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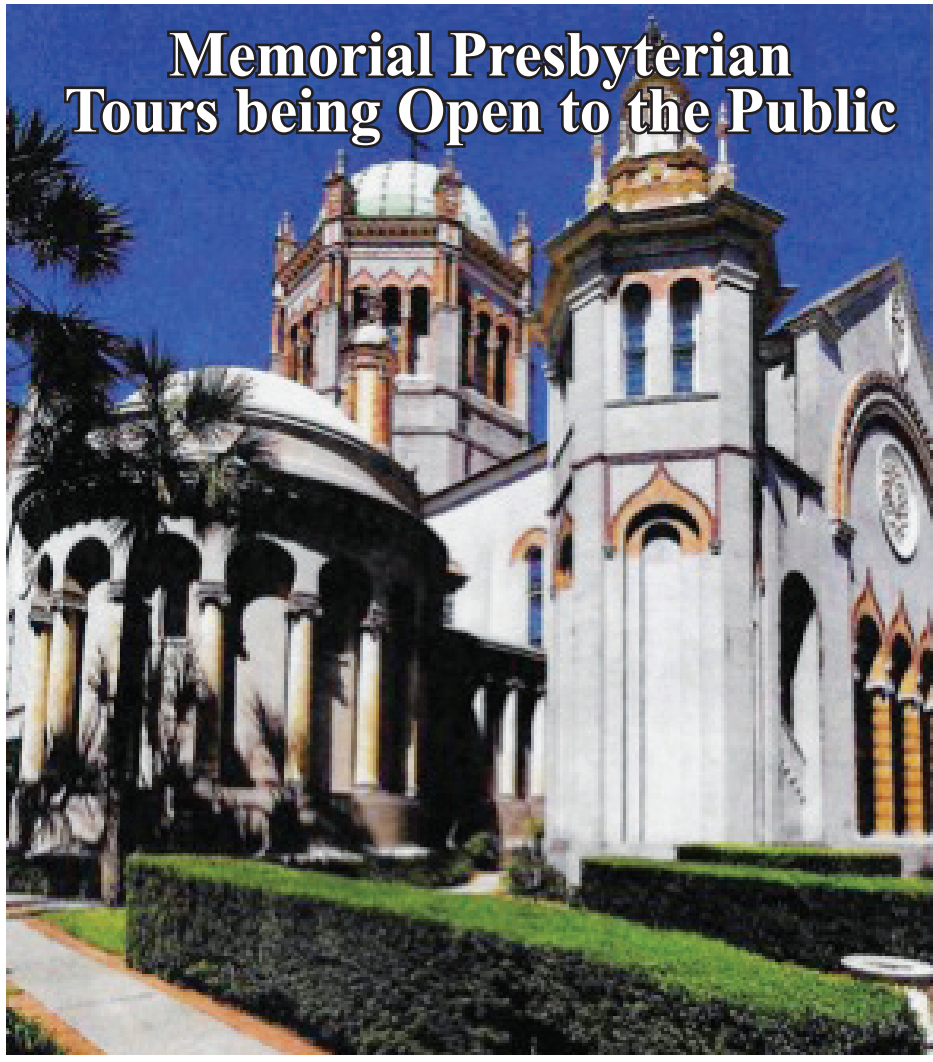
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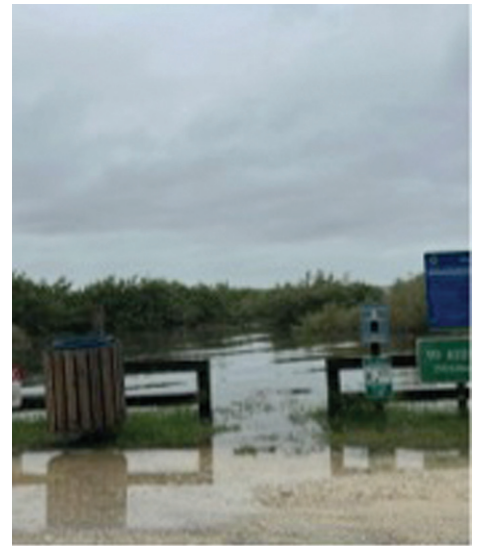


St. Augustine South Reflections

by Ruth Hope

Well, the bad weather hasn't gone away in the last month, has it? Hurricanes Humberto and Imelda made history for close proximity, passing up the Atlantic coast on Sunday September 28 and Tuesday September 30. The really amazing factor was Humberto "over performing" to quote a meteorologist and dragging Imelda up the coast behind it, without Imelda making landfall. That path was not certain as none of the models used for predicting the path of hurricanes had data from a prior circumstance like that.

