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The festival atmosphere of old-time Havana complete with authentic cigars, mojitos and casino games greeted Caroline Patsy, Jean Barnes and Dr. Samantha Barnes during Morning Star School's 8th annual gala in the Haskell Building.

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Hightower Honored by Friends and Family

Martha Barrett and The Honorable Gary P. Flower celebrated Mike Hightower's second retirement from public service during a party at the Ortega home of Betsy Lovett.

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Civic Orchestra raises funds, celebrates donors

Dr. Mitchell Terk and his wife Nadine, president of the Civic Orchestra of Jacksonville President, enjoyed an evening with friends, fellow musicians and their best and brightest supporters. The Civic Orchestra of Jacksonville hosted their gala at the Garden Club of Jacksonville in Riverside, Oct. 17.

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Art with a heart

Megan Terry and Laura Collins joined Don and Karen Wolfson in supporting pediatric heart patients during the Patrons of the Heart's annual Artscape fundraiser Oct. 25

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Residents share concerns during DeFoor Town Hall

By Jennifer Edwards, Resident Community News

More than 100 residents, city and elected officials, including At-Large City Council Members Matt Carlucci and Tommy Hazouri gathered for Councilwoman Randy DeFoor's first area town hall since her election in May of this year. The meeting was conducted at Riverside Presbyterian Church Oct. 24.

During the meeting, DeFoor, who represents District 14, and others shared a laundry list of possible city projects and concerns, including traffic calming, Riverside Park improvements and a bill called J-1 that would make the Duval Superintendent of Schools a mayor-appointed position. A large portion of the night was spent on talk of beautifying and improving public spaces.

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At-Large Group 4 Councilman Matt Carlucci addresses the crowd during a town hall sponsored by District 14 Councilwoman Randy DeFoor Oct. 24.



Royal affair

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Members of the JDRF Board of Directors toast honoree Steven Halverson and his wife, Diane, before the 19th Annual JDRF Miracles Gala at the Sawgrass Marriott Oct. 19.

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Fate of former Deluxe Laundry and Cleaners building still uncertain

By **Kandace Lankford**
Resident community News

The long vacant former Deluxe Laundry and Cleaners building has remained greatly unchanged for the past several years, except for the boards put over the windows after the building was condemned in February.

But a special magistrate hearing, held Oct. 10 ruled that building owner Anthony Saleeba has 90 days to correct the building's code violations, including a leaky and damaged roof, broken windows, mold and mildew, unfinished walls and other deterioration. Failure to comply within the 90 days could result in fines or demolition of the building.

There has been an ongoing battle about plans to open The Roost, a proposed 150-seat restaurant, which has been put on hold for more than four years due to a court case filed by opponents who disagreed with the Jacksonville City Council's decision in 2016 to approve the Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning.

The Council's decision overrode the current CRO zoning and historical overlay, which states that only small retail, mixed use and restaurants up to 60 seats are allowed to be developed by exception while following standards that protect the character and historic appeal of Riverside.

In April 2018, the First District Court of Appeals unanimously ruled in favor of a group of Riverside residents who petitioned against The Roost. The judges determined the opponents have the right to appeal City Council's decision to allow the PUD. The case has been returned to the Circuit Court, and a hearing date has not been set.



The building that formerly housed Deluxe Laundry and Cleaners on Oak Street in Riverside remains in disrepair.

After the City condemned the building in February, a special magistrate hearing was scheduled and took place in June. At that time, building owner Anthony Saleeba was given 90 days to correct the violations, but did not comply.

A letter dated Aug. 13, written by Attorney Paul Hardin to Ted Stein, who, along with J.C. Demetree, is the developer of The Roost, stated the following, "Please tell Saleeba to convey to the Magistrate regarding the condemnation issue that the delay is as a result of lack of activity from people other than him."

What Hardin was referring to, as indicated in the letter, was the result of the City's filing of a motion to dismiss the court case. "This is to confirm we are awaiting an order from the Court providing an oral argument date. The briefing activity has been completed by us and the Plaintiffs, but the City filed a motion to dismiss. The Judge wants to hold the oral argument after

the ruling on the motion to dismiss, and the City has filed a response. We have asked them to move apace. As soon as we get a hearing date on the oral argument, we will let you know," the letter said.

Neither Saleeba nor Stein responded to emails or telephone calls from *The Resident* for an interview. However, Kevin Pettway, one of the circuit suit plaintiffs who is also a part of the Positive Riverside Optimized Urban Development citizen group, otherwise known as PROUD, expressed satisfaction with the way things have progressed thus far.

"I always assumed that we would be steamrolled by the massive apparatus on the other side of this issue, both by their money and their extensive contacts within the city government. The fact that this is still ongoing is a testament to the power of the hundreds and hundreds of neighborhood residents who united, stood up and said, "These are our homes, and we do not want your bar here." I am so proud to be among them."

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Work underway to underground utilities in Ortega Point

By Kandace Lankford
Resident Community News

A grassroots effort by Ortega Point residents to have overhead electric, telephone and cable television lines converted to underground utilities is gaining momentum, as discussed in an informational meeting held by JEA Oct. 23 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Those affected by the Ortega Point North Overhead to Underground Utility Conversion Project, including Ortega Point residents as well as some residents south of Grand Ave., had the opportunity to ask questions and view renderings of the project after a presentation by JEA representatives that outlined the details, including the costs and the timeline.

At least 75% of the property owners within the area signed a petition in favor of funding the project, and the ordinance for the neighborhood special assessment was approved by the City Council June 25.

"This is one of the largest projects that we've done since I've been at JEA, as far as the grassroots overhead to underground project, and I've been with the JEA about 20 years," said Gregory S. Corcoran, JEA manager of Community Involvement & Project Outreach. "As far as getting that many neighbors together for a project this size, it's a big success."

John Donahoo was one of the residents who rallied his neighbors to agree to the project by going door-to-door to talk to them about the benefits of undergrounding, which includes less susceptibility to power outages caused by wind, trees or animals. He said the process was well worth it. "It started right after the last hurricane. We spent a couple of days going around collecting signatures back in 2017, and we spent basically all of 2018 collecting signatures. We finished early this year. We had a great time doing it, and only about seven out of the 122 were not in favor," he said.

The JEA project includes undergrounding the lines from the right of way to the transformer, but does not require individual service conversions from the right of way to the structure. Property owners have the option of financing the additional cost of connecting the undergrounded utilities from the right of way to their property's structure. For those who choose to retain overhead service, a riser pole will be placed or remain at an appropriate location in the public right of way to support the overhead service.

Each property owner is responsible for paying over \$12,000. The annual assessment is for a 20-year term, with a 4.97% interest rate. An extra 3.5% will be added for tax collector and property appraiser fees and

assessments, and 3.5% for early payment adjustment recovery. The estimated annual assessment over a period of 20 years is \$1,075 per year – more than \$20,000 per parcel if not paid in full initially. Those who choose to pay off the balance at once will not be subjected to finance charges and fees will not accrue.

Three utilities are splitting the cost, which is over \$1.5 million. JEA's estimated project costs are \$1,123,717, AT&T's are \$234,000 and Comcast's are \$186,546. When split evenly amongst the 122 parcels that are part of the project, the price equates to \$12,555 per parcel.

Homeowner Marshall Dixon has mixed feelings about the project. "Am I in favor? Yes and no. It will look better, but they need to get their costs down. It's extremely too high," he said.

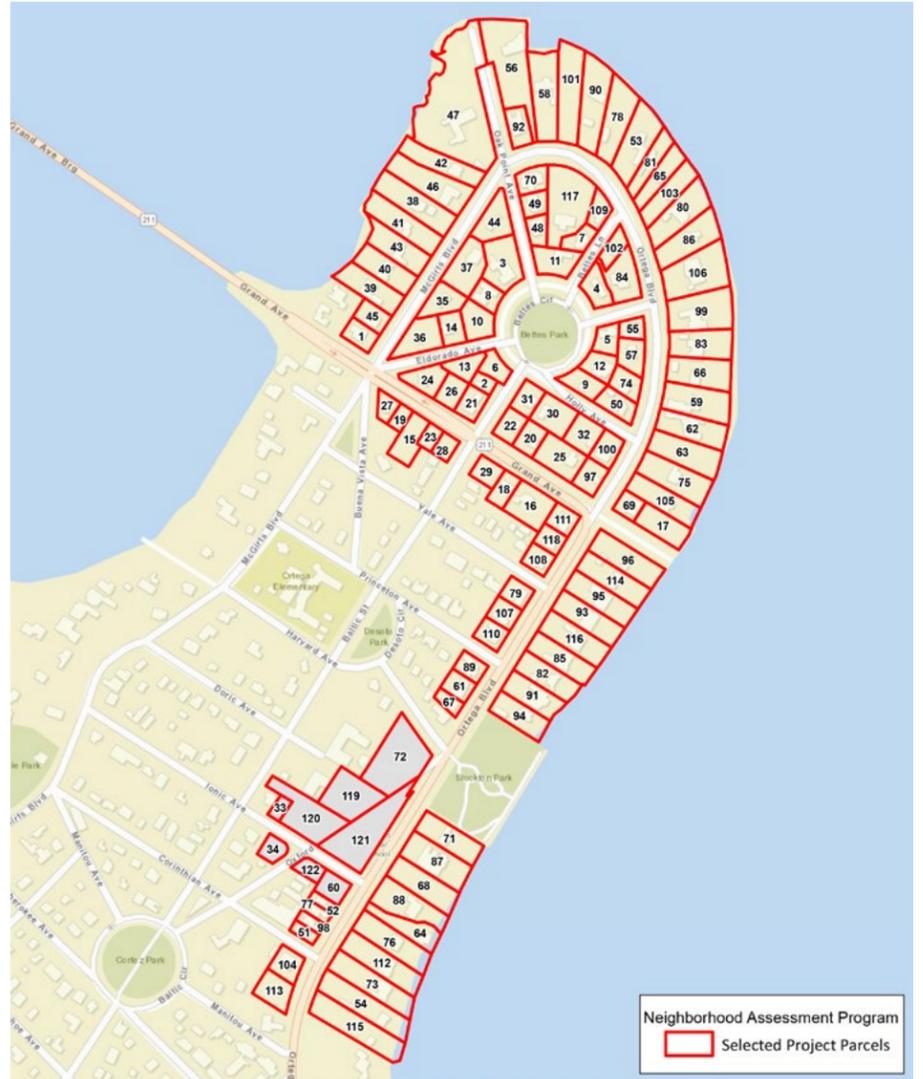
During the next couple of months, residents can expect to see paint marks, flags and survey markers on the ground throughout the project area. Starting early next year, the JEA contractor will install the new conduit and cabling using horizontal directional drilling, a minimal impact trenchless method of installing underground utilities. However, there will be minimal trench work and excavation during the construction.

JEA will also be installing new historic style "acorn" streetlights throughout the project area, similar to the ones found along sections of Ortega Blvd. JEA representatives stated during the meeting that RAP is working with the City regarding the type of bulbs that will go in the streetlights.

"My thoughts on the JEA project all in all are very positive. I think what they've done along Ortega Blvd is very attractive," said Raymur Rachels, adding that she is not pleased about the LED bulbs that come along with the new streetlights. "I don't want to pay \$12,000 to have a light shining into my window." Rachels also expressed concern about radiation exposure from the digital smart meters that are replacing the analog meters.

During the question and answer session, many inquired about the potential impacts to their property. JEA representatives said that upon completion of the project, any roads, curbs, grass, sod, sidewalks and more would be returned to pre-construction condition.

Corcoran advised the meeting attendees of what to expect for the duration of the project, which is scheduled to be complete in the spring of 2021. "There are going to be three different utilities working in your neighborhood. You've got JEA, Comcast, and AT&T and they all have to do their own



The Ortega North Point Overhead to Underground Utility Conversion project will affect 122 homes. The 18-month project is expected to be finished in the Spring of 2021.

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JEA manager of Community Involvement & Project Outreach.

survey work. They're all going to be coming in at different times.

"What's good about horizontal drilling is it's not really impactful, but what's bad about it is people don't understand that we are actually doing construction in the area. You need to understand that we are working for the next 18 months and your neighborhood is a construction site. You are going to see flags; you are going to see

paint; you are going to see dirt; you are going to see grass come up – that is the nature of construction.

"When we are finished we are going to put it back, it's going to look great. But understand this is your notice. This is your notice of flags, paint, dirt, digging, trucks, loud noises – all of that. All of that is part of construction. You need to be prepared for that," he said.

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School merger will strengthen Episcopal education, grow programs

By Kandace Lankford
Resident Community News

In a letter released last month, St. Mark's Episcopal Day School (SMEDS) and Episcopal School of Jacksonville (ESJ) jointly announced that the two would become one. Effective July 1, 2020, SMEDS will merge into ESJ. According to the letter, an agreement governing the terms of the merger was signed Oct. 11. The letter said, the decision was made after much contemplation and prayerful deliberation, and many thoughtful discussions between the boards of the respective

schools and members of their communities. The letter also stated that the members of leadership dedicated themselves to the due diligence process and considered the feedback and questions received, input from counsel, and they explored the legal and financial impacts on both organizations, before solidifying the decision.

An excerpt from the letter described the thought behind the decision. "We firmly believe that the joining of the two schools creates an opportunity for both to strengthen quality Episcopal education in the Diocese of Florida, for our programs to grow in depth and breadth, and for our students,

faculty, staff, and families to be enriched by the expansion of our schools' communities. This partnership between the schools and the church ensures the continuation of spiritual formation in the lives of our students," it said.

The merger was approved by the ESJ and SMEDS boards of trustees, the vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church Foundation Board of Trustees, The Right Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard, Bishop of Florida, and the Episcopal Diocese of Florida.

SMEDS will continue to operate as an independent school until the merger takes place.

Riverside Park overhaul FROM PAGE 1

Planned park improvements

Several members of Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) were also in attendance as well as members of the Murray Hill Preservation Association. So was Daryl Joseph, director of Jacksonville Parks, Recreation and Community Services. He said the city had "some exciting things planned with regard to Riverside Park."

The city had set aside \$2 million for improvements but may have to increase that dollar amount if it wants to do it right, as it is an entryway into the area, he said. DeFoor said later the park would get "a complete overhaul" but right now, the city wanted to get "a plan for a plan." To accomplish that would involve reaching out to community members and associations and figuring out what improvements residents would like to see, as well as their thoughts on the duck pond, which she described as hard to maintain.

Joseph also said that there are ideas on the table to beautify John Murray Forbes Park. The

city is working with RAP and St. Vincent's Hospital, which is adjacent to turn the park into a space everyone can use, he said.

Jose Lazcano, Murray Hill Preservation Association board member, was also on hand to promote efforts to clean and showcase the park across from Ruth N. Upson Elementary School in Murray Hill. He said the group would have "Murray Hill Day" Saturday, Nov. 9, an all-day event on the corner of Kingsbury and Dancy, set to include a park cleanup in the morning, a fundraiser for the school, live music and a free movie in the park.

School bill

On the political side, one of the first topics discussed was the J-1 bill, which if passed by voters, would call for the City Superintendent of Schools to be elected rather than appointed by the school board.

"It appears that the J1 Bill was in response to the Superintendent and School Board request for a half-cents sale tax. The School

"...some exciting things planned with regard to Riverside Park."

— Daryl Joseph, City director of parks, recreation and community services

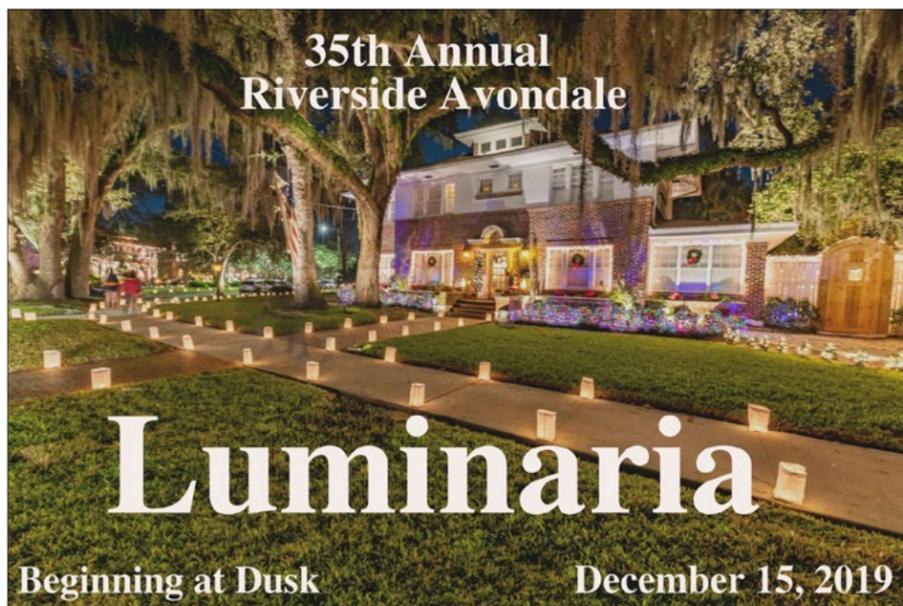
Board actually has the authority to ask that the Superintendent be elected and they have not made such a request," she said after the meeting. "If you look at school districts in large municipalities, no one has an elected superintendent. It is not in the best interest of our community."

DeFoor voted to pass At-Large Group 4 City Councilman Matt Carlucci's resolution against the bill at the last city council meeting but the vote was tied 9-9 and the resolution was considered defeated, Carlucci said. The

bill was introduced by state Rep. Jason Fischer, a former school board member. If it passes a local delegation and then the Florida Senate and House, it would then go to voters as a referendum.

Carlucci attended the meeting and spoke fondly of DeFoor, saying that even though their early interactions during council discussions were adversarial in nature, they have come to respect each other.

DeFoor said she is working on a town hall in Murray Hill next.



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Association looks to clothe 'naked' Park and King area poles

New sign a step toward beautifying shopping district

By Jennifer Edwards
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Park and King Street Neighborhood Association merchants are planning to add a new sign, marking the area for visitors, in hopes it will be a small step on the way to a more pleasing public space.

The association met Oct. 10 to work on selecting a conservative "wayfaring" sign that would delineate the area, but during the meeting also turned discussion toward the 100 poles throughout the intersection. Park and King Area Association President Jim Love described them as "naked" since the city fixed the poles' arms last year, because little has been placed on them so far.

"We are a destination and we want people to know that," Love said. "We just want (the marker) so we can do other things. I want to do more, but I want to get started first."

The sign, which will be maroon and feature the words "historic district" and a logo version



Association members are also discussing ways to brand the area and businesses, using formalized banners, as well as to possibly introduce public art on the poles.



of the historic Life sculpture in Memorial Park, is to be installed in about a month on King Street in the median between Oak Street and Herschel, so that visitors view it as they enter the historic Park and King streets area. One version features solar lights and, as of early October, the size was still being considered. Riverside Avondale Preservation Executive Director Warren Jones said the style mimics a sign that is already in the Riverside Historic District.

The font will be in keeping with other signage, and Love said the association kept it plain instead of shelling out for a fancier version because signs don't always endure in the area.

"A lot of times they get knocked down by cars," he said. "It probably won't last too long."

The sign will likely cost far less than the \$1,400 or so the association has saved, and Love and others are eyeing other uses for the remaining funds. On the discussion table: Public art and uniform banners announcing businesses and the neighborhood.

Love said the association has finalized a uniform design for banners on the poles, but that businesses would need to purchase their own.

"We would also have Park and King banners, but there is a cost to them, maybe \$100 a banner. They are not cheap, and we don't have enough money," for the association to pay for that many, Love explained.

"There are generic banners for businesses, with the same maroon color, that doesn't say a business name but has an icon, like a hot dog or a mug of beer," Love continued. "Businesses would pay for the banners themselves. We are still in the beginning phase. We haven't marketed it but as soon as we do that, hopefully we will have some people put some art up."

But with 200 spaces to fill – 2 per pole – he said there would still be a lot of space left over, even with business and neighborhood banners. He and others think public art, perhaps metal art that will endure, might be the way to go.

City Councilwoman Randy DeFoor, district 14, attended the meeting and supported the idea of making the area more appealing.

"It's a beautiful area," she said. "This is a very high-foot-traffic area and it needs some refresh."

If the project comes to fruition, it would be one more step up for a neighborhood that many remember as shabbier in the past, with broken sidewalks, more crime and less business 20 years ago. Now, there's a nightlife, medians in the road, park benches and underground powerlines, among other improvements.

DeFoor said the idea of public art in the Park and King neighborhood was "very exciting."

Jones, of RAP, said something similar. "The merchants have started the process of figuring out how they can brand their commercial district," he said. "The meeting had a lot of good ideas and we are certainly excited about working with the merchants of Park and King and assisting them."



Park and King Area Association members are planning to install a "wayfaring" sign that lets visitors know they have entered the historic area.

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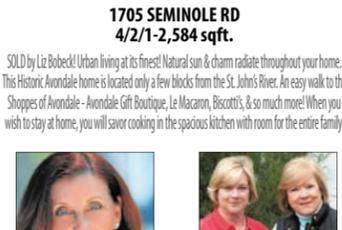
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Historic celebrations ahead, milestones offer engagement and entertainment

There are two big anniversaries right around the corner and Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) has a plan to roll them into one big event. Both respective portions of the local community, represented by the local preservation group, celebrate milestones; 150 years in Riverside, and in Avondale, 100 years.

