



City of St .Augustine Beach Seal

City of St. Augustine Beach
April Newsletter

Resignation of Commissioner Rich O'Brien



Commissioner Rich O'Brien

On March 5, 2019 the City of St. Augustine Beach held a continuation of a commission meeting and a special meeting on pay-to-park. At the conclusion of this meeting, Commissioner O'Brien announced his resignation, effective immediately.

"As many of you know I have served on the St. Augustine Beach City Commission since 2007," stated Rich O'Brien. "It has come time to create more time for my wife, family and friends. My wife and I are blessed with several wonderful businesses and my real estate career is growing. My wife and I had planned my resigning for a month or so and agreed it would be the best for our quality of life. My time on Planning and Zoning, along with the City Commission, spans 15 years and there have been many rewarding and challenging topics. I have had the pleasure to meet many of our residents and business owners which was the best part of my tenure. I also have worked with a great City staff who have been wonderful and caring. It has been an honor to

serve. I want to sincerely thank my wife Lauren for her support during the time I served the City.”

The City of St .Augustine Beach is grateful for Rich O’Brien’s years of dedicated service and wish him luck on his future endeavors.



Arbor Day

Our Sustainable Future

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The City of St. Augustine Beach will celebrate its interactive, family-friendly Arbor Day event on Friday, April 26, 2019 at St. Augustine Beach City Hall (2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080) from 5:30-7:00 pm.

The St. Augustine Beach Tree Board and Beautification Advisory Committee assist in managing this event as part of the Cities

National Tree Friendly Community Certification and National Arbor Day Celebration. This event will include a brief program, beginning with the boy scouts presenting the flag. Then, winners from the RB Hunt poster contest and Pedro Menendez High School poetry contest, will be announced. The Beautification Advisory Committee/ Tree Board will also present this year's Environmental Stewardship Awards.

Come out to enjoy free cake and beverages, a tree give away, a meet and greet with Smokey the Bear, and face painting! Check out an interactive sea creature touch tank, live bee hive exhibit, crafts, and all types of wildlife exhibits! Also, Boy Scout Troop 345 will be joining us to collect aluminum cans, shoes, and old electronics to recycle! Food from African Love Kitchen will be available for purchase.

**APRIL
2019**

**BRING
YOUR
OWN
BAG**



April 2019 Bring Your Own Bag
St. Johns Door and Window, Inc., Jane West Attorney at Law,
City of St. Augustine Beach, North Florida Coastal Caretakers

Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) in April

At the February 4, 2019 Commission Meeting, the St. Augustine Beach City Commission agreed to make April “Ban the Bag” month. This voluntary ban on single-use plastic bags is in response to a presentation by Attorney Jane West and is supported by the North Florida Coastal Caretakers. The voluntary ban is designed to encourage ALL retailers and restaurants to remind their customers to “Bring Your Own Bag” (BYOB).

The environment of The City of St Augustine Beach is a unique costal ecosystem that must be protected. With that being said, single use plastic bags all too often end up on our beaches, oceans, marshes, costal hammocks, and dune systems. This is not only unsightly and bad for businesses, but it causes considerable, and sometimes irreversible, harm to our wildlife. It can also kill our sea life, like sea turtles and sharks which mistake a plastic bag for a jellyfish and try to eat it; or, fish who ingest the bags as the plastic break down into smaller pieces. This plastic then gets into the animal and humans, in turn, consume it.

This is a voluntary program, but its success depends on residents and retailers of The City of St. Augustine Beach. The City will help by providing free reusable bags that will be available at the annual Arbor Day Celebration. This is a family-friendly, interactive event that will be held on April 26, 2019 at 5:30pm at St .Augustine Beach City Hall (2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080.) These bags are sponsored by St. Johns Door and Window and Jane West, Attorney at Law.



Former Public Works Director - Joe Howell

Joe
By: Max Royle, City Manager

I'll begin my essay this month in an unusual way with an obituary: The City of St. Augustine Beach regrets to announce that its Public Works Director/City Engineer, Mr. Joseph Howell, passed away on February 10, 2019....

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Entrance to St. Augustine Beach City Hall

CITY HALL UPDATE

At its March 4, 2019 regular meeting, the St. Augustine Beach City Commission took the following actions:

1. Heard a presentation from Ms. Lynn Eberly, St Johns County Council on Aging, concerning programs and services available to residents.....

