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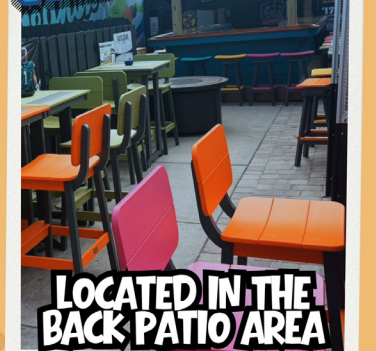
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Editor's Letter

The Little Roadside Stops That Make Florida Feel Like Home

Last month, so many of you reached out after reading my Editor's Letter. Whether you sent me an email, stopped me around town or gave me a call to tell me you enjoyed it, thank you. It truly means a lot.

Now, as much as I hate to admit it, summer is winding down. The kids are heading back to school soon, routines are returning and before we know it we'll be decorating for fall.

Before we get there though, I have a summer obsession to share.

Boiled peanuts.

Seriously. Boiled peanuts have a cult following, and I am here for it. Give me Original. Give me Cajun. Better yet, give me half and half and I'm happy!

Growing up in Georgia, every road trip included a stop for a bag of boiled peanuts. It wasn't optional. Somewhere along the drive we'd pull over at a roadside stand, grab a bag and keep going. I even remember opening them for my mom because somehow I became the designated peanut opener. After all these years, I'd say I've gotten pretty good at it.

Maybe that's why discovering these roadside stands here in Volusia County has been so much fun. Even though I've lived here for over 20 years, I had never stopped at Samsula Boiled Peanut Company on Highway 44. If you've ever driven that way on a Saturday or Sunday, you've probably seen Jeff's little trailer next to Sorry Charlie's. Somehow every time I drove by it was outside of his hours.

It's one of those classic Florida roadside stops where you pull over, grab a hot cup of boiled peanuts and get right back on the road. Jeff is there every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, and once I got his schedule, it's become one of my favorite weekend drives.

Then about a month ago, I found out about another boiled peanut stand that had just opened in Oak Hill. Owned by husband-and-wife team Cody and Kacey, J.K.'s Boiled Peanuts began as an idea for a part-time job while Cody finishes school. After years of making boiled peanuts for family and friends, they decided to turn their passion into a business. Today, they're putting their own spin on a Florida tradition.

Of course you'll find Original and Cajun, but they're also serving rotating flavors that keep customers coming back for more. Dill Pickle has become a regular favorite, while flavors like Mississippi Pot Roast, Buffalo and Carolina Gold Barbecue have me checking Facebook every week to see what's cooking next. They even let customers vote on upcoming flavors and offer \$1 off when you bring your own container.

You'll find J.K.'s across the street from the Oak Hill Flea Market in the parking lot of All Wood Cabinets. You really can't miss it. Just look for Cody waving his boiled peanut sign and Kacey greeting customers with a smile. Fridays Cody is usually out there from noon-5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., weather permitting. They also started popping up at other locations like Clover Cafe and plan to set up at the NSB Farmer's Market in the fall, however I suggest just checking out their FB page. They are active and responsive if you have any questions.

Whether you head toward Samsula or Oak Hill, you'll find good people, great boiled peanuts and one more reason to appreciate the little roadside traditions that make living in Volusia County so special.

XO,

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Local News

New Smyrna Beach Moves to Simplify Beach Parking

Residents and visitors of New Smyrna Beach may soon have one less thing to remember before spending a day at the beach. New Smyrna Beach city commissioners recently approved an agreement that would replace the city's standalone annual beach parking permit with Volusia County's Park Volusia system, allowing eligible permit holders to park in participating city and county lots with a single annual pass.

Whether heading to Flagler Avenue one weekend or 27th Avenue the next, many residents have found themselves wondering whether they had the correct parking permit. Although the lots all provide access to the beach, separate city and county permit programs have long created an extra layer of confusion. If approved by the Volusia County Council, the new agreement would replace that patchwork system.

City leaders say simplifying the permit process has been a priority. "For years, people have asked why they needed two different parking permits," explains Mayor Fred Cleveland. "By working together with Volusia County, we've developed a solution that would eliminate confusion and make parking more convenient."

If the agreement receives final approval, the new annual permit would be honored at participating city-owned paid parking areas, including Grayce K. Barck North Beach Community Park, the Esther Street and Flagler Avenue lots, Marianne Clancy Park and 27th Avenue Park. The permit would also provide access to the city's three public boat ramp parking areas. Separate Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) boat ramp permits, however, would continue to be issued and managed by the City of New Smyrna Beach.