RAP Board Member and chair of the Historic Celebration Committee, Lawson Carr, has been spearheading the effort and working hard to engage passionate members of the historic districts in both the planning and execution of the joint anniversary celebration. “The community’s response to our call for ideas has been overwhelming. The Celebration Committee has taken those ideas and formulated a list of fun, memorable activities,” stated Carr.

“Our major celebration event will be a Saturday music festival in the fall [2020]. We are still in the planning stages, but we know the day will start at Riverside Arts Market in the morning with a variety of family friendly special events culminating in a day of music at one of our parks,” he said. Carr hopes members of the community to continue to stay engaged and tuned in on the details as they roll out.



RAP Board Member and chair of the Historic Celebration Committee, Lawson Carr, left, and RAP Board Member Jim Busch lead the conversation at the first Celebration Committee gathering at Black Sheep Restaurant in Riverside Oct. 1.

Warren Jones, executive director of Riverside Avondale Preservation said he is hopeful that all members of the community will engage in something they enjoy.

“Next year’s celebration of the anniversaries of the founding of Riverside and Avondale is a wonderful opportunity to remember what we love about living here,

honoring those who created such a wonderful place, and celebrating together our past and future,” shared Jones.

“An important aspect of the year is the opportunity to celebrate our history. I am thrilled that our [RAP] founder, Wayne Wood, will be offering a wide-ranging list of fascinating historic presentations among

many other activities that will be spread throughout the year.”

Sponsorships, engagement opportunities and volunteer posts are available, more can be learned by calling Warren Jones, Executive Director, Riverside Avondale Preservation at 850.545.8057 or email at warren@riversideavondale.org.

Raising funds on the rooftop, Cowford Chophouse style

As part of the run-up to the 2019 Art & Antiques show, held Dec. 6-8, The Women’s Board of Wolfson Children’s Hospital invites up-and-coming young professionals to engage in a rooftop soiree. The Young Collectors Party will be held downtown at the Cowford Chophouse Nov. 5 from 5:30-8:30 pm. The party offers a unique networking opportunity for those looking to get involved and provides reduced price point options for show tickets.

Great views, cool weather, libations and lite bites at one of Jacksonville’s most exquisite dining spaces will only enhance the

experience for those in attendance. The ticketed event offers young professionals, ages 25-40, an opportunity to learn more about the campaign to continue fundraising for the build-out of Wolfson Children’s Hospital’s NICU or Neonatal Intensive Care Unit tower.

The gathering also offers guests complimentary drinks, hors d’oeuvres, and a silent auction loaded with great gifts and take-aways to the top bidders. The Young Collectors Party is sponsored by Betsy Lovett and Beard’s Jewelry.

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Art to provide ‘positive distraction’ in new hospice center at Baptist

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

With a new hospice center being built at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville, the Southbank hospital can now be regarded as the place for patients to go in dealing with life’s beginnings, endings and every medical need in between.

The new Alice and T. O’Neal Douglas Center for Caring, part of Community Hospice & Palliative Care, will open at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville in December to serve patients with advanced illnesses such as cancer, congestive heart failure, COPD, or Alzheimer’s/Dementia, who are in need of end-of-life care.

The new hospice center will be located on the fifth floor of the main building on Baptist’s downtown campus. The 7,500 square-foot, 10-bed area will include private rooms with baths, comfortable spacious gathering areas, family laundry and kitchenette areas, and a quiet place with a view of the St. Johns River for when patients or family members simply need a break.

In addition to comprehensive inpatient hospice care, the Douglas Center for Caring will provide bereavement care and grief services, offering comfort to families and loved ones. Just like all of Community Hospice’s centers for caring, family and friends are welcome to visit at any time. Overnight stays and visits from family pets are also welcome.

On board with the idea that art can bring healing, serenity and calm to those suffering from severe illness or difficult situations, the Douglas Center for Caring will include creative works by 20 North Florida artists in its public spaces as a permanent, curated collection, similar to what was done in Baptist MD Anderson Medical Center.



Artist John Bunker with Julie Mason and Amy Davis



Julie and Bill Mason stand in front of their San Marco home with paintings by Maribel Angel, Erin Gregory and Alma Ramirez, that will hang in the Douglas Center.

Under the leadership of San Marco’s Julie Mason, a former Community Hospice Board Chair, a “call to artists,” was issued in May to help decorate the new center. From 800 submissions, the Art Selection Committee chose 20 works for the public spaces. “While it was very difficult work, often tedious at times, and always a struggle to be sure the criteria were met, the committee members were so in tune with the mission and with each other that the final selections were, remarkably, unanimous choices,” said Mason. “The atmosphere in the room when the selection work concluded was palpable with emotion and a great sensation of an arduous goal well achieved. Art for art’s sake was not what we were searching for. We wanted art for good mental health’s sake, and we are confident we found it.”

Working with Mason on the project were Nancy Felton, Susan Gallo, Susan Greene, Joan Haskell, Melanie Husk, Holly Kerris, Suzanne Taylor, and Carole Varney, together with Amy Davis, vice president of Community Hospice Foundation and Leigh Fogle, principal of Fogle Fine Art, who served as a consultant on the project.

“The criteria for this particular endeavor was specific in that we searched for paintings or sculptures or mosaics that reflect what we think of as ‘positive distraction,’ works that could be contemplated over and over, works that did not evoke beginnings or endings, works that did not suggest any idea of what could be false hope, yet works that were beautiful, unbiased in their appearance, colors and expression,” said Mason. “We know the hospice experience is unlike most hospital

experiences in that the hospice patient is not going to get well and go home, whereas most hospital patients do go home. These pieces represent ethnic, racial, gender, and cultural diversity. The marvelous thing about this collection is that these pieces emerged solely because they met the criteria.”

The Douglas Center will be the ninth Community Hospice Inpatient facility in the area.

“This is a wonderful collaboration benefiting the entire community,” said Michael Mayo, president of Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville. “With the ability to transition a patient from inpatient care to hospice care without leaving our campus, we will be able to provide those patients who are in need of hospice care a more comfortable transition and provide their families with peace of mind.”



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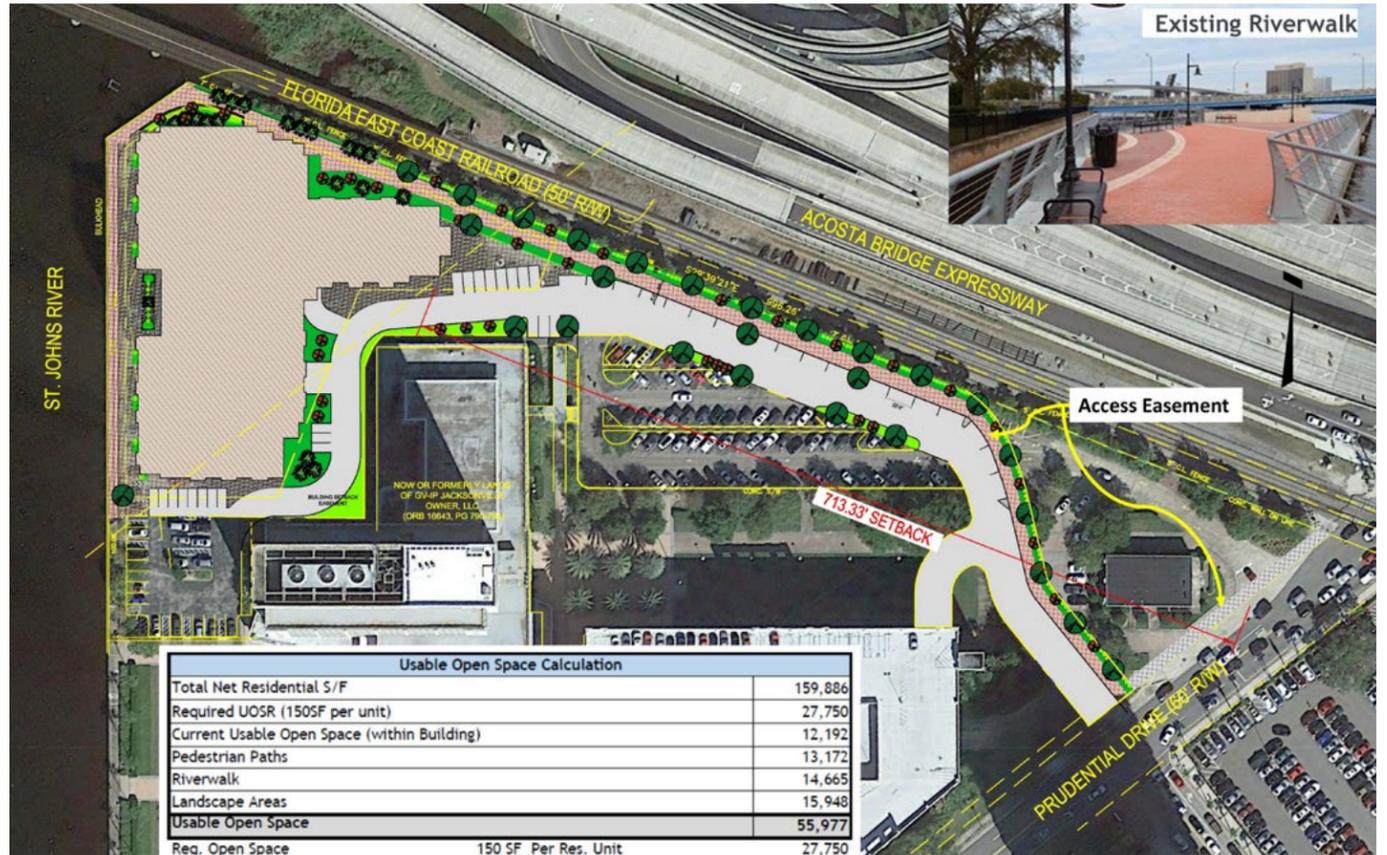
By Jennifer Edwards
Resident Community News

Developers of a new apartment building on the Southbank are much closer to breaking ground on a project that was once controversial but now has the go-ahead from the City.

Ventures Development Group had originally proposed constructing an apartment tower of up to 300 units on nearly three acres, near Baptist Health and Wolfson Children's Hospital, the Resident reported back in 2018. That brought concerns about increased traffic flow in an already-busy area from neighbors GV-IP Jacksonville Owner LLC, which owns the former Aetna Building property, renamed Eight Forty One, on Prudential Drive.

There was a lawsuit, now settled, and the project has been scaled back to 185 units and is within a couple of steps to construction. While occupation of the building will doubtless increase traffic flow, it will also attract more residents downtown, which has been a focal point for the city's Downtown Investment Authority (DIA).

When Guy Parola, DIA's Operations Manager, was asked what the project would add downtown, he said "More residents moving us closer to the 10,000 mark, as



This site plan was approved in 2018 but was later slightly modified to reflect a small revision to the building placement, a City spokesman said.

well as increase accessibility for the general public to our Riverwalk."

Calls for comment to the developer were not returned, but Parola confirmed in October that the project is very close to the permitting phase preceding construction commencement.

"Their next step is to submit revised engineering plans, which when approved, gets them to permitting," Parola said. "They are responsible for the design and construction of the mixed-use path and expanded Riverwalk and are responsible for conveying the easement area to the City."

He said the developers have agreed to provide easement and improve the public space, specifically the multi-use path from Prudential Drive to the Riverwalk. No date has been set for groundbreaking.

Parola said the project received city incentives via a recaptured enhanced value grant. Those kinds of grants mean projects get a partial reprieve from taxes on the increased value of the property, DIA Executive Director Lori Boyer said.

Leadership at the Downtown Investment Authority is hoping to bring more residential units to the downtown area in order to

revitalize it and attract a younger workforce. To that end, the DIA has been streamlining the process for future development and offering incentives.

"It is a \$7.8 million recaptured enhanced value grant," she explained about the Ventures incentive. "If the development didn't happen at all, your taxes would be X. That's your base year. If your taxes go to Y, the increment is the enhanced value and the 75 percent is the recaptured enhanced value." That means the city gets 25 percent of the increased taxes for 20 years, rather than 100 percent.

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Residents explore the bounds of gratitude over the past year

Q: Who is the most consistently grateful person you know? What's the one experience for which you are most thankful this year?

By **Marcia Hodgson**, Resident Community News



Bill Hammock of Orange Park. He's a talker, but he's also a doer, too, and he does more doing than talking, and I know that's hard to believe. He's involved in charities and fraternal organizations, the Rotary. He's there to help his neighbors. He's just eternally grateful for being 78 and being able to bike 60 miles in a day. I'm grateful that our two grandsons have made another step. They are just wonderful. They will be two and four in January and their names are Riley and Charlie Irwin. We now live a half mile from then instead of 10 miles away. They are a joy.

— **Jim Perryman**, Ortega Forest



June Mines. She's a really dear friend of mine who has an optical business in Washington D.C. called These Eyes of Mines. I think the growth of her business is because of her gratefulness. There is always something to learn from June. It's just her mindset, her open and huge heart, and her willingness to give to anyone and everyone. I am so grateful to have lived long enough to see my one and only child, who was born on the same day, get married on Sept. 15, 2019. My son is 41 and has no children and was getting married for the first time. The weather was perfect, the venue was perfect. It was just a great wedding.

— **Bridget Thomas**, Riverside



Mr. Hooshang. He's so grateful for everything he has, and he always wants to give back and make sure other people are okay. He's full of good acts, good deeds, and good words. That's literally his philosophy and his religion, and it speaks every day with what he does for people and in his making sure everyone is happy and safe, and as far as the neighborhood and all the merchants – he helps in kind of keeping the peace. I am grateful for getting the opportunity of opening my business, Emory Clothing, in the Shoppes of Avondale this year. Getting the opportunity to do this has been amazing. It's been a dream come true.

— **Lauren Meek**, Riverside



My mum. She's been through a lot of difficult and hard times. Talking about her is difficult. She's a cancer patient. She has metastatic breast cancer that's attacked her brain and her lungs and yet, she's happy. She feels good about herself. She's traveling. She's knocking out as many bucket-list things as she possibly can. For that, she's thankful. I also have a lot to be grateful for this year. I have a really tight family, and I am seeing them do things they were told they weren't going to be able to do. I'm thankful for my mother being alive, and how we're all coming closer together and watching her be able to do things like travel to California or go to Sweden or Italy – all the things my family is doing. Watching them do it is incredible.

— **Carmyn Swindell**, Murray Hill



I would say my fiancé, Noah Colbert. He's been through a lot, especially as a kid. He's from Iowa, in the Midwest, and he moved here. He'd been through one of those rough childhood-type things, and his grandmother was his go-to. She passed away five years ago, but he lives through her and her morals. He feels even though he got dealt some pretty bad hands in life, he thanks God every day for what he's been given. We could be behind in the rent, and he still knows God is going to give him something to push through his trials and tribulations, so he is always being grateful because he knows it could be worse. He's so positive about everything. It's amazing. This year, 2019, has been a big year. Back in 2016, I moved out early – bad idea – and I even got to a point where I was homeless. But I have a kid now, and I'm here in the world. I have someone to care for and have found a job that I like. I work here at Le Macaron on the weekends, and me actually giving birth, not knowing what I was going to get into, that's probably the best journey I've had. Becoming a mom, becoming a different person. I've really matured this year. It's amazing how a year can make such a difference in somebody. Also, I'm engaged. I'm not a big romantic. Instead I'm kind of a homebody, but my fiancé, he asked me perfectly. We were eating pizza, and he was like 'I think this is the time we should do it.' He asked me in a way most women might not have liked because it was not extravagant, but it was just perfect for me.

— **Tatyana Whaley**, Murray Hill



My parents, Karen and Chris Maynard, because they always are like 'I love you so much. We're really grateful to have you as children,' – to me and my brother, Colin Maynard. I made the cross country and cheerleading team at St. Paul's Catholic School in Riverside, which I was really grateful for. I really like those two sports, and I really didn't think I was going to make it, but I did, and I was really grateful for it.

— **Morgan Maynard**, Riverside



My dear friend Michele Cavendish. She and I both choose happiness every day. We wake up and choose to be grateful and happy for all the gifts we've been given. I am grateful for a family trip to Europe. We had the opportunity to spend time away with close family, which, in our busy lives, we don't get two weeks alone together very often. It was just our children and ourselves, the four of us.

— **Caroline Busker**, Avondale



My mother. She had seven kids and all of us turned out okay – none of us went to jail. The best thing this year was when I went to Punta Gorda to visit my brother for Christmas and was able to see my family. He lives there in the winter and lives in Connecticut in the summer. Also, I'm grateful to be over 60 and to still be able to ride a bicycle as my primary means of transportation. It saves a lot of money so I can invest it.

— **Barry Cotter**, Riverside

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Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside rezoning approved

By **Kandace Lankford**
Resident Community News

An amended plan by Ascension St. Vincent's Riverside to update their signage and PUD was unanimously approved, with conditions, by the City Council Land Use and Zoning Committee Sept. 9, and ordinance 2019-0458 was unanimously passed by City Council Sept. 10.

The conditions include, the prohibition of parking on Stockton Street from the St. Catherine's entrance to the river; the stipulation that employees will park in Ascension St. Vincent's designated parking lots, which may include remote offsite parking if properly zoned and serviced by shuttle bus; any parking overage will be redirected to another Ascension St. Vincent's lot; and The City of Jacksonville Planning and Development Department and Riverside Avondale Preservation will be notified if there are changes in the location of a remote offsite lot.

Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) worked together with Ascension on the new signage package and the two were able to come to a mutual agreement so that the key signs were compatible with the Riverside Avondale overlay. Although Ascension St. Vincent's is not part of the historic district, it is part of the overlay.

"St. Vincent's has been an important part of our community for many, many years and we are very fortunate to have quality health care in our historic district. In February and March of this year RAP worked with Ascension's marketing department on the new signage proposal for the campus. We were able to come quickly to an agreement" said Warren Jones, executive director of RAP.

Although RAP and Ascension reached an agreement about the signage, there were some other issues related to the the PUD that weren't quite as clear, which prompted RAP to take a closer look.

"We spent a considerable amount of time reviewing more than a dozen prior legislations to understand the prior zoning, the current campus and things like the public access, which is also a critical part," said Nancy Powell, RAP board chair. "Our intent has been to ensure that this PUD has sufficient definition and accuracy so that future confusion will be reduced."

The revised site plan presented at the LUZ meeting was more comparable to the 1990 PUD, with better definition around setbacks, building height and lot coverage. In addition the legislation history is now included in the PUD and includes important agreements reached about public access, she added.

RAP felt that the number of allotted parking spaces needed to be reverified with the planning department because that number was not clear. "The 1990 PUD did have a parking exhibit that included the calculations, how they got there, and everything - which we did request as part of this PUD, and it is not part of this PUD," Powell said. "However, we feel that it could be improved with the stipulation that that kind of information should reside in the planning department and be accessible to the public. We are pleased to have come to an agreement on the parking condition."

During the LUZ meeting, Terry Hallihan, president of VillaRiva homeowners association, voiced concerns about parking at St. Catherine Labouré Place, a rehabilitation and long-term care center affiliated with Ascension St. Vincent's. She noted that people

are illegally parking on both sides of the foot of Stockton Street, near St. Catherine's.

"The issue is, if a ladder fire truck needs to come down Stockton street and get on the promenade to address any problems in the backside of St. Catherine's or the Dillon building or the backside of St. Vincent's, you will have problems because that ladder truck will not be able to turn and get into the promenade and go and deal with that. The other side of it is that we worked with St. Vincent's and St. Catherine's to eliminate parking at the foot of Stockton Street, but people still park there."

Hallihan also expressed a concern about the parking schematic that is part of the plan. "In this site plan it has a design there for 142 parking spaces. I walked that, those 142 spaces are not as they are stipulated in this site plan. The site plan needs to be corrected to reflect where those 142 spaces are, because they are not within the border of St. Johns, Shircliff Way and the back of St. Catherine's and Riverside Avenue ... there are only 131 spaces, plus one motorcycle space, not 142 spaces."

She also noted that St. Catherine's has only about 60 parking spaces when it should have should have 107.

Ascension representative Cyndy Trimmer of Driver, McAfee, Hawthorne & Diebenow said that changes were worked out with the planning commission during the few weeks prior to LUZ approving the amendment. "One of the points of consternation that we had is that the folks from RAP really wanted this new PUD to kind of be a mirror image of the old one. The old one was really problematic. It was unbelievably confusing, which is why it took so many hours for everyone that's ever looked at it and tried

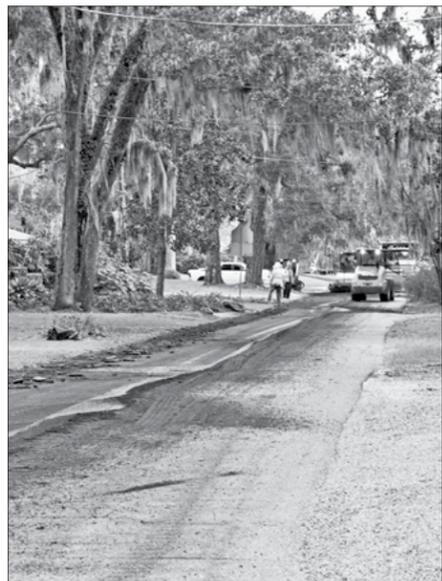
to go through it to figure out what in the world it meant. So we don't want a document that's a mirror image because it just wasn't the best document. But we are willing to incorporate as many of the exhibits as we can in as clearly a manner as we can, so this was kind of the compromise," Trimmer said.

