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Sing Out Loud Festival & Songwriters Festival Returns to St. Augustine in September 2025

One of the Southeast's largest music celebrations, the 9th Annual Sing Out Loud Festival has announced the full schedule for the hallmark Sing Out Loud Local Showcases. Sing Out Loud Festival is proud to announce the return of two staple events this September: The **St. Augustine Songwriters Festival** taking place Friday, September 26 – Sunday, September 28 and the **Sing Out Loud Music Business Panel** on Wednesday, September 24. Both events are free and open to the public and will be held at multiple venues in downtown St. Augustine.

The Sing Out Loud Music Business Panel will feature distinguished industry expert panelists to discuss in-depth the state of today's music industry. The Music Business Panel, presented by PNC Bank, will be held at The Markland House at Flagler College Wednesday, Sept. 24. This event is free and open to the public, but RSVP is required.

The St. Augustine Songwriters Festival brings together top-notch songwriters to unravel the untold stories and inspirations behind their chart-topping hits. The songwriters featured this year are Rodney Clawson ("Sure Be Cool If You Did", by Blake Shelton), Monty Criswell ("Just Fishin'", by Trace Adkins), Jon Nite ("Break Up in the End", by Cole Swindell), Frank Myers ("I Swear", by John Michael Montgomery), Brock Berryhill ("Good As You", by Kane Brown), Cliff Cody ("Men & Mascara", by Julie Roberts), Nick Norman ("Love Don't Fool Me Again", co-wrote with Lewis Brice), Jim McCormick ("Take a Little Ride", by Jason Aldean), Emily Landis ("The Good Ones", by Gabby Barrett), McCoy Moore ("Something to You", by McCoy Moore), and more.

Now in its ninth year, Sing Out Loud Festival has grown into one of the largest and most dynamic music festivals in Florida, spanning four weekends each September. The festival's marquee weekend, the Live Wildly Showcase, takes place September 20 and 21 at Francis Field and features national headliners including Hozier, Beabadoobe, Vance Joy, The Teskey Brothers, sombr, Rilo Kiley, and more on Francis Field in historic downtown St. Augustine Sept. 20 and 21. Tickets for the Live Wildly Showcase are on sale now or information call 800-543-2489 or www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com.

St. Augustine Beach and Beyond...

By Lorraine Thompson (staugbeachwatch@aol.com)

Meet the LADY LILLIAN

If you live on or near Anastasia Island or are a frequent visitor, the perks include wide sandy white beaches for sunning, running, swimming, surfing and more. Fishing from the beach, the pier, or from a boat are also favorite activities. There are also plenty of changes, challenges, and distractions including surf variances, tides, turtle nesting season restrictions, beach opening and closing times, and the occasional sight of a wayward boat.

Beach visitors were recently attracted by the course of a trawler in local St. Augustine Beach waters while it skirted the beaches following unusual paths.

It was later identified as R/V (Research Vessel) Lady Lillian, a 98 X 26 ft. steel trawler, that was just doing its job.

According to Pearse Webster, chief scientist for the Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program - South Atlantic (SEAMAP-SA) Coastal Trawl Survey, Lady Lillian now takes



Photo by Lorraine Thompson

up the job of the retired Lady Lisa which, since 1989, visited our area waters three times a year.

Lady Lillian is one of four research vessels maintained by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR). The vessels provide well-equipped platforms for performing scientific sampling, fisheries monitoring and education, supporting numerous agencies, colleges and universities throughout the country in addition to the ongoing work at DNR.

The scope of work conducted onboard includes monitoring the stats and trends of a large variety of coastal species in the Southeast, including measuring and tagging.

Webster noted that a number of federal and state permits are maintained in order to conduct the operations.

"Our trawl tows are limited in duration to 20 minutes bottom time," he commented, adding, "This limits the quantity of our catch and greatly reduces the possibility of the tow harming sea turtles." adding that "We are required to notify FFWCC prior to, and after sampling."



Captain Pearse Webster

Photo by Elizabeth Bullard

Webster explained that the Coastal Trawl Survey gathers data on all species which can be captured by the trawl net.

The Lady Lillian's visits are always a source of curiosity and learning for those onshore, with local residents often tracking her progress as she moves along the coastline. Her distinctive profile, working methodically just beyond the breakers, signals the quiet but crucial business of scientific discovery. Onboard, researchers and crew members work together to gather specimens and data, recording the health and diversity of the marine environment. These efforts not only contribute to the stewardship of local waters but also inform conservation strategies and regulatory decisions throughout the Southeast.

Community engagement is also a vital aspect of the Lady Lillian's mission. School groups, university students, and citizen scientists sometimes have opportunities to learn about the vessel's operations and the importance of marine research, fostering a deeper connection between the community and the coastal ecosystem. The regular presence of the survey vessels is a reminder of the ongoing work required to understand and protect the region's natural resources—a task that, while often hidden from everyday view, has far-reaching impacts for both wildlife and people living along the Atlantic coast.

The Lady Lillian crew is all-civilian and includes five vessel crew members and five or six scientists. Age range is currently late 20's to 60 years. Captains are licensed by the US Coast Guard and have extensive experience. Deck/Operational crew members have backgrounds in science and business, as well as shipboard experience. Science crew (and some vessel crew) (continued on page 7)

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St. Augustine Beach City Hall Update



The St. Augustine Beach City Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025, and did the following:

1. Approved a proclamation requested by the Daughters of the American Revolution to proclaim the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 1776.

