City of St. Augustine Beach

May Newsletter

Resident Survey
The City of St. Augustine Beach is conducting a resident and property owner survey until June 2, 2019. Both property owners and renters in The City of St. Augustine Beach are requested to participate.

The entire survey will only take about 15 minutes to complete.

This survey will be used to determine what The City of St Augustine Beach government and boards can do to better communicate and serve the residents and to learn what residents value most about the City of St. Augustine Beach.

The results will be presented at the July Commission Meeting – July 1, 2019 at 6pm at St. Augustine Beach City Hall (2200 A1A South, St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080.) The public is invited to attend.
At the conclusion of the March 5, 2019 special meeting, St. Augustine Beach Commissioner Rich O’Brien announced his resignation, citing that he needs more time to focus on his real estate career and his family. In order to fill this vacancy, the St. Augustine Beach Commission interviewed 12 residents. After public comment and consideration, Mr. Dylan Rumrell was chosen to fill Commission Seat 3.

“I am so excited for the opportunity to represent the great residents of St. Augustine Beach,” stated Commissioner Rumrell.
Commissioner Rumrell is a Flagler College graduate and an active member of the St. Augustine community, especially with his work with the St. Augustine Songwriters Festival. His other ventures include real estate, Ancient City Brewing, French Fry Heaven, helping to fund Vilano Publix via Infinity Global Solutions, and radio experience. He currently resides in St. Augustine Beach with his wife, Angela, and their 5 children.

New Public Works Director – Bill Tredik

Starting May 1, 2019, Mr. Bill Tredik will take over as St. Augustine Beach Public Works Director/ City Engineer. Mr. Tredik is a Florida licensed Professional Engineer, specializing in civil/sanitary engineering. He will oversee multiple duties and projects, such as: infrastructure management, drainage projects, Beach Blast Off logistics and other special events; as well as oversee the day-to-day operations of Public Works, including trash collection and beautification management.

“I am very excited to come to work for the City of St. Augustine Beach,” said Mr. Tredik. “I’ve called this wonderful town my home for over twenty years, and I look forward to using my experience to spearhead upcoming projects and contribute to our future.

Tredik has years of engineering experience throughout northeast and east-central Florida. He has held high ranking positions in
local organizations and government agencies. His most recent position was with the St. Johns Water Management District, working as an Initiative Leader to protect and restore the Indian River Lagoon Protection and the Northern Coastal Basins. Through his career, Tredik has worked in both the public and private sectors, gaining a diverse experience and knowledge. His public sector experience includes serving as City Engineer for Palm Coast, as well as working with St. Johns County and the City of St. Augustine.

"ART CAN!"
Beautifying St. Augustine Beach,
One Can at a Time

“ART CAN!” is an exciting new beautification project in the City of St. Augustine Beach. Many of the trash cans in the City of St. Augustine Beach are an eyesore; they are dented and filled with
holes. Rather than purchase brand new cans, why not recycle and improve the old ones? Art Galleries of St. Augustine (AGOSA) President (Sylvia Gortz), Vice President (Laura O’Neal), and Ann Palmquist brought the idea of asking local artists paint the old trash cans to AGOSA. The association members were enthusiastic to make our community a more beautiful place and ART CAN! took off.

The City of St. Augustine Beach Public Works, under the leadership of Tom Large, began collecting six trash cans at a time and cleaning them so they could be painted by local AGOSA artists. Once the first wave of cans is complete, there will be a second wave of art cans hitting the streets, and so on...until the City of St Augustine Beach has all ART CANS! AGOSA presented The City of St. Augustine Beach with the first three painted cans at the Special Commission Meeting on April 29.

“I hope that this project and others like it will serve our local art community in a positive way,” said Vice President Laura O’Neal, “by bringing us together to paint, create, have fun and support one another, as well as beautify our CITY!”

Be sure to start looking on the sides to the road when driving along A1A in St. Augustine Beach, and see if you can spot them! You can also share a pic of your favorite one on Instagram and tag @CityOfSAB and @agosa_art_walk.

AGOSA is a non-profit organization that works to provide opportunities for professional local artists to show their work at places like The Limelight Theatre, in addition to their usual gallery locations. If you are interested in painting a can, or interested in joining AGOSA, please contact Laura O’Neal at lauraoneal811@gmail.com or Sylvia Gortz at thegallerygroup303@gmail.com
The City of St. Augustine Beach Commission has appropriated funds in the current budget to replace the ditch along the East side of Mickler Blvd. from Pope Rd. South to 16th Street. Last year, an engineer prepared plans and obtained permits for the project. This year, The City advertised for construction bids.

AWA Contracting Co. Inc. was awarded the bid and will begin construction on May 10, 2019. Work should be completed by mid-October. Currently, there are no scheduled road closures.
CITY HALL UPDATE

April 1, 2019

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2. Proclaimed April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day……

Read the Whole Article Here
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Riddle of the week: Can one have vim without vigor, or vigor without vim? It is upon such weighty questions that inquiring minds dwell and ask: Where did the phrase “vim and vigor” come from and are the two words always used together, as in.....
The driver of a bike has the same rights and same rules as the driver of a car.

