



City of St. Augustine Beach Seal

Beyond the Beach October 2023 Newsletter



Entrance to St. Augustine Beach City Hall

City Hall Update

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City Manager, Max Royle

Agenda Management

It's a common opinion that everybody's got an agenda, hidden or otherwise, but my comments here aren't about your personal agenda, Mr. and Ms. Citizen, but about the agendas that are prepared for meetings of city/county commissions/councils and how agenda management can assist elected officials to do the public's business.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Richard Gray works in our Public Works Department and is celebrating his 33rd year with the City this month.

Richard currently works as our Sanitation Foreman and some of his responsibilities are managing the weekly and daily schedules, logging in the can counts for our businesses, and picking up white goods on Wednesdays. He is also happy to jump behind the wheel of our garbage trucks when needed. Richard enjoys working with our residents to resolve any issues and he feels that we have a special community here at the beach!

Richard started out as a driver and held that position for 12 years before being promoted to Sanitation Foreman.

In his free time, Richard enjoys spending time with his family including his wife, children and grandchildren. He also enjoys riding motorcycles, fishing and is an active member of his church.



City News

Highlights/Press Releases from the September Commission Meetings

City Approves Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

September 26, 2023 - St. Augustine Beach, FL. – At a special Budget meeting on September 25, the Commission unanimously approved the budget for the Fiscal Year 2024.

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Ocean Hammock Park Phase II Completion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

September 21, 2023 - St. Augustine Beach, FL. - Phase II of the Ocean Hammock Park project is complete and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 4th at 4pm.

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City Reduces Millage for Residents

September 15, 2023, St. Augustine Beach, FL. - At a special meeting on September 11, 2023, the City Commission reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget and the property tax millage to fund the budget.

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City Seeks Members for Charter Review Committee

UPDATE 9/29/23: The Charter Review Committee Members will be announced during the October 2, City Commission Meeting.

September 12, 2023, St. Augustine Beach, FL. - The City of St. Augustine Beach is seeking members for its Charter Review Committee. Applicants must be a city resident, a registered voter and able to attend evening meetings once a month from October 2023 through March 2024.

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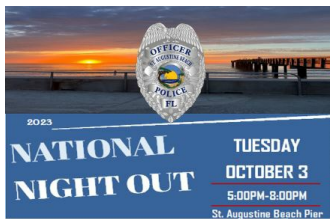
City Recognizes Constitution Week

September 15, 2023, St. Augustine Beach, FL.. – At the September 11 City Commission meeting, Deborah Geanuleas from the Maria Jefferson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution addressed the Commission regarding Constitution Week.

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Upcoming Events October & November Mark Your Calendars!

[Click Here for 2023 City events](#)



OCEAN HAMMOCK PARK
PHASE II

RIBBON CUTTING
CEREMONY

OCTOBER 4TH AT 4PM

950A1A BEACH BLVD.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CITY COMMISSION
October 2, 2023 6PM

SEPAC
October 12, 2023, 6PM

PLANNING and ZONING BOARD
October 17, 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.  www.staugbch.com

**UPDATE: The Planning and Zoning Board Meeting has been
cancelled for October.**



SEPAC News!
*Sustainability & Environmental
Planning Advisory Committee*

Mark Your Calendar - Water Conservation Program October 26

Deirdre Irwin from the St. Johns River Water Management District will join SEPAC for its next event in the Speaker & Film Series. SEPAC will also show a short film, "Protect Our Paradise: Our Water." Irwin will discuss Florida's water supply, give tips on water conservation, and answer your questions! The free event will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 26 at the Anastasia Island Branch Library, 124 Sea Grove Main Street in St. Augustine Beach.

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 RESTORATION PROJECT



USACE Jacksonville announces contract award for FCCE re-nourishment of St. Augustine Beach

USACE Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, awarded a \$33.5 million contract Sept. 29 to Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., LLC, of Houston, Texas, to execute a Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies (FCCE) re-nourishment of the St. Augustine Beach federal shore protection project. The project will place approximately 2.5 million cubic yards of sand on critically eroded beaches within the city of St. Augustine Beach extending three miles from Anastasia State Park at the north to the vicinity of A St. at the southern end of the shoreline.

The main staging area for the project will be located at Pope Road with additional beach access at A St. Sand will be dredged from a Bureau of Ocean Energy Management approved offshore borrow located 6 nautical miles offshore.

The estimated start and finish dates of construction and details of the project timeline and placement sequence will be determined after coordination with Great Lakes and published via USACE and St. Johns County social media channels. St. Johns County in the non-federal sponsor for the St. Augustine Beach shore protection project; the FCCE re-nourishment will be 100 percent federally funded to restore damages from recent hurricanes and nor'easter events.

USACE Jacksonville appreciates our strong partnership with St. Johns County and their support for this effort and many other shore protection projects within the county.

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 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.

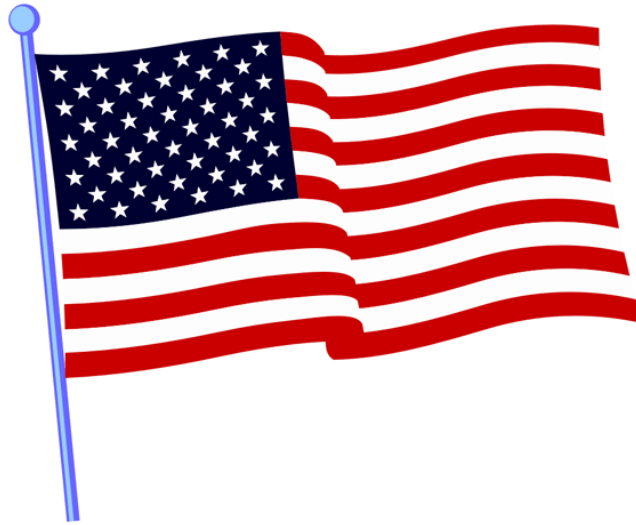
Click on the links below for more information.

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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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