2. Appointed Ms. Sarah Kent Seignious as a regular member of the Sustainability and Environmental Planning Advisory Committee.

3. Heard a presentation concerning hurricane preparedness by Ms. Kelly Wilson, Executive Director, St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center.

4. Heard a proposal from Mr. Jeff Potts, St. Johns Cultural Council Executive Director, to paint a mural on the south wall of the City's former

police garage that is adjacent to the County's Pier Park.

5. Approved a request to vacate an alley between D and E Streets, and 2nd and 3rd Avenues, in Block 47 of the Coquina Gables subdivision.

6. Approved the re-appointment to a three-year term of the following members of the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Board: Mr. Larry Einheuser, Mr. Josh Hogan, Mr. Kevin Kincaid and Ms. Sarah Ryan.

7. Approved a policy to allow the Police Chief and the City Manager to implement the policy for sick leave donated by employees under their respective authority.

8. Approved a list of legislative priorities for 2026.

The City Commission will hold two meetings on Thursday, September 4, 2025. The first at 5:01 p.m. will be to discuss the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget and to pass on first reading two ordinances: to adopt the property tax millage and to adopt the FY 26 budget.

The second meeting on September 4th will be the City Commission's regular monthly meeting. It will be held following the budget meeting.

City of St. Augustine Beach
September Commission Meeting Agenda

The City Commission will hold two meetings on Thursday, September 4, 2025. The first, which will begin at 5:01 p.m., will have three topics: 1) discussion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget; 2) review and passage on first reading of the property tax millage, the debt millage ordinance and the ordinance to adopt the FY 26 budget; and 3) scheduling a special meeting on Monday, September 22, 2026, at 5:01 p.m. to approve on final reading the property tax millage ordinance to fund City operations and debt, and the ordinance to adopt the FY 2026 budget, which will go into effect on October 1, 2025.

The second meeting on September 4th will begin immediately following the budget meeting. Topics on the agenda for the second meeting may include:

1. Review of proposed mural to be painted on the south wall of the City's former police garage at Pier Park.

2. Request for approval to sign perpetual easements on City property for beach restoration projects.

3. Presentation of the Sustainability and Environmental Planning Advisory Committee's Tiny Forest proposal.

4. Passage of an ordinance on second reading to change regulations regarding replats of land.

5. An ordinance on first reading to vacate the alley between D and E Streets and 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue in Block 47 of the Coquina Gables subdivision.

6. Consideration of changes to construction and permitting fees.

7. Request to use City logo for flier to highlight government employee appreciation night by the Icemen, Jacksonville's proposal ice hockey team. The event is scheduled to occur on January 25, 2026.

Information about the topics for the two meetings will be online a week before the meetings. Members of the public can attend the meetings in person or see them on YouTube at staugbch.com.

Temple Bet Yam High Holy Day Services

We would like to welcome you to Temple Bet Yam's High Holy Day services. WHILE THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND, VISITORS MUST MAKE A RESERVATION. A PHOTO ID WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER. Call our office at 904-819-1875 to make a reservation. Security will be on-site. Temple Bet Yam is located at 2055 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine. Wishing you a very healthy and happy new year.

Erev Rosh Hashanah: September 22, Service 7:30

Rosh Hashanah: September 23, Children's Service 9:00 a.m., Service 10 a.m.

Tashlich follows at Treaty Park

Erev Yom Kippur: October 1, Kol Nidre Service: 7:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur Services: October 2 Morning Service 10:00 a.m., Afternoon

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Sukkot and Simchat Torah: October 10, 7:30 p.m.

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St. Augustine Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

The National MS Society maintains a network of affiliated groups to provide opportunities for people living with MS to connect with others in their community. Every group is unique and welcoming — contact the group leader for more information. Join Us! We are recognized by the National MS Society and the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

We meet every 4th Tuesday at 1:00 pm at Anastasia Branch Library, 124 Sea Grove Main Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080. For information or to RSVP, contact: Anita Clark johnita0013@gmail.com or call 305-898-1432.

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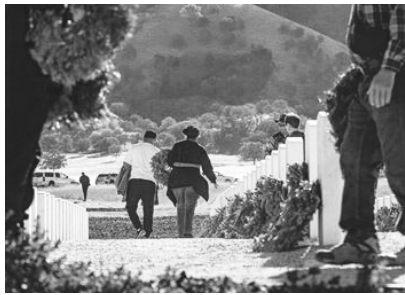
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“Wreaths Across America” December 13th at St. Augustine National Cemetery

The Veterans Council of St. Johns County has announced that it is again participating in the Wreaths Across America event. The goal and our commitment as it has been each year is to place a fresh holiday wreath at each headstone in the St. Augustine National Cemetery on Marine Street.

Begun in 1992 when the first wreaths were donated to Arlington National Cemetery by Morrill Worchester, Wreaths Across America has grown to a national event with a ceremony and wreath laying accomplished at the same time and same date at every National cemetery across the Nation. This year's theme is “Keep Moving Forward” and the event will be on Saturday, December 13 at 12 noon.



The veterans of this county are proud to lead the drive to honor our veterans interred in one of the oldest National cemeteries in America. To accomplish this mission and meet our goal, as we have every year, we need your help. Your donations will allow us to continue this tradition.

