



*City of St. Augustine Beach Seal*

# Beyond the Beach February 2024 Newsletter

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*Entrance to St. Augustine Beach City Hall*

## City Hall Update

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*City Manager, Max Royle*

## THE BEACH

Get ready, folks. There's a beach restoration project coming to our fair City. It is scheduled to begin in February 2024 and, barring delays, end in September 2024. From Anastasia State Park to A Street, 2.5 million cubic yards of sand will restore an eroded section of the beach for a cost of nearly \$34 million, which the federal government will pay.

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## City News & Updates

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### Mayor and Vice Mayor Sworn in for 2024 Term



At the City Commission meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, the newly elected Mayor and Vice Mayor were officially sworn in for the next term.

Dylan Rumrell, who has served on the Commission since 2019 was sworn in as Mayor and Beth Sweeny as Vice Mayor.

At the meeting, Rumrell stated, "Thank you to all that came this evening. I want to give a special thank you to my family for allowing me to spend time away and give back to our great city." Rumrell continued "I also want to thank my fellow commissioners for giving me the gavel and opportunity to be Mayor. I will continue to work hard for the city, and I will also work hard for the employees of our city. It is a true honor to be your mayor."

Sweeny, who has served on the Commission since 2022 stated, "I am honored by the faith placed in me by my fellow commissioners, and the support of my family as I move into the role of Vice Mayor. I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of St. Augustine Beach as we work to preserve our slice of paradise."

The terms which began on January 1, 2024, will run for one year, and end on December 31, 2024.

For more information, please visit [www.staugbch.com](http://www.staugbch.com), The City of St Augustine Beach Facebook and Instagram pages.

For Media inquiries, contact Melinda Conlon at [eventspio@cityofsab.org](mailto:eventspio@cityofsab.org).



## FCCE re-nourishment of St. Augustine Beach

**The project will begin this month with an estimated completion date of September 2024.**

USACE Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, awarded a \$33.5 million contract Sept. 29 to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., LLC, of Houston, Texas, to execute a Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies (FCCE) re-nourishment of the St. Augustine Beach federal shore protection project. The project will place approximately 2.5 million cubic yards of sand on critically eroded beaches within the city of St. Augustine Beach extending three miles from Anastasia State Park at the north to the vicinity of A St. at the southern end of the shoreline.

The main staging area for the project will be located at Pope Road with additional beach access at A St. Sand will be dredged from a Bureau of Ocean Energy Management approved offshore borrow located 6 nautical miles offshore.

The estimated start and finish dates of construction and details of the project timeline and placement sequence will be determined after coordination with Great Lakes and published via USACE and St. Johns County social media channels. St. Johns County is the non-federal sponsor for the St. Augustine Beach shore protection project; the FCCE re-nourishment will be 100 percent federally funded to restore damages from recent hurricanes and nor'easter events.



USACE Jacksonville appreciates our strong partnership with St. Johns County and their support for this effort and many other shore protection projects within the county.

## A Street West Parking Improvements Project



On January 29, 2024, construction began on the A Street Parking West Improvements project in the City of St. Augustine Beach.

The intent of the A Street Parking West Improvements project is to improve the safety, aesthetics, and drainage of the city owned parking area located on A1A Beach Blvd between A Street and 1st Street.

During the construction of this project, the public A Street Parking lot located on the west side of A1A Beach Blvd will be closed until further notice. Businesses immediately adjacent to the construction site will remain open during this time. The current construction activity will have little to no effect on the residents located on 1st Street, however, we urge residents to utilize 2nd Ave when leaving or returning to avoid any delays while construction materials and equipment are being brought into the project site.

### **Parking improvements to include:**

- +The installation of a new stormwater drainage retention system that will connect to the existing St. Johns County stormwater system.
- +The Installation of new concrete and brick-paver parking area that will accommodate:
  - +Nine (9) standard parking spaces
  - +One (1) ADA space
  - +Two (2) motorcycle spaces
- +Reworked entrance from 1st Street and a redesigned exit on County Road A1A Beach Blvd,
- +Sidewalk and landscaping work.

### **The tentative schedule is below:**

01/29: Erosion Control Measure Installation and Site Demolition.

02/05: Underground Drainage System Construction

03/01: Parking Lot Concrete Curb, Driving and ADA Parking Surfaces Installation

04/01: Paver Installation.

05/18: Substantial Completion.

06/01: Final Completion.

Funding for this project is by received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

For updates on this project as well as general city information, please visit The City of St Augustine Beach website [www.staugbch.com](http://www.staugbch.com), Facebook and Instagram page. For Media inquiries, contact Melinda Conlon at [eventspio@cityofsab.org](mailto:eventspio@cityofsab.org).

## **Ocean Walk - Phase One Town Hall Meeting Scheduled**

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**ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH RESILIENCY  
IMPROVMENTS**

**OCEAN WALK SUBDIVISION  
PHASE 1 DRAINAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS**

**TOWN HALL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2024  
5PM - 6PM  
CITY HALL - COMMISSION ROOM**

**FOR DETAILS VISIT: [WWW.STAUGBCH.COM](http://WWW.STAUGBCH.COM)**

On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, the City of St. Augustine Beach will hold a Town Hall meeting regarding Phase I of the Ocean Walk Drainage Improvements project. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting which will be held from 5PM – 6PM in the St. Augustine Beach City Hall Commission room, located at 2200 A1A South.