St. Augustine South did get a lot of rain over those days, and then we had the October full moon – the Harvest Moon as it was the full moon closest to the autumn equinox – and its related king tides. Drainage ditches along Shore Drive and through the neighborhood were already full of water from the hurricanes passing us by. We had the inevitable king tide flooding. Neighbors living along Prince and Jasmine, with backyards backing onto a drainage ditch, have continued to be concerned by the high level of water in that ditch putting their homes at risk of flooding.



Flooding at Lewis Point
10/11/25 3 hours after the high tide

But in true Florida fashion, we had lovely warm sunny days after the full moon followed a week later by more heavy rain. Perhaps the ground is so waterlogged with all the inundation that the ditches can't carry the water away fast enough.

The County Roads and Bridges Department had barely completed their project replacing and renewing culverts under Shore Drive when the heavy rains first started with Humberto. This work had been ongoing in St Augustine South for many weeks and involved replacing the concrete Hume pipes under the road. Between the intersections of Shore with Faun and Argos, and the intersection of Shore with Wisteria, there was fairly major engineering involved. Roads and Bridges constructed a huge earth dam to keep out the tidal water and a smaller upstream dam to hold back water in the drainage ditch. They had pumps and generators working 24/7 even over the weekend when there was no work being done, to move the water from the ditch to the creek through temporary pipes.

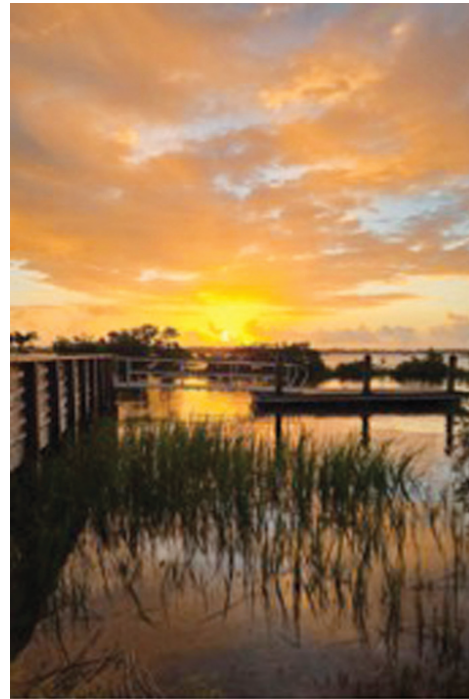


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A wonderful product of all this weather has been the amazing dawn and evening skies: golden in the morning and a deep crimson around the sunset.

As for our more 'bony' residents, I knew we were in trouble when Aldi started selling skeletons in August. Folks who could not pay Home Depot prices for skeletons might be tempted by the Aldi prices: Aldi was sold out in a couple of days. I think many are now resident in St Augustine South.

church shared by a volunteer docent. The visit is free of charge with donations appreciated to help with church maintenance.

If you have questions about the above information please contact: Meri-Kathryn Peed (lead docent) 704 277 6221 or MKPeed@aol.com.

Prior to COVID the church was open 5 days a week for the public visits. Since COVID it has only been open 2 1/2 days but beginning October 1, 2025 it is once again open for the public to visit from 12:30 am -3:30pm, Tuesday-Friday and Sundays. It is planned that by the new year it will be open 9:30 am-3:30 pm Tuesday-Friday and Sundays 12:30-3:30.

Memorial Presbyterian Church was completed in March 1890 after only one year of construction. It has since been an active place of worship ever since with services on Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00. The church was funded by Henry Flagler and designed by Hasting and Carrere, two American architects that also designed the Ponce de Leon Hotel which is now Flagler College. The church is a thing of beauty with it's 92 stained glass windows, 5,000 piped organ, mahogany pews and screening walls. In addition to the sanctuary the public can visit the mausoleum where Henry Flagler and some family members are entombed.

