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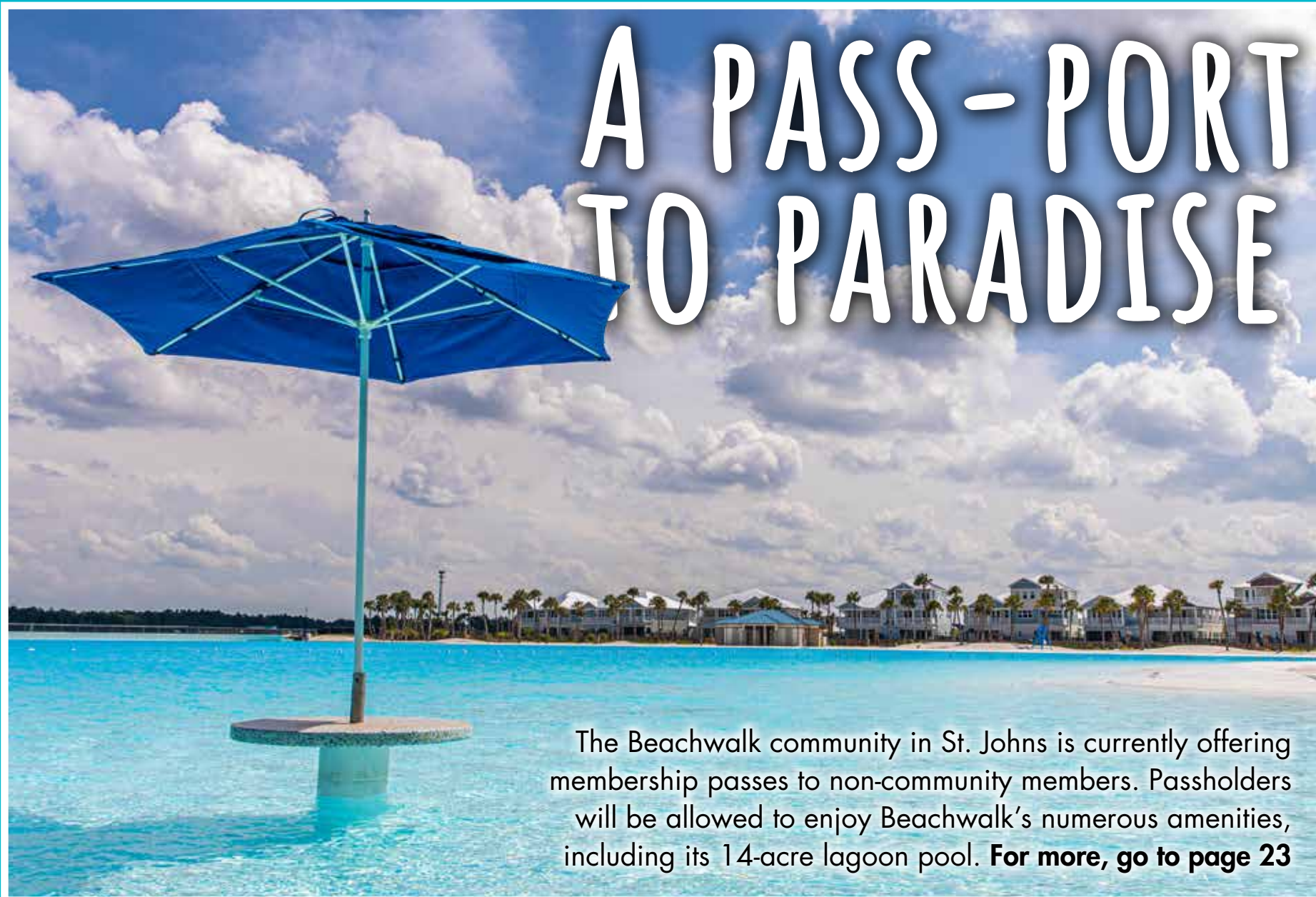
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EDITOR'S NOTES

What's This?: Because of the COVID-19 crisis, The Recorder is suspending the "Do you know what this is?" contest until further notice.

Pets of the Week: Because the St. Johns County Pet Center is closed to walk-in traffic, The Recorder's Pets of the Week feature has been temporarily suspended. The feature will return once the Pet Center reopens.

NOTES TO READERS

On our website: Visit pontevedrarecorder.com to get the latest closures, cancellations, rescheduled events and updates from around St. Johns County.

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BRIEFS

Local American Legion post to hold 'V for Veterans' fundraiser June 13

The Palm Valley American Legion is hosting a "V for Veterans" fundraiser Saturday, June 13, to help support local Post 233.

The fundraiser will be held 5-9 p.m. at 560 N. Wilderness Trail in Ponte Vedra Beach. V Pizza will donate all the pizza and cooking onsite.

The cost for the event is \$10 and includes unlimited pizza and soda. A cash bar will also be available. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

For more information, visit www.al233fl.org.

Phase 2 of Florida's planned reopening began June 5

Last week, Gov. Ron DeSantis announced the Phase Two reopening of Florida would begin this Friday, June 5. The governor signed Executive Order No. 20-139 implementing Phase Two for the 64 counties outside of South Florida, including St. Johns County.

With Phase Two, restaurants and bars are able to seat 75% of capacity indoors. To clarify, at this time seating capacity will be at

50% of the indoor capacity for restaurants and bars (excluding employees) with Phase Two reopening as of June 5. In addition, outdoor seating remains permissible with appropriate social distancing.

The limited reopening of movie theaters, concert houses and auditoriums remains at 50% capacity. Additionally, gyms were able to open at full capacity with appropriate social distancing. Finally, the restrictions on gatherings have been loosened to now allow groups of 50 people or fewer to congregate.

St. Augustine City Commission upholds decision to postpone fireworks event

On Monday, June 8, the St. Augustine City Commission unanimously upheld its decision to postpone the annual fireworks display, Fireworks Over the Matanzas, to a date to be determined at a future commission meeting. This decision, in conformity with the Florida governor's directives and the cancellation of surrounding jurisdictions, was made with the health and safety of the public in mind.

City Manager John Regan provided a memo to the commission with an outline of updated information, such as the governor's phasing

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

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Off-duty SJSO sergeant charged with aggravated battery with deadly weapon

Veteran officer accused of shooting roommate in feet at Ponte Vedra Beach residence

By Don Coble

An off-duty St. Johns County Sheriff's Office sergeant was arrested Monday night and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon after shooting his roommate in the feet during an argument.

Napolian Stagers, 48, of Ponte Vedra Beach, was arrested after deputies responded to a call at an apartment complex at 9:10 p.m. The victim was

shot in the toes of both feet after Stagers reportedly fired a handgun in the ground and at both sides of the victim's head. The victim also was struck with two or three slaps, the arrest report said.

The victim was able to run to a neighbor's apartment to call 911. The victim was released from the hospital on Tuesday.

Deputies said it appeared Stagers was intoxicated. The sergeant admitted to firing his handgun, but he claims to have blacked out when he did it, SJSO said.

According to the sheriff's office website, Stagers was assigned to the 220-square-mile Southwest District, which includes portions of West

St. Augustine and Hastings. According to SJSO, he wasn't named in any disciplinary issues during his almost 17 years as a deputy. Stagers also received an Exceptional Service Award in 2019.

After reviewing the incident, the sheriff's office "separated Stagers' employment" on Tuesday.

Stagers was ordered to surrender his gun to the sheriff's office during his first court appearance on Tuesday. His bond was set at \$25,000.

Briefs

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policy of reopening, current health statistics, safety guidelines and the most recent fireworks decisions of surrounding coastal jurisdictions.

"Fireworks Over the Matanzas attracts thousands of visitors every year and is valued by our local businesses, as well as our residents," said St. Augustine Mayor Tracy Upchurch. "With the recent spike in COVID-19 cases reported in Florida in mind, and with a heavy heart, we simply must postpone this year's event for the safety and health of our community."



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Rotary, Recorder honor 6 Local Heroes

Howley, Kohler, Ray, Rigby, Snyder, Vetere recognized for their community service

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and The Ponte Vedra Recorder have bestowed the honor of “Local Hero” to six area residents this year.

Started in 1993 by former Rotary Club member Vic DiGenti, the 28th annual presentation continues a longstanding tradition in which the local Rotary and newspaper honor “unsung heroes” who give back to the community and reflect the spirit of Rotary’s motto, “Service Above Self.”

The 2020 “Local Heroes” include:

SONIA HOWLEY

Nominated by Scott Hetzinger, Sonia Howley is receiving her award in the Disabilities Advocacy category. She has worked as an Exceptional Student Education program specialist for the St. Johns County School District since 2014 and is passionate about providing opportunities for students with disabilities. Howley has also been instrumental in establishing the school district’s collaboration with Ponte Vedra Beach nonprofit organization, Lend an Ear Outreach, which provides hearing aids to people in need.

JANET KOHLER

Nominated by Diane Eymer, Janet Kohler is the recipient of this year’s award in the Environmental Education category for her efforts to facilitate collaboration between the GTM Research Reserve and St. Johns County. She has brought the 4-H program to the Reserve, which has resulted in a number of state awards. Kohler is also the past president of Pine Castle school for the developmentally disabled, where she integrated environmental education and experiences into its programs.

GEORGE RAY

Nominated by Sarah Small, George Ray is receiving his “Local Heroes” award in the Good Neighbor category. Known as Nocatee’s “Water Guy,” Ray has handed out more than 4,000 bottles of water to thirsty neighbors over the last several years. Why complete this act of kindness? He simply likes to see the look on someone’s face when he hands them something they need.

