended the party.

"I was in my mother's fifth grade class at Hendricks and all of my friends thought it was going to be a real grin for me," recalled Brann. "Not!"

Proudly noting that his mother was known as a teacher who expected nothing less than excellence, Brann said he experienced that expectation first-hand during his fifth-grade year and throughout his life.

"Former students have always come up to my mother in the grocery store and elsewhere...all so appreciative of what she did to guide them on the right path," he said.

Brann also noted that his mother was president of the Pilot Club in Jacksonville at



Mada Allen, oldest Kappa Delta sorority sister, celebrates her 104th birthday.

one time, and was also an astute businesswoman who blazed a trail as the first female salesperson for Florida Power and Light back when they were selling home appliances.

"She's had a wonderful life and made a big difference for many," said her daughter-in-law, Jackie Brann. "The people at Arbor Terrace San Jose just love her. Everybody does."

When Kaminski was ready to take her back to her room, he inquired, "Miss Mada, is there anything you'd like to say?"

With a queenly wave to all present, the 104-year-old Kappa Delta looked around, smiled, and said, "Thank you for the best birthday ever!"



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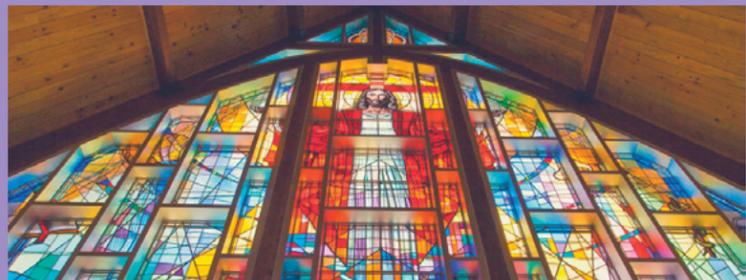
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Bolles Fine and Performing Arts Department celebrates 50 years

Fifty years ago, fine and performing arts at The Bolles School took an explosive new direction under Arthur Carnes, who spearheaded what has become one of the school's most prominent strengths.

Its highly regarded faculty, vibrant guest artist program, rich multi-grade level curriculum in drama, chorus, dance, band and visual arts and opportunities are normally found in a college arts experience, but at Bolles, more than 40 performances and gallery receptions are held on the four campuses during the academic year.

The school, founded in 1933 as a boys' military school, boasts having 100 percent of lower school students involved in art, music and theatre instruction, and 80 percent of the middle and upper school student body enrolled in a Bolles Fine and Performing Arts class. Also, many Bolles fine and performing arts faculty have been teaching at Bolles for much of the fine and performing arts 50-year history.

To honor the school's artistic achievements, Bolles campuses, arts facilities and communications exhibit a special "50 Years of the Arts" logo, and leaders will commemorate



Bolles Cadet Orchestra, circa early 1940s

the 50-year anniversary of Bolles Fine and Performing Arts by showcasing its historical accomplishments and encouraging faculty and students to keep doing what they do best – creating.

This also will be an important anniversary year for the Phoenix Society, Bolles' honor society within the Bolles Fine and Performing Arts Department. Co-founded in 1967 by Carnes and longtime Academic Dean Rufus McClure, the society recognizes juniors and seniors who excel in two or more areas of the arts.



Students from Bartram School for Girls in costume for a play



Bolles Choir, 1960



Bolles Band, circa early 1980s



In 1994, "Peter Pan" was Bolles' first big all-campus musical, held onstage in the Florida Theatre, and required the assistance of a professional from New York City who helped students learn how to "fly" onstage.

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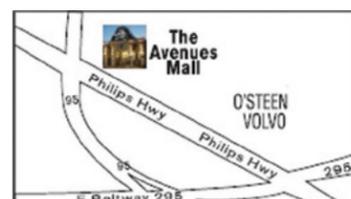
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Guest speaker Karen Brune Mathis with Club President Dr. Dan Robie

Rotarians gather, set goal to fight hunger

A meeting of the minds was recently held at River City Brewing Company, the home to the lunch gatherings for the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville. The weekly meeting, held each Tuesday of the month, brings Rotarians and their guests together to learn more about club service projects, shared accomplishments and insight from a weekly guest speaker.

