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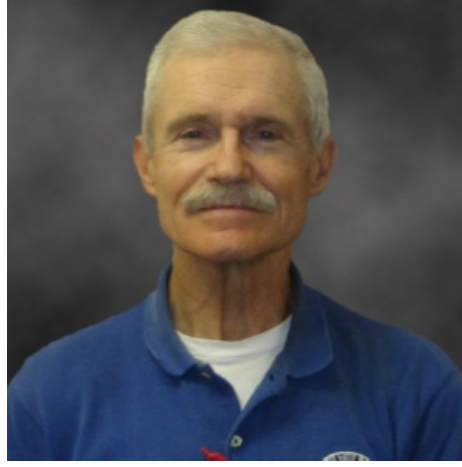
Beyond the Beach May 2023 Newsletter



Entrance to St. Augustine Beach City Hall

City Hall Update

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City Manager, Max Royle

City Management

City management can be a tough gig, but don't cry me a river, trickle or even a spritz. It's definitely a job not for the faint of heart, or for those who bleed easily when struck by the verbal rocks of criticism that sometimes are mercilessly hurled at them. Managers are in the position voluntarily, there are no shackles chaining them to a desk, no office door they cannot open and exit through for a life with less wounding turmoil. Yet many managers, even though they may experience career turbulence over the years, remain "on the job" until it's time to hang up the spools of red tape and retire.

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Upcoming Events!

**ARTISTS
&
ARTISANS**



**FOOD
VENDORS
&
SWEET
TREATS**

Lakeside Park Art Fair

2340 A1A S, St. Augustine Beach 32080

**ANIMAL
RESCUE
GROUPS**

**SHOWCASING
PAINTINGS
STAINED GLASS
JEWELRY
CERAMICS
& MORE**

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Or Call Melinda Conlon @ 904-295-2271



*Saturday, May 13th
12pm to 5pm*



DONATE BLOOD

**St. Augustine Beach
Police Department
Tuesday, May 9
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

All donors will receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Fact: One in three of us will need a blood transfusion.



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use **sponsor code #39856**.

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*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

CITY HALL
2200A1A SOUTH
ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH, FL 32080

CITY COMMISSION

May 1, 2023

6PM

SEPAC

May 9, 2023

6PM

PLANNING and ZONING BOARD

May 16, 2023

6PM

ATTENTION:

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR ALL CITY MEETINGS

*ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLACE ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS INTO A BIN SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.

*ALL ATTENDEES WILL PASS THROUGH A PASSIVE SCANNER PRIOR TO ENTERING THE SPACE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



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Sea Turtle Nesting Season - Important Information!

2023



Saint Johns County had a record - breaking nesting season last year with 1,235 nests

SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON IS HERE



LIGHTS
OUT!

Nesting activities occur on St. Johns County's 41 miles of beach between **May 1-October 31** every year. Nesting activities include females entering the beach to lay eggs or hatchlings emerging from their nest. In 2022, Saint John's County Beaches had a record year of nesting - 1,235 nests compared to 822 in 2021. Residents and visitors have the honor of sharing their home with such an amazing species, and it is our duty to protect these vulnerable animals. If you have the luck to witness either of these activities, please make sure to watch from a distance, do not use any flashlights and do touch the animals.

- Fill in holes and knock down sand castles that may obstruct sea turtles' path.
- Do not leave toys, trash, tents, or beach furniture on the beach overnight.



No Flashlights or
Cell Phone Lights



Never
Touch Wildlife



Stay Off
Vegetation



No
Balloons



Fires and Fireworks
are Prohibited Year Round



Regional Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan Update with Electronic Survey

The North Florida TPO, in concert with our consultant Atkins, is completing a regional bicycle and pedestrian master plan to identify gaps and opportunities to

connect sidewalks, paved trails, and paved bicycle facilities throughout NE Florida. As part of this study citizens in Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns Counties are being asked for their opinions via an electronic survey that will be open until about May 10. The link is below:

[North Florida Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility Study – We need your input!](http://northflbikepedstudy.com)
(northflbikepedstudy.com). The survey takes about five minutes to complete.