Visitors can walk around the sanctuary, take pictures, visit the two rooms where there is information about the church decorations and the Flagler Kenan family. Or they may choose to listen to some of the history about the

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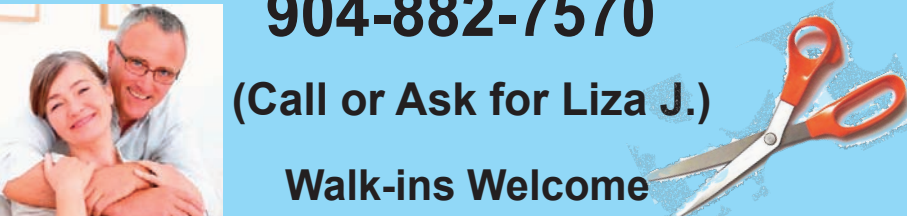
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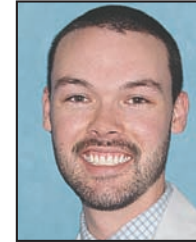
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• **Shores Service Corporation's** monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are at 6 p.m. at the Riverview Club.

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SASIA Community Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 7:00pm. Please join us on November 19th at 7:00 p.m. SASIA's archive committee will be presenting the history and background of St. Augustine South. Come and learn about our beautiful neighborhood.

Community meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the SASIA clubhouse, except July and August.

Classes at the SASIA Clubhouse

Weekly classes at the clubhouse are open to the public. You do not need to be a resident in St. Augustine South to participate.

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News & Information from the
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Shores Community Time Capsule Opened

Time Capsule from May 5, 2000 Unearthed
and Displayed at The Shores Monthly HOA Meeting

At the September 11, 2025, St. Augustine Shores HOA meeting, residents had the unique opportunity to step back in time as a time capsule buried on May 5, 2000, was officially opened and its contents revealed. The event was a nostalgic and meaningful moment for the community, as it reflected 25 years of local history, growth, and change.

The contents of the capsule were carefully arranged for display, allowing attendees to observe a fascinating array of memorabilia from the turn of the millennium. Among the items preserved were:

- Local newspapers and magazines from 2000, offering a glimpse into the headlines, stories, and advertisements of the time.
- An original Sears catalog, a relic of an era just before the rise of online shopping.
- Old MLS (Multiple Listing Service) books showcasing real estate listings and property values from the period.
- A community phone book, a now-rare piece of daily life before the smartphone era.
- A commemorative scroll, signed by local residents, community leaders, and 5th grade students from Hartley Elementary School in 2000. This gesture symbolized the intergenerational spirit of the Shores community.

We were honored to welcome Carol McCloud, a longtime St. Augustine Shores resident. Carol and her husband Doug were very instrumental in organizing and sealing the original time capsule 25 years ago. Their foresight and dedication to preserving local heritage made this memorable moment possible.

A special thanks is extended to Hydro Aluminum (formerly VAW Aluminum) for generously donating the aluminum vault that safely housed the capsule's contents for a quarter of a century. Their contribution ensured the materials were preserved in excellent condition.

As we reflect on the past, this time capsule serves as a reminder of our community's journey and inspires us to think about the legacy we will leave for future generations.

Shores Riverview Club Member Activities

November 2025						
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SASIA News and Calendar of Events November 2025

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Check out SASIA's Facebook page www.facebook.com/staugsouth, Nextdoor page (search for St. Augustine South Improvement Association), and Instagram page www.instagram.com/saintaugsouth/. Like and follow us so you can see what is happening at the SASIA clubhouse each week.

SASIA Community Meeting Wednesday, November 19, 2025 7:00pm

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Food Truck Nights

Food Truck Nights are the second Friday of each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse, (709 Royal Road, 32086)

Friday, November 14th, Saucey Pig

No Food Truck in December

Friday, January 9th, 2026 Uptown Artisan Pizza

Friday, February 13th, 2026 Jersey Girl Grill

Food Truck events are subject to change in the event of inclement weather. Check our social media for updates.

December Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, December 6, 2025. 10:00am-2:00pm

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 6, 2025, for the SASIA Arts & Crafts Fair. The fair is held at the SASIA Clubhouse, 709 Royal Road, 32086, from 10am-2pm. Over 40 vendors will be in attendance. There will be paintings, photography, stained glass, pottery, plants, jewelry, crafts and more! Something for everyone. Uptown Artisan Pizza will be one of the vendors serving his fresh homemade Sourdough Pizza. There are still a few openings for vendors: <https://staugsouth.com/vendor-information>

Holiday Celebration with Santa

Saturday, December 13th, 5:00 pm

Santa is coming to the clubhouse! There will be arts and crafts activities and treats for the kids while they wait for their turn to talk to Santa. We will be set up inside the clubhouse so you can get that perfect holiday photo with Santa! Mark your calendar for this special event.

Upcoming Events 2025

Friday, November 14, Saucey Pig

Saturday, December 6th – Arts & Crafts Festival

Saturday, December 13th – Santa at the Clubhouse

Dates are subject to change.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Looking for encouragement and support taking care of your loved one with Alzheimer's or Dementia? We have a place for you to share your concerns and get resources to help with your journey.

The second Thursday of each month 10:00am-11:00am at Homeport Christian Church, 5605 US1 South, St Augustine.

For information, call Nancy Wright 904-347-6299 or the Alzheimer's Association 800-272-3900 or go to alz.org/help-support/caregivers

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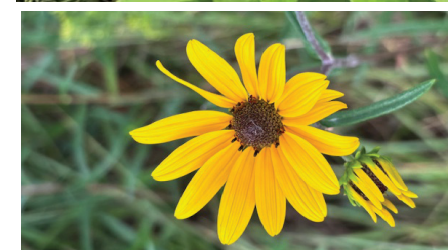
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The Wildflower Meadow Group

by Marlene Land

The Wildflower Meadow group meets the first Saturday of each month at about 8:30 a.m. by the Riverview Club House and we usually work for a couple of hours. Our goal is to preserve the wildflower meadow, learn about native plants that grow in this area, and enjoy the outside. We're an informal group without officers or dues and hope you will join us. We occasionally visit state and county parks and welcome newcomers.

Call Cindy at 904-797-3931 or Marlene at 305-968-0447 for more information, If we can't answer leave a message and we'll call you back. Call for more information about the meadow and our walks to state and county parks.



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.

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.

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.

12th Annual Gullah Geechee Festival and Rails to Trails Celebration

by mary kellough

The SEA Community Help Resource Center (seachrc.org) invites everyone to their 12th Annual Gullah Geechee Festival and Rails to Trails Celebration on December 6, 2025, rain or shine.

Admission is free as is parking at the St. Johns County Fairgrounds on SR 207. Free shuttles will run during the festival. Rails to Trails bicycling activities begin at 9 a.m. and the Gullah Geechee Festival commences at noon, ending at 5 p.m.

Come and enjoy authentic southern cooking, including low country boil, BBQ, sweet potato pie and jambalaya. Experience exciting African dancing, the Geechee Gullah Ring Shouters and regional musical talent! There will be informational booths to learn about the Gullah Geechee culture of which Armstrong Community is an official partner. For more information, visit www.gullahgeecheefestival.com



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Sheriff's Update

By St. Johns County Sheriff Robert A. Hardwick

Happy Thanksgiving from SJSO

On behalf of Kendell and I, and the men and women of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, we hope November is full of opportunities to spend time with family and enjoy good food...and football of course. Our neighborhoods and roadways will begin to see increased activity due to holiday travel; please be safe, operate vehicles safely and do not drive while impaired. The SJSO Traffic Unit has specialized deputies who are subject matter experts in DUI enforcement – expect an increased law enforcement presence as we make your safety a priority. Happy Thanksgiving and God bless you and your family.

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

Ancient City Christmas

Daily from November 28 to December 21

<https://ancientcitychristmas.com/>

Get ready for the most amazing Christmas festival in Northeast Florida! Ancient City Farmstead is thrilled to bring the 2nd Annual Christmas Experience to St. Augustine, Florida -- a holiday spectacle so packed with family fun that you're liable to find yourself on the naughty list! Come see the region's tallest decorated Christmas tree, Santa's Workshop, and even skate on a synthetic ice skating rink!

