



*City of St. Augustine Beach Seal*

## **Beyond the Beach June 2023 Newsletter**

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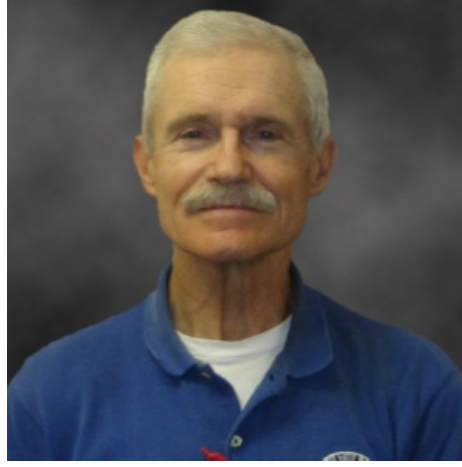


*Entrance to St. Augustine Beach City Hall*

### **City Hall Update**

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*City Manager, Max Royle*

## RHYTHMS

Time to give my legions (?) of loyal readers a break from city government “stuff.” One summer on my way back to the United States after living a year in India, I spent two months in Boppard, Germany, learning German at a branch of the Goethe Institute, the German government’s cultural and language agency. Why German? Because having some rudimentary proficiency with a foreign language was mandated for the Master of Arts degree in English I hoped to receive from an American university. With sublime logic, I thought that learning German would require but a modest exertion of mental muscle because of German words that are like English: haus/house, bruder/brother, ist/is, and so on. Then sublime logic met linguistic reality.

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## Upcoming Events!



# A1A Beach Blvd Clean Up

**JOIN MATANZAS  
RIVERKEEPER AND THE  
CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE  
BEACH FOR A CLEAN UP!**

**Be sure to come prepared:**

- Please bring gloves if you have them, otherwise gloves and grabbers will be provided
- Bring bug repellent, sun protection, and a refillable water bottle



**Saturday, June 24th**



**10th Street Parkette:  
510 A1A Beach Blvd**



**8:00 am - 10:00 am**



**Contact Person: Silas Tanner**  
**[Info@Matanzasriverkeeper.org](mailto:Info@Matanzasriverkeeper.org)**

## Recognizing Sergeant Hand

**In the May, 2023 Commission Meeting, Sergeant Hand was presented with The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by the Sons of the American Revolution! This award recognizes Sergeant Hand for being the Officer of the Year for the St. Augustine Beach Police Department! Congratulations Sergeant Hand and thank you for all that you do for the community and agency!**





# UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

## CITY COMMISSION

June 5, 2023

6PM

SEPAC

June 8, 2023

6PM

## PLANNING and ZONING BOARD

June 20, 2023

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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## Sea Turtle Nesting Season - Important Information!



2023



Saint Johns County had a record - breaking nesting season last year with 1,235 nests

## SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON IS HERE



Nesting activities occur on St. Johns County's 41 miles of beach between **May 1-October 31** every year. Nesting activities include females entering the beach to lay eggs or hatchlings emerging from their nest. In 2022, Saint John's County Beaches had a record year of nesting - 1,235 nests compared to 822 in 2021. Residents and visitors have the honor of sharing their home with such an amazing species, and it is our duty to protect these vulnerable animals. If you have the luck to witness either of these activities, please make sure to watch from a distance, do not use any flashlights and do touch the animals.

- Fill in holes and knock down sand castles that may obstruct sea turtles' path.
- Do not leave toys, trash, tents, or beach furniture on the beach overnight.



No Flashlights or  
Cell Phone Lights



Never  
Touch Wildlife



Stay Off  
Vegetation



No  
Balloons



Fires and Fireworks  
are Prohibited Year Round



**SEPAC News!**  
*Sustainability & Environmental  
Planning Advisory Committee*

### Nominees Needed for Environmental Stewardship Awards

SEPAC is seeking nominations for the Anastasia Island Environmental Stewardship Awards. These awards will recognize individuals, businesses, and non-profit groups that are working to protect the Island's natural resources and enhance its ecosystem.

Nominations are due August 25, 2023. For more information and to

nominate someone (including yourself), visit the City's website, <https://www.staugbch.com/community/page/anastasia-island-environmental-stewardship-awards-nominations-due-august-25>

The objective of environmental stewardship is to reduce impacts on the environment, thereby protecting our natural resources through conservation and sustainable practices.



### **How Trees Benefit St. Augustine Beach Residents**

Ever wonder why SEPAC works so hard to protect and add to the City of St. Augustine Beach's tree canopy? It's because trees offer so many benefits to us!

According to the Green Infrastructure Center, trees can: increase residential property values by up to 37%; lower utility costs by 50%; reduce summer temperatures by 2 to 9 degrees; reduce pollution, flooding, and even crime; and lead to increased business profits.

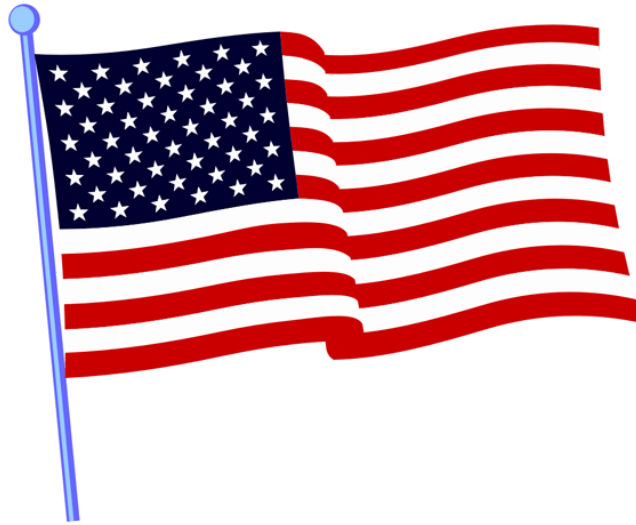
For more information on the City's commitment to the tree canopy and get a copy of its Urban Forest Management Plan, visit

<https://www.staugbch.com/community/page/urban-forest-management-plan>

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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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