The meeting, held Sept. 19, was highlighted by music and accompaniment of a young, female German exchange student Janne Pelz, who currently attends Douglas Anderson School for the Arts and is sponsored by the group. Pelz played violin alongside Mike Darragh, pianist and club member, as members and their guests arrived. A sports report was provided by Bob O'Brian, and a "get-to-know" your fellow member session ensued. The day's announcements were read and guests were then treated to an in-depth report on the region's business landscape from guest speaker Karen Brune Mathis, Managing Editor for the Financial News & Daily Record.

Following the guest speaker and the news of Jacksonville's increasing prosperity, the club focused upon an upcoming initiative that helps other regions of the world to feed the hungry. The club made the official dates and sponsorship dollars known before closing out the afternoon, encouraging turnout and participation.

Date slated, seeking contributions and assistance

In conjunction with the Rise Against Hunger organization and with the assistance of the Interact Club of Bishop Kenny, the club announced a gathering Oct. 7 at 2:30 p.m. at Bishop Kenny High School in St. Nicholas to prepare over 14,000 meals which will be distributed to third world countries and those areas with hunger issues. South Jax Rotary will cover the cost of 14,040 meals for a total of \$4,071.60 in addition to assembling the meals. Rise

Against Hunger will determine where the meals will be distributed.

The Rotary Club expects to have 60 to 70 volunteers to prepare the meals, which should take approximately two hours. The club is also seeking contributions to help pay for these meals and additional meals for Rise Against Hunger.

"One of the goals of Rotary International is to address hunger issues throughout the world," explained Dr. Dan Robie, president of the club, in a prepared statement released to media. "Even with our recent problems with hurricane Irma, our community has been very fortunate and prosperous. So we felt our Southside Club should do our share to help people everywhere who don't have enough to eat."

For anyone wanting to help prepare meals and/or make a contribution, you need to register at <http://events.stophungernow.org/RotaryClubSouthJacksonville>. Each volunteer is asked to make a contribution of \$50, which will pay for 172 meals. For more information, go to SouthJaxRotary.org or RiseAgainstHunger.org.



German exchange student and violinist Janne Pelz with Mike Darragh, club member and pianist.

Encouraging neighbors to 'Share the Journey'

A local call to prayer, a global campaign



Bishop Felipe J. Estévez of the Catholic Diocese of Saint Augustine said a special mass Sept. 27 at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception as part of Pope Francis's worldwide launch of the two-year "Share the Journey" campaign, calling on the faithful to support refugees through prayer and acts of compassion.

The prayer service, which included multicultural readings, music, and dress, marked the beginning of the effort to bring awareness of the plight of refugees and encourage others to answer the Gospel's call to "love our neighbor."

Help end hunger in this lifetime

Join the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville and the Bishop Kenny Interact Club in the movement to end hunger in this lifetime at the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing event. One hundred volunteers are needed to reach the goal to package 14,040 or more meals on Oct. 7, 2-6:30 p.m. at Bishop Kenny High School, 1055 Kingman Ave. Can't pack? Help Rotary reach the donation goal of \$4,071. Visit <http://events.stophungernow.org/RotaryClubSouthJacksonville>.

Benghazi Tribute, Honoring America

Famed film director Dinesh D'Souza, Congressman DeSantis and prominent guests expressed their deep concern for everyone in Irma's path and will speak at the America at a Crossroads event. The rescheduled event date will be December 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront.

Dinesh D'Souza
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Want to get involved in the community? Sometimes it just takes a little push to do something, from the smallest gesture to the grand donation. Get ready to get nudged.

BY MARIAN JOHNS, RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

As we inch closer to the end of another year, it's the perfect time to think about charitable giving tax deductions and, although October is traditionally National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, let's shine a light on all cancers and especially those who are working to knock out a disease which has affected nearly everyone's family at some point.

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), by the end of 2017, there will be an estimated 1,688,780 new cancer cases. The American Cancer Society has been leading the fight against cancer since 1913 through education programs, cancer research funding, patient support services and advocacy. There are several ways you can make a difference by supporting this nationwide, community-based organization.