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Meeting

The American Association of University Women, St. Augustine branch, warmly invites you to their annual Authors Luncheon meeting, on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at The Legends Grille, 2 World Golf Pl., 32092, at 11:30 am. Our featured authors are Dottie Dorian from Jacksonville, a renowned triathlete and author of "Beyond Triathlon", and Linda Andiric of St. Augustine, author of "Living with Heart" and "Getting It and Getting Along", among others. Lunch is \$40 inclusive and will offer three menu choices, including salad, dessert, iced tea/coffee and cash bar. Please call or email Gayle Diamant-Holland, at gayle123@bellsouth.net, 954-850-6154 to make your reservation, or sent a check payable to AAUW St. Augustine to 167 Montiano Cir., St. Augustine 32084. All proceeds will benefit AAUW St. Augustine academic scholarships and Tech Trek scholarships.

Garden Club of St Augustine November Meeting Nov 12th

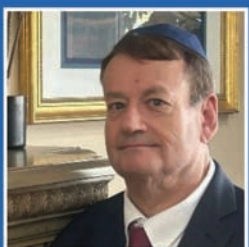
On November 12, the Garden Club of St. Augustine will feature Malea Guiriba as guest speaker at its monthly general meeting. An integral part of the workings of "Pie in the Sky St Johns", Malea oversees this local organization which provides fresh fruits and vegetables with other needed items to seniors in St. Johns County.

GCSA meetings are well-attended and open to the public. Carpooling is encouraged. Refreshments 9:30 am. Speaker and meeting at 10 am. Club location: 3440 Old Moultrie Rd., St. Augustine. We welcome new members. gardenclubofstaugustine.org (Tickets now on sale for December 14 Tour of Homes!)

Holiday Christmas Market St. Augustine Shores United Methodist Church

724 Shores Boulevard, St. Augustine, FL 32086
November 15, 2025 8:00am-12:00pm

Christmas items, baked goods, homemade goods, books and puzzles, pecans, and a raffle will be available. Please join us!



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As we wind down the Year, November brings us Artist of the Month, Alessandra Givens and her beautiful Mandala Art Exhibit - a journey through color, geometry, and meditation in motion. Ale's work transforms traditional mandala concepts into radiant expressions of color, balance, and emotion. Each piece invites viewers into a meditative visual experience, offering harmony through intricate geometry and intuitive design. Originally from Brazil and now based in St. Augustine, Ale Givens has been creating handmade jewelry since she was twelve years old. Her artistic journey deepened in 2020 when she discovered dotting work, a meditative technique that she now brings to her mandalas, mirrors, and home décor pieces.

Working with natural materials and seashells, Ale's art reflects her love for symmetry, color, and connection with nature. Her collection Alegria, which means joy in Portuguese, embodies the power of art to connect, uplift, and bring a sense of harmony and happiness into everyday life.

On Saturday, November 29th don't forget the 6th Annual Beach Art Walk from 1pm to 6pm, which is a little different this year, as it will be contained in the Pier Park. There will be the familiar greeting at the front of the entrance with the Info Booth and some vendors, but then we transform the Pier Park into a Winter Wonderland and your Holiday Headquarters on a magical walk-about event. Artists and Artisans will showcase their unique creations throughout Pier Park, inside the Pavilion, beside the new mural and anchored at The Art Studio.

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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Interested in the Civil War?

Please join our Civil War Discussion Group.

Our next presentation will be Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 1pm, at the Anastasia Branch library in Sea Grove.

The November presentation will be with Len Whiteside. This month we examine the diplomatic relations of the Confederacy and the Union with the all-important Great Britain. During the war, they provided war materials support to the South and came close to precipitating war with the North.

For questions or comments, please contact Len Whiteside at armyfam831@gmail.com



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Diaries of a Shores Grand-Dad

by Dirk Schroeder

I received many positive comments about last month's Diaries from friends and neighbors. That article was solely about "reflection". So, I'm reflecting back to the year that the Shores Time Capsule was buried - 2000 AD. That year was very memorable for a number of reasons but, for me, most importantly it was the year that my mother passed away on April 1st. In reflecting on her life; if one could have majored in Compassion, Mom would have been at the top of her class. She could have gotten a minor in curiosity. Her bravery, as she experienced the drawn-out degradation of Lou Gehrig's, was inspiring.

Dad had his 70th birthday about two weeks later in 2000. Reflecting on my father is like looking back at the stereotypical hard-working man of the "Greatest Generation": a work ethic known for sacrifice and devotion - loyal to their God, their Country and their employer and of course their family and not necessarily in that order. He was proud to become an American (as am I).