This year we've made it simple; wreaths are \$17.00 each. Two wreaths would be \$34.00, 5 wreaths \$85.00, 10 wreaths \$170.00 and so forth. We must raise \$13,600.00 to ensure

that all our veteran's graves have a wreath displayed honoring their service to our Nation.

We recognize that there are a lot of requests out there for assistance, and that the past few years have been economically challenging for everyone. We ask that you consider making a donation this year so we can again honor all 2,788 interred veterans. We are a 501(c)(3) organization.

Please make your check out to Veterans Council of St. Johns County and send it to: Veterans Council of St. Johns County, P.O. Box 2117, St. Augustine, Florida 32085-2117.

Living with Cancer Support Group

The Living with Cancer support group has moved to Cancer Specialists of North Florida. 121 Whitehall Drive, St. Augustine 32086 on the third Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am. We still have the ability to ZOOM in if needed. This is an informal gathering for adults with any type of cancer and their caregivers.

It is open to all affected by cancer. This group will provide the opportunity to meet others in similar situations, share your stories, provide practical suggestions and offer support to each other. If you prefer to participate virtually via Zoom, please call 904-819-4793 for further instructions.

Do You Have Community News to Share?

Do you have news, events or personal interest information that are relevant to our communities in and around St. Augustine Beach? Please forward them to the Editor for consideration for the monthly News Journal. Please contact Editor clifflogsdon@att.net or call 904-607-1410.

St. Augustine Beach Democratic Club

The SAB Democratic Club's next meeting is on Tuesday September 2, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Anastasia Island Branch Library, 124 Sea Grove Main Street, St Augustine Beach. Our speakers on September 2 will be Jean Francis from "Moms Demand Action" which is a grassroots movement fighting for public safety measures to protect people from gun violence. Also, Karen Hall from the Northwest St Johns County United for Progress Club will be talking about the Street Captain Program for volunteers to get to know their neighbors. The St Augustine Beach Democratic Club's focus is on current issues affecting those living in the St Augustine Beach area. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to hear from a variety of speakers, get to know elected representatives, mingle with Democratic candidates and socialize with our like minded neighbors. The Club meets at the Anastasia Island Branch Library, 124 Sea Grove Main Street, 5:30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month. There is plenty of parking available. For additional information, please contact info@sabdems.org.

“Mondays with the Mayor”

St. Augustine Beach Mayor Dylan Rumrell hosts each Monday morning between 9 and 9:30 a.m. Topics are projects and other matters that are happening in St. Augustine. The Mayor's “Mondays” program can be seen on the City's website, staugbch.com.

Squeeze

By Max Royle
St. Augustine Beach City Manager



Goodness, gracious, what a dilemma! A what, you'll ask? A dee-lem-mah, a first-class, primo, 24-caret problem. Gosh and land sakes almighty, whatever is wrong with the City Manager (namely me)? Will someone give him a chill pill?

The dilemma concerns public financing, budgeting, taxation, city services and their costs, and the squeeze between the need for money to pay the costs of the services (law enforcement, solid waste collection, road maintenance and drainage, etc.) that a city provides to protect life and property, and the desire by a city's elected leaders to be prudent guardians of the taxpayers' money.

Message to self: Don't you think, Royle, that the paragraph above is one overly long, rather wordy sentence? Well, yes, but after all is more done than said, the topic is rather complex, don't you think, Mr. Self-Critic? Jeez, picky, picky, picky.

To continue: The squeeze is between WHAT and WHAT: What amount of money city staff say they need versus What amount of money the elected leaders agree to provide. The first What is influenced by cost increases for the basics (fuel, electricity, labor, insurance, etc.) due to inflation and other factors, plus state and federal government mandates for which cities must spend taxpayer money to comply, plus costs to maintain vehicles and buildings and to cope with emergencies, and so on. The second What concerns both beliefs as well as dollars and cents: What level of taxes and fees does the elected board (city commission or council) believe is reasonable for the citizens to pay for the services provided. Often the two What's do not balance.

That's the tension inherent in municipal budgeting: the city staff proposes, the elected board decides or disposes whether to accept what is proposed. I'm certainly not saying that this arrangement isn't right in our representative system of government. The elected board as the citizens' representatives should be the final decider of uses of the citizens' money.

Yet that plain-in-sight insight doesn't lessen the tension. You see, city staff is up close and personal with details of the smaller picture, such as which roads and sidewalks require repair and which vehicles need to be replaced, while the elected board's focus is on the broader issue of ensuring that the taxpayers' money is spent on needs rather than wants.

All of the above information is pertinent to the preparation and adoption of your fair City's budget for Fiscal Year 2026, which will begin October 1, 2025, and end September 30, 2026. Those preparations began in June as the Finance Director put the numbers together. The City Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY 26 budget on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 5:01 p.m., to work out the differences between the two What's and whether expenditures can be squeezed so that taxes can be lowered. A week before the hearing, the budget will be online at staugbch.com for citizens to do their own review of the proposed revenues and expenditures.

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Betty Griffin Center received donation from St. Augustine Lions Club



The Betty Griffin Center truly appreciates the Lions Club in their support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in St. Johns County. Additionally, we recognize the contributions the Lions have made to our community over the past 78 years, including the annual St Augustine Lions Festival (Seafood Festival) held in the spring. Thank you to the St. Augustine Lions Club for the generous donation to the Betty Griffin Center. Pictured is Lion Larry Dillahay presenting the check to Carole in the outreach office.