GRAYSON Z. RIGBY

Nominated by Kerry Fodor, Grayson Rigby is receiving his award in the Education category. Currently an eighth-grade student at Alice B. Landrum Middle School, Rigby has volunteered for two to three hours a week at Ocean



TOP LEFT: Local Hero Sonia Howley (left) helps First Coast residents in need of hearing aids at a recent event in Hastings organized by Rotary clubs in Ponte Vedra Beach and Hastings and nonprofit Lend An Ear Outreach.

ABOVE: Local Hero George Ray hands out water bottles to thirsty children in Nocatee.

LEFT: Local Hero Janet Kohler (second from left) facilitates a tour of the GTM Research Reserve.

BELOW: Local Hero Grayson Rigby (center, back) gathers with his parents and students and staff at Ocean Palms Elementary School, where he has volunteered the past three years.

Photos provided by Jon Blauvelt



Palms Elementary School for nearly three years. He also has written a book on the Galapagos Islands, for which he has won two national book awards and donated a portion of the proceeds to further research,

conservation and education of the volcanic islands.

DR. BRETT SNYDER

Nominated by Karsten Amlie, Dr. Brett

Snyder is receiving his award in the Medical Volunteer category. Snyder utilizes his plastic surgery skills to dramatically

Epic-Cure provides more than 300,000 pounds of food in St. Johns, Putnam counties each month

What are the chances that a film could inspire you to start a nonprofit that feeds thousands each week, while continuing to hold another full-time job? That's exactly what happened in late 2018 after Sunny Mulford of St. Augustine watched the documentary "Wasted! The Story of Food Waste."

"It changed my life," Sunny said. "Seeing all that waste and the harm to animals and the environment, we just had to do something about it."

From there, things quickly moved from concept to reality. Sunny, her husband Ken and daughter Hanna created the food rescue organization they named Epic-Cure in late December 2018 and received nonprofit status from the IRS in February 2019. Next, they secured a 2,500-square-foot warehouse and paid other startup costs with their own funds and matching donations from the Chubb Charitable Foundation. Last May, the first rescued and donated food arrived at Epic-Cure's warehouse, where clients in need began "shopping" for food items.

Fast forward to today, and Epic-Cure is bursting at the seams, providing more than 300,000 pounds of food a month in northern Florida's St. Johns and Putnam counties, in large part due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Epic-Cure works with a variety of organizations, stores, and farms to receive



Photo provided by Epic-Cure

and distribute most types of food items available in grocery stores. Its primary partnership has been with Feeding Northeast Florida, the local chapter of Feeding America. Through the arrangement, Epic-Cure picks up food from a number of Winn-Dixie supermarkets and FNF picks up from Publix, Costco, Whole Foods and Sam's Club and delivers it to Epic-Cure's warehouse each week.

However, demand has more than doubled in recent weeks, both from unemployment and because many food security nonprofits in the area have halted opera-

tions as their senior-aged volunteers — the most vulnerable to the virus — have prudently remained at home.

Compounded by well-publicized "runs on the stores," which dropped its deliveries from markets by 70%, Epic-Cure became a partner agency of U.S. Department of Agriculture to help fill the gap. And, as an FNF designated emergency relief food pantry, they agreed to remain open during emergencies, initially seen to be hurricanes but now known to be more, to support their community.

"Our primary goal is food rescue, but

our priority is to feed people, so partnering with the USDA helps us meet that immediate need," Sunny notes.

The coronavirus had temporarily shifted distribution at Epic-Cure's warehouse to a drive-through approach with safe practices. The phased opening of North Florida's economy has now seen a phased return to Epic-Cure's farmer's market-style free "shopping," where patrons can choose the food and personal effects that they most want, doing so at a safe distance and using face masks to reduce the risk of infection. In addition, to meet the needs of vulnerable groups, it is now making deliveries to seniors, schoolchildren, veterans and the homeless.

Epic-Cure is completely run by volunteers, many of whom are clients or are connected with partner organizations, with more than 1,700 hours logged in May. The organization has largely been funded by individual donations, although significant grants and donations have come from:

Whole Foods; Florida's First Coast Relief Fund; Feeding Northeast Florida; Gentry Construction; Burkhardt Distributing Company; The Lewis Greenwood Foundation; Robert W. Baird & Company; Leonardi's Nursery; and, The Community Foundation of Northeast Florida.

Any food that is not usable or is left over goes to local farms for feeding livestock and composting.

Heroes

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improve the lives of severely impacted children locally and throughout the world.

DR. ANTHONY M. VETERE

Nominated by Doc Renuart, Dr. Anthony Vetere is also being recognized in the Medical Volunteer category. Despite total mid-career blindness caused by a genetic disease, he uses his internal medicine skills on international mission trips. He made his ninth trip to the Dominican Republic in January. While home, he supports research of his debilitating disease.

"This is a special group of individuals, and we are thankful for their contributions to the community," said Vickie Cavey, president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. "Year after year, we identify another humbling group of Local Heroes, which just proves again how fortunate we are to live in Ponte Vedra Beach."

The presentation of the awards typically takes place at one of the Rotary Club's weekly meetings but has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Such a presentation will take place when and where deemed safe and appropriate.



Dr. Anthony Vetere demonstrates his medical skills and service on a mission trip.



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Local Hero Dr. Brett Snyder with a child he worked with in Myanmar.

Nocatee's Jared Wolfe will return to his day job this weekend at the Korn Ferry Challenge at Pete Dye's Valley Course at TPC Sawgrass. The Korn Ferry Tour event marks the first time since the PGA TOUR, along with its support tours, stopped play following the first round of THE PLAYERS on March 12 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wolfe is sixth in points with a victory at the Bahamas Great Abaco Classic last January, as well as three career wins on the PGA TOUR Latinoamerica.

Wolfe talked about getting back on the golf course and his plans for the rest of the year ahead of Thursday's first round.

As told to Don Coble

How eager are you to get back to playing competitive golf again?

I'm ready to go. I feel like you use every cliché or phrase to describe how it feels. I'm ready to get going. I've been playing the course the last few days and seeing how good of shape it's in, so I'm really ready to go.

How is the course set up? Is the rough up, which really makes hitting fairways so important?

The fairway is going to be a premium. The rough's going to be up. I played it in the morning basically every time. That rough gets wet. It's pretty hard to get that club through there.

What have you been doing the last three months while the Korn Ferry Tour shut down?

I've been practicing a couple days a week. I've also been doing a lot of medical sales with a friend of mine, a couple friends of mine. They own a company in Jacksonville. About six or eight of us, golfers and caddies in the area, have gone to the Augusta and Warner Robins (both in Georgia) area and distributed these tests. They test for COVID-19, but they also test for any infectious disease. It was kind of fun.

How did that all come about?

These two guys came to us. I've known them for awhile and they heard the news all the tours were shut down, so I got a call the next day. They wanted me to find five or six guys I'd think would want to do this three days a week and make a little money. It helped out other people as well. I got two guys from the Korn Ferry Tour — Danny Walker and Thomas Walsh — and Colin Monagle from Jacksonville, he's playing on the Latin America Tour and Johnny Watts on the Latin America Tour and my caddie, Tillis Gibson, he did it as well. We had a blast doing it.

Did working a job make you appreciate your day job on the golf course?

It did. We would play some golf around 4 or 5 in the afternoon. At 3:30 I'd be ready to go play some golf. I understand why people who don't play golf for a living want to play golf when they're not at their day job. I get it now. It makes sense to me.

How did you work on your golf game during the layoff? Did you spend more time on the course or on the driving range?

A mix of both, whatever was available to me. If all I have is a driving range, I put my mind on "OK what can we do with this hour-and-a-half?" Sometimes I just played nine holes. I just wanted to get something



Photo provided by the PGA TOUR

out of it. We'd work on being competitive, get a little game going with the guys for dinner. I'm not really a big range guy unless something's not working well. When things are going well, I like to go play.

This is a very ambitious field for the Korn Ferry Challenge with a lot of PGA TOUR regulars and 17 former TOUR winners. What's your attitude toward them playing on your tour?

I think it's awesome. As far as being able

to play in competition, fortunately I've been able to play against some of these guys, FedEx winners and Hall of Famers, at TPC anyway. To be able to play a four-day event with hopes of being able to play against them anyway (on the PGA TOUR) in 2022, it will be fun. We're ready to get back. I'm sure you'll see some rust from a lot of players.

Of course, the ultimate goal is to win the tournament, but do you have

something in mind you'd like to accomplish this week at TPC Sawgrass?

I'm in position where I've already won once this year. The way I'm looking at it, there's maybe 40 more events (this year and next) to possibly win two more times and get the battlefield promotion (to the PGA TOUR). That's my mindset for the rest of the year. Top 10s are always good, but you want to win. I don't think anyone would be upset with a Top 10 or a Top 5. I'm looking for a few more wins.

NOCATEE HAPPENINGS



Photo by Susan Griffin

The Nocatee Farmers Market will hold its Kickoff to Summer celebration Saturday, June 20.

Nocatee Farmers Market returns for Kickoff to Summer

The Nocatee Farmers Market Kickoff to Summer is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, at Nocatee Station Field.

The market will feature a free concert for the community. Local band, The Band Be Easy, will perform from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Farmers Market will also feature lo-

cal vendors selling fresh produce, crafts, jewelry, unique food items and more.

The Blue Water Bar will be open for the event. However, Paradise Park Playground will not be open for attendees.

The Nocatee Farmers Market is open to the public and weather permitting.