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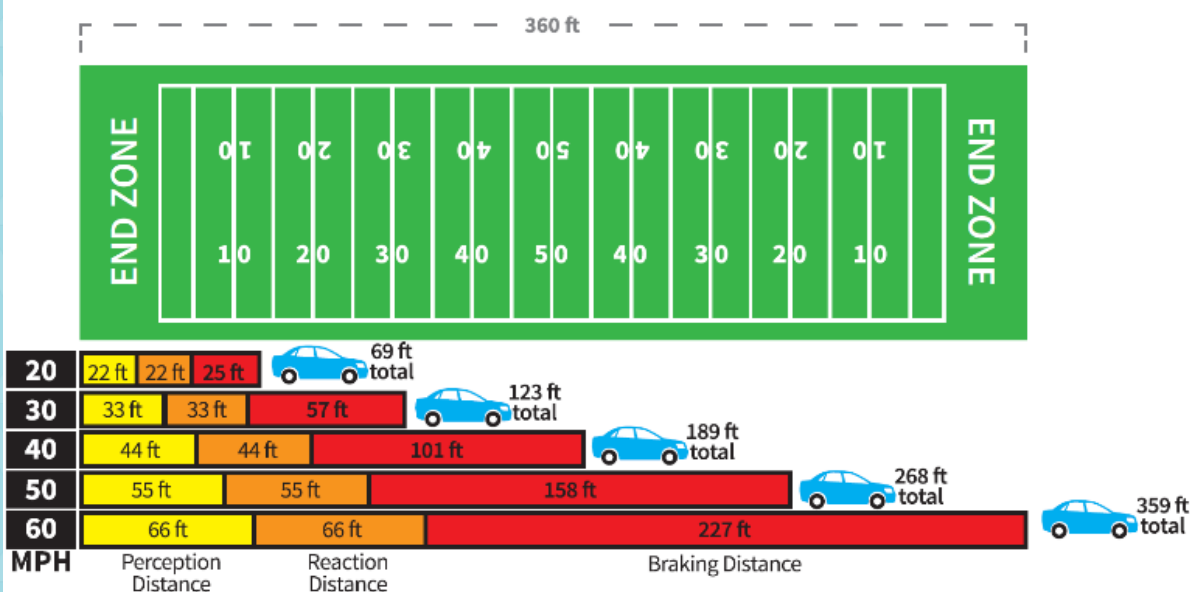


Chart that shows how distracted driving affects reaction time.

If driving 20 mph,	perception distance is 22 feet,	reaction distance is 22 feet,	braking distance is 25 feet;	69 feet total.
If driving 30 mph,	perception distance is 33 feet,	reaction distance is 33 feet,	braking distance is 57 feet;	123 feet total.
If driving 40 mph,	perception distance is 44 feet,	reaction distance is 44 feet,	braking distance is 101 feet;	189 feet total.
If driving 50 mph,	perception distance is 55 feet,	reaction distance is 55 feet,	braking distance is 158 feet;	268 feet total.
If driving 60 mph,	perception distance is 66 feet,	reaction distance is 66 feet,	braking distance is 227 feet;	359 feet total.

April is Distractive Driving Awareness Month

Texting requires all three types of distraction, making it one of the most dangerous of distracted driving behaviors. However, this is not the only cause of distracted driving. Other common distractions include: tending to kids or passengers in the back seat, eating, watching an event outside of the vehicle, interacting with passengers, unsecured pets, putting on makeup or grooming, adjusting radio or climate controls, checking your GPS app or system, and even daydreaming.

To successfully avoid a crash, a driver must perceive a hazard, react, and give the vehicle time to stop. Driver perception distance, or the distance a vehicle travels from the time a driver sees a hazard until the brain recognizes it, and reaction distance, the distance a car will continue to travel after seeing a hazard until the driver physically hits the brakes, dramatically affects a vehicle's stopping distance. Even a focused driver going 50 mph will travel nearly the length of a football field before coming to a complete stop.

When a driver is not focused on the road, it limits their ability to come to a stop and avoid a crash.

St. Augustine Beach Police Department would like to remind all drivers to keep your eyes on the road and Focus on Driving to ensure everyone can Arrive Alive!

Information provided by: FLHSMV.GOV/safety-center



St. Augustine Beach Police Badge

Volunteer Week

April 8 - 12, 2019

The St. Augustine Beach Police would like to say thank you
to their amazing team of volunteers:

Kathy Callery

Sheila Bell

Jeff Gatlin

Kenny Kubart

Susan Warnberg

Marcia Johnson

Annie Narducci

Carol Wilder



Commission Meeting Notice

Monday, April 1, 2019

6pm

St. Augustine Beach City Hall

2200 A1A South

City of St. Augustine Beach FL 32080

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Tree Board Meeting Notice

Thursday, April 11, 2019

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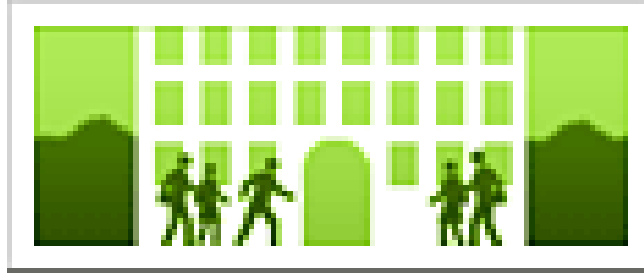
Commission Room inside St. Augustine Beach City Hall

Monthly Meetings

CITY COMMISSION: The City of St. Augustine Beach will hold a regular City Commission meeting on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall. This is a public meeting and the public is invited to attend.