Located on Pope Road between Mickler Boulevard and Brigantine Court, The Ocean Walk Subdivision is one of the lowest-lying areas within the limits of the City of St. Augustine Beach. The western section of Lee Drive often suffers from recurring roadway flooding and the low-lying topography also leaves public infrastructure and private properties extremely vulnerable to flooding exacerbated



by storm surge and sea level rise.

Improvements to this area will be made in a two-phased approach. Phase 1 will be the installation of backflow protection to the drainage system and improvements made to the overall drainage conveyance of the area. Phase 2 will consist of a stormwater pump station, which is currently under evaluation. These improvements are designed to reduce the frequency, severity, and duration of localized flooding.

For updates on this project as well as general city information, please visit The City of St. Augustine Beach website [www.staugbch.com](http://www.staugbch.com), Facebook and Instagram page.

## Glass Recycling Program



In partnership with the City of St. Augustine, the city is excited to announce that glass recycling is available in the City of St. Augustine Beach.

A glass ONLY recycling dumpster is located at the South end of the City Hall parking lot (between the old Post Office Building and the Police Department).

The program is expected to run indefinitely, and the City of St. Augustine Beach welcomes the opportunity to provide additional services for its residents.

Below is a break-down of acceptable and not acceptable items:

**What glass IS acceptable?** Packaging food, beverages, hot sauces, spices, syrups, baby foods, perfume bottles, cosmetic jars, mason jars.

Remove metal and plastic lids and caps. Remember to rinse.

**What glass is NOT acceptable?** Dishware, crystal and stemware, and all drinkware, figurines of glass, ceramic, and porcelain. Automotive windows, mirrors picture frames, tabletops, mirrors, computer monitors, and screens of any type. Magnifying glass, eyewear, marbles, light bulbs.

For a complete list of what can and cannot be accepted, please visit [www.staugbch.com](http://www.staugbch.com), The City of St Augustine Beach Facebook and Instagram page, and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter by texting CITYOFSAB to 22828.

## CITY MEETINGS

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

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
February 5, 2024, 6PM

**SEPAC**  
February 8, 2024, 6PM

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING**  
February 14, 2024, 6PM

**PLANNING and ZONING BOARD**  
February 20, 2024, 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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## UPCOMING EVENTS





# Spring Break Beach Cleanup

Join Matanzas Riverkeeper and the  
City of St. Augustine Beach for a  
community cleanup along A1A  
Beach Blvd from Pier Park to A Street.

16 March 2024  
09:00 - 11:00  
10th Street Parkette



## **SEPAC News!**

*Sustainability & Environmental  
Planning Advisory Committee*





## **SEPAC Kicks Off '24 Environmental Speaker & Film Series February 22**

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 22, when SEPAC will host its first event in the 2024 Environmental Speaker & Film Series. This series, which started in 2019, focuses on conservation, sustainability, and ecology, particularly our tree canopy, the 4Rs (refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle), coastal issues, and green/Florida-friendly landscaping. All events are free and take place at 6 p.m. at the Anastasia Island Branch Library, 124 Sea Grove Main Street in St. Augustine Beach.

## **SEPAC Unveils Eco Garden on A1A Beach**

When driving on A1A Beach, you may have noticed some new landscaping between 7th and 8th Streets. SEPAC recently created the City's first eco garden! The garden includes a swale filled with many natives plants and flowers and a bordering section of the City's signature white fencing. SEPAC created the eco garden to reduce stormwater runoff and flooding and to filter pollutants from getting into our water system. The eco garden is also a great habitat for butterflies and birds. Be sure to check out the Blanket Flower, Dune Daisy, Seaside Goldenrod, Muhly and Fakahatchee Grasses, and more to get ideas on how to create an eco garden in your own yard or neighborhood!

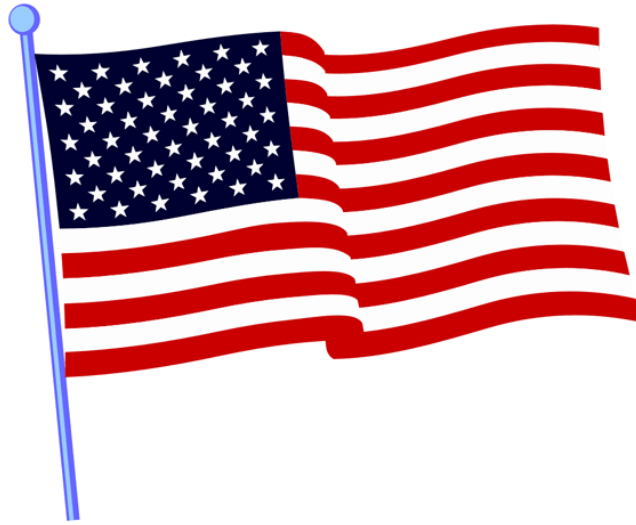
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## **American Flag Rescue Program**

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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](mailto:cbenjamin@sjcfl.us). Flags can be dropped off at City of St. Augustine Beach City Hall.



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## **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](http://www.staugbch.com). Here you will find the link by selecting Resources -> Contact Us -> Self-Service Portal.

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