Second Saturday's virtual divorce workshop for women set for June 13

Second Saturday Jacksonville will hold a virtual divorce workshop for women from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 13.

The educational workshop, which can be conducted anonymously and from home, is designed to help women move through the divorce process.

Whether thinking about a divorce or

in the middle of one, learn from a team of qualified local professionals how to avoid the pitfalls and gain basic knowledge, support, resources and trust needed to survive the process and learn how to move forward in life with confidence.

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Bolles offers summer fun camps

The Bolles School launched Summer 2020 last week with a full week of programs and camps for children in all grade levels — including Bolles Day Camp, Baseball Camp, STEAM Camp and JTCC Tennis Camp among many others.

After months of unknowns about how summer programming would play out, Bolles camp organizers are thrilled with the initial momentum and look forward to an active 10 weeks of summer on the Upper School San Jose Campus, Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus, Lower School Whitehurst Campus and Middle School Bartram Campus.

Baseball campers have enjoyed stretching their ball skills on the Hugh Donovan Field under the direction of coaches Mike Boswell and John Newman, as well as a hardworking squad of Bolles baseball alumni. Fishing Camp is new to this year's lineup, and participants are enjoying casting their lines into the St. Johns River from Bolles' water-



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The Recorder has a garden columnist, Kathy Esfahani, of Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery. Read her column for garden-growing tips in Northeast Florida.

KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE

"When life throws thorns, hunt for roses!"



Kathy Esfahani
Columnist

Over the last few weeks, we have been highlighting some of the most popular landscaping genres that I see here in Northeast Florida.

Many homeowners choose to stay within one type of landscaping design to create the beautiful ambience they are picturing. Lastly, you will learn what plants, palms and flowers are used to create a tropical landscape, Mediterranean landscape, traditional landscape and coastal landscape!



Photos provided by Kathy Esfahani

Flower of the Week: Knockout Roses



With all landscapes, the key to success is knowing the sun/shade ratios in your yards, as well as what each plant requires and planting accordingly. Annuals are always welcome in any landscape to add seasonal color to your gorgeous design.

Happy planting!

Email Kathy at kathys.creative.gardens@gmail.com for any questions or gardening tips you would like to see in the future.

Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery is located at 196 N. Roscoe Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. (904) 655-7373

TRADITIONAL LANDSCAPE

What do we think of with traditional landscaping?

We think of a structured garden, very neat and tidy. Shrubbery is typically rectangular or square in shape to create an organized boxy look. Traditional landscaping is similar to an English garden in style, adding many roses and creating abundant color. Some like to add gravel pathways to secret gardens that may include a bench for peaceful rest or even an herb garden. This type of landscaping requires high maintenance to keep all of the lines looking clean, but it is a beautiful addition to any landscape and very magical.

When creating a Mediterranean landscape, we can use a mixture of the following:

Palms: Canary Palms, Medjool Palms, Robellini Palms and Sylvester Palms

Plants and flowers: Boxwoods, Ilex shillings, Italian cypress, Ligustrum patio trees, Podocarpus, Juniper, Asiatic Jasmine, knockout roses among many roses and more.

Junior Achievement of North Florida's Golden Ticket raffle is underway

Junior Achievement of North Florida has Jacksonville's Golden Ticket, and this year's theme is geared toward supporting local businesses.

The fundraising raffle to benefit the nonprofit offers donors a chance to win gift cards, gift certificates and vouchers to local businesses like The Bearded Pig, V Pizza, Clara's Tidbits, Wicked Barley Brewing Company and more. Raffle tick-

ets can be purchased now through July 22 by texting JANFL to 50155 or email Tiffany Mackey Guthrie at tiffany@janfl.org.

The Golden Ticket was originally the ultimate entertainment package with tickets to sports games, concerts and other events, but the COVID-19 pandemic forced JA of North Florida to change this year's theme. The Support Local theme was created to not only raise money for

the nonprofit but also to help bring people into local businesses.

A suggested donation of \$20 will provide one chance to be the winner of the Golden Ticket, a suggested \$50 donation will get three tickets and for \$100 donors will get seven tickets for the Support Local Golden Ticket raffle. Donors must be 18 or older to enter. Only 1,000 tickets will be available.

OBITUARIES

Doris Virginia Dopf

Doris Virginia Dopf, 90, of Atlantic Beach, Florida, died June 6, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com (904) 249-1100.

John William Flack

John William Flack, 73, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died May 27, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com (904) 249-1100.

Jeffrey Stewart Reddy

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8 local students earn National Merit Scholarships

The National Merit Scholarship Corp. announced more than 3,300 winners, including eight from the Ponte Vedra Beach area, of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. An additional group of scholars will be announced in July, bringing the total number of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship recipients in the 2020 competition to about 4,100.

This year, 167 higher education institutions are underwriting Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Scholarship Program. Sponsor colleges and universities include 92 private and 75 public institutions located in 43 states and the District of Columbia.

Local National Merit Scholars are:

- Leon A. Durante, Nease High. Probable career field: Foreign Language at the University of Florida.
- Diana Feier, Ponte Vedra High. Probable career field: Medicine at the University of Florida.
- Christopher T. Nelson, Ponte Vedra High. Probable career field: Music at Oberline College.
- Julianne E. Owen, Ponte Vedra High. Probable career field: Aerospace Engineering at the University of Florida.

■ Camille Aguilar, Nease High. Probable career field: Epidemiology at the University of Miami.

■ Grace M. Bachmann, Nease High. Probable career field: Mathematics at the University of Florida.

■ Sanya Bansal, Nease High. Probable career field: Medicine at the University of Central Florida.

■ Victoria T. Vo, Ponte Vedra High. Probable career field: Biology at the University of Florida.

The majority of National Merit Scholarships provided each year are made possible by the support of approximately 400 independent corporate and college sponsors. These sponsors join NMSC in its efforts to enhance educational opportunities for America's scholastically talented youth and to encourage the pursuit of academic excellence.

Camps

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front facilities. A photography workshop for students in grades 5-12 are bringing new skills into focus and crew camp is getting rowers in grades 5-12 out on the water.

This week, camps were held at the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus, where Danny Witt Tennis, Knight School Chess Camp, Summer Battle Beginner Bots and Dance Camp will be underway. Baseball Camp and Crew Camp also continued their programming while camps like Space Explorers



Photo provided by The Bolles School

and Star Wars, Zany Zoology Amazing Animals, Robotics Fun Camp and Elementary School Marine Biology add

more specialized opportunities to learn.

School leaders made significant changes to protocols and procedures for day camp operations to ensure camper safety while maintaining day camp's long tradition of fun.

New health enhancements to this year's summer camp programs include:

- Restrictions on large group gatherings over 10
- Small camper groups to encourage camaraderie
- Daily temperature checks at camp arrival
- Daylong on-site availability of a camp nurse
- In-den, delivered lunches for all

■ Temporary pause of community free swim time

■ Increased sanitization protocols for all facilities

■ Newly installed hand-washing stations campuswide


Many activities already planned for camp fit right in line with COVID-19 guidelines. Outdoor play will continue, as will tubing on the river, kayaking and enjoying Bolles' many outside fields, resources and facilities. Small group sizes are expected to help make Bolles Summer 2020 an even more memorable, friendship-building time for all young people.

Go to www.Bolles.org/summe to register for Bolles summer camps and programs.



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**EVACUATION ROUTES & MAPS,
SAFETY CHECKLISTS, SHELTERS LIST**

HURRICANE GUIDE 2020

Over the past few years, St. Johns County residents have been reminded of the vulnerability of the area's coastal community to hurricanes. With the 2020 Atlantic hurricane season officially beginning on June 1, local families need to know what to do and where to go should the threat of a hurricane (or any disaster) become real.

The Ponte Vedra Recorder has pulled together a collection of resources to help readers prepare.

HURRICANE CHECKLISTS

One way to be prepared for a storm is by assembling a disaster supply kit.

Once disaster strikes, it is too late to shop or search for supplies. With supplies gathered in advance, families can endure an evacuation or home confinement.

Here are a few checklists to consider while preparing for this upcoming hurricane season:

ON THE ROAD

- Cash | Credit cards
- Important documents
- Road maps
- Jumper cables
- Tire repair kit
- Flashlight | Batteries
- Battery-operated radio
- Fire extinguisher
- Blankets | Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Toiletries
- Medications
- First-aid kit
- Extra baby supplies
- Non-perishable foods
- Drinking water
- Games | Books

AT HOME

- Non-perishable foods
- Drinking water
- First aid kit
- Medications
- Cash | Credit cards
- Flashlight | Batteries
- Battery-operated radio
- Manual can opener
- Extra baby supplies
- Games | Books
- Fire extinguisher
- Phone | Non-portable
- Fill tub with water for sanitation
- Porta-Pot | Well water users

AT THE SHELTER

- Three-day supply of water
- Three-day supply of non-perishable foods
- Medications | Specialized supplies
- Diabetics — Insulin | Small cooler for Insulin
- Toiletries
- Flashlight | Batteries
- Pillows | Blankets
- Sleeping bag | Egg crate mattress
- Cot | Lawn chair
- Important papers | Identification
- Extra Clothing
- Books | Magazines | Cards, etc.
- Caregiver — If you have special needs

ST. JOHNS COUNTY EVACUATION ROUTES

Below is guidance on where St. Johns County residents should evacuate during an emergency situation.

Ponte Vedra Beach/Sawgrass: North on SR-A1A, turn west onto Butler Boulevard and proceed to I-95 or points west.

