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City of St. Augustine Beach September 2020 Newsletter

Beach Blast Off Cancelled!

*City to hold smaller,
socially responsible events
during holiday season.*

The annual Beach Blast Off event held on New Year's Eve was cancelled for 2020 out of an abundance of caution

and in consideration of the safety and welfare of the City's residents, visitors, employees, and volunteers.

Mayor Margaret England states, "Regretfully, the City of Saint Augustine Beach must cancel our Beach Blast Off celebration this year. In our continuing effort to avoid the spread of the Covid-19 virus, it is important to avoid very large crowds and be mindful of the safety for all our residents, visitors, staff, and first responders. We are looking into alternative ways and less intensive activities to celebrate the holiday season."

Melinda Conlon, the Communications and Events Coordinator for the City emphasized the difficult task of maintaining social distancing with an event that attracts thousands of people in a limited space. "Unfortunately, there is no way to responsibly control the number of people that might come as there is no one point of entry and exit to the Pier Park." Conlon continues, "We are looking into alternative event ideas that will support our local businesses and community but do so in a responsible way. We are working with local businesses and will announce



something once the plans are confirmed.” In the works are a Holiday Night Market on December 12th and an Art Walk event on December 19th. Details coming soon...

Florida moves in to Phase 3 of Safe.Smart. Step-by-Step Plan.

On Friday September 25th Gov. Ron DeSantis announced that Florida will move into Phase 3 of reopening, a move that will roll back many of the restrictions put in place over the last six months of the coronavirus pandemic.

That means all statewide restrictions on bars and restaurants will be removed, DeSantis said, and the changes will go into effect immediately.



Statewide, there will also be a suspension of collecting fines or fees for restrictions like not wearing a mask, DeSantis added.

Find the latest Executive Orders as well as the Original Taskforce reopening plan below.

[2020-244 Executive Order re: Phase 3; Right to Work; Business Certainty; Suspension of Fines](#)

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-246 \(Emergency Management- COVID 19 - Local Government Public Meetings\)](#)

[TaskforceRecoveryplan](#)

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Sign Up for Alert St. Johns Emergency Notification System to Receive Updates during Hurricane Season

With June marking the beginning of the 2020 hurricane season, St. Johns County is encouraging all residents to sign up for Alert St. Johns, a new emergency notification system that provides critical information during emergency situations. The Alert St. Johns system enables St. Johns County, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office,

the City of St. Augustine, and the City of St. Augustine Beach to quickly inform residents regarding 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. Residents can sign up at www.sjcemergencymanagement.com. 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 has replaced 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.



Entrance to St. Augustine Beach City Hall

City Hall Update

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Max Royle, City Manager

LIKE A BUSINESS

Let's take a look at the adage that government should be run like a business in the frame of this question: Can government really be run like a business? After all,

government doesn't make products or provide services that it sells; it must follow laws that mandate transparency, public records, adherence to strict accounting regulations, and prohibit elected officials from conducting business in meetings that are closed to the public. Finally, can government be run like a business in how it responds to increases in costs or declines in revenue? Not really, as you'll shortly see.

[Read the Whole Article Here](#)

Commission Meeting Notice

Monday, October 5, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

St. Augustine Beach City Hall

2200 A1A South

St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

The public is encouraged to attend or watch the meeting live on the City's YouTube page.

Questions can be emailed to braddatz@cityofsab.org and should be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020.

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Notice

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 6:00 P.M.

St. Augustine Beach City Hall

2200 A1A South

St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

Sustainability and Environmental Planning

Advisory Committee Meeting

Cancelled for October

Municipal Code Enforcement Board Meeting

Cancelled for October

Early voting

October 19 - October 31

8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M

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Spotlight on CoSAB Art Can Project



The ArtCan Project was launched in the Spring of 2019. The effort to have local artists paint the blue trash barrels that are on St. Augustine Beach, was off and running as the brainchild of Ann Palmquist, SAB resident, and AGOSA (Art Galleries of St. Augustine).

This project is on a first come, first serve basis and open to all professional local artists who are members of AGOSA (Art Galleries of St. Augustine).

For information on how you can participate in this fun program, email Agosa at agosa@artgalleriesofstaugustine.com. or give them a call at (904) 373-8697.

Also, be sure to check out their website at: www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.com

**Pictured Above: (Create Magic)
Artcan by Mary Phipps Robinson**

**Pictured Right: (Orange flower)
Artcan by Wendy Tatter**

**Pictured Bottom Right: (Tiedye)
Artcan by Cathlyn Driscoll**

**Bottom Left: (Sea Turtles)
Artcan by Kathy James**

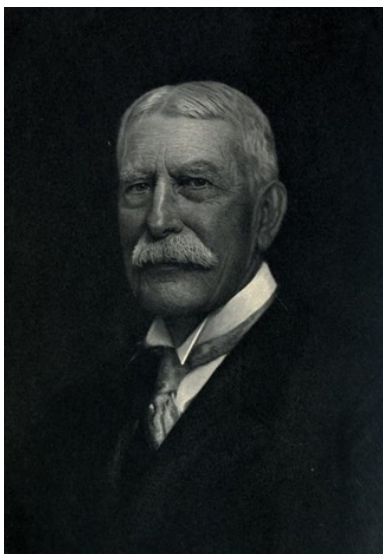




St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners Encourages Businesses to Require Masks

The St. Johns Board of County Commissioners strongly encourages local businesses to mandate that employees and customers wear masks while inside their establishments in order to further prevent the spread of COVID-19.

[Read the Whole Article Here](#)



This month's fun fact: Portrait of American industrialist, Henry Flagler. Flagler developed the Atlantic coast of Florida and was instrumental in the creation of the Florida East Coast Railway. He was directly involved in many projects in the city and is buried there.

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Beverly Raddatz, MMC, City Clerk / HR Director

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