VOLUNTEER: Check with ACS cancer patient services to drive cancer patients to and from treatment (Road To Recovery), help patients learn beauty techniques and how to feel better about themselves during treatment (Look Good Feel Better), volunteer at the Hope Lodge, or help out at the local ACS office. Participate in the upcoming Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser on October 21 at Metro Park, or join in the community Relay For Life events. Kick up your heels at the annual Cowford Ball on November 24 at the Morocco Shrine Center and help raise funds for patient services and cancer research. Visit cancer.org or call (904) 346-5481 for more information.

DONATE: Sponsor someone who is participating in ACS events or donate funds online at cancer.org.

The Britt Family Did Something

To those who know the Britt family, it's not surprising to see their strong commitment and involvement in helping those who are fighting cancer, because it's very personal for the Britts.

Reverend Stephen Britt, Rector at San Jose Episcopal Church, lost his father to cancer. That loss, which touched Britt and his family deeply, inspired his daughter Katherine to form a Relay For Life team from San Jose Episcopal.

"We were aware of the great work of Relay For Life through a friend and church member, Bobbi Clower. I have done the opening prayer at the event for several years," Britt said. "But when my father died at only 71 of cancer, it was really Katherine who said, 'I'd like to captain a team for San Jose.'"

"I guess part of it for me is second nature and also how I've been raised," said Katherine, whose team raised over \$10,000 during last year's Relay For Life.



Carol, Katherine and Stephen Britt

This year, Britt, his wife, Carol, and Katherine will once again be a part of the important ACS fundraiser for which they have already helped to raise nearly \$8,000.

"You cannot miss the suffering if you look out into the world, and I suppose the only response that seems right to me is to try to help where I can," Katherine said.



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— Katherine Britt

Ortega attorney leads pack locally, in Top 10 nationally for Real Men Wear Pink

Four of the 36 Jacksonville area men involved in raising funds for the American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink campaign are in the Top 100 nationally from among 2,477 candidates.

Attorney John Phillips, of Ortega, ranks No. 8 with \$15,071 as of the end of September. In the No. 23 position is Franklin Danley with \$10,100, David

Hodges' \$3,850 puts him in the No. 83 position and Bill Grant is No. 94 with \$3,650 in donations.

Each Real Men Wear Pink candidate was given a \$2,500 fundraising challenge and will help raise awareness of breast cancer by wearing pink throughout the campaign.

The campaign began July 21 and runs through Friday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. The man who raises the most funds will be recognized at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 8 a.m.

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Regular mammograms caught breast cancer early

San Jose resident grateful for recovery, support

By Lilla Ross
Resident Community News

Mammograms were part of Michele Steinfeld's routine. She started having them annually when she turned 40 and now at age 65, she didn't think too much about it. So, the phone call from the doctor's office caught her off guard.

There was a little spot. It looked suspicious. She needed a diagnostic mammogram. Then a needle biopsy.

She was out running errands when she got the call from the doctor with the diagnosis.

"She told me, 'If you're in your car, find a safe place to pull over,'" Steinfeld recalled. "I knew what she was going to tell me, so I told her I'd rather talk to her from home. We set up a time and I finished my errands. I went to Publix and bought glazed donuts for lunch."

Steinfeld said she was on a sugar high when she heard that she had cancer.

"I just went full steam ahead," Steinfeld said. "I just wanted it out of me. I never cried, once."

She was a busy volunteer, a wife, the mother of three grown sons and shifting into grandmother mode. She now has four grandkids.

She and her husband, David, both Jacksonville natives, live in the Villages of San Jose. Steinfeld, then Zavon, grew up on Lakewood Road in San Marco and attended Hendricks Elementary, Landon Middle and Wolfson High School.

When her father died in 1973, her mother opened the Shoe Rack on Hendricks Avenue, which Steinfeld helped her run for 18 years.

"Retail is in my blood," she said. When she and her husband moved to Milwaukee, Wis., in 1994, she got a job at Marshall Field.