If you're experiencing abuse or have been abused, please call the Betty Griffin Center 24-hour crisis hotline at (904) 824-1555 or text us at <https://bettygriffincenter.org> by clicking on the blue icon.

September Music By The Sea Events

The free Music by the Sea 2025 concert series has resumed for September at St. Augustine Beach Pier and Park Pavilion. The annual series features local talent as well as local cuisine. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Parking is free. Bring your own chair or blanket for seating. You may also bring food and beverages or purchase them from a local food truck. The remaining concerts include:

September 3 — Contact Buzz with Party Rock and More

September 10 — TBA

September 17 — Ray's Garage Band with Southern and Classic Rock

September 24 — All-Star Jam with Rock Blues and More

To keep up with concert information including weather related cancellations, visit <https://www.sabca.org/music-by-the-sea/2025-concert-series/>

Families Anonymous Support Group

At your wits end? Tired of lies? Is someone you love destroying your family harmony? Families Anonymous is a free weekly meeting for mothers of addicted loved ones. We have walked your path and are here for you.

We meet Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. at Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 2487 A1A S. Street, St. Augustine (Use red back door entrance). For more information to restore peace and harmony, contact 843-367-1475.



At their August 4th meeting, the St. Augustine Beach City Commission approved a proclamation in honor of the 250th anniversary in 2026 of the founding of the United States. Shown left to right: City Commissioner Don Samora, representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution Harriett Levy, Leslee Keys, Diana Kaiser, Beth Pelzer, Vice Mayor Beth Sweeny and Mayor Dylan Rumrell.

AGLOW International to meet at St. Augustine Lighthouse

The AGLOW St. Augustine Lighthouse invites Christians and seekers to the Saturday, September 20, 2025 meeting 10:00 am to noon.

AGLOW is a global Kingdom movement of women and men with a unified purpose: to see God's will done on earth as it is in Heaven. If you are seeking inspiration or healing prayer, join us.

AGENDA: Continental breakfast 10-10:30 am followed by the speaker and prayer 10:30-Noon. LOCATION: Spirit Alive Church, 4475 US Hwy 1 South, Ste 506, St. Augustine, FL 32086 (Plaza South office complex, bear left in the parking lot). CONTACT: Jama Williams 904-806-0988. FREE.

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Friday, 9/26/25, doors open at 6 pm for the AAUW St. Augustine Film Fest at The Waterworks, 184 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine 32084. Enjoy short films by and about women, with refreshments and raffle baskets. This is a fundraiser to support Tech Trek camp and STEM events for local middle school girls. Tickets are \$25 and are available on Eventbrite under American Association of University Women St. Augustine, or by mail to L. Carlson, 717 Willow Wood Pl, St. Augustine 32086.

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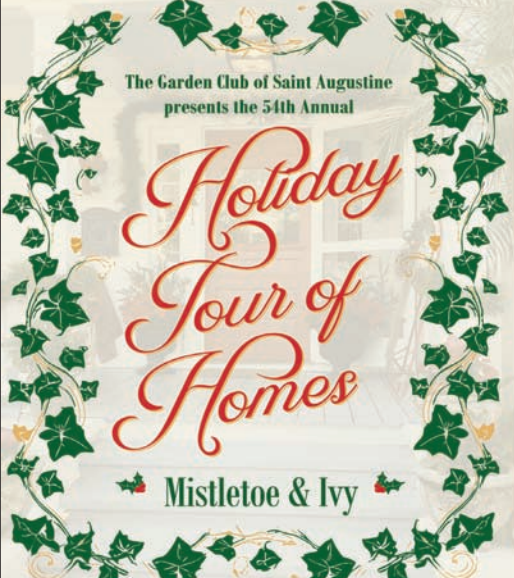
By Max Royle, City Manager

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St. Augustine Genealogical Society

The St Augustine Genealogical Society holds it's monthly meeting the 2nd Saturday of each month in the Southeast Branch of the St Johns County Library. The SE Library Branch is located at 6670 US Hwy 1 South. Check in for our meetings is 12:45 and meeting starts at 1:00 PM.

Our Genealogical Society is open to all. We encourage visitors, as well as current and former members to join us. Refreshments will be served, and feel free to bring your favorite. For information visit website StAugGenSoc.org.



Sunday, December 14, 2025

12pm to 5pm

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Sheriff's Update

By St. Johns County Sheriff Robert A. Hardwick



Protecting our children – online safety

I was recently invited by the FBI to speak at a press conference about protecting children from online exploitation. In conversations with other law enforcement leaders prior to engaging with the media, I was reminded of how important this topic is, and how critical it is for us to educate the public on a regular basis.

Nothing is more important than the safety of our children and we will do everything in our power to hold offenders accountable. I encourage parents and guardians to be proactive about monitoring online activities and educating yourself on internet safety. Please visit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children website at missingkids.org for statistics and helpful tools for parents.

Please reach out to me if I can be of assistance. You can email me at [sheriff@sjso.org](mailto:sjso.org). For the most up to date information, find us on social media. @teamsjso on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter).