Additionally, information was added to preserve the historical record and other pertinent facts, and language about setbacks and information about the heart pavilion was updated.

"We believe what we've done on this site plan is show the entirety of what is currently authorized for this site. We believe that in the PUD we've shown the parking calculation that was authorized with the old PUD, which has not changed. We don't believe it's necessary to put a chart that shows how the current site complies with that - that's a PUD verification issue - something that's done when you pull permits and go through substantial compliance.

When it comes to parking, Ascension has it covered, according to Trimmer. "As it stands today, they have these large parking garages and a lot of the employees that work at St. Catherine's and work at the hospital and the various buildings are assigned to parking garages at different places on campus. Parking is addressed on a campus wide basis, it's not arbitrarily divided up by the DePaul building, the St. Catherine's building or the Dillon building, so it's really treated on a campus wide basis and we have documented that the campus wide facility meets the parking calculations."

The City will be addressing the parking issue at the foot of Stockton Street, possibly putting up signs and striping the curb to denote it as a "no parking" zone.



In October, McGirts Boulevard in Ortega was milled and resurfaced from Buena Vista Avenue to the dead end near Iroquois Avenue.

Construction projects wrapping up in Ortega, Riverside

By **Jennifer Edwards**
Resident Community News

City workers are wrapping up a smaller area roadside construction project and another, lengthier one is on schedule to be completed early next year.

McGirts Boulevard

On Oct. 9, workers began milling and resurfacing McGirts Boulevard in Ortega, from Buena Vista Avenue to the dead end near Iroquois Avenue. City of Jacksonville spokeswoman Marjorie Dennis said the project was expected to be "substantially complete," by November or earlier, weather permitting. She said the estimated cost for the project was \$182,541.

Lakeside Drive Bridge replacement

Motorists will notice that much work is still being done to replace the Lakeside Drive bridge. As of mid-October, Dennis said the project was about 15 percent complete, with the contractor continuing site preparation. Workers had begun installing sheet pile for dewatering and the contractor was expected to begin demolishing the existing bridge once that installation was done. Dennis said the city has already coordinated with locals whose front yards and sidewalks would be affected by the project. The expected completion time, early 2020, is still the same, she said.

The Resident reported in May that the City Council increased the bridge project funding to more than \$1.3 million to replace



The contractor of a city project to replace the Lakeside Drive bridge planned to wrap up demolition and construction by early 2020, a city spokeswoman said.

the existing, 59-year-old bridge with a precast box culvert, to realign the roadway, decrease the turning radius and lower the elevation. Drainage and remediation of curbing deficiencies were also built into the project, as well as an additional \$159,000 to install sidewalks in the area.



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Avonlea, located on Philips Highway near Baymeadows Road, offers not only antiques that date back to the 1800s – both strange and striking, familiar from childhood or century-old curiosities, but also more contemporary interiors and accessories.

This Christmas, mother and daughter owners, Suzanna and Georgina Kerr will help customers celebrate the holidays with festivities that include everything from fabulous seasonal menus at Avonlea's restaurant, Full Circle Eatery, to spiced mulled wine and an old-fashioned sing around the piano with a Dickensian atmosphere, during the Christmas Open House event.

Avonlea will host its annual Christmas Open House this year on Friday, Dec. 6 and will offer its legendary 'Antiques after Dark' event with prize drawings, charity raffles, and complimentary appetizers at Full Circle Eatery.

"It's sip, shop and the thrill of the hunt," said Ellen Begovich, Avonlea's Manger "And the restaurant lets guests take a break."

Suzanna, by the way, was born on Christmas day in the year "xysycs," she said unintelligibly, smiling. "I was the only baby born on that day that year in my hometown, Royal Leamington Spa", in the United Kingdom.

Her last business in the UK, an antiques center, Stratford Antiques and Interiors, in Stratford-upon-Avon, a town in England's



Suzanna Kerr and daughter Georgina Kerr with their "social manager," Lex the Chihuahua mix next to a bouquet gift from their staff.



Avonlea Antiques & Interiors Christmas displays are intended to be enjoyed. Grab a glass from FCE, stroll the halls and enjoy Christmas the way it used to be.

county of Warwickshire, that dates to the Middle Ages and is most famous for its hometown scribe, William Shakespeare.

"We were very well known for our Christmas inventory and seasonal displays at Stratford and we have been trying to build that reputation here." She states.

Georgina, who grew up in this business, has a different family memory.

"Mum used to change my diapers on the counter when I was a baby," she joked. But stateside, the Avonlea counter is manned by the establishment's "social manager," the approachable and holiday-dressed Chihuahua mix, Lex.

This is Suszi's fifth antiques establishment and Avonlea is unquestionably a family operation, where the Avonlea experience is one of relaxation and exploration.

Customers will be seen browsing the capacious corridors of Avonlea, wine or mimosa in hand, enjoying the ambiance of the festive season.

Full Circle Eatery, like Avonlea, is open seven days a week and offers a full menu until 4 p.m. as well as craft brews, wine and champagne. From 4pm until 5 p.m. in addition to small plates, you can delight yourself with a treat from their famous cakes and desserts selection!

"Avonlea has a tremendous amount to offer," Georgina says about the business, "Avonlea Antiques and Interiors is the largest Center of its kind in Northeast Florida, spanning about 40,000 square feet.

The owners sublet spaces in the mall and provide employees to help shoppers browse and load up their purchases. Like a Russian

doll, the mall is, "A small business that houses 125 small businesses," Georgina said.

"With so many specialists under one umbrella, Avonlea is able to offer a diverse selection of inventory to suit all pockets and tastes, both antique and more contemporary. We never know what's coming in," Begovich says. "Our dealers find the coolest and quirkiest stuff."

With cooler temperatures comes charitable giving, especially around the holidays.

Avonlea supports FAWN's Small Dog Rescue as its year-round, in-house charity.

"Much of our donation work goes to help them with hospital bills because (the dogs) are all rescues," Georgina said.



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Personal, friendly service proves attractive to Avondale shoppers

By Jennifer Edwards and Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

For many in Jacksonville, there is no more pleasant experience than heading to the Shoppes of Avondale. Whether it's for weekend brunch, socializing with friends during happy hour after a busy workday, picking up a quick present or bottle of wine for a neighborhood party, or letting someone else do the cooking during an evening out, the historic Avondale shopping center has something for everyone.

On the corner of St. Johns and Talbot Avenues, adorable pink umbrellas dot the small plaza in front of the French pastry shop, Le Macaron, where folks can be seen lazily reading a novel as they sip a cappuccino or munch on a chocolate croissant. Next door, bike enthusiasts, sweaty from weaving through the historic streets during an early morning ride, check into Open Road bicycles to shoot the breeze with Holt Tucker, the proprietor.

Further down St. Johns Avenue, sidewalk diners enjoy brunch at Biscottis or The Brick, while locals line up in front of the Fox Restaurant, to enjoy a reasonable lunch in an atmosphere reminiscent of a 1950s diner. In front of Hooshang Oriental Rug Gallery, Hooshang Harvesf, Ph. D. stands in the doorway of his shop in front of a table full of angel statuettes. Hooshang's is the go-to location Avondale and Ortega residents have relied on to warm their hardwood and tile floors for 42 years.

While its shops and restaurants boast gourmet foods and offer modern lifestyle clothing choices and other conveniences, in many ways it's as if time stands still while shopping in Avondale, and that's what attracts visitors. Quaint store fronts in what is one of Jacksonville's most walkable communities offer a perfect place to window shop or browse for that special wedding or birthday gift or unique outfit for a party Saturday night. It's a "Mayberry-kind" of



Hooshang Harvesf, Ph.D.



Tenley Dietrich

place, where shopkeepers know your name and waiters know their clientele so well, they have favorite cocktails at the ready when loyal customers arrive.

"People love to go for a stroll after they have dinner here," said Barbara Bredehoeft, owner of the popular restaurant, Biscottis, a 26-year fixture on the strip. "We would love to get a bookstore. That kind of rounds out a historic neighborhood. A bookstore, barber shops, ice cream, that slows people down."

In a world of one-click shopping, where Amazon Prime dominates, Avondale merchants have discovered a way to thrive by catering to their customers in a way that just isn't possible through online shopping.

And while Hooshang credits repeat business and loyal customers for his business's longevity, Samantha Wyatt, manager of Avondale Gift Boutique, which was founded by her mother, Bette Wadkins Mackoul in the late '80s, said she remains in business because she strives to change with the times and helps her customers problem solve and pair new, long-lasting items of high quality with what they already own. "I'd rather fill a need than make a sale," said Wyatt. Another staple in the Shoppes, Willie's for Kids, sells children's wear – from traditional smock dresses to ballet slippers for little ones – the advice was always to buy one size up.

"You can shop online for ballet shoes and buy them with a click but shopping locally means you get service along with the sale," Wyatt said, as she reflected upon the considerate nature of her neighboring shopkeepers, ever conscious of their patrons'

bottom line. Local business owners didn't stay in business selling something that they know children would grow out of in one season, they built relationships by looking out for their loyal locals.

"The internet will never replace the personal touch," Wyatt continued. "There's a reason you shop local. We treasure our relationships with our customers, and I know our small, local businesses do. Our community is our family, and we try to treat them as we would like our families to be treated."

Some younger merchants prefer to use the term "curating" to attract clients. Tenley Dietrich, owner of a boutique with her name, said she draws clients to her boutique by creating a special, artful collection of items she selects herself. Dietrich celebrated two years at her current location this past September. It's a place where she carries her own selection of clothing, accessories, and art by local artists and others. And she said she has found her own way of harnessing online selling – through videos made available through social media, and personalized customer service, often using a local company, Community Couriers,

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- More than 50% of the working population (120 million individuals) works in a small business
- Small businesses have generated over 65% of the net new jobs since 1995
- About 543,000 new businesses get started each month (but more employer businesses shut down than start up each month)
- Seven out of 10 new employer firms survive at least 2 years, half at least 5 years, a third at least 10 years and a quarter stay in business 15 years or more

Source: U.S. Small Business Administration

"There's a reason you shop local. We treasure our relationships with our customers, and I know our small, local businesses do."

— Samantha Wyatt

to fulfill remote orders. "People can shop from their beds," she said, noting if people follow her on social media, not only will she ship her products out to them, she will also send photos, videos and pricing, which nets her boutique more sales. Acting as her customer's "personal assistant," also works for those shopping remotely, she said. Dietrich will try on the clothes and inform her customers whether the size runs large or small so they can order the right size. "Being a brick-and-mortar store, you have to offer those extras," she said.

Judging by the number of shoppers and visitors both locally and from outside the Riverside-Avondale area that patronize the Shoppes of Avondale during the week or on a Saturday, it is clear that although one-click shopping may be easy and convenient, it is no substitute for the friendly, face-to-face interaction that takes place between Avondale's small business proprietors and their patrons. As long as customers are greeted with a smile and personal service when they visit The Shoppes of Avondale, their brick-and-mortar storefronts will remain appealing in a world dominated by virtual shopping.

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Wolfson pet therapy program to celebrate 25th anniversary in 2020

By Jennifer Edwards

Resident Community News

At Wolfson Children's Hospital, with its bright colors, comforting staff and intensive focus on helping children get better, it's a rare occasion that patients and their treatment are not the center of attention. But from time to time, some very quiet, four-legged volunteers sneak in and steal the show. And, that's exactly the point.

Early 2020 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Wolfson Children's Hospital Auxiliary Pet Therapy program, and this year's team is a well-trained but motley crew, ranging from a 6-pound Yorkshire terrier to a 100-pound black Russian terrier and every size and color in between, including an Australian shepherd mix, golden retriever and German shepherd. And then there are the dogs with the most entertaining breed names to say: a cockapoo, a labradoodle and a schnoodle – that is, a schnauzer and poodle mix.

"You would be hard pressed to find anyone there who doesn't like the dogs," said Jeanne Shoher, program chair. "They come in and the nurses go ooohhh!"

Thirteen specially trained dog-owner teams comprise the program, and each year they pad into the hospital for almost 290 visits a year, hoping to bring kids and their families a pleasant distraction, feeling of connection and the impetus to heal. Their visits are something that both patients and staff look forward to.

Some of the pups are small enough to snuggle on the bed with a young patient, while others are too large to even roll over in the hospital room. One pup is a highly trained trick master, while another is so patient, he calms everyone around him just by being present.

All of them help patients in ways both minor and major. According to the Mayo Clinic, animal-assisted therapy can significantly reduce pain, anxiety, depression and fatigue in people with a range of health problems, as well as the families who love them. In some cases, families can get a few minutes of happiness and distraction from anxious or distressing thoughts. In others, a visit from a furry friend can be a nudge to healing that might not otherwise come.

"After the visit, you realize you're smiling," an article on the Mayo Clinic site explains. "And you feel a little less tired and a bit more optimistic. You can't wait to tell your family



Yorkshire Terrier Libby visits Wolfson to help children recover.



Yorkshire Terrier Libby visits Wolfson to help children recover.



Goldendoodle Elvis at Wolfson. A goldendoodle is a golden retriever/poodle mix.



Scout, the golden retriever, visits patients at Wolfson.

all about that charming canine. In fact, you're already looking forward to the dog's next visit."

Researchers at UCLA found that just the act of petting a dog caused lowered anxiety in patients and released hormones that play a part in elevating mood. The American Heart Association also released a study showing that just 12 minutes with a dog decreased anxiety and helped heart and lung function in heart failure patients. That translates well to some of the work done at Wolfson. Therapy dogs there see heart patients as well as patients ages two and up on a variety of floors, including children in surgical units.

"It's such a gift for all these teams to go in and be with these precious children and their families," Shoher said. "It's a really wonderful thing." The program is looking for volunteers, she added.

WeCareJax welcomes new executive director



Angela Strain, GPC

With more than twenty years of experience in nonprofit leadership and fund development, Angela Strain, GPC, will take on the role of Executive Director of WeCare Jacksonville effective Nov. 1.

Before moving to Jacksonville in 2012, Strain was the Organizational Advancement Director for The Center for the Advancement of Health IT, where she coordinated and delivered health education, organized quality improvement initiatives, and led the outreach and meaningful use education strategy for 41 predominantly rural Florida counties. She also provided proposal development and reporting support for federal grants for community health care members.

In Jacksonville, she served as the inaugural director of development for JASMYN, Inc., developing its first strategic three-year fund development plan that served as a foundation to grow the organization's reach and assets, including its clinic and the donation and renovation of property that will soon open as the first resource center for youth experiencing homelessness in the city. Most recently, she supported the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA Jacksonville), a direct support organization of the University of North Florida.

Strain earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in public administration with a minor in English from the University of Memphis and was a long-time consultant for the Alliance for Nonprofit Excellence based there. She is a graduate of the 2018 class of Leadership Jacksonville and maintains certification through the Grant Professionals Credentialing Institute (GPC). She served as president of North Florida Grant Professionals, a chapter of the national Grant Professionals Association and is a volunteer community coach with the Nonprofit Center of Jacksonville.

"I'm thrilled to be moving to WeCare and working with such an amazing group of volunteer physicians and community health organizations serving our northeast Florida community," said Strain.



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Thomas to chair First Go Red for Women Campaign

Nicole B. Thomas, president of Baptist Medical Center South, will serve as chair of the 2020 Go Red for Women initiative for the American Heart Association.

"I am honored to chair the 2020 Go Red for Women movement here in Jacksonville," said Thomas. "I know we can make a difference in women's health by engaging the business community and leaders in this important cause. The Go Red for Women movement has made tremendous strides in the fight against heart disease and stroke in women. However, we still have a long way to go when it comes to awareness and research for women's heart health."

Thomas is the first woman to be named a hospital president in Baptist Health's 64-year history. She is responsible for the operational and strategic direction of the second largest hospital in the health system. She has a long history of community involvement and is passionate about the mission of the American Heart Association.

In her role as chair, Thomas will work diligently with community members and executive leaders to support the First Coast Go Red for Woman movement. The 2020 Go Red for Women luncheon is scheduled for Fri., May 15, and expects to welcome a crowd of 400 local business, healthcare, civic, and philanthropic leaders to raise funds for continued research, education and outreach.



Nicole B. Thomas

"I am excited to join the effort not only to ensure women are aware of the deadly impact of heart disease and stroke, but also that we can do something about it," said Thomas. "I believe research and science can change, improve, and lengthen lives. My grandmother is a stroke survivor and lives with heart disease. My mother lives with heart disease. Based on my risk factors, I have to take charge of my health so we can all grow old together."

Go Red for Women is a year-round movement focused on awareness, prevention education, risk factor reduction, healthy behavioral changes and women's health research. This year's Go Red community initiatives will be celebrated at the 2020 First Coast Go Red for Women luncheon, sponsored by Baptist Health. To sponsor Go Red on the First Coast or to get involved with this year's leadership team contact Allison Gubitza at 904-903-5217 or email Allison.gubitza@heart.org.

NOF founder named to Most Influential Filipina Women list

Carmina Aldana, founder and vice-president, the Neurosurgery Outreach Foundation (NOF), a Jacksonville-based non-profit, received the prestigious 100 Most Influential Filipina Woman in the World Award from the Filipina Women's Network.



Carmina Aldana

about what the future holds, and about the partnerships and collaborations we can create for the betterment of our communities, for the advocacy of our causes, and for the advancement of women," said Aldana.

She was honored with the Founder & Pioneer award, which honors Filipina women in their capacities as the chief executive, president, executive director or founder of a company, community organization, non-profit, or business venture that they helped start, build or significantly grow.

The Global FWN100™ Award™ is a working recognition award with a meaningful purpose: *A Filipina woman leader in every sector of the global economy.* The Filipina Women's Network recognizes women of Philippine ancestry who are changing the face of leadership in the global workplace, having reached status for outstanding work in their respective fields and are recognized for their contributions to society, female mentorship and legacy.

"This award is a validation of my body of work with NOF. I'm humbled and honored to be recognized among a group of high-caliber women from around the globe. I'm excited

NOF has several programs that advance neurosurgical care in underserved communities through service, education, and support. With Jacksonville's support and Aldana's hard work, NOF has given monetary and in-kind surgical gifts valued at over \$460,000 which includes \$31,000 of educational awards to 44 neurosurgical residents in eight countries.

Diamonds Direct holds multi-faceted grand reopening



Diamonds Direct General Manager Kelly Flahardy and Senior Vice President Dovy Klarberg alongside their team cutting the ribbon.

When Diamonds Direct held their grand reopening celebration Oct. 17-19, not only did they celebrate their new store at 4840 Town Center Parkway by flying in world-renowned jewelry designer Tacori for a 3-day trunk show, they also gave back to the community by donating a percentage of sales from the event to the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund, to benefit local families tackling childhood cancer.

While checking out the new store and the latest jewelry trends, customers sipped champagne, enjoyed sweet treats and had the satisfaction of knowing that part of every dollar they spent was donated to a worthy cause.

"We are so grateful that our unique direct-to-the-consumer concept has been so well received in Jacksonville. In the last



Lisa Bubba, Kasey Bubba, Diamonds Direct marketing & merchandising manager, and Keli Coughlin, executive director Jay Fund.

few years, we outgrew our retail space and simply needed to upgrade," said Kelly Flahardy, general manager of Diamonds Direct. "What better way to celebrate this exciting new chapter than by donating a portion of our success to a cause near to our hearts."

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Baker to head Community Foundation trustees

The Board of Trustees of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida has selected Trustee Martha Frye Baker of Ponte Vedra Beach to serve as its chair beginning in January 2020.

Baker joined the Board of Trustees in January 2011. During her time on the board, she has served on the Program and Initiatives Committee continuously since 2014 and was chair of that committee in 2017 and 2018. She has also served on the Board's Governance Committee, the Strategic Planning Task Force, and the Strategic Planning Exploration Committee.

Baker is also an inaugural founding member of the Women's Giving Alliance, which is an initiative of The Community Foundation and was co-founded by her late mother-in-law, Ann McDonald Baker. She has continued to be active in WGA



Martha Frye Baker

since joining in 2002 and has served in a number of WGA leadership positions, including first vice president in 2015.

In 2013, she spearheaded The Community Foundation's Beaches Advisory Council, which eventually became the Beaches Community Fund. In 2015, she teamed up with Tracey Westbrook to lead the Beaches Community Fund, a collective giving group, in distributing nearly \$1 million in grants in just its first four years.

Family Promise of Jacksonville accomplishes amazing feat

Thanks to Family Promise of Jacksonville and Bombas Socks, thousands in the community will have warm feet and toasty toes. At their Oct. 5 sock giveaway, Family Promise gave away 5,000 pairs of socks, valued at \$60,000. Bombas Socks donated 75,000 pairs of socks to 25 Family Promise affiliates across the nation. For every sock purchased, Bombas Socks donates a pair.