Steinfeld said she never got used to the winters and "the two weeks of summer."

"After nine long winters," the Steinfelds returned to Jacksonville. She worked for four years at Jewish Community Alliance. She still volunteers at JCA and also at River Garden Hebrew Home and Kelsi Young Gift of Care Luncheon for Community Hospice.

And in June 2014, three weeks before her 66th birthday, Steinfeld found herself on the phone with her primary care doctor discussing surgeons. She had wanted three names, so she could check them out, but he convinced her to see Dr. Jeffrey Edwards at Baptist South.

"I had a wonderful team. I was so lucky it was caught early. They took a terrible situation and made it palatable. My oncologist told me, 'you're going to be fine.' And I told him, 'Of course, I'm going to be fine. That's my only option.'"

She scheduled the surgery for June 25. "My birthday is June 23 and I wasn't going to have it on my birthday," she said.

She opted for a lumpectomy.

"There were three things I really wanted. I wanted to wake up after a lumpectomy, not a mastectomy, and I did. If, when they go in, they find out it's worse, they'll do a mastectomy and you don't know going in what it will be.

"I wanted no lymph node involvement and there wasn't.

"And I didn't want to have a port for chemo and I didn't."

After recovering from surgery, she had four chemo and 33 radiation treatments.



Michele Steinfeld

Steinfeld said she didn't join a support group because she had her own personal support group in her family.

"The love and support of my husband and three sons was unbelievable," she said. Her sons lived in California, Wisconsin and Washington, D.C., and took turns coming to be with her.

"I always had someone with me," she said. "My oldest son got family leave and moved down here and worked remotely."

When her hair fell out, her sons said they were going to shave their heads in solidarity. "I told them I'd wring their necks if they did, so they didn't, but then my brother David did," Steinfeld said.

Her husband offered to go with her when she decided to have her own head shaved, but she knew they would both end up in tears, so she went on her own.

The stylist refused to shave her head, and told her she wasn't going to let her leave wearing a baseball cap. Instead she gave her a buzz cut, a style that brought compliments from the family.

She also learned the value of exercising the days before her treatments. "You have no idea how much stress you're getting rid of when you exercise," she said. "Your body and mind are in a good place when you go in for a treatment."

Steinfeld said the support of her family and her positive attitude got her through her five-month ordeal.

"Anyone who doesn't get regular mammograms is making a big mistake," Steinfeld said. "Catch it early when something can be done. Don't think it will go away, because it will only get worse."

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Twelve children, ages 7 to 16, were "signed" as the inaugural TaxSlayer Bowl Dream Team as representatives and ambassadors for the TaxSlayer Bowl through their participation on the Dream Team.

Over the 13 weeks of the college football regular season, each of the dreamers – identified by Dreams Come True – will be highlighted individually and also receive an individualized special time which will utilize collegiate sports to develop unique, memorable experiences of interest to the individual dreamer.

Special times for Preston Fowler, Darian Dinkins, Gage Spurlock, Devon Zona, Gregory Howard, Carson Jacobs, Braiden Crowley, Jacob Lopez, Summer Bridges, Andrew Eunice, Aaron Eunice and Miles

Watts can range from scouting trips to SEC, ACC or Big Ten football games to behind the scene experiences, meet and greets or in-game opportunities at this year's TaxSlayer Bowl.

At the conclusion of the college football regular season, the Dream Team will graduate from their Dream Team jerseys to TaxSlayer Bowl green jackets, officially making them honorary Dream Team members of the TaxSlayer Bowl committee.

The Dream Team experience will include a meet-and-greet with participating team players and cheerleaders in the Dream Room at Wolfson Children's Hospital in late December and conclude with being honored during the 73rd annual TaxSlayer Bowl on Saturday, December 30.



Front, seated: Gage Spurlock and Jacob Lopez; middle, standing: Aaron Eunice, Miles Watts, Braiden Crowley and Andrew Eunice; back: Carson Jacobs, Gregory Howard, Preston Fowler, Darian Dinkins, Summer Bridges and Devon Zona

Bishop Kenny community supports Hurricane Harvey relief

Before anyone ever heard of Irma there was Harvey. In response to the overwhelming needs of the residents of Houston, the Bishop Kenny Community initiated a school-wide collection for the benefit of Catholic Charities of Galveston-Houston.