I'm glad that I was able to spend a lot of quality time with both of them by virtue of the fact that all of us moved to St. Augustine in 1979 and I never moved away, unlike my siblings. I immediately loved it here and knew this would be my forever home.

In reflecting forward from 2000 to 2025, I wonder how my parents would have reacted to all of those tumultuous events like 9/11, the wars that followed, the global recession and COVID. Dad did experience the terrorist attack of 9/11 but he wasn't alive to see the capture of Saddam Hussein or Osama Bin Laden.

World events aside and much more importantly, mom and dad missed out on so many life events of our family. They would have gone to many football, basketball and soccer games, listened to Erik's guitar shredding (maybe not for very long) and watched the boys graduate. They would have experienced the births of their great-grandchildren. Fortunately, they missed the passing of their third son at the age of 52 and the passing of my wife's father. Mom missed the passing of her own mother. Luckily, she had just visited her the year prior - she knew it would be the last time.

Joy, sorrow and times uncertain and yet one thing's is certain; mom and dad were lucky people with an adventurous spirit. Despite a lifetime of challenges, mom and dad were perfect for one another - they loved one another, persevered in the face of adversity, challenged their children in many unconventional ways and they had many good friends who loved and respected them.

How time flies. Aren't we all lucky to be able to reflect back on all of our life experiences over the last 25 years? Maybe it's time for us to set aside a few moments, just a little bit of time, to let someone know how lucky they have made us feel?

What might our world look like 25 years from now? Keep the Faith! On that note, I wish everyone, as always, a Sunshine State of Mind.

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Historic Medicare Drug Price Negotiations: 10 Medications with Lower Costs in 2026

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For the first time in Medicare's history, the program has successfully negotiated lower prices for high-cost prescription medications.

The First 10 Drugs Selected for 2026 Price Negotiations

The negotiated prices for these medications will take effect on January 1, 2026, providing significant cost savings for Medicare beneficiaries who use these commonly prescribed drugs for conditions like diabetes, heart disease, blood clots, and various autoimmune conditions.

1. Eliquis (apixaban)
2. Jardiance (empagliflozin)
3. Xarelto (rivaroxaban)
4. Januvia (sitagliptin)
5. Farxiga (dapagliflozin)
6. Entresto (sacubitril/valsartan)
7. Enbrel (etanercept)
8. Imbruvica (ibrutinib)
9. Stelara (ustekinumab)
10. Insulin Products (Multiple formulations)

• Specific products: Fiasp; Fiasp FlexTouch; Fiasp PenFill; NovoLog; NovoLog FlexPen; NovoLog PenFill

Future Expansion

The Medicare drug negotiation program will continue to expand:

- 2027: Up to 15 additional drugs may be selected for negotiation
- 2028: Up to 15 more drugs may be added
- 2029 and beyond: Up to 20 drugs may be selected each year

This expansion means that more Medicare beneficiaries will benefit from negotiated drug prices in the coming years.

Taking Action

During Open Enrollment

When reviewing Medicare plans for 2026, consider how the negotiated prices might affect your total drug costs. While all Part D plans will offer the negotiated prices, other factors like formulary coverage, preferred pharmacies, and additional benefits should also influence your decision.

Stay Informed

As Medicare continues to negotiate prices for additional medications, stay informed about which drugs may be included in future rounds. Your healthcare provider and Medicare counselor can help you understand how these changes might benefit your specific situation.

St. Augustine Beach Democratic Club

The SAB Democratic Club's next meeting is on Tuesday November 4, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Anastasia Island Branch Library, 124 Sea Grove Main Street, St Augustine Beach.

Our speaker on November 4 will be Attorney Andrea Reyes, who will talk about representing immigrants in these oppressive times. Please join us. 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.

St. Augustine Travel Club - Peter Dytrych

The November gathering of the St. Augustine Travel Club will be on Wednesday, November 12 @ 3:00 pm. We gather at the Southeast Branch Public Library.

Our topic will be GREAT RIVER CRUISES OF EUROPE

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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 Library, 124 Sea Grove Main Street, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080. For information or to RSVP, contact: Anita Clark johnita0013@gmail.com 305- 898-1432.