St. Augustine Orchid Society

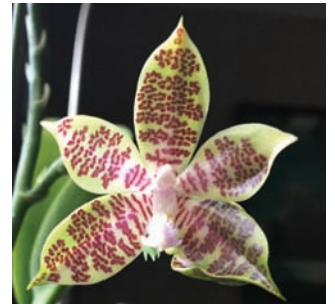
Janis Croft

September 2 - Novelty Phalaenopsis • Phillip Hamilton, Bredren Orchids

Phillip will talk about growing the summer novelty phalaenopsis with lots of practical information on the do's and don'ts, as well as pests and diseases. He will show us pictures of the results of his novelty breeding, phals with colorful, often fragrant flowers and lovely foliage. He was born and raised in Jamaica where he has been growing and hybridizing since the age of eight. After earning degrees in Environmental Horticulture, he formed his own business, Bredren Orchids, to facilitate production of some of the more unique Phalaenopsis and Broughtonia species and hybrids he grows and breeds, with the generous help of his wife, Liz.

Bring your blooming orchids for the Show Table. Plants will be available on the sales & raffle tables. The St. Augustine Orchid Society welcomes all to our monthly meetings. No charge. <https://www.staugorchidsociety.org>

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Meet the LADY LILLIAN

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have science degrees (BS, MS, PhD), and field experience ranging from 3-38 years. All gain extensive on-the-job experience, a critical supplement to whatever formal training they may have had previously. The project is one of several related projects funded under the SEAMAP umbrella by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The project, which is conducted by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, began in 1986. The survey provides long-term, fishery-independent data on seasonal abundance and biomass of finfish, elasmobranchs (shark and rays), decapod and stomatopod crustaceans (shrimps and crabs), sea turtles, horseshoe crabs, and cephalopods (squid and octopus) that are accessible by high-rise trawls in coastal nearshore waters, specifically those between Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and Cape Canaveral, Florida. The CTS samples the full spatial range in multiple seasons each year.

Captain Webster has worked on the Coastal Trawl Survey for 37 years serving as chief scientist for 20 of those years. "Having started in 1988, I am the longest serving member of the Survey; which started in 1986" Webster noted. "Until the last couple of years, I was on virtually every sampling trip (often referred to as a "cruise") made by the Survey over that period. When totaled, I have dedicated the equivalent of over five calendar years of my life to the Survey at sea; many of those days 12-14 hours plus, for me and my crew, working on the back deck, to gather the data that our Survey generates."

Among his responsibilities—"I historically have had primary responsibility for managing logistics (monitoring forecasts and weather, determining where we go, when we go, and what supplies are required), supervising field crew, handling gear (nets, lines, and winches), mending nets, sorting catches, identifying the animals captured, recording data, and front-line budget management."

"After working up the coast from just north of Cape Canaveral through the two prior days in early August, the tow off Ocean Trace Road was one of our most productive. Off Ocean Trace, we encountered one species of shark, one species of ray, twenty-two species of fin fish, white shrimp, three species of crabs (non-blue crabs), and two species of squid," Webster reported.

"It is actually the broad range of non-commercial species that we get to see that I find the most interesting. Over the course of a year, it is not unusual for us to encounter over 150 different species of animal. But, several recreational favorites: spot, Atlantic croaker, whiting (southern and Gulf kingfish), weakfish, bluefish, and white shrimp were all there, right off your beach that morning," he reported.

"I have helped train an amazing crew, who will be taking all of that over for me, as I retire this winter," Webster disclosed.



Photo by Elizabeth Bullard

Interested in the Civil War?

Please join our Civil War Discussion Group. Our next presentation will be Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 at 1pm, at the Anastasia Branch library in Sea Grove.



The September presentation will be with Len Whiteside titled "Raising the Armies". It will examine the measures the North and the South used to raise the millions of soldiers they needed to fight the war.

FUTURE MEETINGS are always the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1pm and always at the

Anastasia Branch library in Sea Grove. 2025 Dates: Oct 7, Nov 4, and Dec 2. Topics to be determined.

If you would like to be on our Email list for reminders, or for questions or comments, please contact Len Whiteside at armyfam831@gmail.com



September means Back to School and we are definitely no exception. Along with our Free Monthly Children's Class, we have other affordable classes being taught at the Studio. Norah Sutphin who runs our Free Kid's Class also has a paid class for Children on Monday evenings. Reach out to her for more information at 336-862-9644. You will find this and other classes being offered in our Website and FaceBook page.

Our September First Friday is extra special this month, because there are 3 Artists of the Month.

Join us for x3, an explosive evening showcasing the bold, brilliant work of three distinct yet connected artists and friends. Together, they're igniting a fusion of styles, stories, and visual journeys that will leave you inspired.

Artists Patty Magee, Denise Howes and Jennifer Pitzer Mead. We like to call it, x3: One Night. Three Visions. Infinite Impact.

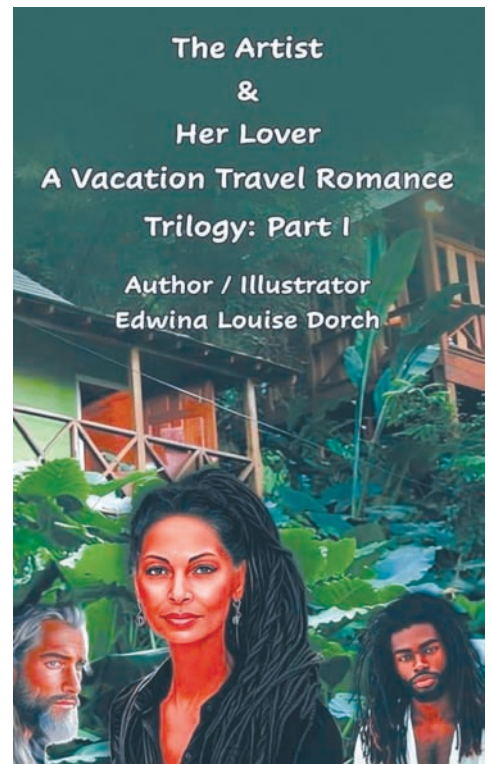
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We are also thrilled to announce the release of one of its own Artist Members and Author, Edwina Louise Dorch, acclaimed author and illustrator's novel, "The Artist & Her Lover: A Vacation Travel Romance - Trilogy: Part I".