May is National Bike Month!

In Florida the bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle and the bicyclist is a driver. Bicyclists have the same rights to the roadways and must obey the same traffic laws as the drivers of other vehicles. These laws include stopping for stop signs and red lights, riding with the flow of traffic, using lights at night, yielding the right-of-way when entering a roadway and yielding to pedestrians in crosswalk.

**Bicycle Regulations**
(see Section 316.2065, F.S.)

- A bicyclist must obey all traffic controls and signals.
- A bicyclist must use a fixed, regular seat for riding.
- No bicycle may be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed or equipped.
- Parents and guardians must not knowingly allow a child or minor ward to violate any provisions of this section.
- Every bicycle must be equipped with a brake or brakes which allow the rider to stop within 25 feet from a speed of 10 miles per hour on dry, level, clean pavement.

**Sidewalk Riding**
When riding on sidewalks or in crosswalks, a bicyclist has the same rights and duties as a pedestrian.

A bicyclist riding on sidewalks or in crosswalks must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and must give an audible signal before passing.

**Lighting**
(see Section 316.2065, F.S.)

- A bicycle operated between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from 500 feet to the front and both a red reflector and a lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible from 600 feet to the rear.
- Additional lighting is permitted and recommended.

**Helmet Law:**

Under Florida law, a bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet properly fitted, fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap and that meets the federal safety standard for bicycle helmets, as defined by the Code of Federal Regulations (16 C.F.R. Part 1203).

**Information Provided by:**

Florida Bicycle Association [www.floridabicycle.org](http://www.floridabicycle.org) and Florida State Legislature [www.Leg.state.fl.us](http://www.Leg.state.fl.us)
Commission Meeting Notice

Monday, May 6, 2019
6pm
St. Augustine Beach City Hall
2200 A1A South
City of St. Augustine Beach FL 32080
Tree Board Meeting Notice
Thursday, May 09, 2019
6pm
St. Augustine Beach City Hall
2200 A1A South
City of St. Augustine Beach FL 32080
Planning & Zoning Meeting Notice

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
6pm
St. Augustine Beach City Hall
2200 A1A South
St. Augustine Beach FL 32080
Arbor Day - Our Sustainable Future

Arbor Day Celebration

The City of St. Augustine Beach would like to thank those who participated in and volunteered at the 2019 Arbor Day: Our Sustainable Future Celebration. The City was able to distribute numerous trees, snacks, and reusable bags to the public free of charge and educate the public about environmental issues that affect our coastal community.

The community groups who were able to attend and present exceptional educational exhibits include: Anastasia State Park, Boy Scouts of America Troop 345, Face Painting by Shauna, Friends of A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway, Home Depot, Matanzas Riverkeeper, Monster Tree Service, North Florida Coastal Caretakers, Sea Oats Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, St. Augustine Alligator Farm, St. Augustine Aquarium, St. Johns Beekeepers Association, St. Johns County Parks & Rec, St. Johns County Public Library, St. Johns County Watershed Protection Program, VyStar Credit Union, and Whitney
The St. Augustine Beach Tree Board and Beautification Committee hosted a ceremony that included the Boy Scouts Troop 345 presenting the colors, Ms. Walker Mullin from Flagler College singing the national anthem, a poetry and poster contest, and the Environmental Stewardship Awards. The poetry contest was open to Pedro Menendez High School Students and the poster contest was open to the 5th grade class at R.B. Hunt Elementary.

The Environmental Stewardship Awards are presented to individuals and businesses who reduce environmental impact, conserve resources, enhance ecosystems, and restore impacted natural resources. The individual awards were presented to Captain Adam Morley, Jessica Gott, and Attorney Jane West. The business awards were presented to Southern Horticulture and The Alligator Farm.

The sponsors for this event include: Salt Life, Beach 105, 103.9 WSOS, Burkhardt Sales & Services, Embassy Suites, Old Town Trolley, Florida Power & Light, Money Pages, Guy Harvey Resort St. Augustine Beach, T-Mobile, Land Title of America, St. Augustine Record, Sunset Grille, VyStar, Avid Design Group, Signs Now, Southern Horticulture, The Bailey Group, Anastasia Bowling Lanes, Edible Arrangements, Mischele Miller Photography, St. Johns Door and Window, Winn Dixie, Cone Heads Ice Cream, Colonial Quarter/ The Pirate Museum, Leonardi’s Nursery, Publix, Andy’s Taylor Rental, Flower Works, and The Hyppo.
Settlement of Florida Stamp

St. Augustine Stamp

On August 28, 1965 The United States Post office issued a 5-cent stamp commemorating the 400th anniversary of the oldest continuously occupied European settlement in the new world; St. Augustine.

The Stamp was placed on sale at the Saint Augustine post office. A stamp identical in design, except for the necessary differences in the caption and denomination, was released simultaneously in Spain. Designed by Brook Temple, the stamp depicts a Spanish explorer with Spain’s royal banner in the background.

Article by The Florida Historical Society.

Hope you enjoyed this part of St. Augustine’s history. Beverly Raddatz, MMC, City Clerk.

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