Palm Valley/Nocatee area: Proceed southwest to CR-210 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

On coast halfway between Mickler's Landing and South Ponte Vedra Beach: North of Guana Dam, go north to SR-A1A and proceed west across Palm Valley Bridge on CR-210. South of Guana Dam, go south on SR-A1A and proceed west across Vilano Bridge. Continue west on SR-16 to I-95 or points west.

City of St. Augustine (mainland): North on US-1, turn west onto SR-16 or proceed southwest on SR-207 or south on US-1. Proceed to I-95 or points west.

City of St. Augustine (Davis Shores, Anastasia Island South to St. Augustine Alligator Farm): SR-A1A, proceed west across Bridge of Lions to US-1 North or US-1 South and/or to SR-16 or SR-207 to I-95 or points west.

City of St. Augustine and Anastasia Island north of the St. Augustine Amphitheater: Proceed north on SR-A1A across the Bridge of Lions and then go west.

City of St. Augustine and Anastasia Island south of the St. Augustine Amphitheater: Proceed south on SR-A1A, turn west on SR-312, proceed across 312 Bridge to SR-207 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

City of St. Augustine Beach: North to SR-312, proceed across 312 Bridge to SR-207 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

From the intersection of Ocean Trace Road and A1A to Crescent Beach: South on SR-A1A to Crescent Beach, turn west on SR-206, proceed across Crescent Beach Bridge to US-1 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

Crescent Beach to Flagler County Line: North on SR-A1A to Crescent Beach, turn west on SR-206, proceed across Crescent Beach Bridge to US-1 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

ST. JOHNS RIVER

SR-13 north of CR-210: Proceed east along CR-210 or Greenbriar Road to I-95; or north along SR-13 into Duval County; or east on Racetrack Road to areas outside the evacuation zone.

SR-13 north of CR-214: Proceed east along CR-208 or SR-16 to I-95; or west along SR-16 across the Shands Bridge; or east on CR-214 to areas outside the evacuation zone.

CR-13 South of CR-214: Proceed east along SR-207 or SR-206 to I-95; or west along SR-207 into Putnam County; or east on CR-214 to areas outside the evacuation zone.

Source: St. Johns County Emergency Management

Evacuation map and zone map, Pages 14 and 16

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHELTERS

In most cases, evacuation is the best option. But if this is not possible, one of the best ways to get prepared for hurricane season is by locating the evacuation shelters in your area.

PUBLIC EVACUATION SHELTERS

Bartram Trail High School
7399 Longleaf Pine Parkway
St. Johns, FL 32259

Creskide High School
100 Knights Lane
St. Johns, FL 32259

Cunningham Creek Elementary
1205 Roberts Road
St. Johns, FL 32259

Durbin Creek Elementary School
4100 Race Track Road
St. Johns, FL 32259

Fruit Cove Middle School
3180 Race Track Road
St. Johns, FL 32259

Hickory Creek Elementary School
235 Hickory Creek Trail
St. Johns, FL 32259

Mill Creek Elementary School
3750 Inyernational Golf Parkway
St. Augustine, FL 32092

Osceola Elementary School
1605 Osceola Elementary Road
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Otis Mason Elementary School
207 Mason Manatee Way
St. Augustine, FL 32086

Patriot Oaks Academy
475 Longleaf Pine Parkway
St. Johns, FL 32259

Pedro Menendez High School
600 SR-206 West
St. Augustine, FL 32086

South Woods Elementary School
4750 SR-206 West
Elkton, FL 32033
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Timberlin Creek Elementary School
555 Pine Tree Lane
St. Augustine, FL 32092
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SPECIAL NEEDS EVACUATION SHELTERS (Pre-registration strongly encouraged)

Freedom Crossing Academy
1365 Shetland Drive
St. Johns, FL 32259

Pacetti Bay Middle School
245 Meadowlark Lane
St. Augustine, FL 32092

Source: St. Johns County Emergency Management

St. John's County Emergency Management updates disaster preparedness plan to make room for COVID-19



Photo by Susan Griffin

By Amber Lake

Riding the coattails of COVID-19 is Florida's infamous hurricane season, entering the arena from June 1 to Nov. 30. St. Johns County Emergency Management prepping for the worst while making fundamental changes to its disaster preparedness to accommodate social distancing during a storm.

Linda Stoughton, director emergency management for St. Johns County, said to plan for the worst while hoping for the best. The first step, as always, is solid preparation.

"The more planning you do prior to any time of hazard you're going to recover quicker," Stoughton said. "We've seen that through the last couple hurricanes we've had that businesses, individuals or government that have had their plans in place and practiced them, recover quicker."

Importantly, she encourages everyone to check up on their insurance plans and become fully aware of the extent of their coverage. Flood insurance, even if not by necessity, is vital during a storm. Businesses that have already been hit big by COVID-19 need to upgrade their policies

in the event of a fatal blow this season.

"Businesses are a very important part of our community and they have gone through a lot, not just with COVID-19 but with hurricane Dorian at the end of 2019," Stoughton said. "When we have to do a mandatory evacuation, it closes those businesses for a period of time whether they receive damage or not. If they are not able to return to the actual location, having an alternate plan where they could access the records or have their contracts is important."

Additionally, business owners can visit the Chamber of Commerce's website for contingency plan information.

Socially distanced shelters are also a new feature the county is implementing in the case of a crisis. The county has 15 possible locations, with six to eight shelters expected to be utilized. Prior to COVID-19, spacing between occupants had been 20 square feet. Emergency management has increased shelter space to 60 sq. feet per person, with additional spacing inside each shelter space for isolating individuals expressing symptoms or with a fever.

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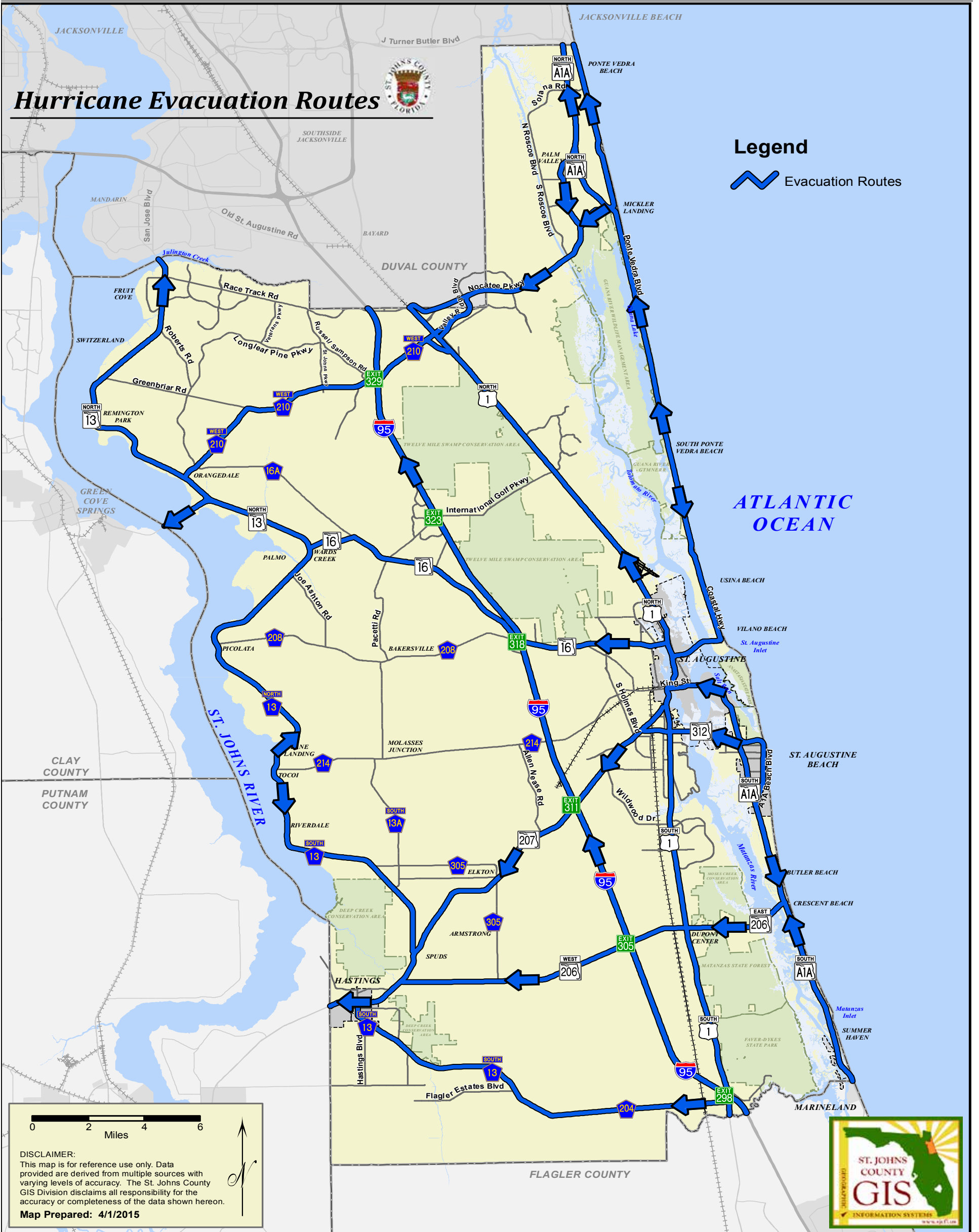
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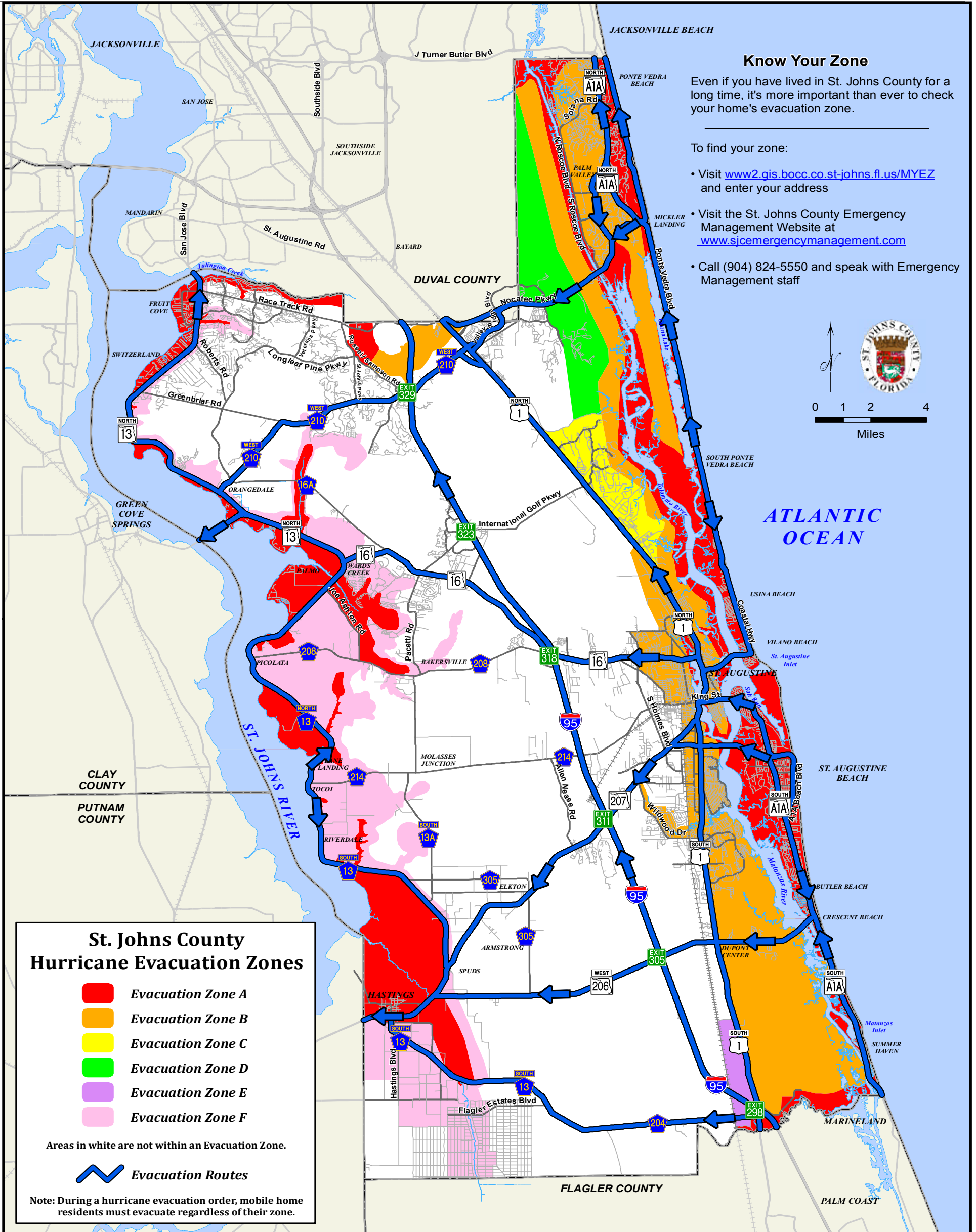