Dorch's latest work transports readers to the enchanting shores of Jamaica, weaving a compelling love triangle between an American artist, a Rasta djembe drummer, and a National Geographic marine photographer. Against a backdrop of music, art, history, and an impending hurricane, The Artist & Her Lover blends romance, drama, and vibrant island culture in a way that is as delicious as it is unforgettable.

The Art Studio is located at 370 A1A Beach Blvd. in the St. John's County Pier Park and is open 7 days a week from 12pm to 5pm. We are a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization that brings Art and Culture to the community and offers classes, special events, exhibitions and rental space. For more information please visit www.beachartstudio.org, Facebook or call 904-295-4428.



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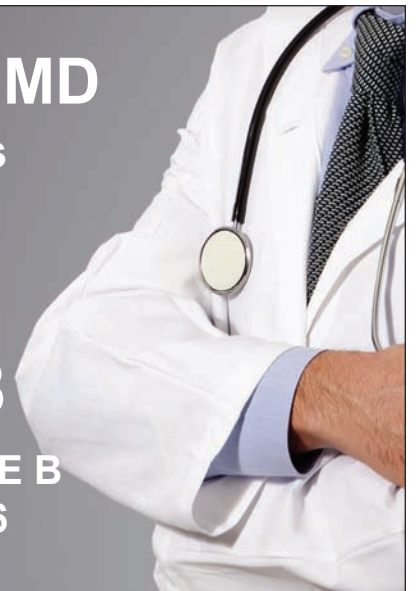
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St. Augustine Beach and Beyond...

By Lorraine Thompson (staugbeachwatch@aol.com)

Looking Ahead--for September

Boat safety inspections continue

Members of U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 14-07, St. Augustine, continue their quest to help keep local boaters safe. Benny Peters, Recreational Vessel Examiner, reports that members of the volunteer organization have completed more than 400 vessel safety exams so far this season at the Vilano Boat Ramp. The vessel safety check, which is free, ensures that all essential equipment is present, working and in good condition. Boaters can also schedule an inspection conducted by a Vessel Examiner anywhere in the country, nearest to them, at a more convenient time.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the US Coast Guard Reserves and re-designated as the "Auxiliary" in 1941. It is the uniformed volunteer component of Team Coast Guard with more than 26,000 members nationwide. Membership is open to men and women. Owning a boat is not a prerequisite.

USCG 14-07 Auxiliary meets on the first Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. in conference room at the St Augustine Airport.

For information on membership in the auxiliary and boat safety inspections, contact Joe McCoy at 904-687-3798 or visit the 14-07 web page at <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=070-14-07>

Music by the Sea concerts resume

Expect less of a crowd and more space for dancing and relaxing at part two of the free Music by the Sea 2025 Concert Series at St. Augustine Beach Pier and Park Pavilion, 350 Beach Boulevard.



Sponsored by the St. Augustine Beach Civic Association, the annual series features local talent as well as local cuisine. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Parking is free. Bring your own chair or blanket for seating. You may also bring food and beverages or purchase them from a local food truck. The remaining concerts include:

September 3—Contact Buzz with Party Rock and More

September 10—TBA

September 17—Ray's Garage Band with Southern and Classic Rock

September 24—All-Star Jam with Rock Blues and More

To keep up with concert information including weather related cancellations, visit <https://www.sabca.org/music-by-the-sea/2025-concert-series/>

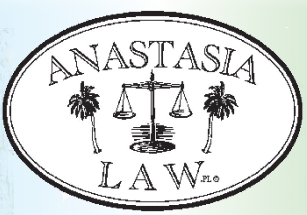
Whitney Lab Lecture Series

Dr. Jamal Lewis, Associate Professor J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Florida, will open the University of Florida Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience Evenings at Whitney Fall Lecture Series on Thursday, September 11. with the program titled "Little Particles for Big Diseases".

The presentation will focus on two particulate systems currently under development in his lab, which attempt to control critical cellular and humoral mediators that cause conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis [RA] and autoimmune autism.

The presentation will begin at 6 p.m. at the UF Whitney Laboratory Lohman Auditorium, 9505 Ocean Shore Boulevard located in the Marineland area of St. Augustine. The program will also be available to watch via Zoom live. Register for the Zoom presentation at https://ufl.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bfoqFeRDQYi5bYR2tCVuDW. For more information visit call 904-201-8405 or visit heather@whitney.ufl.edu





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USCG BOAT INSPECTIONS



Members of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 14-07, St. Augustine, shown at Vilano Beach where they inspected hundreds of recreational boats for safety issues and to ensure that the boats are equipped properly.



St. Johns County Celebrates Addition of ADA Walkover and Expanded Parking to Crescent Beachfront Park

On July 23, St. Johns County celebrated the addition of an ADA-accessible walkover and a parking lot expansion to Crescent Beachfront Park (6930 A1A S./Cubledge Road, St. Augustine) with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Office of Public Affairs produced a video to commemorate the event.