For now, residents do not need to take any action. Current City of New Smyrna Beach annual parking permits will remain valid through December 31, 2026.

If the Volusia County Council gives final approval, future annual permits would be obtained through the Park Volusia program beginning January 1, 2027. Residents who already have a Park Volusia annual permit would continue using it without interruption, while visitors would still have the option to purchase annual or daily parking passes through the county's existing system.

Park Volusia permits are entirely digital and tied to a vehicle's license plate, eliminating the need for a windshield sticker, placard or access



One permit could eliminate years of confusion. Residents and visitors would be able to use the same pass at participating city and county beach parking lots. The change would make parking simpler and more convenient.

card. Visitors can purchase annual permits through the online portal at Permits.ParkVolusia.org. Eligible residents can also apply for the no-cost resident parking permit through the website, the Volusia Beaches mobile app or in person at the Park Volusia offices, 2422 S. Atlantic Ave. in Daytona Beach Shores and 302 N. Causeway in New Smyrna Beach. Annual passes and resident passes may not be purchased or applied for at beach access ramp booths.

Beachgoers can also download the Volusia Beaches app for real-time information on parking availability, allowing users to quickly see which lots have open spaces and which are full.

Visit the online permit parking portal by scanning this QR code.



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Insurance *Insights*

Don't Let Fear Keep You From Using the Insurance You Pay For

Trust Public Adjusting Group recently conducted a social media poll asking homeowners one simple question: What is your biggest concern about filing an insurance claim? By far, the number one response was, "I'm afraid my insurance premiums will increase."

Unfortunately, this fear/misconception keeps many homeowners from using the very protection they have faithfully paid for year after year.

The reality is that insurance premiums generally increase because of factors that affect entire regions - such as catastrophic storms, inflation, and rising construction costs - not simply because one homeowner files a legitimate claim. In fact, many homeowners see their premiums increase over time regardless of whether they have ever filed a claim.

So, if you experience legitimate storm damage or another covered loss, why wouldn't you at least find out whether your insurance policy provides coverage?

Here's something many homeowners don't consider: one of the best ways to make your home more attractive to insurance companies is by improving it. New roofs, impact-resistant windows, updated exterior finishes, and other improvements often qualify for insurance discounts because they reduce future risk.

If those improvements are owed under your insurance policy because of legitimate covered damage, repairing your home not only restores it to its pre-loss condition but may also position you for lower premiums in the future. So this "fear" could be the exact opposite of what happens if you file a claim.

Another reason homeowners should not wait is that Florida's laws have changed dramatically. Not long ago, homeowners generally had three years to report damage for a claim. Today, in most cases, that window has been reduced to just one year. At the same time, insurance policies continue to become more restrictive, adding new limitations and endorsements that many homeowners don't discover until after damage occurs. Waiting too long can make a legitimate claim much more difficult to document and pursue.

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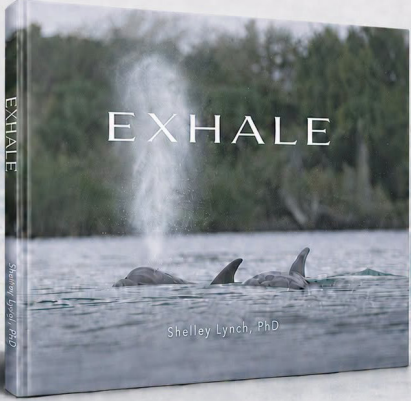
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Quiet Discovery

Wayfinding With a Local Author

Back in April, I shared that part of my birthday plans included joining local author Deborah Gregory on a “Fractal Walk” through the Ormond Beach Memorial Gardens. I did just that and am back to tell you about the experience and her newly released book, “Spiritual Wayfinding: 33 Walking Meditations for Navigating Life with Embodied Wisdom.”

The only other time I had heard the word “wayfinding” was in the Disney movie, “Moana.” It is mostly what it sounds like: using your body and nature to find your way. Moana did it with her hands, the stars and the sea to find her way home to Motunui. We do it every day here in Volusia County when we use the sights and sounds of the ocean to head east. All the walks in Deborah’s book are meant to help us step away from anxious thoughts such as “Who am I?” and “Where am I going?” and find a better way through each day by moving our feet.