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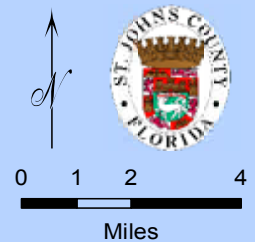


Know Your Zone

Even if you have lived in St. Johns County for a long time, it's more important than ever to check your home's evacuation zone.

To find your zone:

- Visit www2.gis.bocc.co.st-johns.fl.us/MYEZ and enter your address
- Visit the St. Johns County Emergency Management Website at www.sicemergencymanagement.com
- Call (904) 824-5550 and speak with Emergency Management staff



ATLANTIC OCEAN

Disaster preparedness tips for families facing dementia

Emergency situations, such as hurricanes, can significantly impact everyone's safety, but they can be especially upsetting and confusing for individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementias in any stage of the disease. Being prepared is crucial.

There are steps and precautions caregivers can take to be as ready as possible. Additionally, the Alzheimer's Association staff can provide counseling, support and assist displaced families in finding care for their loved ones through a 24/7 helpline at (800) 272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association has developed the following emergency preparedness guidelines to assist families and caregivers coping with Alzheimer's:

ADVANCE PREPARATIONS

- Consult with your physician and pharmacy about what mechanisms they have in place for continuity of care and prescription needs in the event standard communications lines are down.
- If your loved one lives in a residential facility, find out about its disaster and evacuation plans. Ask if you will be responsible for evacuating your loved one.
- Prepare an emergency kit (see below for suggestions).
- Keep all medications organized, in a safe and accessible place.
- If you have a cell phone, store your emergency contact numbers including your local Alzheimer's Association (800) 272-3900). Have an additional pre-charged battery.
- If you do not have a cell phone, keep an emergency call list with your medicines. Pre-register at your county's special needs shelter in case you need to evacuate to a shelter.
- Know your evacuation route.

EMERGENCY KIT

Consider preparing an emergency kit in advance. Keep it in a watertight container and store it in an easily accessible location. Your emergency kit might include:



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- Easy on/off clothes (a couple of sets). Supplies of medication (or minimally, a list of medications with dosages).
- Velcro shoes/sneakers.
- Back-up pair of eyeglasses.
- Incontinence products.
- Extra identification items for the person, such as an ID bracelet and clothing tags.
- Copies of legal documents (such as power of attorney), medical documents that indicate the individual's condition and current medications, insurance cards and Social Security cards.
- Use waterproof bags to hold medications and documents.
- Physician's name, address and phone numbers (including cell phone).
- Recent picture of the person with dementia.
- Lotion (good for soothing person).
- Flashlights and batteries
- Battery-operated radio.
- Earphones (calming music) loud areas may increase agitation of our love one
- Simple activities — photo album, scrapbooks.

TIPS FOR PREVENTING AGITATION

- Reassure the person. Hold hands or put your arm on his or her shoulder. Say things are going to be fine.
- Find outlets for anxious energy. Take a walk together or engage the person in simple tasks.

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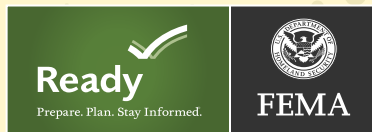
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Family Communication Plan

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Pick the same person for each family member to contact. It might be easier to reach someone who's out of town.

Emergencies can happen at any time. Does your family know how to get in touch with each other if you are not all together?

Before an emergency happens, have a family discussion to determine who would be your out-of-state point of contact, and where you would meet away from your home — both in the neighborhood and within your town.

Important Information

Fill in this information and keep a copy in a safe place, such as your purse or briefcase, your car, your office, and your disaster kit. Be sure to look it over every year and keep it up to date.

Out-of-Town Contact

Name: _____
 Home: _____
 Cell: _____
 Email: _____
 Facebook: _____
 Twitter: _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place:

Regional Meeting Place:

Work Information

Workplace: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
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 Twitter: _____
 Evacuation Location: _____

Workplace: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Facebook: _____
 Twitter: _____
 Evacuation Location: _____

School Information

School: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Facebook: _____
 Twitter: _____
 Evacuation Location: _____

School: _____
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 Phone: _____
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 Evacuation Location: _____





Important Information (continued)

Family Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Important Medical Information: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

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Important Medical Information: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Important Medical Information: _____

Medical Contacts

Doctor: _____

Phone: _____

Doctor: _____

Phone: _____

Pediatrician: _____

Phone: _____

Dentist: _____

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Dentist: _____

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Specialist: _____

Phone: _____

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Pharmacist: _____

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Veterinarian/Kennel: _____

Phone: _____

Insurance Information

Medical Insurance: _____

Phone: _____

Policy Number: _____

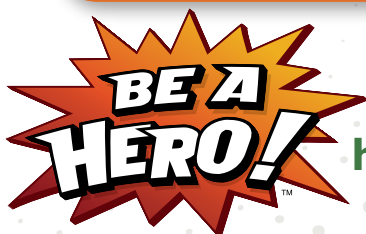
Homeowners/Rental Insurance: _____

Phone: _____

Policy Number: _____

Text, don't talk!

Unless you are in danger, send a text. Texts may have an easier time getting through than phone calls, and you don't want to tie up phone lines needed by emergency workers.



Hurricane season and COVID-19: Ways to help protect you from both



Wayne R. Terry
Guest Columnist

The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season started on June 1 and will end Nov. 30. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) states we could see an “Above Average” hurricane season with 13-19 storms, 3-6 being major hurricanes.

This year we need to add gloves, masks and hand sanitizer to our hurricane preparedness package. Even if COVID-19 was not in existence these are always good to have nearby.

Being in the disaster restoration business for 13 years, I am surprised of the number of homes that do not have flood insurance.

As a homeowner, it is important to know that if your home is affected by a hurricane, your normal insurance policy, most likely, will not cover such an event. Even if you are not in a “Flood Zone” it’s really not “if” it happens as it’s more like, “when it’s going to happen.”