Members of the administration, faculty, staff, and student body were asked to contribute \$5 to Hurricane Harvey relief. The collection, which was interrupted by the cancellation of school due to Hurricane Irma, was matched dollar-for-dollar by the school.

A check in the amount of \$23,050 was presented to Superintendent of Catholic Schools Deacon Scott Conway at the Bishop Kenny High School homecoming pep rally Sept. 22. The money will be added to a Diocesan-wide collection and sent to Catholic Charities of Galveston-Houston.



Superintendent of Catholic Schools Deacon Scott Conway accepts a check from senior students Sydney Moran and Madeline Ward, and Principal Todd Orlando.

Hendricks Avenue students take part in safety video

More than half a million elementary students and 200,000 middle school students in the State of Florida will view a new youth safety video produced by the Monique Burr Foundation for Children, but only those in Duval County may recognize 22 of the students, including Hendricks Avenue Elementary students Brooke and Bridget Curry, shown here with Principal Mindy McLendon. The video premiered on Sept. 6 and can be seen on YouTube. Search for Will Harden - Safety Matters.



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Inaugural BK Sailing Team



Bishop Kenny High School's inaugural sailing team

The Bishop Kenny High School Athletic Department introduced a new program, a sailing team, to its curriculum this fall.

In August, all aspiring Bishop Kenny sailors and their parents attended an informational meeting about the program which is being sponsored in partnership with the Florida Yacht Club.

FYC's Sailing Center will serve as home base for the student sailors.

"We were very pleased with the number of students and parents that attended the initial meeting and are proud to announce that BK's inaugural Sailing Team has 20 enthusiastic members" said Mark Thorson, Bishop Kenny athletic director.

BK parents Jodi Weinbecker, waterfront director at Florida Yacht Club, and Tim Monahan, a BK graduate and Yacht Club member, brought the proposal for the program to Vice Principal Vincent Saladino and Thorson last spring.

"We are excited to be putting more young people on the water and training them not only to compete in their high school and



Front: Vice Principal Vincent Saladino, Florida Yacht Club Waterfront Director Jodi Weinbecker; back: Athletic Director Mark Thorson, FYC Junior Sailing Director Dustin Comer, and Principal Todd Orlando

possibly college careers, but also to embrace sailing as a lifelong activity," said Weinbecker.

The team, which will compete in regattas throughout Florida and as far away as North Carolina, will be coached by Weinbecker and Dustin Domer, FYC Junior Sailing Director. Both coaches bring a great deal of experience and knowledge about the world of sailing. Team members, both novice and experienced, will sail on Club 420 two-person crafts owned by the Yacht Club.

Skiles named Scholar/Athlete of Week

San Marco resident Sam Skiles, a senior at Stanton College Preparatory School, was named the 1010XL Scholar/Athlete of the week Sept. 21.

Skiles was interviewed live by afternoon drive talk show host Frank Frangie, along with Brent Martineau, sports director for ActionNews Jax. Frangie is also the radio play-by-play voice of the Jaguars.

"I started running track in eighth grade and knew I could run pretty well," said Skiles in the interview. "I like the team aspect in cross country. I like being able to run and compete and do my best to win."

A varsity cross country and track participant, Skiles is a member of the National Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society, was a National Merit Scholar quarterfinalist,



Brent Martineau, Sam Skiles, Frank Frangie

and volunteers at the North Florida School of Special Education camps and Young Life's Southwind Camp. He has applied to the University of Florida and plans to major in chemistry and engineering.

All Duval County Public School Athletics weekly winners are eligible for a \$2,500 scholarship which will be awarded at the Gateway Conference Banquet in May.