The specific Fractal Walk we went on was all about slowing down to find patterns in nature. Deborah shared mathematician Benoit Mandelbrot’s research with our group, explaining that “each part is like the whole but smaller.” Think about the pattern of leaves on a fern stem and then the pattern of ridges on each individual leaf. They both follow the same alternating spacing. We looked at examples and heard how noticing these fractals could reduce stress and engage our brains’ reward centers. Then, she sent us on a walk through the gardens to notice the textures, shapes and patterns for ourselves.



The plant and pattern I kept returning to was bamboo. Each stalk appeared to have stripes or rings every few inches, so I used my phone to do a quick Google search to find out what they were. I learned that on young bamboo shoots, horizontal lines often mark where the culm sheath, a protective, paper-like sleeve, attaches to the node. As the shoot matures, the sheaths fall off, leaving permanent sheath scars, or rings, on the bamboo. The bamboo keeps growing, but the evidence of its previous protective coverings remains.

As a woman who has the scars of three Cesarean sections from growing our family, this image was particularly powerful for me. I spent some time thinking about how I have grown physically and emotionally over the years and what scars, or reminders of that growth, I was showing.



It helped me see them as a positive, beautiful pattern rather than something to hide.

After a set amount of time, we returned as a group to share our observations. Deborah asked us to reflect on patterns in our own lives and then showed us how to respond to those observations by creating a Fibonacci poem. In a Fibonacci poem, the number of syllables in each line follows the mathematical Fibonacci sequence. Each number is formed by adding the two numbers before it: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5 and so on.

I do not usually consider myself an artistic person, but as a high school physics teacher, I am all about math and science. I was able to replicate the pattern to create a poem:

1 Sheath
1 Scars
2 Culm Sheath
3 Falling off
5 As the shoot matures
8 Leaving a permanent scarring
13 Scars give evidence of less protection but more growth

Overall, my time in April was a peaceful reminder to slow down. I bought a copy of Deborah’s book and have been making my way through her other walks, as well. I highly recommend it for anyone looking for guidance on moving their body more and exploring the beauty of this place we call home.

You can find out more about the author, download a free chapter or buy the book on her publisher’s website: lvpress.com/Spiritual-Wayfinding or you can find it on Amazon and her Instagram account @SpiritualWayfinding.



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1 The Little Theatre of NSB Presents the Comedic Thriller *Deathtrap*

The Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach presents *Deathtrap*, Ira Levin's classic comedic thriller packed with twists, tension, dark humor, and the kind of theatrical surprises that keep audiences guessing until the very end.



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Sidney Bruhl has not written a hit play in 18 years when he receives a script from a former student that seems destined for success. Desperate for a comeback, Sidney jokes that perhaps he should simply murder the young playwright and claim the script as his own. But when the student arrives later that evening, the line between joke and possibility begins to blur in deliciously dangerous ways.

As dark events unfold, no one can predict where the night will lead, not even Helga Ten Dorp, the visiting psychic whose presence only adds to the suspense and uncertainty. With sharp wit, mounting tension, and unexpected turns at every corner, *Deathtrap* delivers the perfect mix of comedy and chills.

Opening on Broadway in 1978, *Deathtrap* ran for four years and still holds the record for the longest-running comedy-thriller on Broadway. The play was also nominated for four Tony Awards, including Best Play, earning its place as one of theatre's most entertaining and enduring thrillers.



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Back, left to right: Michael Slagel as Clifford Anderson, Michael Leibel as Sidney Bruhl, Terry Meade as Porter Milgram. Front, left to right: Karen Poulsen as Myra Bruhl, Mitzi Sparks as Helga Ten Dorp

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Wildflour Market and Rise Yaupon Tea - two women-owned businesses sharing one facility - have created a one-of-a-kind destination where great food, artisan drinks, and locally grown tea come together. Nestled in Edgewater's ParkTowne Industrial Park, just minutes from New Smyrna Beach, they're a hidden gem worth discovering.

TASTE THE LOCAL DIFFERENCE

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Taste Your Way Through Taco & Empanada Fest

Join us for the Taco & Empanada Fest at the Jackie Robinson Ballpark on Saturday, September 19th. Hosted from 12pm-6pm, come out for a day filled with food, music, and fun!



- The best of both worlds come together. Enjoy savory tacos and empanadas from a variety of food vendors.
- Shop with artisans and crafters. Support local!
- Free kid zone with face painting, henna, inflatable games, and more fun.
- The deejay will be spinning tunes and playing games for prizes.
- As always with our events, admission is FREE!