The project's nearly \$580,000 in construction costs not only built a walkover with ramps to get people in beach wheelchairs (rentable from St. Johns County Beach Services) to the sand with ease, but also added 26 more parking spaces to the parking lot.

District 5 Commissioner Ann Taylor attended the ceremony, along with various St. Johns County administrators and staff and several Crescent Beach area locals.

"One of the priorities of our strategic plan is community wellbeing," Commissioner Taylor said. "Expanding access to safe public spaces, having diverse recreational facilities... so, it's more than just a path to the beach. It's a path to inclusion for every member of our St. Johns County community."

"To be able to expand those opportunities for residents across the board and get people to come out and enjoy one of our best assets, the beach, is our goal," Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Kane said. "What we're trying to do... is provide those outlets for people to come out here and enjoy their quality of life."



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St. Johns Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve

The St. Johns Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve is participating in the St. Johns County Library System's Community Connections Program. During the month of September, anyone who presents a St. Johns County Library card will get a \$2.00 discount on admission to the botanical garden.

Come and see the largest collection of palms that can be grown in North Florida and all the beautiful tropical plants in the lush 17-acre landscape. The mission of the garden is the conservation of rare and endangered species of plants from around the world, as well as local natural resources, native plants and animals. The Garden is open from 10 am to 5 pm with the last entry at 4 pm. stjohnsbotanicalgarden.org



The Friends of the Anastasia Island Branch Library are going Bowling September 21st!

The Friends of the Anastasia Island Branch Library go bowling to support the Library! Join us at our Bowling for the Library party, Sunday, September 21, 12:30 - 3pm, at Anastasia Lanes (3245 A1A S, St. Augustine). Put a team together for an afternoon of fun while supporting the Anastasia Island Branch Library.

For information on registration and payment, please email us at anastasiaslandfaibl@gmail.com or go to <https://forms.gle/qBUtQJ8FbT68YGnEA>. Registration closes Sept 5.

Our next board meeting is September 18 at 5pm at the Anastasia Island Branch Library, 124 Sea Grove Main St, St Augustine. All are welcome. To sign up for our newsletter and email alerts, or to learn more about Friends of Anastasia Island Branch Library, please email us at anastasiaslandfaibl@gmail.com or Mollie Meikle at 603.608.8253

St. Augustine Travel Club - Peter Dytrych

The St. Augustine Travel Club is resuming after a summer break, and hope everyone has enjoyed exploring the world, or sun, sand, and fun! The next gathering will be Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 10 @ 3:00 pm, covering VIENNA + SALZBURG; visiting the center of former Habsburg Empire, now the capital city of Austria and its splendor past. Followed by a visit to Mozart's Salzburg and its beautiful surroundings of lakes and Alps mountains.



The St. Augustine Travel Club is open to all residents and no registration is required. The program is formatted as arm-chair travel, meaning a brief lecture of the destination we cover, along with a video.

Our program is held at the Southeast Public Library, 6670 US 1, St. Augustine. We look forward to seeing our regulars and newcomers! Any questions, please call Peter at 904-797-3736

St. Augustine Travel Club Cruise -

The St. Augustine Travel Club will again be sailing the seas on Saturday, December 6 - 13, 2025 on the beautiful Italian ship MSC GRANDIOSA out of Port Canaveral to the Caribbean and Bahamas, to the ports of Ocean Cay (MSC private island and Marine Reserve in the Bahamas), Nassau and Puerto Plata (Dominican Republic) for a 7-day cruise. Prices start from \$866.60 per person, double occupancy, for inside cabin, inclusive of all port fees and taxes. Balconies and Oceanviews are also available at additional cost. Book now with a \$199 p.p. deposit and receive \$50 per stateroom On Board Credit, Free Beverage Package, Wi-Fi and more. Call Peter, St. Augustine Travel Club at (904) 797-3736.

Financial Focus

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Let a financial advisor help plan for life's curveballs



No matter what stage of your life you're in — caring for children, working toward retirement or planning your legacy — unforeseen events like a job loss, a major illness or even a stock market drop could derail what you're working so hard to achieve financially.

With your future at stake, you may want to get guidance from a financial professional who can develop a personalized financial strategy to help you navigate life's curveballs.

Here are specific ways a financial advisor can help.

- Create a customized long-term strategy. This is the first step to weather unforeseen events. You may have several long-term investing goals — your retirement, your child's education or perhaps a dream vacation. A financial advisor can help you build a strategy specific to your goals and risk tolerance. This will include prioritizing those goals, building a path toward each and pivoting your strategy as markets shift and needs change.

- Set realistic expectations. Successful investing requires discipline and patience — most individual investors make their money over time, not overnight. Start by setting realistic timelines to reach each of your goals. And don't be surprised if you need to make trade-offs, like working an extra year to help fund your retirement dream home. It's realistic to expect you'll hit some bumps in the road. Perhaps the markets will drop and the value of your portfolio may follow. (It's also realistic to expect they will rebound, as they have historically. Of course, past performance of the markets is no guarantee of what will happen in the future.) A financial advisor can help you keep your emotions in check no matter what comes your way and stay focused on the long term, knowing you have a customized strategy in place.