I strongly urge everyone to call their insurance agent and ensure you have the proper coverage. In my opinion, flood insurance is not expensive and gives you

great peace of mind. If you are a renter, you should have renter’s insurance. If your housing has a flood or fire the landlord is responsible for the home, however has no responsibility for your contents. A renter’s policy is also very affordable and will replace your furniture should something go wrong. If you are affected by a storm and you have water intrusion, it is best to get a water restoration company out to your home or business as soon as possible to prevent further damage.

This new thing we are dealing with in 2020 called COVID-19, with all the warnings and talk about how to protect yourself, I feel the most important is to wash your hands before eating anything.

Most people may wash their hands before a meal. However what about when you get a snack from a vending machine? What about when you put a piece of gum in your mouth. Seldom do people realize that it is anything that is touched with your hand that is going in your mouth. When you are dining out and reading a menu it is good practice to wash your hands prior to the food coming to your table.

Whatever is in store for the rest of the year, please think about how you and your family can be safe by taking these extra steps and please be safe.



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Stoughton said in the past hurricanes, Matthew, Irma and Dorian, Emergency Management only had two shelters meet capacity, making them confident that adding the additional square footage per person will be effective.

The county is also preparing for increased sanitation measures, socially distancing the St. Johns County school buses used for transportation during the storm

and asking residents to add face masks and hand sanitizer to their supply kits.

For those that fell short on supply during the COVID-19 shut down, Stoughton said they are also asking residents to increase their supply kits to meet seven days, rather than three or five days as they did in the past.

“What we’ve learned through the past storms is that people actual need to have more supplies in their disaster kit,” Stoughton said. “There may be a longer period of time before grocery stores can reopen. It may be a period of time before

Dementia

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- Redirect the person’s attention if he or she becomes upset.
 - Move the person to a safer or quieter place, if possible. Limit stimulation.
 - Make sure the person takes medications as scheduled.
 - Schedule regular meals and maintain a regular sleep schedule.
 - Avoid detailed explanations.
 - Provide additional assistance with all activities of daily living.
 - Pay attention to cues that the person may be overwhelmed (fidgeting, pacing).
 - Remind the person that he or she is in the right place.
- Helpful hints during an episode of agitation:

- Approach the person from the front and use his or her name.
 - Use calm, positive statements and a patient, low-pitched voice. Reassure.
 - Respond to the emotions being expressed rather than the content of the words. For example, say, “You’re frightened and want to go home. It’s OK. I’m right here with you.”
 - Don’t argue with the person or try to correct. Instead, affirm his or her experience, reassure and try to divert attention. For example, “The noise in this shelter is frightening. Let’s see if we can find a quieter spot. Let’s look at your photo book together.”
- The Alzheimer’s Association staff can provide counseling, support and assist displaced families in finding care for loved ones. Call 24/7 Helpline staffed by trained dementia specialists at (800) 272-3900.



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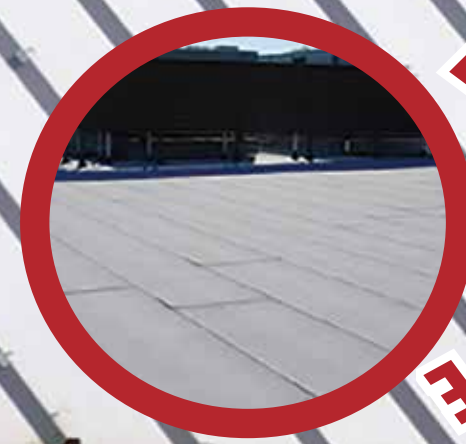
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The Clean Issue: Tips for household cleaning amid COVID-19 concerns

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COVID-19 and county's economy: Hiccup or major hit?

By Amber Lake

As many St. Johns County residents are starting to return to work as Phase II begins, a sense of normalcy begins to appear on the horizon. Closed signs, empty streets and shelves seem like they could soon be nothing more than a memory – or at least that's the hope.

While nobody could have predicted COVID-19, perhaps it is possible to predict its future economic impact on the

county. According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the number of people unemployed in St. Johns County as of April 1 was 14,012. With those furloughed returning to work, many are looking toward those left behind for predictions on whether we'll see an economic "hiccup" or full-blown recession.

Richard Goldman, president and CEO of St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches Visitors and Convention Bureau, said he has high hopes for the county's

recovery, although the county needs to make an effort to push it along.

"I believe we will have a full recovery, I do," Goldman said. "The speed in which we return to normal is something that nobody can really predict for sure."

Goldman would like to see some reserve funds as a loan against the tourist development tax in order to market St. John's County to possible tourists.

"That's really important to our recovery," he said. "If we have enough funds

to market the destination in the next few months and then the next fiscal year, the recovery will be seen simply as a blip and we'll be back to normal this time next year. If for some reason that can't happen and our competitors are able to outspend us, then I think it will take a little more time for us to recover."

St. Johns County tourism industry is without a doubt, the driving force to its

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Amenities at Beachwalk include a 14-acre lagoon pool, a large fitness center, a putting green and playground for dogs.

Luxury community adds private membership passes for clubhouse

Beachwalk allowing limited number of nonresidents access to amenities, including pool and dog playground

By Daniela Toporek

Luxury residential neighborhood Beachwalk has opened its clubhouse with a limited number of private membership passes for guests outside its community.

The pass offers access to the clubhouse and its amenities, such as a 300-square-foot fitness center, full-service dining, tennis courts, a putting green and even a playground for dogs.

"Dogs aren't allowed in the lagoon, but the developers felt strongly about them having a place to play,"



Photos provided by Beachwalk

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The lagoon pool at Beachwalk features a swim-up bar.

Sticking to budget can boost emergency fund



Karsten Jacobson
Columnist

During the coronavirus pandemic, our health concerns — for ourselves and our loved ones — have been at the top of our minds. But financial worries have been there, too, both for people whose employment has been affected and for investors anxious about the volatile financial markets. And one aspect of every individual's total financial picture has become quite clear — the importance of an emergency fund.

Even in normal times, it's a good idea for you to keep three to six months' worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account. Having an emergency fund available can help you cope with those large, unexpected costs, such as a major car repair or a costly medical bill.

Furthermore, if you have an adequate emergency fund, you won't have to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs. These investment vehicles, such as your IRA and 401(k), are designed for your retirement, so the more you can leave them intact, the more assets you're likely to have when you retire. And because they are intended for your retirement, they typically come with disincentives, including taxes and penalties, if you do tap into them early. (However, as part of the economic stimulus legislation known as the CARES Act, individuals can now take up to \$100,000 from their 401(k) plans and IRAs without paying the 10% penalty that typically applies to investors younger than 59½. If you take this type of withdrawal, you have up to three years to pay the taxes and, if you want, replace the funds, beyond the usual caps on annual contributions.

Of course, life is expensive, so it's not always easy to put away money in a fund that you aren't going to use for your normal cash flow. That's why it's so important to establish a budget and stick to it. When developing such a budget, you may find ways to cut down on your spend-

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America is in turmoil and stocks are booming! Go figure



Harry Pappas
Columnist

Just in case you are still in your cocoon lil caterpillar, I am writing to inform you that the stock market (S&P 500) cratered 34% from its high in mid-February to its trough on March 23, the quickest decline of its kind in history primarily do to an infectious disease called COVID-19.

To contain the virus, the government essentially had to shut down the economy and most of us had to hunker down in our homes. On March 23, 3.3 million new people had filed for unemployment under lockdown efforts and 31,000 Americans had been diagnosed with COVID-19, while 400 had died. Here we are today, and there are almost 1.8 million confirmed COVID-19 cases, more than 110,000 Americans have died, and millions more people are out of jobs as unemployment has skyrocketed to almost 14%.

Needless to say, we are also facing arguably the worst civil unrest since 1968 following the death of George Floyd, an

unarmed black man, at the hands of a police officer in Minneapolis. Yet the market is 45% higher than it was 11 weeks ago. Yes indeed, America is in turmoil but stocks keep roaring higher, as in about 3% from its all-time high set on February 29, 2020. Go figure!

Why is the market shrugging off all the bad news and moving higher, as if everything is hunkey dory? Akin to a rubber band; the more we stretch it the more powerful it will fly when released and that my friends is essentially what we have witnessed since March 23. Nevertheless, there is an obvious disconnect with the stock market and the economy. Although we all know that a full recovery from the COVID-19 shutdown is going to take a long time, the stock market is not the economy. In other words, the stock market is a forward-looking mechanism. For the most part, the market does not care about the past.

Tomorrow to the stock market is 2021, so it cares more about what will the economy look like in say 6-12 months? The message appears to be quite clear. From all is good, as we just witnessed the shortest bear market ever; 33-day days

from Feb. 19 to March 23! Yippee! So, does that mean we all should hold hands and sing “Kumbaya?” Heck no! The market, just like us, often gets it wrong in the short run. However, as we all should know and appreciate that over time, the stock market usually moves higher even if it has to climb the proverbial wall of worry, which is what it is doing now.

Moreover, many talking heads and self-proclaimed experts are shouting from the rooftops that the run-up in stocks is nothing but a bear market suckers rally and a second wave of the coronavirus is coming, which will send the market significantly lower as it retests the March 23 lows. Regardless of which side of the fence you are on, there are two things that I argue are just about guarantees; you better buckle up and prepare for what looks to be an incredibly wild ride for the next several months and that “time in the market works; timing the market doesn’t.”

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economy. Last year, visitors spent almost \$712 million, a record year for the county. In April, however, there has been a 15.7% job loss reported, compared to a 17.9% state average, according to the state.

