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## **Beyond the Beach March 2023 Newsletter**

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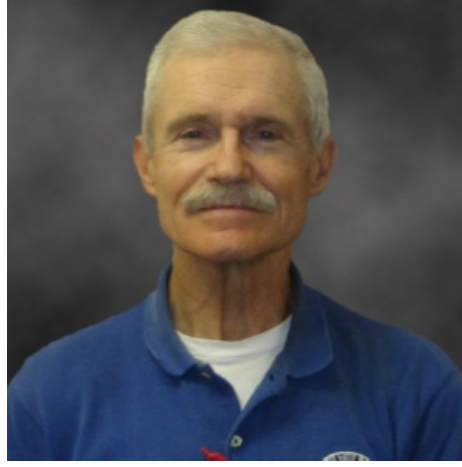


*Entrance to St. Augustine Beach City Hall*

### **City Hall Update**

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*City Manager, Max Royle*

## WHAT'S UP?

You may think not much is happening in our fair City other than, like the ocean tides, the ebb and flow of tourists, but the reality is otherwise. For those residents who want to be in the know, here's the know.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

### CITY COMMISSION

March 6, 2023  
6PM

### PLANNING and ZONING BOARD

March 21, 2023  
6PM

SEPAC cancelled for March

#### 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.

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## Save the Dates! Upcoming Events in March and April



## New Walkovers in St. Augustine Beach

The City of St. Augustine Beach in partnership with the St. Augustine Port Waterway and Beach District recently completed a Dunes Walkover project. The project kicked off in October of 2022 with walkovers on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street locations are ramp style walkovers and 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street have stair access.

Locations for additional Dunes Walkovers are in the process of being reviewed.





## **SEPAC News!**

*Sustainability & Environmental  
Planning Advisory Committee*



### **You Can Help Save the Monarchs**

Those of you who joined SEPAC at its January program featuring Dianne Battle learned that the monarch butterfly is in peril. Development, deforestation, and pesticide/herbicide use has reduced the supply of milkweed, the only thing monarch butterfly caterpillars can eat; so much so that the monarch population has dropped by 80% since the mid-1990s. Residents can help save the monarch by planting Florida native milkweed. It's crucial to look for *butterflyweed (Asclepias tuberosa)*, *pink swamp milkweed (Asclepias incarnata)*, or *white swamp milkweed (Asclepias perennis)*. They are sometimes more difficult to find than the non-native species, but it is worth the effort – check out local native nurseries or plant sales. Do not purchase the common tropical milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*), which is susceptible to a disease nicknamed 'OE.'

[Click here for more information.](#)

### **SEPAC Members Needed: Work on Important Projects!**

SEPAC volunteers plan and undertake beautification projects, examine environmental issues, and advise the City Commission on issues of note.

If you'd like to join the team, [please visit our website.](#) Members must be residents of the City of St. Augustine Beach.

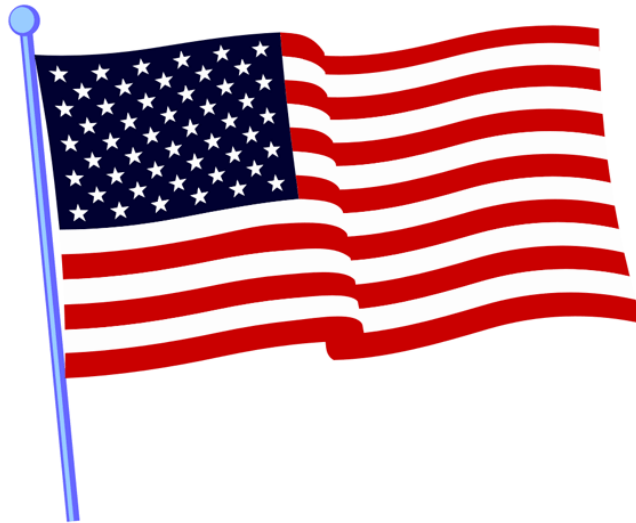
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## **American Flag Rescue Program**

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](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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