



City of St. Augustine Beach Seal

Beyond the Beach September 2023 Newsletter



Entrance to St. Augustine Beach City Hall

City Hall Update

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City Manager, Max Royle

WHAT'S AHEAD

What's ahead is adopting the budget for the City's next fiscal year, FY 24, which will begin on October 1, 2023. The Commission held a meeting on Monday, July 31st, when it reviewed the proposed budget and made a decision concerning the property tax for the general and debt service funds.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Troy Jones works in our Public Works Department and has been with the city for 30 years!

Troy currently works as our Foreman of Streets and Roads, but has held different positions in his time with the city. Troy started out as what is now called a service worker, and moved to Road and Bridge and served as the swing position for years.

Troy says that one of things he likes about working for the city is that no two days are the same. He could be running equipment, servicing vehicles and everything in between.

In his free time, Troy and his family enjoy taking cruises, getting to visit new places, attending Jags games and fishing. Above all, family time is what matters most!



Vice Mayor appointed to Committee!



Vice Mayor, Dylan Rumrell was recently appointed to serve on the Florida League of Cities 2023-2024 Land Use and Economic Development committee, one of the League's five Legislative Policy Committees.

Legislative Policy Committee chairs, vice chairs and members were appointed by Florida League of Cities President Greg Ross, Mayor of Cooper City.

Congratulations to Vice Mayor Rumrell.

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City of St. Augustine Beach offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Monday's solid waste collection will be on Tuesday, September 5.
There will be no other changes to the schedule.

Ocean Hammock Park parking lot will be open for use from dawn until dusk beginning on Saturday, September 2.

For FREE beach shuttle information please visit:
<http://www.sjcfl.us/beaches/>

Labor Day - Free Shuttles



LABOR DAY WEEKEND FREE BEACH SHUTTLE SERVICE



SEPT. 2 - 4



10 A.M. - 4 P.M.




PICK-UP / DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

- ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH CITY HALL /
- ST. JOHNS COUNTY OCEAN AND FISHING PIER
- CORNERSTONE PARK /
- MICKLER'S LANDING BEACHFRONT PARK

[Click Here for
Details](#)

Upcoming Events September & October Mark Your Calendars!

[Click Here for 2023 City
events](#)



DONATE BLOOD

**St. Augustine Beach
Police Department**
Tuesday, September 12
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

All donors receive:
- \$20 eGift Card
- OneBlood T-shirt
- Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: The average human heart pumps 2000 gallons of blood each day.

Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 39856

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Donors Receive

\$20 eGift Card

PLUS

WEAR PINK OR RED

PLUS



2023

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 3
5:00PM-8:00PM
St. Augustine Beach Pier



TRICKS AND TREATS AT THE BEACH PD

2300 RIA South
October 27th
5:00 - 7:00PM

BOO!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CITY COMMISSION BUDGET MEETING
September 11, 2023, 5:01PM

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION
September 11, 2023 6PM

SEPAC
September 14, 2023, 6PM

PLANNING and ZONING BOARD
September 19, 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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SEPAC News!
*Sustainability & Environmental
Planning Advisory Committee*



The Benefits of Native Plants

How does SEPAC choose which plants to use in the City's plazas and gardens? And which plants will work best at your home?

These are great questions! When selecting landscaping options, it is important to make sure you are putting the right plant in the right place. In Florida, the best plant is usually a native one.

To determine which plants might thrive in your yard, look around! Native plants are the ones you see in natural areas. They have evolved over time and thrive in our specific climate – it's better to work with our environmental conditions than fight them!

Florida natives don't mind the salt, sun, or heat, they like living in sand, and they can withstand drought conditions. Take a walk down one of our beach boardwalks and you'll see beautiful, colorful species like the Blanket Flower, Black-eyed Susan, Dune Sunflower, Partridge Pea, and Bee Balm. Throughout town, you'll see that the Firebush, Beautyberry, Goldenrod, and Firespike thrive. Follow their lead and go native!

Yard work is hard work; SEPAC wants to recognize your efforts!