SEPAC News!

*Sustainability & Environmental
Planning Advisory Committee*

Yard work is hard work; we want to recognize your efforts!

If you've worked hard to create an environmentally friendly yard, the City of St. Augustine Beach wants to recognize your efforts! SEPAC would love to find out about any residential or commercial property within the City that contributes to the sustainability of our environment by promoting water conservation, reducing stormwater runoff, preserving the tree canopy, utilizing native plants, and increasing the biodiversity of Anastasia Island. If you think your yard has what it takes – or just to get more information on how to make your area more environmentally friendly, please visit:

<https://www.staugbch.com/bcbatb/page/environmentally-friendly-landscaping-recognition>

Native Plant of the Month: Blue Porterweed

While its beautiful purple-blue blooms is what initially led SEPAC to select the blue porterweed for its wildflower meadow, we love several other aspects of the plant as well. It attracts butterflies and hummingbirds, blooms throughout the year, and is easy to maintain.

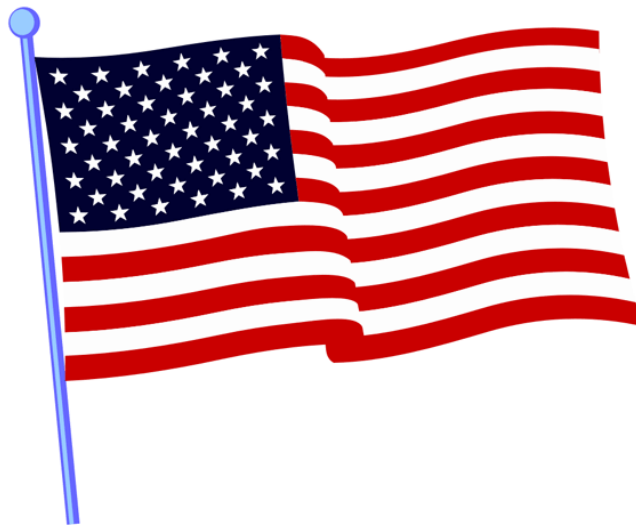
The blue porterweed (*tachytarpheta jamaicensis*) is a fast-growing plant that gets 1-2 feet tall. It loves its home in St. Augustine Beach, as it enjoys full sun (but can also tolerate



partial shade) and doesn't mind a little salt spray.

American Flag Rescue Program

The American Flag Rescue (AFR) program was initiated in 2019 after St. Johns County Solid Waste Management staff observed worn and damaged American flags in drop-off garbage containers at the Tillman Ridge facility. Although some flag collection containers already were in place in several stores that sell American flags, more collection points were clearly needed. The initial shipment of new flag collection boxes was funded by local radio personality Kevin Geddings. These units were placed in St. Johns County libraries. Of the nearly 1,000 flags collected in 2020, about 10% were reusable and these are available to the public. Damaged flags are retired according to established protocols by local Scout troops and veteran's organizations. An American Flag booklet provided by Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes is also available. For information about flag collection/retirement or site participation, contact Chris Benjamin at (904) 827-6980 or cbenjamin@sjcfl.us. Flags can be dropped off at City of St. Augustine Beach City Hall.



City of St. Augustine Beach Resident Self-Service module

You can access this module in one of two ways:

Go to our website –www.staugbch.com. Here you will find the link by selecting Resources -> Contact Us -> Self-Service Portal.

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Thank you to our sponsors and partners!

For a review of our events in 2022, please click [here](#).

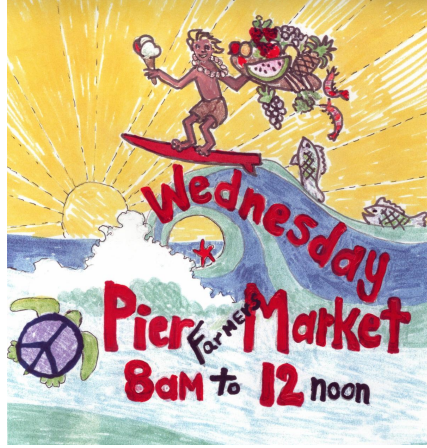


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