Family Promise shared 4,000 pairs of socks with 10 partner agencies, including Catholic Charities Workforce Development, Changing Homelessness, Empowerment Resources, The Giving Closet Project, Her Song, The Magnolia Project, New Town, See the Girl, Squat for Change and UCom Jacksonville.

At the giveaway, the agencies shared their plans for the socks. They serve a cross section of the community such as the homeless, victims of sexual trafficking, the elderly, new parents and families.

"We want the socks to be out in the community, on people's feet and not sitting in a storeroom," said Beth Mixson, development director for Family Promise of



Jennifer Smith from The Giving Closet Project is ready to give their socks away.

Jacksonville, "When your feet are warm and dry, you feel better."

Family Promise of Jacksonville is a nonprofit organization with the goal of helping homeless families return to stability. It collaborates with 18 local congregations, multiple social service organizations and 800 volunteers.

Real Men Wear Pink Raises \$13,000 at First Charity Golf Tournament

The first golf tournament staged by the local Real Men Wear Pink (RMWP) fundraising campaign for breast cancer brought home more than \$13,000 on Oct. 7, when 21 foursomes played the 18-hole course at Blue Sky Golf Club. Each foursome competed to see who could take first prize on the Arnold Palmer Signature Designed course after trick golf pro Rocky "Rockstar" Shipes kicked off the tournament.

The foursomes included company teams from the Jacksonville Icemen, North Florida Medical Center, Suddath, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Sleiman Enterprises and Rainbow Shades, among others.

Shipes opened play with a trick shot par 4 hole-in-one challenge.

Tournament winners were: First: RMWP participant Todd Frankman, Joe Harvey, Chris Seely, and Rob Bydlick. Second: Former Jacksonville Jaguars players and RMWP alumni David Garrard and Adam Podlesh, Chandler Coto, and Zach Tucker. Third: Executive Director of Community Development for the American Cancer Society Mel Toran, former Jacksonville



Winning foursome, from left: Chris Seely, Joe Harvey, Todd Frankman, Rob Bydlick.

Jaguars player Drayton Florence, Ramone George and Montrel Wells.

Andre Green was closest to the pin; Adam Podlesh got longest carry and Drayton Florence achieved the longest drive.

"A huge thanks needs to go out to all our sponsors and all those who participated in the tournament," said 2019 RMWP Co-Chair Victor Patel. "Without their support, we wouldn't be able to continue doing such amazing things like this event. This was our inaugural tournament and I am so proud of the work our entire team put in to make it such a success."

New insurance agency opens in Riverside

David Hodges, Jr. of San Jose, an entrepreneur known for his work at Hodges Motor Company, is partnering with Blake Rhodes, a local independent insurance agency owner, to launch a new insurance agency, 925 Partners Insurance in Riverside. The new agency offers personal and commercial insurance, including employee benefits, to serve the growing industries and families of Jacksonville.

The company name originates from the biblical verse, Luke 9:25, "For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose himself?"

"We saw a need in Jacksonville for an insurance agency that focuses on small to mid-size businesses," said Hodges. "Most



David Hodges, Jr. and Blake Rhodes

commercially focused agencies pour all their resources into big business accounts, and many personal-line driven agencies are not equipped to fully meet the needs of mid-size companies. That leaves a significant segment of the middle market underserved for their risk management needs," Rhode added.

The new insurance agency plans to contribute financially to the Jacksonville community that fostered the partners' success. The men also plan to make donations to nonprofits, ministries and local sponsorships during the 2020 fiscal year.

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Jeopardy fan competes on popular quiz show

Before Victor Li competed on Jeopardy, he was a long-time armchair contestant.

A Los Angeles native who moved to the Brooklyn neighborhood two years ago, Li grew up watching the program, known as “America’s favorite quiz show,” a competition in which contenders are given general knowledge clues in the form of answers and must phrase their responses in the form of questions.

“Like so many other people, I grew up watching Jeopardy over dinner,” said Li. “I’m a big sports guy, and I’ve always loved watching competition, whether it’s sports or a game show.”

The 24-year-old, an advanced analytics developer for the Jacksonville Jaguars, competed on the first show of the new season, which aired Sept. 9.

To prepare for the competition, he read a lot of children’s books, including children’s almanacs, because they are easily digestible without going into too much detail, he said. He also studied his old high school cram books for advanced placement exams for slightly more advanced topics, like American History.

“There are some topics on the show that are really big, such as the Bible. I knew literally zero about the Bible, and I only had a few weeks to study. I knew that it was a lost cause, so I didn’t even touch it,” he said.



Jeopardy host, Alex Trebek with Victor Li (Photo courtesy of Jeopardy Productions, Inc.)

Li said he was completely at ease the day of the filming. “I love being in those high-pressure kinds of competitive situations, so it was fun just to roll through,” he said. “It happened so fast I didn’t have time to get nervous. All of a sudden, the theme music was playing, Alex (Trebek) was there, we were playing Jeopardy, and I was being taped.”

After the double Jeopardy round, Li had \$400. He bet \$399 on the final Jeopardy question, which was related to the one category he hadn’t studied: The Bible. Li finished the game in third place, winning a total of \$1.

“It was a surreal experience to be on set and to be on one of my favorite shows ever. It’s such a crucial part of Americana, and to be a tiny part of Americana was so cool,” Li said. “I can always say I was on Jeopardy with a legend like Alex. There were moments on stage during the commercial breaks when Alex would come and talk to us – it was profound to hear that kind of wisdom from someone who has seen so much, done so much and has been so important. It was really a big moment for me.”

Magazine names Aubin influential executive in Florida

Florida Trend Magazine has added Michael D. Aubin, FACHE, president of Wolfson Children’s Hospital, to the Florida 500, a listing of the state’s most influential executives in different economic sectors. The editors of the Florida business publication made their selections after a year-long research initiative.

“Michael Aubin is a visionary healthcare leader who is known statewide and nationally for his steadfast devotion to children,” said Brett McClung, FACHE, president and CEO of Baptist Health. “Being named to the Florida 500 is a fitting tribute to Michael for his continuing and positive impact on the lives of families in our region.”

Selections for the Florida 500 are organized according to categories used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and include: agriculture, arts & entertainment, education, energy, finance and insurance, hospitality and tourism, information/tech/media, law, life sciences, manufacturing, philanthropy/nonprofits, professional services, real estate, retail/wholesale, and transportation.

Aubin has served as hospital president of Wolfson Children’s Hospital and senior vice president of Baptist Health since 2011. Prior to his current position, he served as the founding administrator and CEO of St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital in Tampa. Aubin helped to reestablish St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital in 1990 after a 23-year hiatus.

Prior to his role at St. Joseph’s/BayCare, Aubin served as founding associate administrator of the new H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa. Aubin’s early career included serving as a consultant with M. Bostin Associations in New York City and various roles with Milwaukee Children’s Hospital in Wisconsin.

Aubin is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. A longtime child advocate, he has served as board president for the Florida



Michael D. Aubin

Association of Children’s Hospitals (FACH) and is a member of its board of directors. He currently serves on the national Children’s Hospital Association’s (CHA) board of trustees and is co-chair of CHA’s Public Policy Committee.

Aubin also is a JAX USA Partnership Trustee and serves on the board of directors of Sulzbacher Center in Jacksonville. He is on the board of Northeast Florida Regional STEM2 Hub, and the Board of Directors for the Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program (JSMP), where he served as a past chair. In addition, he currently serves on the Operational Efficiency and Integration Committee of Florida Healthy Kids Corporation.

Aubin holds a master’s degree in Business-Health Services Administration from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He also graduated magna cum laude from Providence College in Providence, R.I., where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences Administration. He and his wife, Hillary, have four children and two grandchildren.

Funds needed for playground renovations in low-income neighborhoods



Kim Clontz

Working with the City of Jacksonville’s Park & Recreation Department, Kim Clontz, founder of Friends of Jacksonville Playgrounds, is determined to raise \$50,000 for four run-down playgrounds by Dec. 25.

“The four playgrounds the city has identified in the most need of renovation are in low-income neighborhoods,” said Clontz. “These residents don’t necessarily have the resources to organize and fundraise for a better playground like we did for the Boone Park in 2016. But that doesn’t mean they shouldn’t have a ‘WOW!’ kind of playground too!”

The playgrounds, located in Arlington, Beach Boulevard and the Westside, are over 20 years old and have been repaired multiple times. In some cases, sections are barricaded off because they are no longer safe for children to use. The City has allocated funds



The four playgrounds are in disrepair, leaving children with no place to play.

for each playground, but Clontz hopes additional funds raised can add some “extras” to each space.

“If I can add just another \$12,000 to the rather small allotted budget, we can add some extra swinging, spinning, balance or climbing pieces to an otherwise basic playground in underserved areas of the city,” added Clontz.

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Riverside Rotary gifts 600 students with colorful dictionaries

Rotary Club of Riverside made about 600 students' lives a little more colorful this fall when they visited eight area elementary schools to deliver dictionaries to third-grade classes. The dictionaries are more than just a listing of words and definitions, however; they include 50 pages of animal facts, 20 pages of global facts, lots of illustrations and the sign language alphabet.

On Oct. 4, peaceful and bright John Stockton Elementary in Ortega Forest was the club's last stop. There, Rotarians unloaded 87 tomes from cardboard boxes, still fragrant with fresh ink and crackling with new binding, then distributed them to the classrooms of Leah McCorvey, Ashlyn

Cogswell, Jennifer Watkins, Deb Robson and Donnette Williams.

Students' faces lit up as they each received their own fresh copy. They flipped the crisp leaves and took in the longest word in the English language – an unpronounceable protein that took up the entire page.

But the best part? They got to put their name in it and take it home.

The students get "very excited" about that, said Stockton Principal Stephanie Brannan. "The fact that it is their own personal dictionary, they can write their name in it, it gives them a sense of pride," she said, noting many of the students have older siblings who received a dictionary when they were in third grade. Now, it's a little brother or little sister's turn.

The dictionaries help kids get "a passion for particular subjects," she said. "It really helps in writing, which we start in third grade, and in science."

The club has been doing the dictionary drop-offs for a decade or more to about seven schools, but this year added an additional school, Bayview Elementary School on Lake Shore Boulevard, said Club President Casey Bulgin, of Avondale.



From left to right, back: Jakhorri O'Neal, Bo Wedekind, Brendan Bellamy, Alton Baldwin, Henry Deering, William Kerns, Cooper Bagley, Mason Sexton, Aiden Johnson-Hardison, Clayton Kuder, Aubrey Snoap. Left to right, front: Marilyn Bravo, Isaiah Collins, Kellan Burge, Ava Pham, Brooklyn Butler, Lilyonna Clark, Pepper Lochrie, Luke Rattigan.



From left: Dale Orr of Ortega Forest; Casey Bulgin of Avondale, Tom White of Avondale, Chris Edison of Ortega, David Martin of Ortega.

Five Rotarians distributed the book at Stockton: Bulgin, Dale Orr of Ortega Forest, Tom White of Avondale, Chris Edison of Ortega and David Martin of Ortega. One of them, Orr, is an alumna of the school.

"So much of learning is done on the computer nowadays that is amazes us how these kids continually love to get these hard copy dictionaries," Bulgin said. "Many of them had older siblings that have received these in the past and they look forward to getting their own when they reach the third grade. It is such a rewarding experience."

The other schools Rotarians from the club visited were Ruth N. Upson Elementary on Dancy Street; West Riverside Elementary on

Herschel Street; Fishweir Elementary on Herschel Street; Central Riverside Elementary on Gilmore Street; Venetia Elementary on Timuquana Road; Ortega Elementary on Baltic Street and Stockton.

The club continues to make the donations because "Youth literacy is a big hot button for our Rotary," Bulgin said.

The cost for the dictionaries was around \$1,800 and the funds came from the club's main fundraiser, the annual Riverside Craft Beer Festival. Next year's festival, which also raises funds for other area causes and non-profits, will be Feb. 22 at the Riverside Arts Market. The plan is to use some of the funds to buy more dictionaries next year.

Owner of Batt Family Fun Center bowled over by award

Barbara Batt, owner and proprietor of Batt Family Fun Center on Cassat Ave., was recently awarded Bowling Proprietor of the year for the state of Florida for 2019 by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA).

Batt took up bowling in college and has enjoyed and excelled at the sport ever since. Nearly 20 years ago, she purchased her first bowling center and switched career lanes from certified public accountant to bowling proprietor. During the past two decades, she has expanded and grown her business and it is a popular destination for both league and recreational bowlers.

When Batt got the phone call notifying her that she had won, she was surprised. "I didn't even know I had been nominated," she said. "You don't get this kind of award



on your own, and my team and my staff made that possible.

BPAA presents the award to a proprietor for outstanding contributions to the industry and the sport of bowling, one who "pushes the envelope" of the industry and is successful at it, willingly sharing their knowledge with others to make the industry better.

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville gets new board member

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville has added a new board member, former Aetna executive Mark R. LaBorde.

LaBorde, Aetna former senior vice president and head of enterprise sales, product and marketing at Aetna Inc., retired from Aetna in May 2017, and brings more than 30 years of health care management experience to Baptist.

Prior to serving as senior vice president, LaBorde was the president of the Southeast Region, which included Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Michael A. Mayo, Baptist Jacksonville president, had this to say: "Mark's depth of experience in the health care industry,



Mark R. LaBorde, former Aetna exec, has joined the Baptist Medical Center Board of Directors

combined with his lifelong dedication to the Jacksonville community, will be an excellent contribution to the Baptist Jacksonville Board of Directors."

LaBorde is a Jacksonville native and serves on the board of directors for the Cathedral Arts Project and the board of trustees for The Episcopal School of Jacksonville. He is a former member of The Brooks College of Health Dean's Council at the University of North Florida and the Florida Health Insurance Advisory Board and is also the past president of the board of directors for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of North Florida.

"We are fortunate to have his insight in serving the health care needs of our community," Mayo said.

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Generous grant to Hunger Fight to help feed thousands of at-risk children

Hunger Fight, Inc., a nonprofit organization with the mission to end hunger and illiteracy through providing nutritious meals and books to children, seniors and families, has announced a two-year partnership with The Jim Moran Foundation so that it can feed hungry children during the weekend.

Hunger Fight's Feed the Backpack program provides a four-serving meal pack each week for children who receive free meals during school but may face an entire weekend with little food. Thanks to The Jim Moran Foundation, Hunger Fight, a first-time grant recipient, received a two-year grant totaling \$244,816 to provide three four-serving meal packs – breakfast, lunch and dinner – to 1,177 at-risk hungry children every weekend. The Foundation also awarded Hunger Fight with two matching challenge grants that will match every dollar raised up to \$60,000, to feed an additional 561 children. The initial \$30,000 challenge grant was raised by Aug. 31, 2019. Funds raised for the second challenge grant are due by June 1, 2020.



Dean and Sherri Porter

"We are very grateful and humbled by the recognition and support we received from The Jim Moran Foundation with these grants," said Sherri Porter, founder and executive director of Hunger Fight. "To be recognized and supported for the work we do addressing the issues of hunger in our community inspires us to continue making a difference in the lives of the children we serve."

The potential impact of these grants and the food they provide is significant, Porter said. Studies show that children who do not get enough food to eat are sick more often and cannot concentrate or focus in school. They also have more behavioral, emotional, and academic problems, she said.

"Through our partnership with Hunger Fight, we are making sure that children and their families have wholesome, nutritious food options over the weekend to lead happier, healthier lives," said Jan Moran, chairman and president of The Jim Moran Foundation.

Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital announces Florida Forum series chairs

The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital proudly announced Heather Moseley, Anna Neal and Dearing Thoburn as the chairs for the 2019-2020 Florida Forum Speaker Series.

Speakers include former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley, Presidential Historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning Author Jon Meacham, and Hall of Fame wide receiver and three-time Super Bowl champion Jerry Rice. Haley spoke Oct. 28, Meacham on Wednesday, Jan. 22 and Rice on Tuesday, Feb. 25. The programs begin at 7 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts.

The Florida Forum Speaker Series, presented by The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital and sponsored by Wells Fargo, Florida Blue and Landstar, raises awareness and funds for the hospital,



Dearing Thoburn, Heather Moseley and Anna Neal (Photo courtesy of Captured Photography)

supporting its mission to provide the highest quality of advanced pediatric healthcare regardless of ability to pay.

Since 1973, The Women's Board has raised more than \$32 million in support of Wolfson Children's Hospital.

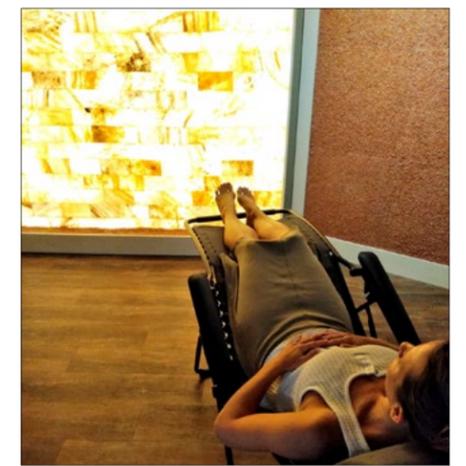
Riverside gains a Salt cave

Soluna Yoga+Spa has added a novel service to its spa and yoga offerings. The spa, located at 2105 Park Street, is now offering halotherapy in its new salt room.

Halotherapy is known as dry salt therapy and dates back two centuries or more, to salt mines in Eastern Europe. The miners, who breathed in the humid salt air every day, showed good health and few respiratory problems, which led Dr. Feliks Boczkowski to open the first health resort facility at the Wieliczka Salt Mine in Poland in 1839, according to the Salt Therapy Association.

The Salt Therapy room at Soluna is dimly lit by Himalayan salt walls and clients can listen to relaxing music, a guided meditation, Yoga Nidra, an audiobook or the spa music playing softly in the spa room. There are also noise-canceling headphones and clients can lounge in a zero-gravity chair.

Breathing in the salt air may be anti-inflammatory and may help with respiratory issues such as asthma, according to an article in U.S. News and World Report. Salt molecules are also beneficial to skin, and many people



A client relaxes while enjoying halotherapy at Soluna Yoga+Spa's new Himalayan salt room.

who enjoy salt rooms find them a great relaxation tool. One study published in the National Institutes of Health library, PubMed, found that "Besides the health benefits, people do not have free time for rest and activities in clean air; moreover, stress is inseparable from everyday life, and for those reasons salt caves become places that help to support a proper lifestyle."

For more information on Soluna's halotherapy offerings, check out their website at www.solunayogaspa.com.



Luke is so proud to be a big brother.

Family welcomes new bundle of joy

Lily Irene Garmendia and Haydon Williams Jr. of Jacksonville happily announce the birth of their son, Haydon Williams, III, born August 15 at 3:31 a.m. Haydon was delivered at Ascension St. Vincent's Southside, weighing in at 6 lb., 13 oz., and measuring 19 inches long. Haydon was welcomed home by his big brother, 3-year-old Luke Alexander Garmendia. The proud grandparents are paternal grandmother Sharon Smith and maternal grandparents, Jose' M. Garmendia, M.D. and Julie Kerns Garmendia of Jacksonville.



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Friends, family celebrate Mike Hightower in style

First the Jacksonville City Council celebrated Mike Hightower's second retirement from public service with a proclamation, then friends, family, and members of JAX Chamber's Hightower Emerging Leaders Program, his namesake, honored him at a special afterparty at the Ortega home of Betsy Lovett Oct. 8.

Hightower received the proclamation as a result of resolution 2019-480, "Honoring & Commending the Life and Many Accomplishments of Mike Hightower Upon the Occasion of His Latest Retirement," which was introduced by former District 6 City Councilman Matt Schellenberg in June and co-sponsored by At-Large Group 5 Councilman Samuel Newby. City Council passed the resolution in July but held off in presenting it to Hightower until its Oct. 8 meeting.



Colonel Len Loving with Gracie Simendinger, Mike Hightower and Suzie Loving

Hightower, 74, has officially retired twice in his long career – first in 2014 after 30 years at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, where he served as director and later as vice president of Governmental and Legislative Relations. His second retirement was from JEA's Senior Leadership Team, which he joined in 2015, after being appointed Chief Public and Stakeholder Affairs Officer.

At the party, Hightower was joined by his wife, Sue, and his son, Parker, and daughter-in-law, Maggie. Also attending the party were officials from the 5 Star Veterans Center, a nonprofit of which he holds dear.



Maggie, Parker and Gracie Hightower with Betsy Lovett, Sue and Mike Hightower



Drew and Tara Messer



Standing: Susan Powell, Drew Haramis, Lee Haramis, Ginny Walthour, Sandi White and Ann Stewart Hemphill
Kneeling: Liz Nottingham, Nancy Bennett and Barbara Irving

Attendance soared at Festival of Flight

Support was strong at the ninth annual Festival of Flight fundraiser for Angels for Allison, an organization that helps cover funeral costs and provides ongoing support for families that have lost a child. The family-friendly event, held Oct. 12 at Intuition Ale Works and Manifest Distilling, included food, games, bouncy houses, a raffle, entertainment and more.