Don't forget to come see us at the Brannon Center on Sunday, August 23rd for Volusia Women's Day. Hosted from 11am-4pm, this event is free to attend and designed to celebrate women of all ages with a day full of fun, relaxation, and empowerment.

We also have our Night Market at Tanger Outlets Daytona coming up on Wednesday, September 2nd from 5pm-9pm. A community market offering specialty foods, handmade crafts, a rotating lineup of food trucks each month, and live music with Rachel Harness!

Sponsor and vendor opportunities are available for all events. For more information or any questions, please email: info@touchofmagicevents.com.

Taco & Empanada Fest | Admission is FREE
Jackie Robinson Ballpark
105 E Orange Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Saturday, September 19 | 12pm-6pm



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Locals Supporting Locals

One of the best parts of owning a small business in Edgewater and now NSB has been the relationships we've built along the way. Since starting out of our home kitchen in 2020, we've collaborated with other local businesses.

Even short seasons together helped get our name (and hopefully theirs) out there. Today we're highlighting a few businesses who've supported Dutch Oven since the early days and continue to grow alongside us.



Island Roasters Coffee Co. (pictured left) 398 Causeway N., NSB - Thank you for the many opportunities to pop up in your parking lot while we were just getting started. Your foot traffic introduced so many people to who we are, and we're grateful you still carry our sourdough for your deli sandwiches.

The Spott 424 Canal St., NSB - Just down the street, this American restaurant is known for its commitment to quality, local ingredients. Thank you for choosing us as your bread supplier and keeping our logo on your menu!

Kane's Coffee Co. (pictured right) - If you run a food or beverage business here, you've probably met Megan. Between her thriving coffee cart, her support of fellow small businesses, and now supplying our syrups and cold brew, we're grateful for the partnership. Follow @KanesCoffeeCo.

Juliana Ulloa - Our talented freelance photographer, capturing not just our baked goods but the soul of Dutch Oven. Follow @FotosporJuli.



These are just a few businesses who've helped us along the way. If you're reading this, consider following, visiting, or leaving them a review!



Dutch Oven Bread Co.
120 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach 32168
(386) 689-9001 | DutchOvenBreads.com
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Women's Day Returns this August to NSB

Women's Day returns to the Brannon Center on Sunday, August 23! Hosted from 11 AM - 4 PM, this exciting community event is free to attend and designed to celebrate women of all ages with a day full of fun, relaxation, and empowerment.

This special event brings together local businesses, wellness experts, and unique vendors for an unforgettable experience. Guests can shop exclusive products, discover new services, and enjoy complimentary pampering such as free chair massages, brow waxing, hair styling, makeup & skincare tips, and henna tattoos.

Attendees can also participate in interactive activities including a fun photo booth with keepsake magnet, fitness demos, health screenings, and lively BINGO games with exciting prizes!



Whether you're looking to relax, learn something new, or simply spend quality time with friends, Women's Day has something for everyone. With dozens of vendors, educational sessions, and plenty of entertainment, this event is the perfect way to celebrate women in Volusia County.

Interested in featuring your business at this fun community event?

To learn about sponsoring or becoming a vendor, please email info@touchofmagicevents.com to get started.

VOLUSIA Women's Day

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Free RSVP: [VolusiaWomensDay.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/venue/volusia-womens-day)

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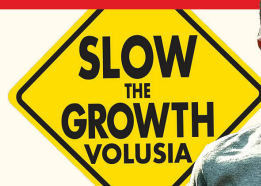
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Why Slow the Growth Is Good for You

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For decades, Volusia County has followed a pattern of growth that too often benefits special interests before the people who already call this community home. Campaign finance reports show that developers, engineering firms, land-use attorneys, and construction interests are among the largest contributors to many local campaigns. While those contributions are legal, they raise an important question: who benefits most from the decisions that follow?

Residents are living with the consequences. Forests, wetlands, and farmland have given way to sprawling subdivisions, while traffic congestion worsens, flooding becomes more frequent, green space disappears, and public infrastructure struggles to keep pace. Existing taxpayers often shoulder the cost of expanding roads, utilities, public safety, parks, and schools needed to support rapid growth.

Growth itself is not the problem. Poorly planned growth is.

Every new development should answer one simple question: Will it improve the quality of life for the people who already live here? If the answer is no, it deserves a second look. Growth should pay for growth, not rely on existing residents to subsidize private profits. Impact fees should reflect the true cost of new development, and projects should proceed only where infrastructure and natural resources can support them responsibly.