Isabelle Renault, president and CEO of the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce, has been following impact of COVID-19 on the economy closely since the shutdown. Like many other tourist-centric counties, unemployment and job loss numbers are on the higher side, although St. John’s County is just under the state average. Renault suggested it was because of the unique nature of the county’s tourism that the numbers are less devastating than its economic cousin counties.

“If you look at Orlando and South Florida, they lost more [jobs],” Renault said. “The explanation for that is a lot of those areas are dependent on international and state tourism traffic. We are very much a driving destination due to our location. We are very fortunate that [we are] because people are reluctant to fly and it’s easy for people to reach us.”

Goldman said he is also impressed with how well local businesses and restaurants have weathered the storm of being shut down. He attributes this mainly to businesses prior experience to weathering actual storms.

“We have not seen a large number of closed doors, or people saying, ‘We’re not coming back,’” Goldman said. “Frankly, I can’t think of one that I’m aware of. Our business owners have done a very good job of preparing for a rainy day. We’ve

FLORIDA COUNTIES UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Counties with double-digit unemployment in April 2020 and the same counties' unemployment rates in April 2019 and March 2020 (listed highest to lowest; not seasonally adjusted)

COUNTY	APRIL 2020				MARCH 2020				APRIL 2019			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Osceola County	177,131	141,222	35,909	20.3%	184,155	175,674	8,481	4.6%	181,527	176,042	5,485	3.0%
Monroe County	46,816	38,609	8,207	17.5%	48,214	46,881	1,333	2.8%	46,585	45,680	905	1.9%
Orange County	703,093	587,057	116,036	16.5%	761,283	730,180	31,103	4.1%	751,828	731,497	20,331	2.7%
Citrus County	44,560	37,536	7,024	15.8%	47,894	44,706	3,188	6.7%	46,966	44,851	2,115	4.5%
Charlotte County	64,362	54,296	10,066	15.6%	73,987	70,383	3,604	4.9%	71,379	68,927	2,452	3.4%
Flagler County	44,185	37,390	6,795	15.4%	47,382	44,931	2,451	5.2%	46,561	44,915	1,646	3.5%
Hernando County	66,987	56,966	10,021	15.0%	72,838	68,584	4,254	5.8%	70,671	67,903	2,768	3.9%
Sarasota County	171,832	146,394	25,438	14.8%	191,497	183,377	8,120	4.2%	188,043	182,558	5,485	2.9%
Lake County	143,756	122,638	21,118	14.7%	159,144	151,913	7,231	4.5%	157,046	152,328	4,718	3.0%
Lee County	321,446	274,556	46,890	14.6%	350,463	335,311	15,152	4.3%	345,821	335,701	10,120	2.9%
Volusia County	237,582	202,847	34,735	14.6%	256,287	243,763	12,524	4.9%	252,062	243,940	8,122	3.2%
Broward County	935,487	799,479	136,008	14.5%	1,036,395	992,514	43,881	4.2%	1,026,061	996,914	29,147	2.8%
Walton County	29,357	25,098	4,259	14.5%	31,866	30,643	1,223	3.8%	31,161	30,341	840	2.7%
St. Lucie County	137,026	117,542	19,484	14.2%	147,809	139,878	7,931	5.4%	143,913	138,703	5,210	3.6%
Indian River County	61,883	53,142	8,741	14.1%	66,369	62,962	3,407	5.1%	65,229	62,939	2,290	3.5%
Pasco County	220,731	190,035	30,696	13.9%	240,209	228,629	11,580	4.8%	234,114	226,416	7,698	3.3%
Palm Beach County	653,719	562,585	91,134	13.9%	733,058	700,784	32,274	4.4%	729,531	707,987	21,544	3.0%
Pinellas County	460,388	396,407	63,981	13.9%	497,772	477,195	20,577	4.1%	486,421	472,664	13,757	2.8%
Manatee County	161,474	139,654	21,820	13.5%	182,283	174,524	7,759	4.3%	178,942	173,808	5,134	2.9%
Collier County	164,585	142,513	22,072	13.4%	185,559	178,151	7,408	4.0%	181,382	176,487	4,895	2.7%
Polk County	285,778	247,526	38,252	13.4%	308,409	293,192	15,217	4.9%	301,351	291,121	10,230	3.4%
Okaloosa County	88,976	77,171	11,805	13.3%	97,635	94,306	3,329	3.7%	95,661	93,230	2,431	2.5%
Seminole County	226,241	196,612	29,629	13.1%	255,068	244,619	10,449	4.1%	251,909	245,073	6,836	2.7%
Brevard County	268,858	234,043	34,815	12.9%	285,109	272,443	12,666	4.4%	279,366	270,907	8,459	3.0%
Bay County	76,916	67,038	9,878	12.8%	83,136	79,467	3,669	4.4%	83,485	80,299	3,186	3.8%
Escambia County	137,914	120,324	17,590	12.8%	147,562	140,877	6,685	4.5%	144,438	140,183	4,255	2.9%
Nassau County	37,751	33,054	4,697	12.4%	41,434	39,733	1,701	4.1%	40,316	39,207	1,109	2.8%
Sumter County	29,930	26,241	3,689	12.3%	33,413	31,303	2,110	6.3%	32,397	30,958	1,439	4.4%
Marion County	129,422	113,768	15,654	12.1%	138,960	131,682	7,278	5.2%	135,997	131,083	4,914	3.6%
Hillsborough County	684,108	601,754	82,354	12.0%	756,495	724,801	31,694	4.2%	738,205	716,904	21,301	2.9%
Martin County	68,784	60,572	8,212	11.9%	75,312	72,151	3,161	4.2%	73,573	71,430	2,143	2.9%
Miami-Dade County	1,215,918	1,071,624	144,294	11.9%	1,317,241	1,267,181	50,060	3.8%	1,383,594	1,349,404	34,190	2.5%
St. Johns County	120,714	106,702	14,012	11.6%	133,173	128,229	4,944	3.7%	129,763	126,559	3,204	2.5%
Highlands County	33,475	29,656	3,819	11.4%	36,776	34,522	2,254	6.1%	36,077	34,583	1,494	4.1%
Duval County	443,680	393,536	50,144	11.3%	495,193	472,798	22,395	4.5%	480,785	466,249	14,536	3.0%
Levy County	15,172	13,508	1,664	11.0%	16,933	16,106	827	4.9%	16,642	16,052	590	3.5%
Putnam County	24,022	21,391	2,631	11.0%	26,883	25,259	1,624	6.0%	26,585	25,519	1,066	4.0%
Santa Rosa County	76,550	68,484	8,066	10.5%	83,466	80,116	3,350	4.0%	81,953	79,710	2,243	2.7%
Franklin County	4,136	3,711	425	10.3%	4,585	4,396	189	4.1%	4,678	4,516	162	3.5%
Hendry County	14,421	12,914	1,507	10.5%	16,441	15,338	1,103	6.7%	15,678	15,031	647	4.1%
Clay County	96,175	86,381	9,794	10.2%	108,226	103,708	4,518	4.2%	105,301	102,324	2,977	2.8%
Washington County	6,880	7,797	883	10.2%	9,692	9,246	446	4.6%	9,604	9,295	309	3.2%
Hamilton County	3,840	3,456	384	10.0%	4,283	4,026	257	6.0%	4,260	4,101	159	3.7%

NOTE: Items may not add to totals or compute to displayed percentages due to rounding. All data are subject to revision.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.

been through a few hurricanes and that was a wakeup call.”

So far, Goldman said the Bureau predicts a 20-25% loss of tourism revenue for the year. In the short term, that is a fairly large hit to the county’s economy. In the long term, many in the industry are very confident, however.

“With people moving to Florida, \$1.19

million of income moves to our state each hour of each day,” said Florida Chamber CEO Mark Wilson. “Florida is the 17th largest economy in the world. In 2030, Florida will be the 10th largest economy in the world after Russia, Spain, Mexico and South Korea.”

Pending any major disaster, like a hurricane, that is.

Passes

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said Sarah Hall, aquatic operations manager for Beachwalk. “We also have kayaks, paddleboards, water-slides and even floating volleyball.”

The lagoon itself is a chemically controlled and filtered man-made lagoon, with shaded underwater seats added to shallower areas for guests to relax while they order drinks at Beachwalk’s swim-up bar.

“[Guests] are very excited for the bar to open and the view is breathtaking. There’s nothing like it,” Hall said.

Developed by Lennar, Ameri-crest and Vintage Estate Homes, Beachwalk is home to 961 family units and 1 million square feet of retail commercial space and 700,000 square feet of office space.

“It’s been exciting to watch this development grow from a dirt lot to a breathtaking lagoon with amazing amenities with wonderful residents,” Hall said. “It was made for them to be able to drive their golf carts, enjoy a day “at the beach” or have lunch at its town center, without having to leave the community.

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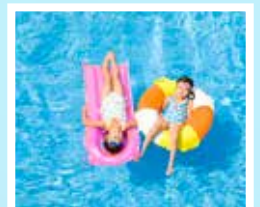
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Household Cleaning to Combat COVID-19

While the World Health Organization believes COVID-19 is spread primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, nasal discharge and saliva, the possibility of contracting the virus via a contaminated surface has not been ruled out by experts. In fact, some studies suggest that the virus can live for a few hours up to several days on surfaces. As a precaution, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend everyone keep high-touch surfaces clean to help contain the spread of the virus, in addition to thorough and frequent handwashing.

COVID-19 Cleaning Guidelines

1. Wear disposable gloves.
2. Clean surfaces with soap and water.
3. Disinfect surfaces after cleaning.

Sneaky Surfaces

Don't let these high-touch areas slip under the radar when cleaning!

