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City of St. Augustine Beach March Newsletter

Anastasia Island Environmental Stewardship Awards

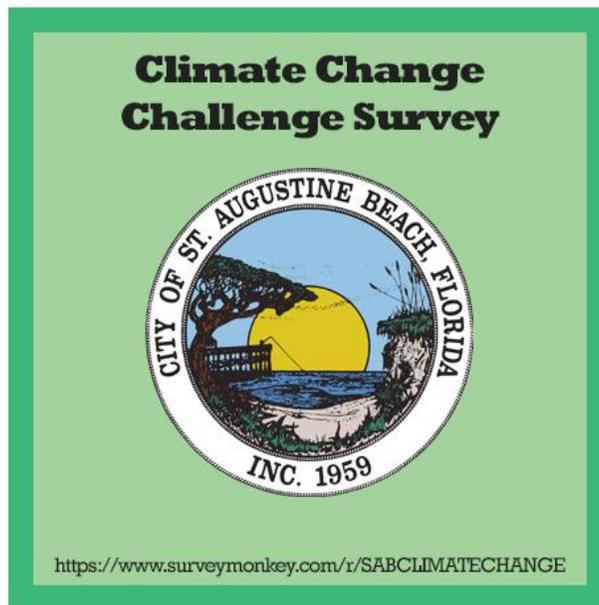
The City of St. Augustine Beach's Sustainability and Environmental Planning Advisory Committee is seeking nominations for the annual Anastasia Island Environmental Stewardship Awards. These awards will recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations that are working to protect the Island's natural resources and enhance its ecosystem. The awards were presented for the first time in the spring of 2019. The Committee is hoping to encourage environmental protection on the Island with this an annual awards program.

Nominations are due March 2, 2020. [The nomination form is available on the City's website.](#)

The objective of environmental stewardship is to reduce impacts on the environment, thereby protecting our natural resources through conservation and sustainable practices. To be considered for recognition, nominees must demonstrate significant achievements through:

- Reducing environmental impacts
- Conserving resources
- Enhancing ecosystems
- Restoring impacted natural resources

The awards will be presented at a public ceremony at City Hall, 2200 A1A South, in the spring.



Climate Change Challenge Survey
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Climate Change Challenge Survey

The City of St. Augustine Beach Sustainability and Environmental Planning Advisory Council (SEPAC) is conducting a Climate Change Challenge survey until March 25, 2020. Both property owners, renters, and visitors in The City of St. Augustine Beach are requested to participate. The survey will only take about 15 minutes to complete and can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SABCLIMATECHANGE>.

“SEPAC is extremely concerned about many environmental issues that affect our beach community, especially sea level rise and climate change,” said Sandra Krempasky, SEPAC chair. “We designed this survey to not only inform us of what we can do as a board, but educate our residents on what they can do to help protect our unique coastal ecosystem.”

This survey will be used for educational purposes, to help gauge the perceptions of the community toward climate change and the motivation of individuals to reduce their carbon emissions, and to examine lifestyle choices in relation to climate change.

The results will be presented at the annual Arbor Day Celebration on April 17, 2020 at St. Augustine Beach City Hall (2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080.) The public is invited and encouraged to attend.



Go Green SAB logo

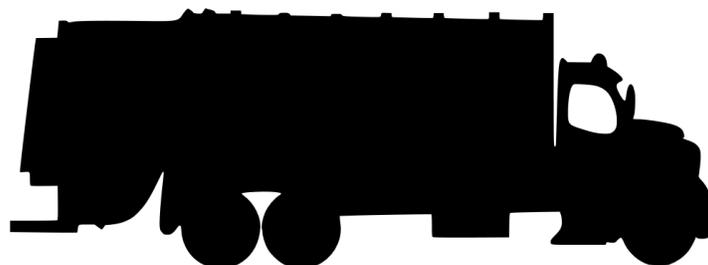
Go Green SAB

The City of St. Augustine Beach is going green! Single-use plastics have long lifespans, impacting local habitats and natural areas, and are not easily recyclable. Eliminating the use of these products decreases litter on our streets and reduces plastics in the environment (especially the ocean).

Starting January 1, 2020, the City is launching a “Go Green SAB” campaign, which encourages businesses in the limits of St. Augustine Beach to voluntarily eliminate the use of these products. To recognize the efforts of businesses who have done so, the City will issue a “Go Green SAB” window cling, as well as mention their efforts on social media and in the City’s monthly e-newsletter.

“It is our goal to get every business in the City limits involved in this campaign,” said St. Augustine Beach Mayor Undine George. “We are excited to be a leader in environmental protection and hope other Cities will follow our example.”

If a business wishes to participate, they can visit the City Manager’s Office (2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080) to pick up a window cling starting January 2, 2020. Since this is a voluntary campaign, the City is relying on the word of business owners and managers and will not be conducting inspections or penalizing organizations who do not wish to participate.



Garbage Truck

City Office Schedule & Trash Collection Update

- No closures or changes in March

Operation Lock It Up

What is it?