TREE BOARD/BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The City of St. Augustine Beach will hold a regular Tree Board/Beautification Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall. This is a public meeting and the public is invited to attend.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD: The City of St. Augustine Beach will hold a regular Comprehensive Planning & Zoning Board meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall. This is a public meeting and the public is invited to attend.



An Environmentally Friendly Business

10 Ways to Green Your Business & Save Money

Kate Harrison, Forbes Magazine

- Switch to post-consumer waste (PCW)
- Use biodegradable cleaners
- Green your beauty routine
- Use CFL or LED lights
- Replace outdated appliances with their greener counterparts
- Get an energy audit and make simple changes around your office and house
- Power your office with alternative energy
- Use public transportation, drive an alternative fuel or hybrid vehicle, or bike
- Recycle outside the box
- Utilize green web hosting

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ARBOR DAY 2019

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Arbor Day 2019 Sponsorship Opportunity
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The First Road

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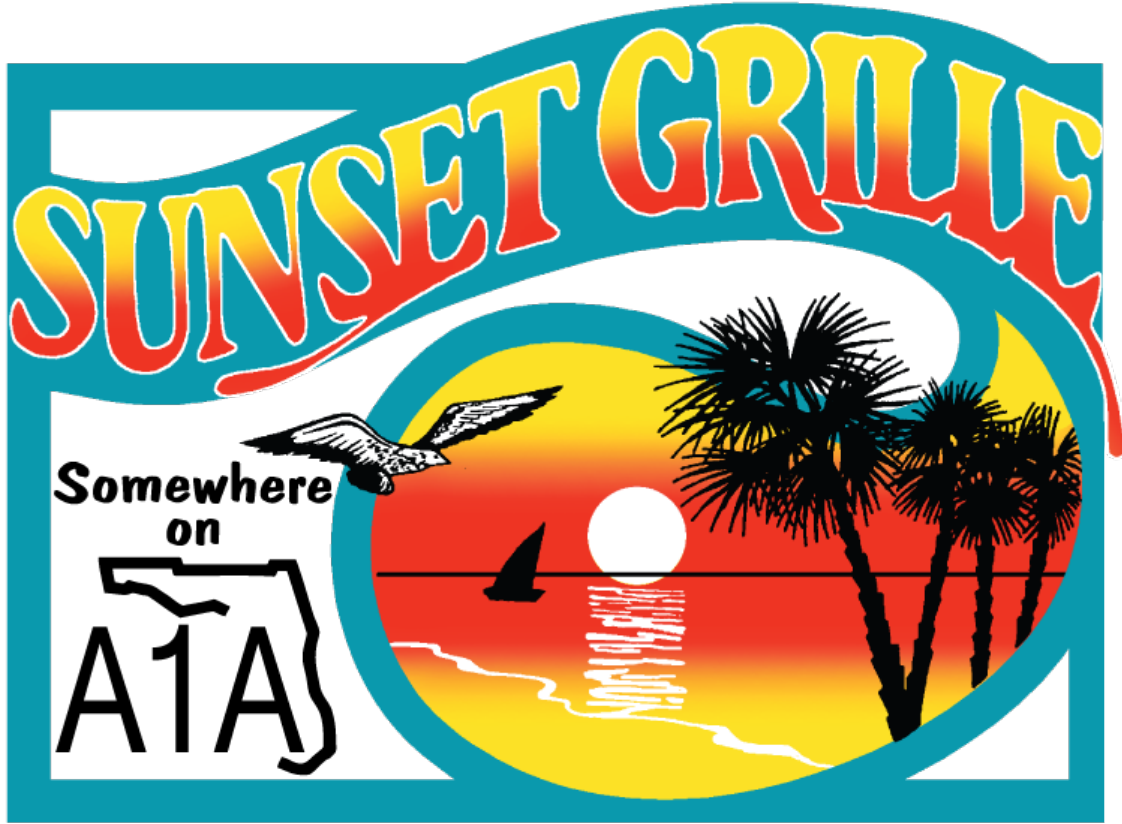
The first road built by Europeans in North America started in St. Augustine and headed north in the same direction and over the same route for at least approximately one third of its length, as today's U.S. 1.....

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A Note From Our Sponsors....



Guy Harvey Outpost Resort St. Augustine Beach



ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH, FLORIDA

Sunset Grille, Somewhere on A1A, St. Augustine Beach, FL



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