- Doorknobs
- Light switches
- Toilet handle
- Cabinet pulls
- Car steering wheel



DISINFECTING DOS

Use one of these options to effectively disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces:

1. Diluted bleach solution
2. Solution with at least 70% alcohol
3. Cleaning products approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use against COVID-19.

Find a list at epa.gov.

GADGETS & GERMS

Giving gadgets like smartphones, tablets, keyboards, remotes and touchscreens a thorough cleaning on a daily basis is a good idea under any circumstances, but current COVID-19 concerns have made



this especially important. If no cleaning and disinfecting guidance is provided by the device's manufacturer, use alcohol-based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol, being careful to avoid allowing moisture into any opening. Consider putting a wipeable

cover on touchscreens, and dry surfaces thoroughly with a microfiber cloth after cleaning. As always, remember to wash your hands before and after using your electronics.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty to support local economic comeback

As safer-at-home and work-from-home orders are lifted and businesses continue to reopen, residential real estate is positioned to support our community's economic renewal. Although there have been some concerns about real estate in light of COVID-19, current real estate trends show that market fundamentals remain solid for buyers and sellers.

In the Northeast Florida real estate market, both interest rates and home inventory are exceedingly low, and pricing continues to rise. The Northeast Florida Association of Realtors reported that among all the sales that occurred in April 2020, more than 15 percent achieved more than the original listing price. Home sales numbers are expected to rise once the economy reopens.

The combination of historically-low inventory and historically-low interest rates should help safeguard any decline in pricing this year.

Based on market forecasts, home price appreciation is anticipated to increase by about 3 percent this year.

COVID-19 has changed a lot of things about daily life, including how to go about finding and buying a home. Our company has taken proactive steps to continue to provide services where needed and comply with best practices. Our Realtors and partners are equipped with the technology and systems to operate virtually from viewing to closing.

Consumers are embracing virtual offerings. Our Virtual Mega Open House Weekend in May featured more than 100 virtual open houses and reached more than 84,000 people on Facebook.

During this uncertain time, our responsibility as professional Realtors remains the same — to help Buyers and Sellers understand their choices and provide confidence and clarity for them to make good decisions.

Christy Budnick
President and CEO, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

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ing, freeing up money that could be used to build your emergency fund.

There are different ways to establish a budget, but they all typically involve identifying your income and expenses and separating your needs and wants. You can find various online budgeting tools to help you get started, but, ultimately, it's up to you to make your budget work. Nonetheless, you may be pleasantly surprised at how painless it is to follow a budget. For example, if you've budgeted a certain amount for food each month, you'll need to avoid going to the grocery store several times a week, just to pick up "a few things" — because it doesn't really take that many visits for those few things to add up to hundreds of dollars. You'll be

much better off limiting your trips to the grocery, making a list of the items you'll need and adhering to these lists. After doing this for a few months, see how much you've saved — it may be much more than you'd expect. Besides using these savings to strengthen your emergency fund, you could also deploy them toward longer-term investments designed to help you reach other objectives, such as retirement.

Saving money is always a good idea, and when you use your savings to build an emergency fund, you can help yourself prepare for the unexpected and make progress toward your long-term goals.

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Eclectic pop/folk singer/songwriter Andrew Bird to perform at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, in partnership with Flying Saucer Presents, will proudly welcome eclectic pop-folk singer-songwriter Andrew Bird to the stage on Monday, April 19, 2021.

Tickets for Andrew Bird live at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall are currently on sale.

Bird is an internationally acclaimed musician, songwriter and composer who has released 15 records to date. Recording and touring extensively, Bird has performed around the world at festivals and renowned institutions including Carnegie Hall, Sydney Opera House and Walt Disney Concert Hall. A TED Talks presenter, a New Yorker Festival guest and an op-ed contributor for the New York Times, Bird will also debut on the cast of Fargo's forthcoming installment, airing on FX.

Bird's latest album, "My Finest Work Yet," was nominated for "Best Folk Album" at the 2020 Grammy Awards.

Tickets also can be purchased at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and at all Ticketmaster outlets.



Photo provided by Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

The show includes Justin Hayward with guest Mike Dawes. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8.

Tickets are \$45.50. For more information, visit www.andrewbird.net or www.pvconcerthall.com.

Cultural Center at Ponte Vera Beach to reopen July 6

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach recently announced it will be reopening to the public on July 6.

To ensure the safety and well-being of staff, volunteers and visitors, the Cultural Center is implementing new procedures as follows:

- Everyone will be asked to provide their name, cell phone and email address in the event that the state implements a contact tracing protocol. All visitors will be stopped to have their temperature taken with a no-touch thermometer and will be asked questions related to fever, cough or shortness of breath.

- Control traffic flow: There will be a one-way flow through the Cultural Center and within the galleries to facilitate distancing. The flow will be marked accordingly.

- At the end of each class, students will need to clean their work area with cleaning supplies provided and kept at the studios. Teachers are responsible for this.

The Cultural Center will also limit person-to-person contact, monitor the number of visitors in the building at one time and restrict or prohibit access to certain areas of the Cultural Center. For example, online ticket sales will be implemented, and cash and paper receipt transactions will be limited. Touchless payment options are recommended.

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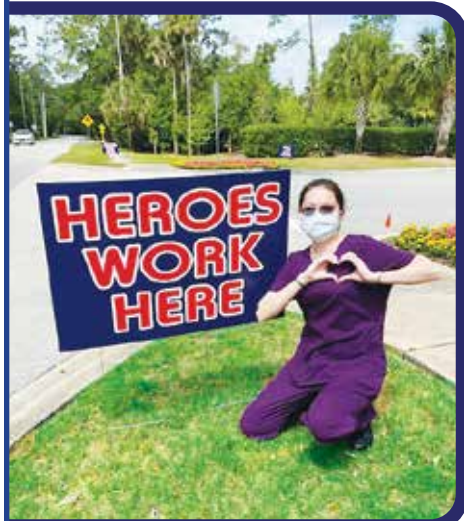
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Korn Ferry Challenge tees off golf's restart at TPC Sawgrass

After a hiatus of more than three months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Korn Ferry Tour will return to competition Thursday-through-Sunday with the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass. The tournament — contested without fans on the Dye's Valley Course — will mark the seventh event of the Regular Season. The tournament will kick off the first of two straight weeks of Korn Ferry Tour competition in Northeast Florida, with The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village in St. Augustine slated for June 17-20.

After competing on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica in 2019, Chilean Mito Pereira leads the points list thus far behind the strength of a win at the Country Club de Bogotá Championship and two additional top-five finishes. Other 2020 winners in the top five include former University of Alabama standout Davis Riley, University of Maryland product David Kocher and Wofford College alum Andrew Novak. Dylan Wu rounds out the top five after finishing top 30 in each of his six starts.

Local Korn Ferry Tour players in the field include 2020 Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar champion Jared Wolfe,

Ben Kohles, Tyson Alexander and Justin Hueber. The event will feature several PGA TOUR members including locals David Lingmerth, Sam Saunders, Alex Cejka, Sebastian Cappelen and Chris Baker, as well as 2003 Masters champion Mike Weir and four-time TOUR winners Robert Allenby and Sean O'Hair. Overall, 15 former TOUR winners are in the field with 31 past victories among them.

The Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass will restart the Tour's 2020 season, which will now combine with the 2021 season due to the number of tournament cancelations. The newly created 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour schedule will conclude with 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded at the 2021 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, with an additional 25 cards awarded at the conclusion of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

With six events completed through the El Bosque Mexico Championship by INNOVA, the remaining 2020 schedule — subject to change — now consists of 23 events. Korn Ferry Tour events to be contested in 2021 as part of the combined 2020-21 schedule will be announced later this year.

KORN FERRY CHALLENGE

When: Thursday, June 11 through Sunday, June 22.

Where: Dye's Valley Course, TPC Sawgrass

Purse: \$600,000

Top Five to Watch

Mito Pereira – The Chilean enters the week ranked atop The 25 with 759 points.

Davis Riley – The 23-year-old enters the week ranked second in The 25 with 658 points.

Dylan Wu – Wu has been one of the most consistent players this season having made the cut in all six starts.

David Kocher – Kocher enters the week ranked third in The 25 and has two top-10s in six starts.

Jared Wolfe – The Ponte Vedra Beach resident will be playing a familiar course this week and is currently ranked sixth in The 25.

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- Pilgrimage to Mecca
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- A note to follow
- Annie Oakley's show
- Hipbone-related
- Chicago to Detroit direction
- Historical period
- *Most gifted Father's Day gift?
- *a.k.a. Father of the Constitution
- Have a cold, e.g.
- Bog deposit
- Styling product
- Not yet final, in law
- Squirrels away
- "Metamorphoses" poet
- Antioxidants-rich berry
- Text that precedes the main text
- Car brand, e.g.
- *"Full House" father
- Brazilian indigenous people
- a.k.a. dropsy
- Precedes shine
- Paving stone
- Early TV manufacturer
- Bayonet wound
- "Zip it!"
- Popular form of communication
- Part of a match

- *Christopher Robin's father
- *Father known as "one-shot" Finch
- Largest deer
- *Richard Bobbsey's offspring
- Precedes desist
- Cuckoo
- Friedrich Schiller's "___ to Joy"
- Personnel person
- Job for a body shop
- Parent's order
- Wrestling's ___ the Giant

DOWN

- It's equivalent to pain?
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- Not of the cloth
- Japanese port
- Jelly ingredient
- High school club
- *Boy's father in "The Road"
- Recurring melody
- Shoshonean people
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- Lady lobster
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