If you've worked hard to create an environmentally friendly yard, the City of St. Augustine Beach wants to recognize your efforts! SEPAC would love to find out about any residential or commercial property within the City that contributes to the sustainability of our environment by promoting water conservation, reducing stormwater runoff, preserving the tree canopy, utilizing native plants, and increasing the biodiversity of Anastasia Island. If you think your yard has what it takes – or just to get more information on how to make your area more environmentally friendly, please visit:

<https://www.staugbch.com/bcbatb/page/environmentally-friendly-landscaping-recognition>

**Congratulations to our newest Environmentally
Friendly Yard Recognition Recipients!**



D Street residents, Stephanie Hagopian and Damion LaPier (pictured below) are the most recent recipients of SEPAC's Environmentally Friendly Landscaping recognition! Not only are they preserving the tree canopy, utilizing native plants, and helping increase the biodiversity of Anastasia Island, there are other benefits:

- After changing our lawn to a sustainable permaculture food forest, our water bill reduced from \$80-\$100/month to \$24/month.
- The average American household uses 35,000 gallons of water for irrigation annually- that's 306 pounds of CO₂/year, which is also four times more carbon than what the grass itself does to reduce carbon on the planet.
- Converting to a sustainable lawn supports necessary pollinators like bees and butterflies— who doesn't want to see monarch butterflies in their yard every day?
- Reduce your grocery bills! Organic veggies are expensive — when you grow native FL edible fruits and plants, your grocery bill goes down and the taste goes up! Take advantage of the fact that FL has one of the longest growing seasons in the US.

Congratulations and thanks, Stephanie and Damion!

If you think your yard has what it takes – or just want to find out how to make your area more environmentally friendly, please visit:

[Environmentally Friendly Landscaping Recognition | St. Augustine Beach Florida](#)

2023



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

SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON IS HERE



LIGHTS
OUT!

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



Hurricane Preparedness

The graphic features a blue speech bubble on the left containing text about receiving alerts. To the right is a logo with a blue Wi-Fi symbol above the text 'Alert St. Johns' in red and blue, with 'Emergency Notification System' in a blue banner below. The background is a light blue with a rain effect.

How are you going to receive Alerts and Warnings?

Receive alerts about emergencies by signing up for Alert St. Johns. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, water advisories, missing persons, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods and incidents that may threaten public safety.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more.

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Alert St. Johns
Emergency Notification System

The 2023 Atlantic hurricane season is well underway, but there is still time to prepare for the storms.

St. Johns County Emergency Management's 2023 Hurricane Preparedness Guide and other preparedness materials are available to the public at www.sjcemergencymanagement.com/pdf/SJC-Hurricane-Preparedness-Guide.pdf.

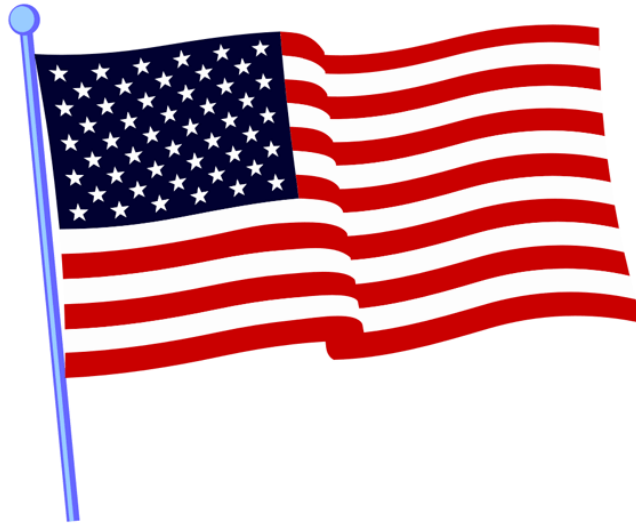
St. Johns County encourages its residents to sign up for emergency notifications at www.alertstjohns.com. Alert St. Johns enables St. Johns County to provide residents with critical information in a variety of emergency situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, water advisories, missing persons, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods, and incidents that may pose a threat to public safety. By signing up, residents can choose to receive time-sensitive messages via phone call, text message, or email. Click on the links below for more information.

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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.
Flags can be dropped off at City of St. Augustine Beach City Hall.



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. Here you will find the link by selecting Resources -> Contact Us -> Self-Service Portal.

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Thank you to our sponsors and partners!

For a review of our events in 2022, please click [here](#).



St. Augustine Beach Oceanfront Resort



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