Several dance and music studios performed inside and outside the venue – the theme was celebrating life. "We are fostering the next generation of philanthropy, giving teenagers and youth the opportunity to give

back to their community," said Liz Nottingham, executive director of Angels for Allison.

The day began with a remembrance of the children whose families Angels for Allison had helped. "My favorite part of the day is when we start our morning with a memorial service for the families we serve. I do not want these children to be forgotten," said Drew Haramis, founder of the organization, which was named for her daughter, Allison, who died in a car accident at the age of 15.

The organization has helped over 400 families over the past nine years, and they have helped 72 families so far this year.



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Susie O'Quinn with Lori Boyer, Christy Smith and Tyrie Boyer



Gala Chair Melody Van Zant with Brooks Biagini, JDRF executive director, Alexandra Iannone, JDRF development manager, and Becky Gray, JDRF board member



Casey Burkhalter and Colten Johnson with P.J. and Leslie Burkhalter



Co-Chairs Christine Carter, Lauren Scheible and Meredith Guess



Courtney Taylor with Christine Carter, Lawy Keen and Cleo Thibault



JDRF Board President Tom Anderson joins the board in making a toast



JDRF Honoree Steven Halverson and his wife, Diane, with David and Beth Stubbs



Anne and Marc Mayo with Monica and Matt Kruse

Salvation Army Celebrates its namesake, the Red Shield

The Adam W. Herbert University Center on the University of North Florida's campus hosted the Salvation Army's Sixth Annual Red Shield Ball Oct. 19. The Red Shield Ball was launched in 2014 in order to raise funds specifically for the organization's homeless shelter, located at 900 West Adams Street in Downtown Jacksonville and the services provided. It has been a success since the boost in program funding began.

While at the shelter, families receive intensive case management services including crisis intervention and counseling, as well as training in personal finance, parenting skills, child development, stress management, and health and wellness advice. All the giving efforts boost the odds of success clients have impacted 7,818 individuals and families upon leaving the shelter.



Honorary Chairs Steve and Peggy Bacalis

Royal affair raises \$583,000 for JDRF

In an affair fit for royalty, guests donned attire fit for a king and queen to toast Honoree Steve Halverson of San Marco during the 19th Annual Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Miracles Gala at the Sawgrass Marriott Oct. 19. The evening, which included cocktails, dinner, dancing, card games and a silent and live auction, raised \$583,000, said JDRF Executive Director Brooks Biagini, who estimated the final total would rise to \$600,000 in the coming weeks. Melody Van-Zant served as Gala Chair. Cynthia Gonzalez was Gala Auction Chair and Leahan Mayer served as Gala Administrator.



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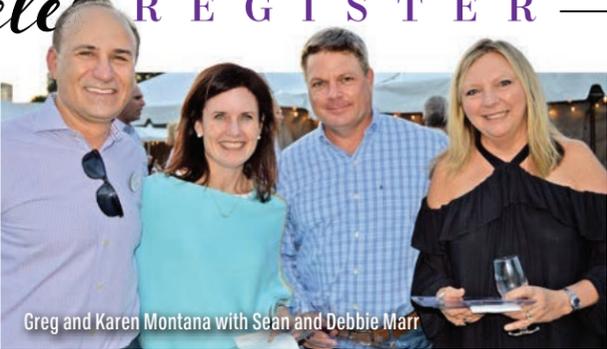
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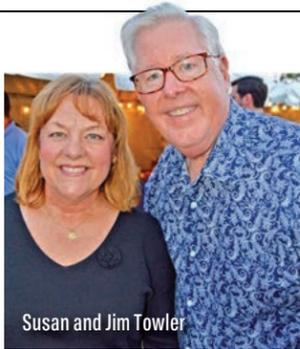
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Daniel celebrates 135 years of service to youth

Daniel, founded in 1884, is the state's oldest child-serving agency. The nonprofit recently hosted its 135th anniversary celebration on Oct. 17 at the Haskell Company headquarters on the banks of the St. Johns River. With more than 100 Daniel supporters and philanthropic community members gathering to celebrate the importance of their role in Northeast Florida, the evening was a smash for their fundraising initiatives.

Since its humble beginnings, Daniel has expanded to offer a diverse range of programs that serve approximately 3,500 children and families each day. The organization offers abused and emotionally troubled children refuge and counseling, connects kids with foster and adoptive homes, helps homeless teenagers find housing and jobs, and strengthens families. Learn more at danielkids.org.

Record crowd attends Festival d'Vine

A record crowd of more than 860 guests showed up, raising \$100,000 for Catholic Charities as they enjoyed fine libations and tasty food during the 16th Annual Festival d'Vine Oct. 25 at Treaty Oak Park on the Southbank. This year's event featured more than 100 varieties of wine from around the world courtesy of Republic National Distributing Company, while cuisine was presented by 24 popular local restaurants, including bb's, Bistro Aix, Town Hall, Moxie, Indochine, Bono's BBQ, Matthew's, The Bearded Pig, Havana Jax & Cuba Libre Bar, Southern Grounds and more. Regional Director for Catholic Charities Jacksonville Lauren Weedon Hopkins said the event has raised more than \$1.1 million for the agency over the past 16 years.

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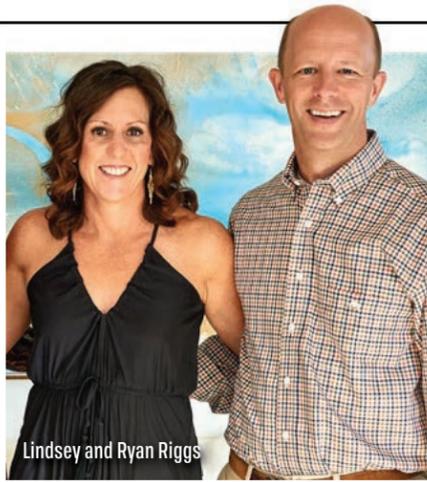
Couple opens home for evening of gratitude

The Riggs family of San Marco opened their home to some of their closest friends for an evening with Becca Stevens of Thistle Farms, a nonprofit social enterprise based in Nashville, Tenn.

Lindsey and Ryan Riggs hosted the gathering Sept. 21, so more awareness could be raised for to the mission of Thistle Farms, which is dedicated to helping women survivors recover and heal from sexual trafficking, prostitution and addiction. Not only did Stevens speak, but she brought female who shared their first-hand experiences, so attendees could understand the impact of her work.

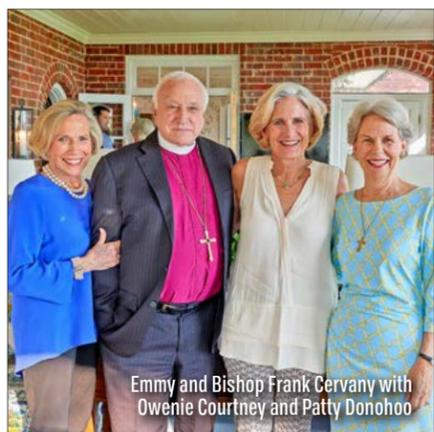
Stevens, a nationally recognized speaker, author, social entrepreneur and priest, was in town sharing her story as a guest and invited presenter for the most recent installment of the St. John's Cathedral's Cerveny Speaker Series the following day, Sept. 22.

During the gathering, she shared her vision for Thistle Farms, a sanctuary for survivors of trafficking, violence, prostitution and addiction for women. In



Lindsey and Ryan Riggs

addition to the expansive work being done on her farm in Tennessee, she has affiliate missions' work around the globe. Her mission doesn't solely raise funds, it also raises concern and drives compassionate dialogue so those listening can gain a new perspective about the abuse, neglect and trafficking of women and girls. Her goal is to educate and grow the mission of four justice enterprises under her entrepreneurial umbrella. The overarching and much larger global enterprise markets home and body products, employing over 1,800 women worldwide in the venture.



Emmy and Bishop Frank Cerveny with Owenie Courtney and Patty Donohoo



Ann Hicks with Joan and Preston Haskell

'Fun fundraiser' supports children with Muscular Dystrophy

MDA Toast of Life Co-Chair Elaine Ashourian said her goal was to have a "fun fundraiser," so people would return to support children with Muscular Dystrophy. Judging by the joy her guests expressed, she accomplished her mission. Nearly 450 turned out to raise money to send children afflicted with the disease to summer camp and to support research into finding a cure. During the event, Reginald Thompson, owner of Le Macaron™ in Avondale, was recognized with the Champion of Hope award for his long years of service to MDA. Ashourian and her co-chair, Kenneth McElfresh, also received recognition for their selfless support as chairs of the event over the past four years.



Mike and Devon Scott

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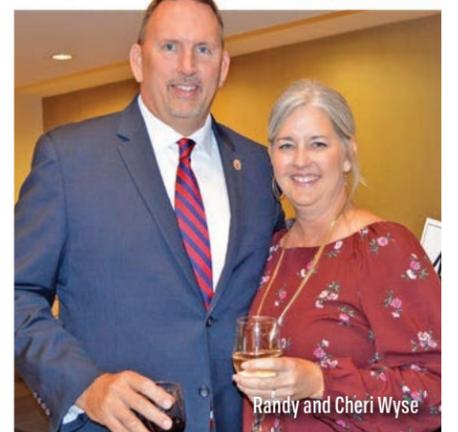
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**DRUG PRICE
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After finishing sea duty, my wife and I found ourselves enlightened outside the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. Our engrained naval officer training compelled us to pre purchase tickets to avoid the line. Sticking to our structured schedule we dutifully arrived 15 minutes early only to find you had to buy tickets to stand in line to buy the tickets to get in the gallery line. Conflicting, confusing, and complicated are how I would describe this merry-go-round puzzle which parallels the ecosystem of my main topic: Drug prices.

With the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services projecting nearly 20% of GDP being spent on health care per year coupled with health care costs rising more than 5% per year (more than double inflation), it is understandable that drug prices are a tempting topic in the political world. The main question becomes: Where is the fix? The Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development estimates it costs \$2.7 billion to bring a drug to market. Strict approval standards, long testing cycles, and low success rates all contribute to a drug's lofty cost. To reduce these costs, pharmaceutical companies offer rebates. Originally, these rebates went back to the negotiating insurance companies who used the rebates to pay the negotiators and keep overall insurance premiums down. Rebates could go to consumers but then insurance premiums would go higher. Many foreign governments handle this on a national level by negotiating drug prices which create lower prices on an approved number of drugs. Lower prices but on fewer, older drugs. So, where to start? The approval process, drug companies, insurance companies, nationally reduce access to cutting edge products for lower costs?

Medicare for all, imported drug prices, and drug arbitration are just some of the drastic proposals coming from every corner of Capitol Hill. With the healthcare sector underperforming the market this year, the opaque outlook has obviously caused investors to wait and see. However, if you are waiting to see the healthcare show finale, you might want to get in line to buy tickets to get in line.

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RAP raises funds with Slow Fish Dinner

Enchanted evening reeled in support from friends and neighbors

Nearly 150 guests enjoyed an enchanted evening of history, fun, friends and food at the Slow Fish Dinner held Oct. 12 at the historic Riverside home of Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) founder, Wayne Wood, and his wife Lana Shuttleworth.

A star-filled sky was the backdrop for the community event, but the real stars of the evening were from Slow Food First Coast: Certified chefs from Southern Roots Filling

Station, Congaree & Penn, Orsay, Biscottis and Black Sheep who prepared delicious, locally sourced food the North Florida way. Attendees enjoyed a variety of appetizers, Thai Caesar salad, scallop crudo, Florida blackstrap molasses seared salmon, and, for dessert, a PB&J taiyaki. The reception libations were provided by Manifest Distilling and the wine parings by Wine Inspired. The wonderful event was created by Doreen Cook.

“People were able to see the talent of the chefs who work in destination restaurants in the Riverside-Avondale area – people from all over the city and beyond come to these

restaurants,” said RAP President Warren Jones. “Couple that with the fact that it was in a beautiful location. We are so fortunate to have Wayne Wood and Lana Shuttleworth in our community, for many reasons, one being they are incredible hosts. People were able to be in a very relaxed environment, meet new friends, and discover the welcoming community that Riverside-Avondale is.”

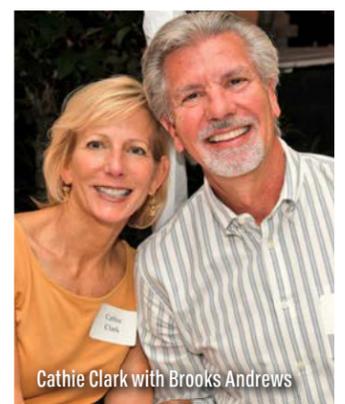
Net proceeds from the event will benefit RAP’s work to preserve the community’s historic fabric, promote local businesses, arts and culture, advocate with and for the neighborhood, and celebrate community.



Hostess Lana Shuttleworth Wood with Robin Patton and Travee Polson



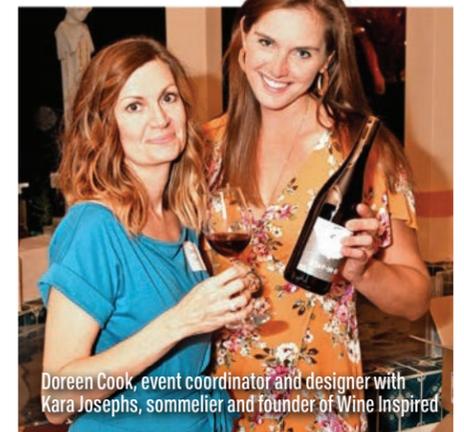
Elaine Wheeler with Gunnel Humphreys



Cathie Clark with Brooks Andrews



From left to right, around the table were Ellen and Jim Wiss with Jennie Belz, Janna Tamargo, Michael Idinopulos and Mari Kuraishi



Doreen Cook, event coordinator and designer with Kara Josephs, sommelier and founder of Wine Inspired

Church kicks off visual arts effort for World Communion Day



Church members come together to create flags for World Communion Day

Small children, senior citizens and parishioners of every age in between came together to create prayer flags ahead of World Communion Day, celebrated at Riverside Presbyterian Church Oct. 6.

The flags were the first art installation of the newly formed Liturgical Arts Committee, whose task is to enhance the worship experience with the addition of visual theology. Church members decorated the flags by writing prayers, words, symbols, word clouds or actual drawings. The community was also invited to write prayers on the flags, which were installed both inside the sanctuary and outside the church.

On the day of the service, buckets of sidewalk chalk were available for people to draw on the sidewalks in the courtyard area of the church to commemorate the significance of World Communion Day and write words of “Welcome” in many languages. A banner was displayed with a message focused on Jesus’ response in parable to the lawyer’s question: Who is my neighbor?

The new interim minister, Rev. Conley A. Zomermaand said he is very supportive of the arts playing a larger role in the church. The goal is to reach out to the surrounding community with the arts and create projects that convey a visual welcome to visitors and the neighborhood community.

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DLC Nurse & Learn celebrated its 30th Anniversary of Hope and Miracles at the RiverFront Cafe Sept. 12. Local author and advocate Pam Tebow, mother of football player Tim Tebow, winner of the Heisman Trophy, was the keynote speaker at the event, which included dinner and a reflection of 30 years of miracles with the kids and families who have been served at DLC over the years.

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MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation Executive Director Terri Florio with Donovan Darius, MaliVai Washington, Pat and Inger Geraghty

Foundation celebrates teens, new center

Supporters of the MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation celebrated the construction of the nonprofit's new Teen Center—Club 904 and the more than 1,400 students served by its programs when they gathered at the Florida Blue Conference Center Oct. 17.

Curtis Dvorak and Sportscaster Dan Hicken welcomed the guests to the event, which included recognition of the foundation's scholarship recipients. During the past year, the foundation has served 205 students in its Tennis-n-Tutoring program, 196 at Camp Dynamite, and more than 1,000 in its community outreach endeavors. "We are proud to have had three students achieve a 4.0 GPA, maintained our 100% on-time graduation rate and for the first time in program history, a 100% promotion rate," said MaliVai Washington, founder of the foundation.

"Our goal tonight is to raise between \$250,000 and \$300,000. That will support the programs of the foundation that we already have running as well as our teen capital campaign," said MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation Executive Director Terri Florio. "We're building a teen center right next to our current youth center, which will be opening next summer."



Judy Hughes with Noel Peters and Morgan Spears



Darnell Smith, Kristi Aiello, Chantel Clark, Joy Stanton with Soo and James Gilvarry



Megan Henry with Justin Kuehn and Ian Paicic

Guests rock to Caribbean tunes during Morning Star's Havana Nights

Ricky Ricardo would have been right at home during Havana Nights, Morning Star School's 8th Annual Gala and Auction Sept. 28 at the Haskell Building in Riverside.

The event, which boasted Cuban-inspired cuisine, mojitos, open bar, casino games, a cigar lounge, and dancing to Caribbean tunes, helped to raise money for the school that services children with learning differences and intellectual disabilities.

Casino Tropical, which was sponsored by Jenny and Mike Lehman, featured craps and blackjack tables, while Julio "JC" Cordero, a master Cuban cigar roller, manned the cigar lounge, which was sponsored by Swisher International. Cordero worked in the family tobacco harvesting business in Cuba and learned the art of cigar rolling, which guests found fascinating and fun to watch. His tobacco leaves were grown in Ecuador, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic from Cuban seeds.

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Barbara Wood with Lori Pyle and Deborah Landon



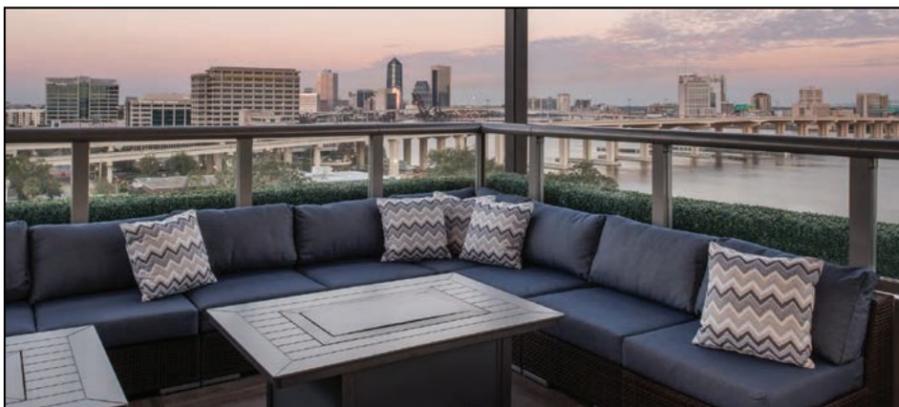
Jeff Asher relishes in his acquisition of a nice hand-rolled cigar



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Cummer debuts Louis Comfort Tiffany collection, celebrates donors

The newest exhibition at the Cummer opened to one of the most highly attended Ponce de Leon Society openings in years. With approximately 150 members of the highest order in the room, Dr. Adam Levine, the Museum's George W. and Kathleen I. Gibbs Director and CEO showered praise on his Chief Curator, Holly Keris, as guests anxiously awaited their opportunity to learn more.

"I'm going to let the star shine, the one who put this together," said Levine, as he introduced Keris to the gathering of patrons. He also thanked donors for enabling everyone in the community the ability to cherish this "gem of a museum" because of their generosity. "It is a civic resource for all of Jacksonville," he shared.

Keris shared her vision for showcasing the hard work that permeated the comprehensive and varying works of Louis Comfort Tiffany. She talked about the elaborate works in nearly all the media available to artists and designers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and how the collection includes pieces in glass, ceramic, metalwork, jewelry and painting. The exhibit features more than 60 objects, spanning over 30 years of Tiffany's prolific career.

The newest exhibition at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, titled *Louis Comfort Tiffany: Treasures from the Driehaus Collection*, opened to the donors Oct. 16 and to the greater public on Oct. 18. It will be on display through Jan. 5, 2020. Philanthropic support from the community is critical for the Museum to serve as a vibrant civic resource. Many of the top supporters were present for the opening donor appreciation evening.



Hank Holbrook with Pam Paul, current chair of the Ponce de Leon Society



Supporters Bruce Dempsey, Juan Carlos and Lorelei Figueroa, Janne and Jody Brandenburg, Gabrielle Dempsey, Walter Thompson, Jackie Cornelius, Susan Slagle, Phyllis and H.L. Geiger enjoyed the opening amongst friends.



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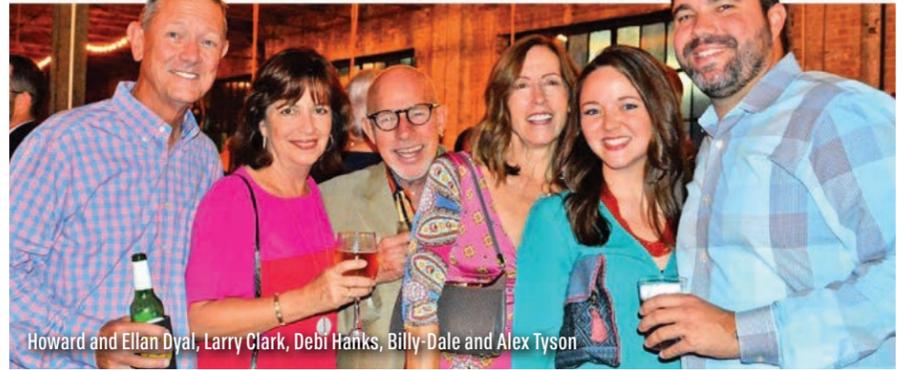


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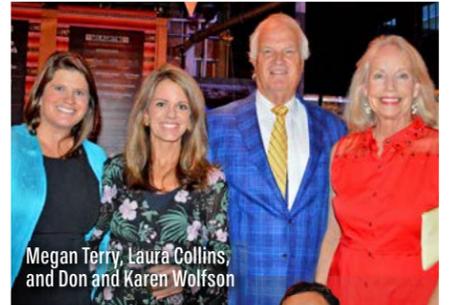
The Glass Factory on Myrtle Ave. pulsed with life the evening of Oct. 25, as supporters gathered for Patrons of the Hearts' 15 annual Artscapade, an event to help raise money for pediatric heart patients.