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Whitehurst Campus
November 14, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Middle School (6-8) Open House for Parents

Bartram Campus
November 7, 2017 at 9 a.m.
Bartram Campus
November 9, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Lower School (PreK-5) Open House for Parents

Ponte Vedra Beach Campus
November 8, 2017 at 9 a.m.
Ponte Vedra Beach Campus
November 28, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Upper School (9-12) Open House for Parents

San Jose Campus
October 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.*
San Jose Campus
November 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

*The October 6 Open House includes a "Bolles for a Day" experience for prospective Upper School parents and students. Please visit www.Bolles.org for additional "Bolles for a Day" dates.

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Mattie Sacks peers over a pile of chocolate chip cookies and thank-you notes.

Third-grade student sends over \$1,500 to Texas Diaper Bank

Mattie Sacks, a third-grade student at Hendricks Avenue Elementary School, put her love for baking to philanthropic use last month.

The San Marco resident raised more than \$750 for the Texas Diaper Bank for Hurricane Harvey relief selling chocolate chip cookies.

"She wanted to give to the diaper bank because we have one-year-old twins, and she said if we had to evacuate we would need a lot of diapers," said her mother, Meg Sacks.

Mattie also made cookies out of construction paper with felt chocolate chips as thank-you cards for those who donated but wanted a "virtual" cookie instead for dietary or distance reasons. She received a lot of long distance donations.

After making and individually wrapping about 250 cookies using the Nestlé® Toll House® chocolate chip cookie recipe, Mattie then delivered them all around town.

"She loves to bake, ever since she watched an American Girl movie about the character



Mattie Sacks mixes cookies to sell for hurricane relief.

Grace, who helps her grandparents in a bakery," said Sacks. "It was really amazing to me how generous everyone was. I was expecting she'd be able to raise about \$100, which for an 8-year-old is still a lot of money, but everyone was just so thoughtful and supportive of her effort. I think this has taught her how easy it is to use her passions to help others, and that people can be so kind and loving during a crisis."

Mattie's dentist, Dr. Jila Mahajan at Kid's First Dentistry at Roosevelt Square Mall, plans to match the donation, sending over \$1,500 to the diaper bank.

Aquatic Center dedicated for former Episcopal student



The new Elizabeth Simpson Walton Aquatic Center at The Episcopal School of Jacksonville.

The new aquatic center at The Episcopal School of Jacksonville was dedicated on August 30 in memory of Elizabeth (Beppy) Simpson Walton, Class of 1971.

Walton's family, friends and Episcopal community members attended, including her siblings Bill '70, Missy '74, Lon '77, and Raymur '85.

The Rev. Adam Greene welcomed the crowd of more than 100 guests and invited Bill Walton '70 to speak on behalf of the family. Bill shared her considerable achievements throughout her many years of swimming and spoke about her as hardworking, funny, honest and loyal, and a person who lived her life with great dignity. He also reflected on the summers of swimming at the Florida Yacht Club in the early 1960s and the bonds of friendship created there.

Many of Walton's teammates from those years attended the dedication, as well as classmates, friends, and swimmers whom Walton had coached.

Tom Tygart, a local attorney who coached the Florida Yacht Club swim team when Wlaton started swimming, said she was "a tiny, freckle-faced redhead who was a fierce competitor. Coaches like to say 'leave it all in the pool,' and Beppy did that for every race."

Bill Walton also talked about the upgrades to the facility. Episcopal's new Elizabeth Simpson Walton Aquatic Center features a pool with boys and girls locker and changing rooms, an elevated spectator observation deck, coaches' offices, restrooms and pool deck showers. The complex also includes a new pump house and pool system that will allow the pool to be heated and cooled, providing a single-temperature pool all year round for Episcopal and AmberJax swimmers. The pool deck has been enlarged, creating a better experience for visiting teams during meets. Access to the new concessions stand is also part of the facility's redesign.



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Local businessman shares knowledge with Bolles students

Craig Pedroni, of Pedroni's Cast Stone on the Westside, shared the commercial side of sculpting with art students at The Bolles School, where his family's business has completed stone work for many years. He was invited by Jim Smith, visual arts instructor at Bolles, to the campus Sept. 7.