- Diversify your investments. The foundation for your portfolio is your asset allocation, or how you divide your assets among stocks, bonds, cash and other investments. Different investments behave differently in various market conditions, so maintaining a good mix can help better weather market fluctuations than putting "all your eggs in one basket." Finding the right diversification mix, and keeping it balanced despite what the market does, can get complicated, but it's almost second nature for a good financial advisor. All investments do carry risk, and asset allocation doesn't ensure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.

- Keep a long-term outlook. It's easy to become distracted by the latest headline, expert prediction or market swing. However, if these events don't change your long-term outlook, there probably isn't a reason to make changes to your strategy. In fact, these declines often present good opportunities if you're a long-term investor, so use them to your advantage — your financial advisor can show you how.

- Keep your emergency savings well-funded. This is your "rainy day" fund, and an unexpected event may constitute a rainy day. For most people, maintaining three to six months of total expenses in emergency savings is appropriate. The specific amount depends on factors like your risk of unexpected expenses or temporary loss of income, and how much you value being confident that you can weather financial emergencies. A financial advisor can help you determine what your emergency savings should look like.

Unexpected events are part of life. You can't predict them, but you can prepare for them. No matter what is going on around you, having a professional by your side can help set you up to navigate them confidently.

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10 Things Medicare Doesn't Cover Part 1

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This is Part 2 of this article regarding how Medicare covers most health care needs for Medicare-eligible participants, from hospital care and doctor visits to lab tests and surgery. But some necessities — and desires — aren't part of the program. Here's how you might pay for them.

6. No massage therapy, even for chronic pain

Original Medicare doesn't cover massage therapy, often used to help reduce chronic pain. Research suggests it may provide short-term, but not long-term, relief.

For pain management, Medicare does cover chiropractic care in certain limited circumstances (see above) as well as physical and occupational therapy when a doctor prescribes it.

Some Medicare Advantage plans might cover some massage therapy. It's best to call your plan to find out.

Solution: Ask your health care provider to recommend a pain management strategy that Medicare will pay for. If you are set on getting massage therapy, you'll likely have to pay for it yourself.

7. You're on your own for a podiatrist's routine foot care

Routine medical care for feet, such as callus removal, is not covered. Medicare Part B does cover foot exams or treatment related to nerve damage because of diabetes or foot injuries or ailments, such as bunions, hammertoe and heel spurs.

Solution: If you face these costs, you may want to set up a separate savings program for them.

8. Add insurance to your dream vacation overseas

Original Medicare and most Medicare Advantage plans offer virtually no coverage for medical costs outside the U.S.

Solution: Some Medigap policies cover certain overseas medical costs, typically paying 80 percent of the billed charges for specific medically necessary emergency care you receive outside of the U.S. after a \$250 annual deductible. Medigap's foreign travel emergency coverage has a lifetime limit of \$50,000.

In addition, some travel insurance policies provide basic health care coverage — but they may exclude preexisting conditions, so check the fine print. Finally, consider medical evacuation, also known as medevac, insurance for adventures abroad. It will help pay to transport you to a nearby medical facility or back home to the U.S. in case of emergency.

9. Long-term care often comes out of your pocket

Medicare pays for limited stays in rehab facilities — for example, if you have a hip replacement and need inpatient physical therapy for several weeks. But if you need long-term help with the activities of daily living in a nursing home or assisted living center, you will have to pay the costs yourself.

Nursing homes average about \$90,000 a year for a semiprivate room and more than \$100,000 for a private room. Costs vary based on where you live and what place you choose.

Solution: Lots of decisions go into planning for nursing home care. Some people buy long-term care insurance, and others include these potential costs in their retirement plans.

Veterans may have access to some long-term care programs. For those with limited income and savings, Medicaid might help fill in the gaps.

10. If you want concierge care, you'll pay extra

Some physicians and their practices require a membership fee. They advertise that this makes them more responsive and available to their patients.

The fees, which can run in the thousands of dollars a year, vary depending on the concierge or boutique practice. Medicare will not cover these fees.

Once you've paid that fee, if your doctor participates in Medicare, that physician must offer all the services Medicare does with the same copays and coinsurance rules.

Solution: You can either pay the fee or find another doctor. You might talk to your physician about the terms of when you have to pay. Some states have laws that provide consumer protections for these arrangements.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. Information taken from an AARP article by Dena Bunis updated 10-8-24.

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Corpus Christi Catholic Church Annual Oktoberfest October 25th

Come join us at Corpus Christi Catholic Church for our annual Oktoberfest Saturday, October 25, 2025 in Marian Hall. Doors open at 5:00-6:00pm. The church is located at the intersection of U.S. Rt 1 South and Datil Pepper Road.

We'll be serving a traditional German dinner including (but not limited to) Bratwurst, Pork Loin, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, homemade German Potato Salad, Bavarian Soft Pretzels, a variety of homemade desserts, and beverages. All this for \$17.50 (Children 6-12: \$5.00). The parishioners at Corpus Christi cook all the food, so it's prepared fresh and on premise.

Come enjoy some great food and camaraderie with new friends. Tickets are available before and after all Masses the weekends of 9/27 & 28; 10/11 & 12; and 10/18 & 19, at the Rectory on campus between 9:30-12:30 M-F, or at the door. We hope to see you there.

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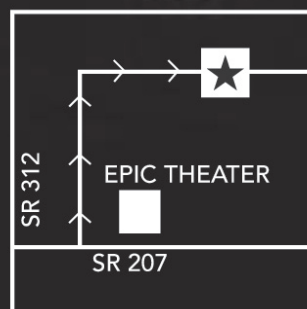
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