Splashes of colorful art throughout the venue engaged the eyes of the attendees, while they listened to live music, shared conversations with friends old and new, and sated their palates with food and cocktails. The evening was a celebration of the new lives of the children Patrons of the Heart has served and the donors that make it possible.

The non-profit helps children around the world with congenital heart defects to be evaluated, treated and receive life-saving surgery at Wolfson Children's Hospital.

Patrons of the Hearts is a partnership between the University of Florida Pediatric Cardiovascular Center, Wolfson Children's Hospital and the Jacksonville community.

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School celebrates expansion, honors donors

Tasty tidbits and specialty drinks accented a night of celebration for The North Florida School of Special Education (NFSSE), which honored its donors at their Farm to Cocktail event with delectable fare prepared by the Berry Good Farms a NFSSE culinary team. Attendees also got a sneak peek at their new Christy and Lee Smith Lower School Campus at the Oct. 10 gathering.

More than \$6 million was raised to help NFSSE achieve its dream of expanding its campus to enroll additional students and to serve the community through equine therapy and other programs. The construction is scheduled to be completed in January of next year.

John Baker, a lifelong Jacksonville resident who learned about NFSSE just two years ago, has become one of its biggest supporters.

“It didn’t take me long to learn that the school was unique, offering state-of-the-art educational and therapeutic programs for children with intellectual differences and helping their families. It was also obvious that the dream of expansion was substantiated by the fact that the existing building was and still is bulging at the seams, and there is a wait list at every academic level,” he said.

Of the new building, he said, “It is not only an amazing building, but every detail is so well thought out and beautifully executed that it just gives me goosebumps.” According to Bert Brown, vice president of board of directors for NFSSE, there were over 1,000 donors this academic year, and 8,000 volunteer hours offered by individuals, groups, companies and students, and over



Debbie Buckland with Elaine and Mike Ashourian

\$700,000 was raised this past year. “It means so much when people give – monetarily or of their time – and we are so appreciative,” said Brown.

NFSSE, established in 1992, seeks to improve the lives of students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities through the achievement of academic, vocational, and social skills.



Ed White, owner of Auld and White Constructors shows his wife Marlene the plans that his company have been executing for the build-out of the North Florida School of Special Education. The school project holds a special place in their hearts, as they have a personal connection to the mission through their granddaughter, Abigail Jones.

Welcome back luncheon celebrated in style at Epping Forest

Friends and associates gathered for a welcome back party for Margaret ‘Mag’ Black-Scott, as a homecoming upon her recent return to North Florida. Black has spent many years in Jacksonville during her career yet returned to California for many of her working years as the founder and CEO of Beverly Hills Wealth Management.

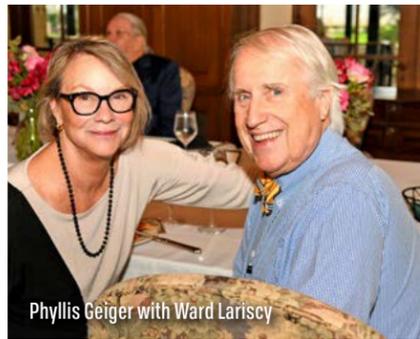
Janne Brandenburg played hostess, as the luncheon at Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club delivered the perfect backdrop for the afternoon gathering. Black-Scott was thankful for the opportunity to connect with friends and new acquaintances. “There’s no such thing as an old friend, we’re just friends of longstanding ... and new friends of longstanding,” said Black-Scott, as she embraced guests Oct. 10.



Jackie Cornelius with Janne Brandenburg and Richard Warholic



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Hostess Janne Brandenburg with special guest, Margaret ‘Mag’ Black-Scott



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THE WAY WE WERE: MADISON SHELLEY BY KAREN RIELEY RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

Fifth-generation Floridians, like his children, are true anomalies, a fact of which Madison Shelly is proud. His family has been part of the Riverside/Avondale/Ortega area since the early 1940s, more than 75 years.

Shelly, who serves as chief development officer for Daniel, now resides on Yacht Club Road in Ortega. The low-lying property suffered through two major floods in tropical storms in 2004 and 2008. Determined to stay in the neighborhood he loved, Shelly rebuilt his home on the property after the 2008 flood and moved back in 2010.

"I most appreciate the small-town feel that Jacksonville's historic neighborhoods offer, as the city gets bigger and bigger," he said. "Ortega is comfort and home where most of my friends and family live. It's a town unto itself where multiple generations return to live after venturing out around the country and world.

"A connection to living history is all too lacking and increasingly unappreciated in today's world," Shelly continued. "As the saying goes, 'If you don't know where you've been, how do you know where you're going?'"



Shelly with W. Davis Shelly, Jr., who adopted him



Shelly with his step-father, W. Davis Shelly Jr., his mother, Helen, and sister, Betty

Shelly's family story in America began in the 1600s, when his father's family came to the United States. They migrated south in the late 1700s to Harrison, Ga.

In 1935, Shelly's father, John Madison Barnes, moved from the family farm in Georgia to Jacksonville. He lived with his sister, Mabel McCullagh, in the neighborhood known "Red House" on Ortega Boulevard, until he finished high school. Barnes graduated from the University of Florida and attended law school, and eventually formed the law firm, Barnes, Barnes, Naughton and Slater, where he worked until his death.

Shelly's mother, Helen Hatch Shelly, had roots in England, Ireland and Russia. Her father's family arrived in Scituate, Mass., in 1630 from Sandwich in County Kent, England. Helen's father, Delmont O. Hatch, came to Jacksonville after World War I with the Army Corps of Engineers. After arriving in Jacksonville, he met and married Margaret Mary Rodewolt.



Mother Helen, Sister Betty, Madison and daughter Angela

Helen's maternal grandmother, Julia Anna McCormick Rodewolt, was born in Ireland, and her grandfather, Charles Rodewolt, was an ethnic German born in Russia. The Rodewolt family moved to Jacksonville from New Jersey after the city's Great Fire of 1901.

Helen was born in Florida and raised in Rockland, Mass. To be near her father, she moved to Jacksonville after she completed training up north as a dental hygienist.

John Madison Barnes met Helen Hatch at the Ortega Pier Dance Hall, which no longer exists. The hall was next to the Ortega Bridge. The couple married on Sept. 24, 1945 and lived in apartments at 1741 River Road. In 1948, Shelly was born in the former Riverside Hospital, now home to the Publix in 5 Points.

That same year, the family of three moved to Forest Park Road in Ortega.

"One of my first memories of living in Ortega is waiting for my sister, Elizabeth Taylor, who we called Betty, to be brought home from the hospital after her birth," Shelly said.

Shelly's biological father, John Madison Barnes, died unexpectedly of a heart attack in 1955 at age 35. Shelly was seven and Betty, was four. Their mother, Helen, married W. Davis Shelly Jr. in 1958, and Davis legally adopted her children, giving them his last name, Shelly. They lived on Algonquin Avenue in Ortega.

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Shelly as an acolyte at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Shelly attended Ortega Elementary, Lakeshore Junior High, and went to Robert E. Lee High School for his freshman year. He later transferred to St. Andrew's School, a boarding school in Boca Raton, where he finished high school. He eventually graduated from Auburn University.

"I remember Ortega as such a congenial neighborhood," Shelly said. "There was no bus to take us to school, so we all just rode our bikes or walked to and from school. Almost no mothers dropped their kids off at school.

"After school, my friends and I would ride our bikes to a local gas station and buy sandwiches or snacks before going home."

Shelly recalled participating in paper drives in elementary school. "We collected old newspapers from our neighbors and delivered them to our school," he said. "The school sold them back to paper companies, and that's how the PTA made money for projects."

Sundays were special for Shelly, as well. "My family would go to church at St. Mark's Episcopal and then to lunch at the Florida Yacht Club or Timuquana Country Club. After lunch, the grownups played golf, and I got to drive the golf cart. We'd go boating,

too." Shelly said he operated rowboats and even motorboats at age 7, and when he was a teenager, he took up sailing.

Shelly's step-grandfather, Walter D. Shelly, came to Jacksonville from Shelly, Minn., after World War I. He originally lived on River Road in San Marco. He worked in real estate development and was also an attorney who later founded Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan. He was involved in selling the land to Timuquana Country Club and was one of the club's early members. Shelly's step-grandmother, Sarah, was TCC's reigning women's golf champion in the late 50s and early 60s.

Shelly's working life has been nearly evenly split between the for-profit and nonprofit worlds. In 1978, he was hired by C. Lloyd Johnson Company, a leading military service sales and marketing agency, which was acquired in 2008 by Acosta Sales and Marketing. He started as a sales representative and was immediately transferred to Virginia Beach. He later lived in Montgomery, Ala.; Atlanta, Ga.; and Stuttgart, Germany, where he met his second wife, Robin Feickert. The couple finally landed back in Jacksonville, where, by the time he left the company after 22 years, he was the Southeastern and Caribbean sales manager.



W. Davis Shelly Jr. with his children, Madison and Betty



Shelly with his parents, W. Davis and Helen Shelly, Jr.

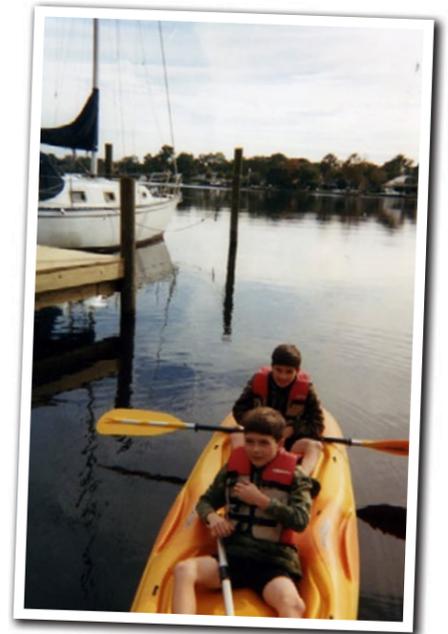
"I wanted to find a job that didn't take me out of town all the time," Shelly said. So, he took a job raising funds for Jacksonville University in 1999 and worked there through 2001. "I wanted to apply my sales-oriented skills to higher education and be home more for my kids," he said. Shelly has actually worked for JU twice, returning in 2008 and working through 2018.

He has also worked for Daniel twice, 2001-2008 and came back in 2018 to serve as its chief development officer, a role he's been thoroughly enjoying. "Growing up in Jacksonville and living here for the majority of my working career has given me the opportunity to meet many wonderful and giving people," he said.

"So much about fundraising is about building and keeping relationships, and the other part is about having a worthwhile cause for which to fundraise. I can't think of a better cause than helping at-risk children and strengthening families. Daniel has been helping abused, neglected and emotionally troubled children for 135 years, and I'm so proud to be part of furthering their mission." Daniel is the oldest child-serving agency in Florida, he said.

Shelly anticipates a sixth generation of his family to continue living in Florida. He has two sons living in Jacksonville: Madison, Jr. an electrical engineer at the Haskell company, and Davis is a MBA student at JU. His daughter, Angela Shelly Adams, is a high school programs coordinator in Cortez, Colo., and mother to his granddaughter, Anika. Madison's daughter graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and his sons attended St. Mark's Episcopal Day School and The Episcopal School and graduated from The Bolles School. Angela is an FSU alum and sons Madison and Davis graduated from Jacksonville University.

Shelly's roots run deep in Florida, especially in Ortega, and his appreciation for his historic neighborhood, love of his family and passion for helping young people in our community serve as models for the next generation.



Shelly's sons, Madison Jr. and Davis, pilot a kayak in Pirates Cove behind Yacht Club Road

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Super swimmer brings home the gold – again and again



By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

John Corse is the last man standing of the renowned swim team of Tiger Holmes, Bill Adams and Ed Graves, who held world and international swim records in their age groups for years.

Although his teammates have passed on, Corse continues to wow with his endurance and record setting abilities. Corse, USNA class of 1947, has set numerous world records – and at the youthful age of 95, has done it again. He walked away from the Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic Swim Meet in Orlando in October with top medals in 11 out of 12 events. The humble Corse joked that he doesn't have much competition anymore in his age group.

A life-long swimmer, Corse grew up swimming in the river in Green Cove Springs near his grandparents' home. He won his first swim meet at the Green Cove Spring pool and was awarded a \$5 gift certificate, which he used to buy a bamboo fishing pole. He was a swimmer at Lee High School and in college, then joined the military and got busy with life, taking a long hiatus from the water. He rediscovered his love for the sport in the mid-2000s and has been actively swimming ever since.

These days, Corse can be found training three times a week at the NAS pool, as he has done off and on since 1946. Otherwise he stays busy practicing law, engaging in historical research, or attending social events or family functions with his wife, Muffet. Check out The Resident archives for more stories on the accomplishments of this ageless wonder through the years.

John Corse won top medals in 11 out of 12 events at the Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic Swim Meet in Orlando.

Political cartoonist shares work at exhibit

By Peggy Harrell Jennings, Resident Community News

Internationally known political cartoonist Ed Hall had a great turnout for his solo exhibition, "To the Point" at The Vault in San Marco with over 150 original editorial cartoons.

The illustrations, with biting satire and knee-slapping humor, were an unexpected exhibit for a fine art gallery and promoted thought provoking dialogue among the art enthusiasts as they moved from piece to piece. Included in the exhibit is Hall's new work as well as some of his archival cartoons.

Hall, a San Marco resident, did political cartoons and illustrations for the school newspaper while a student at University of Florida and has worked for several weekly publications in and around Jacksonville. His work has appeared in numerous publications in the United States as well as internationally.

The exhibit is on display at The Vault, 1930 San Marco Blvd., through Friday, Nov. 8.



The Vault Gallery Director Rula Carr with artist Ed Hall



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In Memoriam Bishop John J. Snyder

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Bishop John J. Snyder, affectionately known as the people's bishop, passed away Sept. 27 at the age of 93. Hundreds of people whose lives he had touched crowded The Basilica Cathedral for his Oct. 2 funeral mass, testament to a remarkable man who not only loved the Lord with all his heart, but also loved people – all people – unconditionally.

Bishop Snyder led the 17-county Diocese of St. Augustine for more than 20 years, during a period of tremendous growth, when the number of Catholics more than doubled - requiring the addition of eight new parishes, seven elementary schools, and two high schools, St. Francis Catholic Academy in Gainesville and the school on the Westside that bears his name.

He built the Catholic Center, the diocesan offices in Mandarin; renovated and expanded a riverfront estate into the Marywood Retreat and Spirituality Center and converted the old Immaculate Conception school downtown into the Providence Center that provided offices for social service agencies.

Although he produced much fruit by his faith and was prolific in good works for the church, his love and works extended far beyond the church. Bishop Snyder reached out to groups that did not feel welcomed in the church – the divorced, the disabled, gays and lesbians, inmates, farmworkers, refugees, and immigrants. He made everyone feel loved and noticed.



Bishop John J. Snyder

David Seamans, posted on the Bishop's online tribute wall a special moment shared between them. After a confirmation service at Christ the King Catholic Church, Seamans had the opportunity to speak privately with the Bishop about his son, Tim, who was killed in action. "Within two weeks later, I received not only a beautiful, but emotional letter from His Grace; he shared with me his family's story of coming to America and how his brother was killed in WWII. This brought tears to my eyes - now the Bishop that my family loved and adored was a Gold

Star sibling. May God bless you and keep you, may He shine His everlasting light upon you always; in Jesus Name we pray," Seamans wrote.

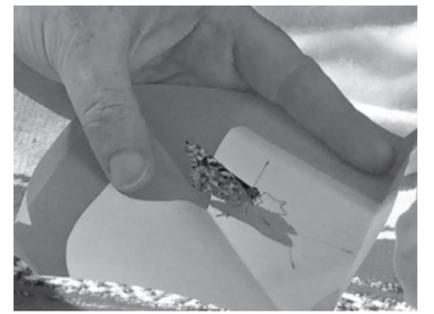
Bishop Snyder backed his love and faith with action – he built five retirement homes for low-income elderly, a nursing home and a retirement home for priests, where he spent his last years. Additionally, he established ministries for farmworkers, refugees, and immigrants, offering medical services and legal assistance as well as pastoral support.

He had a special affinity for the disabled, resulting in him establishing the Ministry for Persons with Disabilities that runs summer camps for disabled children and adults from all over the county. On the state level, he advocated for prison reform and spoke out against the death penalty. He was active in prison ministry and after his retirement in 2000 ministered to inmates on Death Row.

He was one of the founders of the Interfaith Council in Jacksonville and in 1991, he became co-chairman of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue, a role in which he traveled with Catholic and Episcopal bishops, first to England to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury and then to Rome to meet Pope John Paul II.

Well known and loved within and without the church, Bishop Snyder will be remembered for his faith, his good works, and his love for God and people.

Release of butterflies soothes loss of little loved ones



Families released butterflies in honor of their loved ones at Baptist Medical Center Oct. 20.

More than 300 family members released colorful butterflies in honor of lost infants during the 29th Annual Pregnancy and Perinatal Loss Remembrance Day, Oct. 20 at Baptist Medical Center.

The event, which was open to any family that has lost a baby, was sponsored jointly by Baptist Health and Ascension St. Vincent's HealthCare. During Remembrance Day, grieving families also had an opportunity to create individual keepsakes to honor their loved ones.

"This event reminds families who have gone through this tremendous loss that they are not alone," said Linda Rosengren, chaplain and bereavement services coordinator for Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville and Wolfson Children's Hospital. "Around 300 people attend Remembrance Day every year, and when each family hears their baby's name read aloud, it's proof that their baby is not forgotten."

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Community teams up to build \$535K home to sell for Boys & Girls Club

By Jennifer Edwards
Resident Community News

An historic Avondale neighborhood got a double novelty in early October: A brand-new, half-a-million-dollar home in an area populated by old historic houses, built solely to raise money for philanthropy.

When the 2,400-square-foot home at 3881 Jean Street, completed in late October, is sold, all the profits will go to the Baxter E. Luther Boys & Girls Club, formerly the Woodland Acres Boys & Girls Club, on Pecan Street. Private backers Phyllis Arnold – whose father the club was renamed to honor— Gary Moreau and Paul and Caren Felker organized and underwrote the project while Bucky and Meg Davis, the owners of Springfield builders, oversaw the building of the home for free.

As construction progressed, the collaboration grew to include as many as 80 to 100 other community members who contributed time and materials at reduced cost or for free. And, many of them grew up going to Boys & Girls clubs, Bucky Davis said.

“This was a wonderful effort,” Davis said. “They had all of the ingredients except for someone to build the house. They wanted to know how much it would cost to get us to build a house and we said we would be willing to do it for nothing. And, we have had 100% participation of the subcontractors and suppliers as far as reducing their costs so that the contribution to the Boys & Girls club is maximized.”

The Davises used their license and paid for the permitting while the private backers paid for labor, materials, the lot and other expenses. When the house is sold, the net

profit will go to the club, which Arnold says performs a crucial role in the community.

“The kids come there after school, they get homework assistance,” Arnold said. “They participate in all kinds of programs. They do robotics, dance, all kinds of programs they can participate in. And, they get a hot meal. For most of those kids, they get that before they go home. Going home, there may or may not be food there or not much anyway.”

Arnold said her father, who helped found the club with the Optimists and Arlington Rotary clubs, came up with the idea of selling a home as a fundraiser during a time when golf tournaments were the norm and the economy was hitting a downturn. Meanwhile, the clubs built and continued to expand the Boys & Girls club.

“My Dad used to say this: ‘All (the kids) really need is just a little encouragement and just a helping hand,’” she said. “Not all kids are fortunate.”

Brian Gabree, Broker Associate with eXp Realty, is paying to market the home and will sell it commission-free. He describes it as “a modern interpretation of an American Craftsman-style home,” but its singularity doesn’t end there.

“They are building a new home in the historic district. That in itself is a unique commodity,” Gabree said, noting that any new construction or renovation must be approved by the City Historic Preservation Commission. He said the home is close to Boone Park, the Florida State College at Jacksonville’s Kent Campus and is within walking distance of the Shoppes of Avondale.

“Everybody wants to be in the historic district and the reason is its walkability,” Gabree said. “Everybody wants to be there



The home at 3881 Jean Street is brand-new construction built to look as historic as its neighborhood.

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— Phyllis Arnold

but there are only so many homes and there are even fewer new construction (homes). With a new home, you have the luxury of living within the historic district without the maintenance chore that never ends.”