Medicare Annual Enrollment 10/15/25 - 12/7/25

Medicare Plan reviews are free and there is no obligation to enroll. I urge you to revisit your drug plans each year. I can discuss 2026 plans beginning 10/1.



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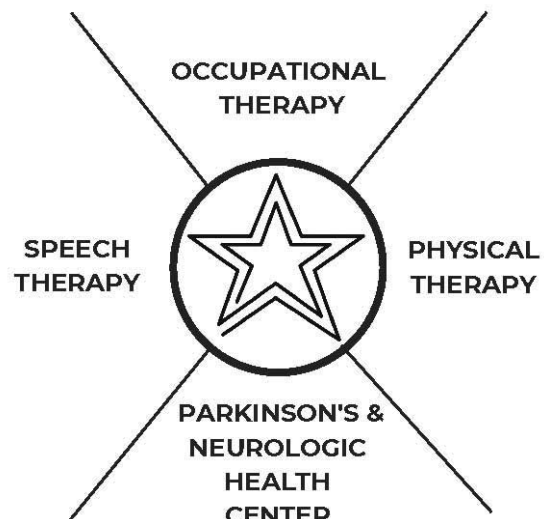
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- Aroma: Ripe banana, almond, and apple
- Taste: Smooth and mild with sweet fruitiness
- Finish: Gentle, clean, and buttery

Pairing Suggestions: Burrata, delicate white fish, vanilla ice cream, or breakfast toast

• **Olive Oil: EVOO 2: 100% Picual**

- Aroma: Fresh-cut grass, tomato vine, green olive
- Taste: Bold and structured with pronounced bitterness and spice
- Finish: Long, peppery, and invigorating

Pairing Suggestions: Grilled meats, bitter greens, hearty stews, or dark chocolate

• **Olive Oil: EVOO 3: 50% Arbequina / 50% Picual – The Coupage**

Profile:

- Aroma: Green tomato, artichoke, and tropical hints
- Taste: Harmonious balance of softness and strength
- Finish: Layered and persistent

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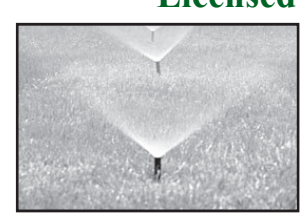
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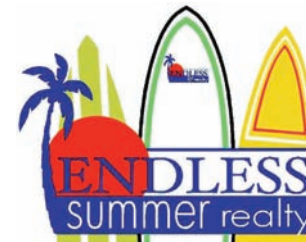
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Bring your blooming orchids for the Show Table. Plants will be available on the sales & raffle tables. The St. Augustine Orchid Society welcomes all to our monthly meetings. No charge. <https://www.staugorchidsociety.org>

When: November 4th, 6:30 to 9 pm

Where: Memorial Lutheran Church

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St. Augustine South Little Free Library Boxes Repaired

The child-centered Little Free Libraries in the Tot Lot Park in St. Augustine South are very popular with children in the neighborhood. Many trips to the park include reading a story while there.

Over time the boxes were in need of some TLC. Many thanks to St. Augustine South resident Mike Cofone for helping repair the boxes. There was some wear and tear, and unfortunately, vandalism to the doors. Mike tightened up the doors, replaced their magnets, and replaced a broken window. Since the boxes sit outside, both the roofs were starting to rot – a huge thank you to Chuck Pacetti from Sunshine Roof Services LLC, www.sunshineroofservices.com, who stepped up and provided brand new roofs for both boxes. The books will stay protected and dry from the rain for many years to come. Thank you to both Mike and Chuck for donating all the supplies and for their willingness to help. Our Little Free Libraries are successful when our wonderful St. Augustine South residents contribute their time and talent to help grow literacy! We appreciate your support.

Photo: Mike Cofone doing repairs. New lip and roofs from Chuck Pacetti, Sunshine Roof Services LLC.



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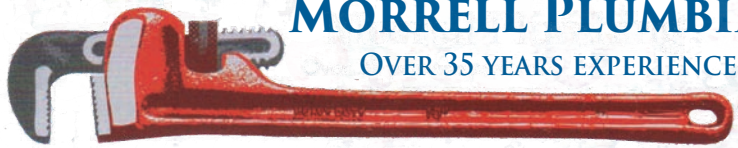
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