Operation Lock It Up is a program that encourages people to lock up their valuables. When patrol officers observe unlocked vehicles or exposed valuables they will utilize the Operation Lock it Up door hanger. This will alert the property owner to make sure their valuables are removed and their vehicle or property is secured. Operation Lock it Up prevention measures include removing valuables from vehicles at night and ensuring they are locked, closing garage doors, making sure doors and windows are properly secured.

What should I do?

You should remove valuables from vehicles, or any other structures or dwellings that may be suitable for theft. Remember to always lock your car, and lock all the doors to your house including closing garage doors. You can also facilitate adequate lighting in dark areas around your house and business in order to prevent victimization.

What do valuables include?

- Jewelry
- Electronics
- Keys
- Wallet/Purse
- Money/Change
- Shopping bags

What if I cannot move my valuables to a safe location?

This can happen when you decide to drive to the beach. Unfortunately, you may not be able to bring your valuables back to your house. We suggest that you lock your car, and hide your valuables.

Find more information at:

<https://sabpd.org/crime-prevention/>



St. Augustine Beach Police Department

Robert A. Hardwick, Chief of Police

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REMOVE IT,
OR
LOSE IT!**





Entrance to St. Augustine Beach City Hall

City Hall Update

[Read the Whole Article Here](#)



Max Royle, City Manager

Form

A citizen activist group in Atlantic City, New Jersey, is seeking to change that city's form of government from what it currently is, strong mayor, to council-city manager. The group says the change is needed to reduce costs, corruption and nepotism.

[Read the Whole Article Here](#)

Special Commission Meeting Notice

*Monday, March 2, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
St. Augustine Beach City Hall
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080*

*Commission Meeting Notice
Monday, March 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
St. Augustine Beach City Hall
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St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080*

Presidential Preference Primary

*Early Voting
March 7 - 14, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

*Election Day
Tuesday, March 17, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

*Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Notice
Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
St. Augustine Beach City Hall
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080*

*Sustainability and Environmental Planning
Advisory Committee
Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
St. Augustine Beach City Hall
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080*

**New Emergency Notification System for
St. Johns County Residents**

St. Johns County is launching a new emergency notification system to provide residents with critical information during emergency situations.

Beginning February 1, the new Alert St. Johns system will enable St. Johns County, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, the City of St. Augustine, and the City of St. Augustine Beach to quickly provide residents with critical information in a variety of situations including severe weather, unexpected road closures, water advisories, missing persons, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods, and incidents that may threaten public safety.

To receive these time sensitive alerts, residents can sign up at <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725582#/login>. Those who sign up can choose to receive notifications via a phone call to their home, business, or mobile phone, by email, or text message. The Alert St. Johns system will replace the Code Red notification system, so it is imperative that residents sign up for these critical notifications. For more information regarding Alert St. Johns, please call 904-824-5550.



*On Sale December 9 - Beach Driving Passes - Pre-Season Sale
Get Yours Now & Beat the Rush - They Make Great Gifts Too*

Beach Driving Passes

St. Johns County Beach Driving Passes are on sale! St. Johns County resident passes are \$50, non-resident passes are \$100, and handicap passes are \$40. Passes will be available during normal business hours at the following locations:

- Tax Collector's Main Office – 4030 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine
- Tax Collector's DuPont Center – 6658 US 1 South, St. Augustine
- Tax Collector's Julington Creek Office – 725 Flora Branch Blvd., St. Johns
- Tax Collector's Ponte Vedra Office – 151 Sawgrass Corners Dr., Suite 100, Ponte Vedra Beach
- St. Johns County Beach Services Office – 901 Pope Rd., St. Augustine
- St. Johns County Ocean and Fishing Pier Gift Shop – 350 A1A Blvd., St. Augustine

Residents must present a valid I.D. with a St. Johns County address or present proof of property tax payments in St. Johns County to purchase a

resident pass. When requesting a handicap pass, a handicap hangtag or proof of qualification must be presented. Disabled military are eligible for a free annual pass by presenting military I.D. or a letter from Veterans Affairs verifying disabled status. Vehicles accessing the beach do not need a beach pass until March 1, 2020. After March 1, 2020, beach passes will be available for purchase (at the same rate) at the tollbooths.

For more information about annual beach driving passes, please call the St. Johns County Beach Services Office at 904-209-0341. Visit the Reach the Beach Mobile App or <http://www.sjcl.us/beaches> for current beach access updates and beach driving conditions

First Sighting of *La Florida*

On March 27, 1513, Easter Sunday, Juan Ponce de León's fleet recorded their first sighting of the "unidentified island" that would become Florida. He had set sail from Puerto Rico, after being ousted as governor by Christopher Columbus' son, Diego, on March 3rd with three ships, 200 men, and 50 horses and other animals. He landed ashore on April 2nd in what is believed to now be St. Augustine and claimed the new "island" in the name of Spain as *La Florida*, the land of flowers. They did not attempt to settle at that time, instead sailing south around the coast of Florida. On that voyage, he christened two other notable places that still bear versions of those original names, *Cabo Cañaveral*, the cape of currents, and *Las Tortugas*, the turtles, to the west of the Keys. After a violent encounter with the native Calusa tribe in June, in the Charlotte Harbor area north of Fort Myers, they ended their journey and returned to Puerto Rico by October 19th.

Story by: Deputy City Clerk Dariana Fitzgerald

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