Pedroni spoke to Smith's sculpture students about some of the processes and tools he uses for his designs. He also took students and faculty on a walking tour of the Upper School San Jose Campus and Bolles Hall,



Jim Smith, visual arts teacher, with Craig Pedroni

where they admired different architectural elements and ornamental stone pieces.

The entrance signage for the Bolles Upper School San Jose and Middle School Bartram campuses, for example, are Pedroni works. The crests on each building on all campuses also were designed and crafted by Pedroni – as well as the benches throughout the San Jose Campus.

Pedroni is a third-generation craftsman in his family's cast stone business and now owns and operates the company. His grandfather, Andrew Frank Pedroni, immigrated to the United States in 1910, after receiving his training from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Carrera, Italy, majoring in sculpture and modeling, and doing advanced work in marble and granite stone cutting. In the 1920s, Andrew Frank Pedroni began working as a sculptor in the Jacksonville area and soon after World War II ended, Andrew Frank Pedroni and his sons, Frank and Chris, formed Southern Ornamental Cast Stone Works in Jacksonville, Florida by purchasing Jacksonville Concrete Products.



Bolles Upper School San Jose Campus students take tour of facility with Craig Pedroni

Episcopal honors Jangros, dedicates stadium

A new 1,000-seat stadium at The Episcopal School of Jacksonville's McCormick Sports Complex was dedicated in honor of Susan and Joe Jangro and their four sons, David '05, Stephen '07, Jake '14 and Nick '16, during the halftime of the first home Varsity Football game of the season on Sept. 22.

The Jangros have been involved at Episcopal since their oldest son, David, enrolled in 1999. Susan served on the Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2015 and was a member of the Board's executive committee for many years. She has also served as co-chair, along with Thad McNulty, of the Lead the Way Campaign, which raised \$17 million to build the stadium and other new facilities and endowment. Joe served on and chaired the Foundation Board for the school. The four Jangro sons were involved in rowing, tennis, soccer, lacrosse, football and wrestling.

"Episcopal was a great experience for each of our sons," said Susan. "The school holds a special place for our entire family. We feel such gratitude for the way the school prepared our boys for the next steps in their lives, and for the lasting friendships that all of us made through the Episcopal community."

The school's desire to build a new stadium that would provide a better facility for weightlifting, swimming, and increased space for coaches and teams using Pajcic-Hunt Field began years ago as the school's athletics program grew. With the Jangro sons actively involved in sports, the parents



Jangro Stadium at The Episcopal School of Jacksonville (Photo by Laura Evans Photography)

understood the need for better facilities which reflected the strength of our programs.

"Susan and Joe Jangro exemplify what we mean when we talk about the great people in the Episcopal community," said Adam Greene, Head of School. "Their leadership in this campaign has been all the more remarkable for the fact that their children all graduated before we completed these new facilities. They love Episcopal and want others to benefit from it. We are honored to welcome Jangro Stadium to our campus in honor of this special family."

Jangro Stadium features a new, larger weight room, team meeting rooms, a new press box with three separate rooms, coaches offices, public restrooms, locker rooms and a new concessions stand that can manage events at the pool and stadium concurrently. The team meeting rooms have room dividers which allow the spaces to be converted into smaller rooms. An observation deck above the concessions stand allows patrons to watch swimmers in the pool or a game on Pajcic-Hunt Field.



Cameron Frison, Wolfson High School Class of 2020, is this year's person under the school mascot, Wolfie. Frison poses with former mascot Charlotte Wynn Maret, Class of '79.