Now, the completed home is waiting for a buyer or family who would like to enjoy top-of-the-line, brand-new interiors and gas appliances even while the home itself appears to have been on the 50-foot-by-100-foot lot for a century.

The two-story, four-bedroom-three-bath home features 10-foot ceilings on the ground floor and 9-foot ceilings on the top floor, hardwood flooring and an open floor plan. And, because the water lines on the street were at or over capacity, the home comes with a well and a water softener and reverse osmosis systems donated by Kinetico CGC Water Treatment, Davis said. The asking price is around \$535,000.

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Families visit 'Disney in Jacksonville' at Halloween Doors and More



Toy Story characters Duke Caboom, played by John Mann, and Buzz Lightyear, played by Javier Neret, pose with Lucky and Ashley Butler and their children, Winifred, 4, and Charley, 3.

Families from Jacksonville and beyond showed up in full force – and in full costume – for Community PedsCare’s signature fundraiser, Halloween Doors and More on, Oct. 19. PedsCare is Community Hospice & Palliative Care’s pediatric program and the event is a huge source of the program’s funding. About 1,600 families came to the event, held at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall, said Amy Davis, Community’s vice president of philanthropy.

Davis refers to the event as “Disney in Jacksonville,” and with its multiple 10-foot-by-14-foot doors, which serve as bright backdrops, it is easy to see why. “One’s a pumpkin, one’s a firehouse, minion town, under the sea adventure,” she explained. “They go to those doors, they go trick or treating, there are interactive areas, and they have Jedi Academy that they walk into.”

There’s even a salon where they get their hair done and their face painted. Danielle Eaves, Community Peds Care Child Life Specialist, took a moment to get gussied there, too.

“It’s amazing to see how much fun our kids have. Here, people don’t stare, and they get to see other families they know,” she said.

Peds patient Mikayla Linear, of the northside was there, getting her face painted with her grandmother, Doris Lloyd.

“I love it,” Lloyd said. “She comes every year, but this is my first time. She loves it.” Ashley Jimerson of San Marco was also there with her children, Ford, 7, and Lila, 9. So was John Mann of San Marco, who was dressed to impress.

“I’m Duke Caboom from the new Toy Story,” he explained with a smile half-hidden behind a fake handlebar moustache, in between taking photos with kids.

Along with live-action characters and entertainment from Orlando, Susan DuBow, event founder, said the event



Ashley Jimerson with her children, Ford, 7, and Lila, 9



Kendell Jones, 3, poses with Disney princesses at Halloween Doors and More, an event to benefit Community PedsCare.

still featured the bright, festive candy machines she bought on eBay 16 years ago. The year of its inception, it became the largest first-year fundraiser ever, she said, and took 18 months to plan. Since its inception, it has raised more than \$4.4 million, not including this year’s event, according to community hospice.

“I feel like so many times, parents or grandparents get a babysitter and go to a charity event and their children don’t know what they are doing,” she said.

She wanted this event to be different and geared toward peds patients. “I was very specific,” she said. “There are no special lines, no wheelchair lines. Everybody’s together.”



Artists at work

JAG celebrates a glitzy 10 years

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

The Jacksonville Artists Guild kicked off a new season and celebrated their 10th anniversary with “Puttin’ on the Glitz,” a fun-filled event at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Oct. 14.

Nearly 100 artists and art enthusiasts enjoyed wine, food, a Power-Point trip down memory lane of previous events, speakers and exhibits created by Ron Episcopo, and music and dancing by the Willie Chambliss Trio.

The Guild was founded by Ortega artists Carole Mehrstens, Bill Schmidt and his mother, Christine Schmidt, to encourage and support area artists and those who appreciate art. It sprang from the original Village Gallery with artists Christine Schmidt,

Eula Bull, Margaret Berg, Alice Ulmer and Maureen Riley.

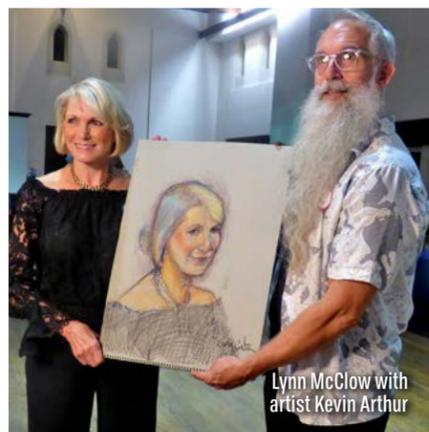
The Jacksonville Artists Guild meets monthly in October through May in Leatherbury Hall at St. Mark’s with fun, fellowship, speakers and presentations given by visiting artists. Many exhibit opportunities are available to members and interested artists and enthusiasts are invited to visit the Jacksonvilleartistsguild.org website or Facebook page.

A highlight of “Puttin’ on the Glitz” was watching portrait demonstrations by artists Kevin Arthur (pastels), Pablo Rivero (watercolors), and Anna Miller (oil paint), who worked as guests mingled about and observed the artists displaying their talents. Models were JAG Founder Bill Schmidt, and former JAG President Lynn McClow. Several people commented on how exciting it was to see the work progress from sketches to beautifully rendered portraits.

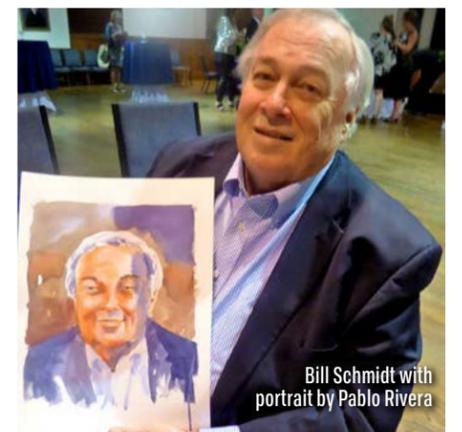
JAG members recently enjoyed a “Cocktails at the Cummer” event with Dr. Adam Levine. JAG members are currently exhibiting at South Kitchen, Watson Realty, and will be at Berdy Dental, Reddi-Arts in San Marco, and at the Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP) Art House during the RAP Home Tour next spring. Other venues will be announced.



Artists Pablo Rivera, Anna Miller and Kevin Arthur



Lynn McClow with artist Kevin Arthur



Bill Schmidt with portrait by Pablo Rivera

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Civic orchestra performs at garden club, cathedral

By **Peggy Harrell Jennings**
The Resident Community News

The Civic Orchestra of Jacksonville's "Orchestration of Food, Wine and Music" at the Garden Club in Riverside was an exciting and fun affair. Guests were greeted with champagne and a violin duet. The orchestra, which is supported by volunteer musicians and donations from the community, celebrated its third fundraiser with performances by the Woodwind Ensemble, French Horn Quartet, Violin Duets, including Concert Master Edward Latimer, a String Quartet and a Contemporary Ensemble as guests enjoyed a silent auction, door prizes, good food, wine and fellowship. Serving as Master of Ceremonies was Board Member Kent Justice, who kept the evening moving while joking that his energetic auctioneering skills might lead to a new profession.

Artist-in-Residence Kelly Young displayed her vibrant work, which is unique in



Kelly Young



Concert Master Edward Latimer with Dr. Marguerite Richardson, conductor

concept. Using music as inspiration for her 10-year-old autistic child to create paintings or drawings, Young then transfers and embellishes her creations onto canvases. She expressed her joy at being able to work with her daughter and said, "I'm not happy unless I'm doing art. It is something that we can share."

Civic Orchestra President Nadine Terk and Conductor Dr. Marguerite Richardson expressed gratitude for the turn out, and for the strong, vibrant community, which loves music. Of course, there was appreciation for the musicians who enjoy bringing free concerts to Jacksonville and Northeast Florida.

The orchestra opened its fourth season at St. John's Cathedral Oct. 6 and recently had a concert at St. Anastasia in St. Augustine. Its next concert will be held Friday, Dec. 8 at the Terry Theatre at Jacksonville University with selections from the Nutcracker Ballet and the Skater's Waltz among others. Check out the orchestra's spring season at civicorchestrajax.org.



The Civic Orchestra led by Dr. Marguerite Richardson, conductor



Dr. Mitchell Terk and his wife, Nadine Terk, president, Civic Orchestra of Jacksonville



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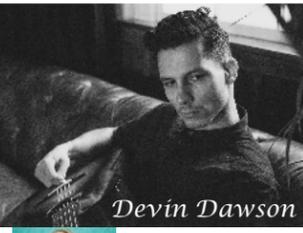
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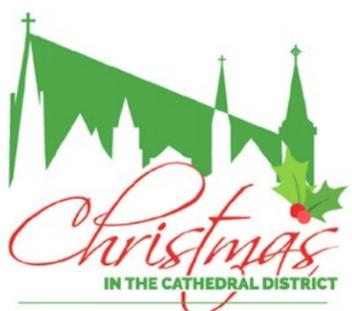

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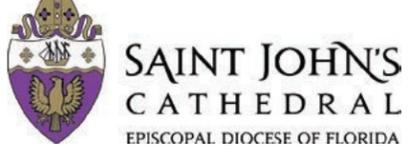
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New 'Whodunit' honors old friend, co-author

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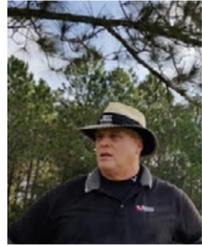
Former Avondale resident Christopher Stone has turned the loss of his best friend into a tribute by publishing a murder mystery he and Ronald Johnson began co-authoring 10 years ago. Johnson passed away in September 2014 and the book, "MURDER at the 17th," languished for a while.

"We were both big fans of Carl Hiaasen and we wanted to emulate his style, so we came up with the idea of writing a satirical golf murder-mystery novel," said Stone, who lives in Southwest Jacksonville. "We would meet every afternoon when Ron got off work at Shands and we would write for three to four hours a day for six months. Weekends, too."

Stone said the working title was "MURDER at THE PLAYERS," but when he decided last year to publish it he was advised by two different publishers to talk to the PGA Tour and let them know what he was doing, to seek their approval.

"In the end, after several emails and conversations, the Tour decided that it would amount to an endorsement from them. They suggested that I change the names and so I did," Stone said. "The characters and the golf tournament are all products of my imagination. The characters' names used are all friends. Surprisingly, all the name changes didn't take away from the story at all."

The fifth of six children, Stone grew up on Avondale Avenue, first attending St.



Christopher Stone



Ronald Johnson

Paul's Catholic School, then Bishop Kenny in the 9th grade before transferring to Robert E. Lee High School, where he played on the golf team and graduated in 1976.

"One of the best memories I have from childhood was the neighborhood kids playing football with Gordon Hardage. Gordon was the neighborhood 'Dad' and he ran afternoon games with all the block's kids," recalled Stone.

He met Johnson, a Navy "brat" who lived in Jacksonville several times growing up, in Tallahassee in 1984 and said they became best friends immediately. Stone had gone to Tallahassee Community College before returning to Jacksonville to study broadcast journalism at the University of North Florida, and was hired by WTLV-12. Johnson had a master's in social work from Florida State University and was also a folk singer, musician and songwriter.

"Over the years we played in many bands. In the early '90s we had a cable access skit comedy show and that was the beginning of our comedic writing," said Stone, who worked in television for two decades, then retired in 2003 after a bad auto accident left him with a broken neck and traumatic brain injury.

Stone said he writes every day and has plans for a second book. Johnson, who wrote more than 200 songs, had published "North Florida Folk Music: History & Tradition" two months before he died from pancreatic cancer.

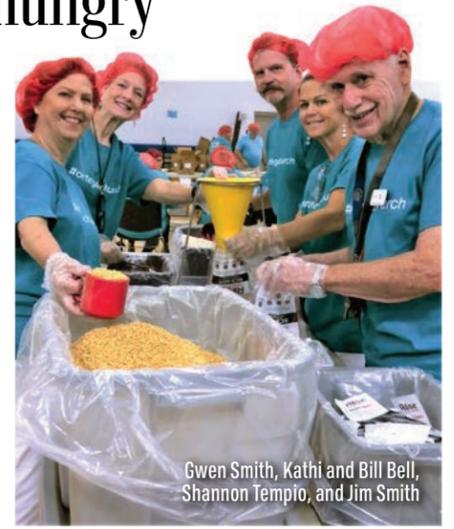
Both books can be found on Amazon.

Church celebrates World Communion Day by feeding the hungry

Cheers went up after the gong sounded a celebration for each 1,000 meals of rice, soy and powdered vitamins packaged by members of Ortega United Methodist Church (UMC) to help feed the world's hungry. Within two hours, 100 plus volunteers packaged over 10,000 meals.

Naomi Brisard, Rise Against Hunger representative, was on hand to instruct and organize the event. She explained that with the help of volunteers such as these, the organization provided 157,000 meals to the Bahamas after the recent devastating hurricane. Over 2 million meals have been packaged in Jacksonville and will be distributed to over 75 countries by the organization's global impact team.

Ortega UMC partnered with Rise to celebrate World Communion Day. "There is great joy and satisfaction when the people of God come together and work together to bless God and bless others for God's glory," said Pastor Art McClellan.



Gwen Smith, Kathi and Bill Bell, Shannon Tempio, and Jim Smith



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St. Johns Country Day students become mountaineers

Explorations in North Carolina teach valuable skills

St. Johns Country Day School 8th graders returned to Orange Park in late September stronger and more resourceful than they knew they could be, after a week-long adventure to the mountains of Western North Carolina.

The school's class of 2024 cooked their own meals, purified their own water from springs and hiked several miles on challenging mountain trails in the Pisgah National Forest near Asheville. The park is more than half a million acres, mostly hardwood, and is peppered with mile-high peaks and cascading waterfalls, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

The students pitched their tents for the ultimate backcountry experience and learned to depend on each other to make camp and share tasks. They also got a taste of whitewater

rafting, when they navigated class 3 rapids on the Nantahala River during an 8-mile trip. They also "took the plunge" by slipping individually over a 60-foot, natural, smooth waterfall known as Sliding Rock at the base of Looking Glass Falls and into water that stays 50 to 60 degrees, according to Visit North Carolina.

Through exploration, fun and cooperation, they were able to take home some important skills at the end of the trip, their teachers said.

"Through this unique opportunity, our Spartan leaders learned about themselves, each other and the world around them," said Thea Burke, English teacher and trip lead. She said the new skills students learned would "see them through the rest of their middle- and upper-school careers and into the wide world beyond."

St. Johns Country Day is a private, pre-K through 12th grade preparatory school located in Orange Park.



Bolles Mock Trial Team Scores Third at FSU



The Bolles Mock Trial Team

The Bolles Mock Trial Team competed in the Florida State University mock trial tournament Oct. 12 in Tallahassee, placing third out of 12 schools and 15 teams from across Florida and South Georgia. Mock Trial Team Sponsor Andrew Dickson of San Marco said the Bolles team outranked many teams that consistently place at the state finals every year, including Lincoln, Chiles and American Heritage.

Jessica Zeng was recognized for her outstanding work, receiving the title of top lawyer in the tournament. This is the second year Zeng has achieved this designation. As a reward for this accolade, FSU officials granted her automatic admission to the renowned FSU Mock Trial Team if she chooses to attend Florida State University.

Also, for the second consecutive year, Telvia Perez brought home an outstanding witness award.

The team's success was a group effort. Advisor Kim Dividu and lawyer-coach and Bolles dad Jamie Holland prepped the winning squad prior to the competition. Team moms, Kim Anderson and Karen Morris, made sure the team was well fed and supported.

Joining Zeng and Perez on the Bolles Mock Trial Team were: Ashmitha Arun, Catherine Holland, Ryan Anderson, Jena Leighton, Amaya Bunch, Isabelle Gurlter, Lara Morello, Ellie Anderson, Colin Duhnoski, Logan Smith, Jade Hollander, Edward Sun, Sage Kaye, Sophie Rose Schwartzman, Joey Morris, and Jacob Schriber.



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Art educators convene in Jacksonville for conference

Creative educators from around the country came to the River City for the 2019 Arts Schools Network Annual Conference Oct. 22-25, where they spent several days experiencing the artistic treasures Jacksonville has to offer.

Jackie Cornelius, executive director of the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Foundation, hosted this year's event and was the mastermind behind the jam-packed schedule that catered to the theme, Creative Arts Collaboration.

Activities included a cocktail reception and dinner, a series of breakout sessions and workshops, tours of Jacksonville University,



Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, Museum of Science and History, Mayo Clinic, LaVilla School of the Arts, Fishweir Elementary, CORK, Haskell, Space 42, Yellow House and more.

Each year, the conference travels to a new location to offer timely and fresh perspectives on the challenges faced by art educators, offering them the opportunity to grow, explore, and foster new networks of support and make new friends. For 30 years the Arts Schools Network has been bringing together networks of art leaders.

Major event partners included Gary McCalla, Jacksonville University Mayo Clinic, Florida Blue and Smith Gambrell & Russell LLC.



Episcopal choral group heads to Disney



The Episcopal School of Jacksonville's choral program was recently selected to perform at this year's Disney Candlelight Processional in December. Twenty-six high school students will perform at EPCOT on Tuesday, Dec. 10 for the 6:45 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. The students were selected from more than 350 school submissions. The Episcopal students will be accompanied by celebrity narrator Isabella Rossallini.

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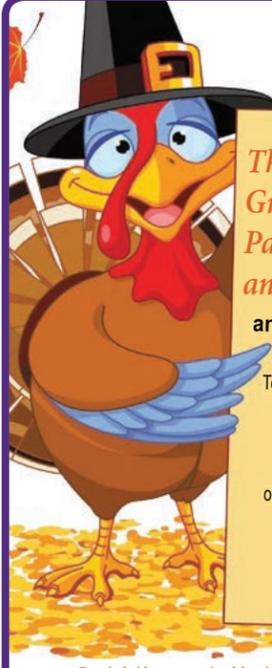
Bolles students help out at Angels for Allison headquarters in Ortega

The Bolles Class of 2023 experienced firsthand the hard work and satisfaction of servant leadership during Bolles' annual Make a Difference Day on Oct. 16. In addition to working with more than a dozen local nonprofit agencies off-campus, students completed additional activities on-campus that solidified the day's experience.

The day helped familiarize students with the many opportunities for volunteerism in Northeast Florida and gave them new perspective on community need. Students traveled to the following nonprofit organizations and centers including Angels for Allison, Angelwood, City Rescue Mission, Hope Haven, Lutheran Social Services, Mandarin Museum, MARC, North Florida

School for Special Education, Pine Castle, Ronald McDonald House, Sanctuary on 8th Street and the St. Johns Riverkeeper.

Following lunch and regrouping in Davis Gym, freshman students made posters and partook in a t-shirt design competition. They gathered in small groups to participate in the exercise of group collaboration, design and idea promotion – all key elements to successful servant leadership. The winning design will be used on t-shirts for the Class of 2024's Make a Difference Day. Freshman students also wrote letters to themselves projecting how they hope to make community service a priority. They will open the letters at the Senior Breakfast in the fall of 2022.



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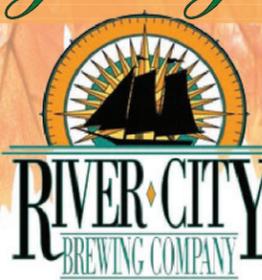
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Pink Out volleyball tradition continues for Bishop Kenny, Bolles

The 12-year Bishop Kenny-Bolles tradition to raise awareness for the fight against breast cancer continued as volleyball teams from both schools squared off Oct. 8 to provide support for the Donna Foundation.

Donna Deegan, a Bishop Kenny graduate, delivered an inspiring speech to a packed gymnasium during half-time of the Pink Out event. Over \$5,000 raised from pre-event t-shirt sales, a bake sale, and funds from the game's admission were donated to benefit the Donna Foundation.

According to Bishop Kenny Head Coach Suzanne Winkler, Pink Out is one of the best nights of the year for her players and fans. "I hope it never dies down, our kids were great, tonight was great, I love

to see all the pink, and having Donna Deegan come back to Bishop Kenny to help us celebrate makes it even more special," she said.

The genesis of the annual Pink Out game started in 2008 at the suggestion of Elise Bush, head volleyball coach at The Bolles School. "Elise asked whether or not, in light of the heightened consciousness about breast cancer, we could dedicate one of our games in support of breast cancer awareness. I thought it was a great idea, and an even better idea to put our rivalry with Bolles to work for a good cause," said Winkler.

Bush passed away in February 2018 and was recently inducted into the Florida High School Athletic Association Hall of



The Bishop Kenny volleyball squad led by Head Coach Suzanne Winkler greet Bishop Kenny Alum Donna Deegan during the school's traditional Pink Out game against Bolles Oct. 6. The game is held to raise funds for the Donna Foundation.

Fame. The annual event sparked numerous other volleyball programs across the First Coast to hold similar "Dig Pink" or "Pink Out" matches. "She was an unbelievable mentor and every time we do this, I think about her, Winkler said, referring to Bush. "She was just always doing it for the right reason. She motivated so many people and touched so many lives. She was definitely missed by us all tonight."



Fans and players alike wore pink during the 12th Annual Bishop Kenny Pink Out game against Bolles Oct. 8.