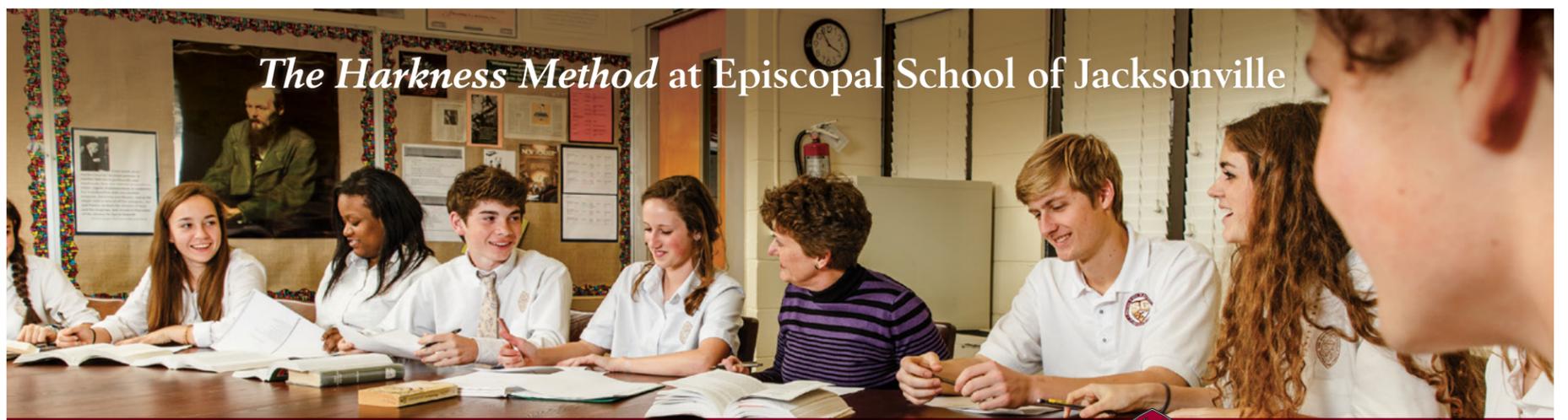
Alumni turn out for Wolfson homecoming

Wolfson High School alumni from 1966 to 2017 were part of the action Sept. 29 at the annual homecoming festivities. Former Wolfpack band members, cheerleaders and football players took part in some of their former high school day activities, cheering with alumni cheerleaders, playing with the alumni band or walking with alumni football players.

Wolfson played the Terry Park High School Braves, who unfortunately shut out the Wolfpack 45-0.

The alumni activities, organized by Cindy Howell Pearson, Class of '88, were sponsored by Friends of Wolfson, whose motto is "We back the pack."

"We are thrilled with the turnout at our first alumni Homecoming event. More than 900 people attended the game," said Pearson. "At least 100 of them were alumni representing six decades of Wolfpack graduates. We look forward to making this an annual tradition."



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This photo, dating to 1883, of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in Mandarin, shows church members and the Rector. Later on a window by Louis Comfort Tiffany was installed at the church to honor Harriet Beecher Stowe and her husband Calvin Stowe, who had been longtime members of the Mandarin community. The Tiffany window was lost to Hurricane Dora in 1964. (Photo courtesy of the Jacksonville Historical Society, from its archives. To learn more, visit jaxhistory.org or call (904) 665-0064.)

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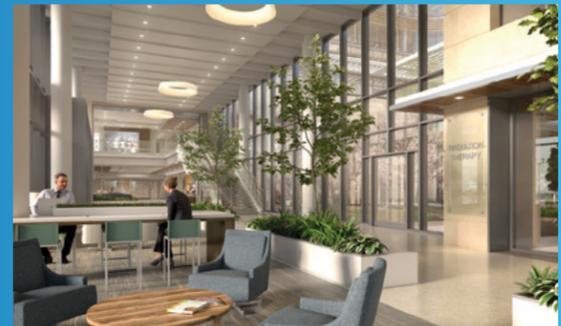
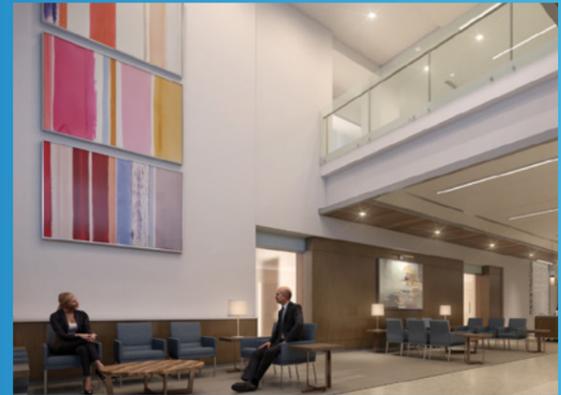


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