Local organization helps teens in foster care celebrate birthdays

Jewish Family & Community Services has launched a new program with opportunities for volunteers to help teens in foster care celebrate their birthdays. JFCS matches each foster child with a volunteer. The volunteer provides lunch, a gift and a birthday cake at a restaurant.

"We shared the initiative on our Facebook page and within minutes had more than 500 volunteers offering to donate their time and money to celebrate a foster teen's birthday," Colleen Rodriguez, CEO for JFCS, said. The program was launched on Sept. 25 at Outback Steakhouse in Mandarin, and JFCS had already had four teens who celebrated their special days.

"I have never had a celebration of my birthday quite like this one," said Ali, a 17-year old foster child living in a

group home. "The lunch was amazing. I got to have a steak, and my volunteer sponsor gave me the best birthday cake - chocolate and had my name on it. And then she quietly sang 'Happy Birthday' to me and let me blow out 17 candles. It felt good to feel special for a change."

"The restaurant went above and beyond," Rodriguez said. "Without being asked, Outback Steakhouse employees contributed out of their own pockets to provide birthday gifts to our foster teens. Their staff went out of their way to make our teens feel special and appreciated, decorating the birthday area and providing extra-special service."

For more detailed information on how to help foster teens like Ali, contact Donna O'Steen at info@jfcsjax.org.



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Assumption Catholic School students enjoy creative projects

Students at Assumption Catholic School enjoyed a busy September, enjoying hands-on science experiments, social studies exploration and accolades for their work and sports plays.

The eighth graders experimented with an egg-drop engineering project, the second year the students tried their hand at protecting each fragile ovum with just a few materials. Their tools: masking tape, straws and computer paper. Meanwhile, the third graders learned the tools of the science trade. They learned that scientists use tools to help them observe, describe, compare, measure and communicate and recently took to the lab to practice what they learned. They worked on measuring length, mass, time, volume and temperature and practiced magnification.

In fifth grade, students were hard at work on two projects in social studies: their state poster project and a cartographer's challenge map project. For their posters, students were tasked to create an eye-catching, creative poster on any state they chose, while working to memorize the 50 states and capitals. For the cartographer challenge, they chose a theme for their map and used them for physical features and other items.

While students were making their beautiful creations inside, the school got a gift that will help make the outside even more inviting to certain creatures. A flat of milkweed plants will now be placed in the school's Monarch/pollinator gardens. The campus is a certified Monarch butterfly waystation, which means it's a place that



Addison Criscitiello, Emily DiPerna and Olivia Raker



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provides resources necessary for Monarchs to survive, thrive and reproduce. Without the milkweed, the butterflies wouldn't be able to migrate and produce new generations. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Monarch may be in peril and is currently under consideration to be included as an endangered species.

On Sept. 25, students also came out in pajamas to support their school basketball teams. The junior varsity boys, varsity girls and varsity boys played San Juan Del Rio and won all three games.

Author visits school to share book on overcoming bullying

Author Sheetal Sheth visited Ruth N. Upson Elementary School to share a message about overcoming bullying by way of her book, *Always Anjali*.

Sheth, who won a Purple Dragonfly award for her book, made a presentation to the school's kindergarten, second and fifth grade classes. She also donated a book for every classroom at Upson.

In the story, Anjali is so upset about being bullied for her unusual name that she demands to change it. When her parents refuse, she learns to celebrate who she is and to carry her name with pride and power.

"It's a timeless story about appreciating what makes us special and honoring our differences," noted Upson Principal Yvonne Spinner.



Upson: Students Addison Blaylock, Olivia Mueller, Henry Massey, Nathan Dixon (back row) author Sheetal Sheth, Upson Vice Principal Jeff Royal and Principal Yvonne Spinner.

The Dragonfly Book Awards recognize accomplished and up-and-coming authors in a variety of genres. Sheth's visit was part of a one-day book fair sponsored by Scholastic and READ USA.

St. Mark's Episcopal Day School springs into fall

St. Mark's Episcopal Day School marked the changing season with a cornucopia of fun at their annual fall festival, held on the school grounds Oct. 18. The free event was open to the community and coincided with a hint of cooler weather, giving it a true autumn ambience.

A bounty of games and activities, including laser tag, face painting, balloon animals, bouncy houses and more, put smiles on the faces of adults and kids alike, and the several food trucks served up fare to keep bellies full.

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Author returns to Ortega to read new children's book

Kaleigh Hastings is an alumna of Ortega Playschool

Literacy and fun came full circle at Ortega Playschool (OPS) in early October when an alumna of the school returned to read her own book to students and the kindergarten teacher who helped her learn how to read in the first place.

Kaleigh Hastings, 30, grew up in Jacksonville but now lives in Charleston. She was home visiting her mother and father, Kevin and Susan Hastings of Venetia. Along with Hastings' attendance at the school, Susan Hastings taught there 15 years before retiring, said Playschool Director Gayle Runion.

Kaleigh Hastings read "YOU ANIMAL," published by Charleston's Lil Bit Lit, to the 2-, 3- and 4-year old classes at the school, which is located on the campus of Ortega United Methodist Church on Roosevelt Boulevard. It was a hit, she said.

"Their reactions were so funny!" Kaleigh said. "Because the book is very interactive, there's much more opportunity for the children to make noises, answer questions,



count, and improvise. They were very excited to tell me about favorite animals, new foods they've tried, and the loudest sounds they've ever heard - all prompts in the book."

Kaleigh said she was also thrilled to read the book to her former kindergarten teacher, Mickie Newman. Newman used to teach at Venetia Elementary and now works at the school, she said.

"Doing a reading in Jacksonville, and especially at Ortega Playschool, has been a dream of mine since we started working on the book," she said. "My lifelong love of animals (and learning) started at a very young age and was fostered by my teachers and the community at OPS. My kindergarten teacher is now a teacher at OPS, so reading a book I wrote to the woman who helped teach me to read was such a special experience! And, sharing the book with my friends' children was so fun - I loved catching glimpses of their parents in their silly reactions and excited exclamations."

Runion said the school educates children from 6 months to preschool. She had the author in to read because, after perusing one of the

first drafts, she became enamored by the playfulness, quality and message of the book.

"I had one of the first prints of her book and loved it and read it with my grandson," Runion said. "The illustrations are beautiful, and it just talks about animals. It lets you know that we as humans are animals too. You immediately think you are so different from (animals), but we are not, and we have responsibilities to take care of the animals and the earth. There are facts in there, there are counting games, there are hidden pictures and it is a very interactive book. You are not just reading it; you are doing things with your children."

It was also great to have part of the school's "family" back.

"She's been part of the school a long time," Runion said.

Kaleigh said the book was illustrated by Becca Barnet. The two run a small design studio in Charleston where they "make just about anything - from custom art installations to taxidermy to interior design to museum exhibit design and fabrication." It's called Sisal Creative. For more information on the book, which retails for \$29.50, visit <https://lilbitlit.com/products/you-animal>



BoyScouts: John Glover and Phillip Baker, Troop 2 alum and Eagle Scout

Garage sale proceeds to help Boy Scouts fund summer trip

Taking a summer trip is one of the highlights of scouting, and the proceeds raised at the Oct. 5 garage sale held at St Johns Presbyterian Church by Boy Scout Troop 2 of Avondale brought them closer to experiencing high adventure at Glacier National Park in Montana next July.

The day started with a pancake breakfast, then throngs of customers shopped for items such as furniture, sporting goods, apparel, appliances and more. The scouts helped deliver the items to vehicles and homes, and scout moms were also on hand to help with the sale. All leftover items were donated to Goodwill or left on the site for free. By Sunday morning, all the items were gone. John Glover, Troop 2 committee chairman, declared the garage sale a success. "We made a strong dent and a good first step towards raising necessary proceeds," he said.

In addition to the garage sale, the troop is holding its annual spaghetti dinner, Friday, Nov. 8 and has set up a GoFundMe site for additional fundraising. The goal is to raise \$60,000, enough to bring the entire scout troop - 60 scouts and adult leaders - to Glacier.



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Autumn in the air at fall festival

The school grounds were filled with families having fun and harvesting memories at the annual John Stockton Elementary fall festival Oct. 25.

Along with the traditional fall festival activities, such as a cakewalk, bouncy houses and slides, food and sno cones, face painting and carnival games, this year the school added battery operated motorcars plus a photo booth to capture the moments.

High school and middle school aged alum came back to volunteer for the event, as did many parents. Proceeds from the annual fall festival benefit the PTA, support art and STEM days at the school, and cover classroom materials and teachers luncheons. Ortega Orthodontics was the main sponsor.



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JAX Sings selects eight from Episcopal



Chloe Weldon, Bridget Coscia, Kyle Hopkins, Klare Bryan, Antonio Hicks, Braden Witkovich, Charles Medure and Anna Mayo

Eight Episcopal High School students, including three students from Jacksonville's historic neighborhoods, were selected to participate in JAX Sings, a high school honor choir invitational hosted by the University of North Florida.

Singing in the group were Anna Mayo of San Marco and Klare Bryan and Chloe Weldon of Ortega. Rounding out the Episcopal participants were Bridget Coscia,

Charles Medure, Kyle Hopkins, Antonio Hicks and Braden Witkovich.

Mayo, a senior, won the Soprano 2 MVP award, while Coscia, also a senior, won the Alto 2 MVP award.

The three-day event took place on Sept. 26 and ended with a Saturday evening concert in Lazzarra Hall on the UNF campus. During the event, students learned six pieces with guest clinician and Grammy Award winner Dr. Jeffrey Redding.

Cultural diversity event introduced students to new traditions, cuisine

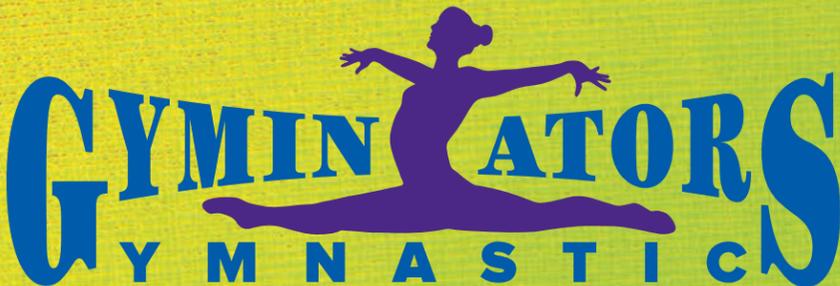
Students, families and staff at West Riverside Elementary recognized diversity at their Multicultural/Traditions night Oct. 4. The event, previously held in December, was moved to October this year to coincide with Hispanic Heritage month.

Booths were set up to represent different cultures and included traditions like Jewish Shabbat - with Challah bread, candle lighting, and grape juice; family game night; and make your own trail mix. Hispanic heritage was represented by booths from Mexico and Bolivia, where their respective cultures were shared through musical instruments and typical meals and treats.

New this year was the Hispanic Art Walk on the first floor of the school, which incorporated Hispanic Heritage artwork and projects recently completed by the students. Their creations included flowers and portraits inspired by Frida Kahlo, Mexican folk art, and Salvador Dali inspired projects. Also on display was the little people project that first graders work on every year for Hispanic Heritage Month. Each child was assigned a country and decorated their little person to look like someone from that country, after researching information about the country's location, climate, and typical food and clothing.



Stephanie Vihlen with kids, Harper and Landon Vihlen, and her father, Ciro Camacho in front of the Bolivian booth.



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Bringing history to light

North Light Studio owner cataloging decades of city's past

By Jennifer Edwards

Resident Community News Group

Curt Coenen has been a well-known San Marco photographer for more than 40 years, working out of his familiar North Light Studio for many of them. While he's since closed the studio, he still has thousands upon thousands of negatives he carefully maintains.

The thing is – they're not even his.

Instead, they are the work of other photographers taken more than a half century ago during a period of intense growth for Jacksonville, the 1940s through the early 1970s. They show everything from such iconic city buildings as the Prudential Building, Gator Bowl and Coliseum to San Marco landmarks like the Little Theatre.

There are even photos of family weddings of important political figures such as past Jacksonville mayor and Florida governor William Haydon Burns.

"We have weekly progression pictures of how the Prudential building was being built, how the Colosseum was being built, a lot of other locations around the time that preserved what it was really like," Coenen said, while thumbing through just a fraction of the negatives.

They are the work of Marsh-Kornegay Inc., a photography studio that closed its doors in 1976 or 1977 after performing decades of official documentation for the city and its builders. Steve Barber, another San Marco photographer, took them on for their historical value, but many others from the firm were lost to time.

Coenen said he claimed the negatives when Barber decided to move to a new studio in Mandarin but didn't want to haul 100-plus boxes of old negatives to his new location. He said he immediately saw the value in them.

"I grew in North (New) Jersey, looking at pictures such as these, landmarks in New York City" in newspapers like the *New York Post*, he said. "That's why I felt it would be worthwhile to preserve these and hopefully do something of a similar nature."

Mitch Hemann, head archivist for the Jacksonville Historical Society, said the period the photos were taken was a pivotal time for Jacksonville.

"Post- World War II would be a time of immense work and progress," Hemann said. "From a research standpoint, anybody who would be interested in accessing those photographs would be seeing some pretty immense changes at that time."



Curt Coenen, a longtime San Marco photographer, talks about the photographers who did work for the city and its contractors from the 1940s through 1970s

Some of the buildings may no longer be around, Hemann added, so pictures such as Coenen's could provide a rare snapshot into a time long gone. "Jacksonville probably looks a lot different now than it did then," he said.

Coenen said he also took the negatives in case others came looking for them. "I think I got one, two calls maybe in the 40 years I was in business up there," he said.

So, he sat down and began the arduous process of cataloguing them into a spreadsheet – work he has still not finished at over 3,000 negatives logged and counting.

The photos cover hundreds of sites, from what is now San Jose Boulevard and Loretto Road in Mandarin to the shipyards downtown. That's not including the anonymous family photos Coenen has culled, although he did keep a few important ones.

One set includes a wedding in the family of William Haydon Burns, a mayor of Jacksonville who went on to become Florida governor from 1965 to 1967, according to the Florida Department of State.

"I have the file of his daughter's wedding and some of his gubernatorial campaigns as well as some locations," Coenen said. Those include the museum dedicated to him.

The oldest images Coenen has catalogued so far are from 1946, he said. The photos from that year include Massey Motors on State Street, an old car dealership downtown. He has the Little Theatre, still operating today in San Marco, which Hemann said was an important neighborhood site.

"Images of that would be pretty important to see," he said. "That is definitely a city



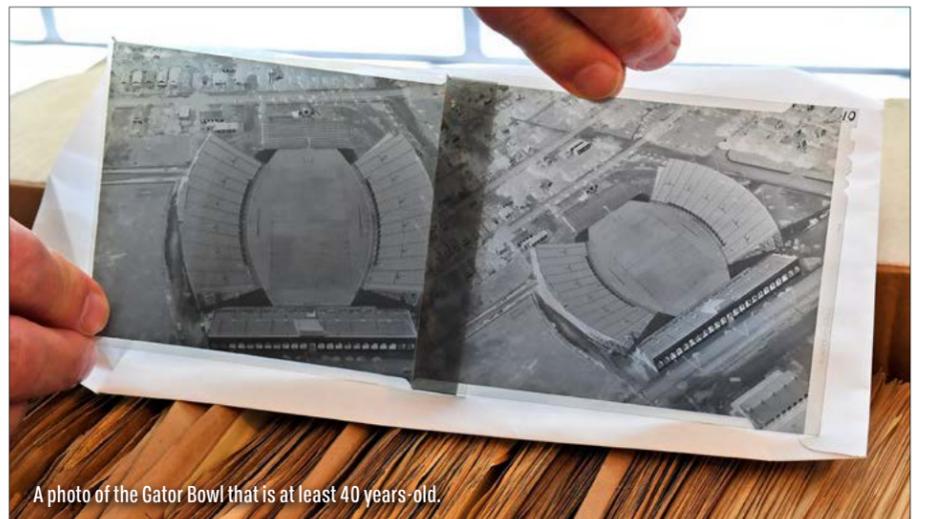
A negative from a time when the city and its downtown were developing



Curt Coenen thumbs through files in a box that show a fraction of the files he has archived in the hopes that they would come back in the public eye



Curt Coenen holds up a negative from his collection



A photo of the Gator Bowl that is at least 40 years old.

landmark that is well known. Carl Swisher of the cigar makers was one of the major funders for that theater, and that would be earlier than the 40s."

Coenen also has exteriors of buildings on Hendricks Avenue, aerials of Jacksonville Beach, the shipyards downtown, Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church and the old Tilman Laundry at 312 Park Street. "There was a lot of construction photography," Coenen said. "Back then, they were building the original Prudential building, the original Colosseum before the arena. The builder was required to send weekly construction pictures."

If history repeats itself, the photographs may remain an important clue to the multiple pasts of a city that keeps being reborn. "Jacksonville rebuilds itself over and over again," Hemann said. "It has a legacy for that. Whether it burns down in a fire, we are always rebuilding."

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1661 RIVERSIDE AVE U#: 316 - \$215,000
2 BR / 2 BA / 925 sqft.

Cozy condo featuring living/dining combo, open kitchen with marble counter tops, cherry cabinets and stainless appliances, concrete floors with 11 ft exposed ceilings, private courtyard, roof top patio with views of the river and downtown, 2 secure parking spaces & storage unit in garage, lobby with mail and day-time concierge.



2060 COLLEGE ST - \$484,500
4 BR / 2 BA / 1 HB / 2,768 sqft.

1920's Classic 2 story home with rocking chair front porch, rear deck, Detached 2 car garage with extra electric panel. High Ceilings, wood floors, lots of mouldings and dual staircases plus a cook's kitchen make this one a must see! Formal living and dining rooms on first floor. All bedrooms up including fabulous master suite.



2005 HERSCHEL ST U#: 1 - \$349,000
2 BR / 2 BA / 1,600 sqft.

Large first floor unit in a beautifully restored classic building in 5 Points. This condo is truly a gem from the original proportions and layout to the fabulous renovation. Kitchen has granite and stainless appliances, formal living room, gas fireplace, french doors to private patio. Formal dining room plus office/sitting room.



3518 RANDALL ST - \$329,900
3 BR / 2 BA / 1,548 sqft.

Historic all brick home located in Avondale. 2 fully renovated baths, great kitchen with lots of storage, hardwood floors throughout. Stunning large back yard with an extended paved area for parking all your toys or building the ultimate garage. Lots of possibilities with this one!!!



3119 HERSCHEL ST - \$439,000
5 BR / 3 BA / 2,276 sqft.

Cedar Shake 2 story home with classic 1920's architecture. Hardwood floors throughout, large living room, dining room, pocket doors, garage, great fenced backyard with patio and Large front porch.



4521 POST ST - \$179,000
3 BR / 1 BA / 1,170 sqft.

Murray Hill home with updated kitchen and bath. Covered front porch, utility room with stackable laundry, utility sink and project area. Living room features charming fireplace with original detail.



4613 ROYAL AVE - \$185,000
3 BR / 1 BA / 1 HB / 1,470 sqft.

Adorable brick bungalow in the growing Murray Hill neighborhood. Beautiful hardwood floors throughout. Close to Four Corners Park, Murray Hill unique shops and trendy restaurants, Riverside Avondale, as well as ease of access to I95 and I10.



4841 POLARIS ST - \$194,000
3 BR / 1 BA / 1,458 sqft.

Large Murray Hill Bungalow featuring living room, dining room, family room with french doors to backyard, new flooring, newly renovated kitchen and bath, laundry room, freshly painted inside and out and new roof and HVAC to be installed at closing.



1411 JERSEY ST - \$225,000
3 BR / 2 BA / 1,438 sqft.

This totally remodeled 3 bedroom 2 bath one story in quiet area of Murray Hill is a must see! New roof in 2017, replumbed, electric upgraded, and new CH&A in 2018. Kitchen with granite and SS appliances. Laundry area with washer & dryer. Outside has screened porch, detached shed plus huge deck in fenced back yard.



2544 OAK ST U#: 3 - \$1,000 (Residential)
1 BR / 1 BA / 500 sqft. / \$1000 security deposit

Riverside 2nd floor apartment for rent. Newly renovated Delgado Building. Large studio (living room/bedroom combo) full bath, kitchen, hardwood floors, balcony, common washer/dryer, water included in rent, may consider small pet, no smoking, available now.



2358 RIVERSIDE AVE U#: 602 - \$3,200 (Residential)
3 BR / 3 BA / 2,275 sqft. / \$3,200 security deposit

Villariva 6th floor condominium with living/dining room combo, kitchen, gas fireplace and range, hardwood floors, balcony overlooking the St. Johns, parking garage, gated community with condo amenities (elevator, pool, sauna, club house), no pets, no smokers, 1 year lease, water, sewer, & gas included in rent.



2846 SYDNEY ST - \$2,050 (Residential)
3 BR / 3 BA / 2,304 sqft. / \$2,050 security deposit

Avondale home for rent with living room with gas fireplace, dining room, family room, kitchen, central heat and air, stackable washer/dryer, hardwood and ceramic tile floors, driveway parking, partially fenced yard. Small pets may be considered with non-refundable fee, 1 year lease with \$30 fee for security monitoring, non-smoking.

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