Slow the Growth is not about stopping progress or opposing business. It is about restoring balance. It means protecting our forests, wetlands, rivers, farms, and neighborhoods while encouraging responsible development that strengthens, not diminishes, our quality of life.



Volusia County does not have to become another endless stretch of traffic lights, chain stores, and cookie-cutter subdivisions. We can choose a future that values conservation alongside prosperity and residents alongside economic opportunity.

Growth should happen for the benefit of the people who live here, not simply because someone stands to profit from it. That is the vision behind Slow the Growth, and why it matters for every resident of Volusia County.

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Bobby G *Lends a Hand*

Building a Home and Strengthening a Community

Volunteers, local businesses and Southeast Volusia Habitat for Humanity came together to help one local build a place to call home. Sometimes all it takes is a hammer, a nail gun and a handful of people willing to give up a Saturday morning to remind you what a community is supposed to look like.

My wife, Tiffany, and I spent the morning volunteering with Southeast Volusia Habitat for Humanity, joining about a dozen people to help first-time homeowner, and personal friend, Stacey Wells build the home she has worked so hard to earn.

I'll admit, I wasn't exactly sure what to expect. I know my way around a restaurant or a kitchen. A construction site? Not so much. Within minutes, I realized this day wasn't just about building a house. It was about building hope.

Stacey spent more than a year completing 350 hours of "sweat equity," volunteering at Habitat's ReStore, helping on other builds, working community events and taking classes on budgeting, mortgages, insurance and homeownership to get where she is today.

"It's just a great program," Stacey said. "The mortgage is based on your income, it's zero percent interest, fixed for 30 years. It's well worth everything you have to do."

After helping build homes for other families, it was finally her turn.

One of the highlights of my morning was learning something completely new. I knew what a wall stud was, but I'd never actually seen one become part of a house until Matty patiently walked me through the process.

Then he handed me a nail gun. That didn't go exactly as planned.

Somehow, I managed to fire a nail straight into the concrete slab, completely missing the wood. I was convinced I'd ruined the entire project. Matty smiled, showed me what I had done, explained how to avoid it next time and encouraged me to keep going.



Southeast Volusia Habitat for Humanity is a volunteer driven, nonprofit housing organization founded in 1989. The organization builds strength, stability and self reliance by partnering with families in need of decent, affordable housing. Interested in volunteering? Visit them online to learn how you can get involved and start making a difference today.

That simple moment stuck with me.

Matty has been with Habitat for Humanity for 35 years, and his patience and willingness to teach said everything about the people involved with the organization.



The people themselves were just as memorable. There were all kinds of personalities, some joking, some quietly working, some with years of construction experience and others learning as they went. None of that mattered. Everyone showed up for one reason: to help.

Executive Director Mark Billings said Southeast Volusia Habitat for Humanity has been serving local families for 37 years. This home is the organization's 172nd build, and last year alone Habitat completed 11 homes.

Mark said Habitat's success depends on volunteers, churches, civic organizations, generous donors and businesses like SunPro Property Management, whose employees volunteer on Habitat projects one weekend a month, every year. This lot was also generously donated by Buddy Davenport of State Farm, another example of a community investing in its neighbors.

As the morning came to an end, I looked around at walls standing where there had only been a concrete slab a few hours earlier. More importantly, I saw neighbors encouraging one another, sharing laughs and working together to help Stacey get one step closer to walking through the front door of her first home.

The night before we volunteered, Tiffany looked at me and said, "You should write about this."

She was right.

We only gave a few hours of our Saturday. Others have given hundreds. Some donated land. Others donated materials, time and talent. By the end of the morning, it was obvious that Habitat for Humanity builds more than houses. It builds hope, opportunity and community. And that's something worth showing up for.

Bobby G, Out.



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RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS

- Art Walk** @ Granada, Ormond
Aug 1 / Sep 5
- Sip and Stroll** @ Canal St, NSB
Aug 1 / Sep 5
- Art Stroll** @ Canal St, NSB
Aug 1 / Sep 5
- Downtown Nights** @ Beach St
Aug 7 / Sep 4
- Art Walk** @ Beach St, Daytona
Aug 7 / Sep 4
- Cars on Canal** @ Canal St, NSB
Aug 8 / Sep 12
- DeLand Cruise-In** @ Indiana Ave.
Aug 15 / Sep 19
- Wine Walk** @ Flagler Ave, NSB
Aug 29 / Sep 26

7 FRI AUG 7

6 - 8 PM

Downtown DeLand

Ice Cream Walk

Beat the heat and bid summer farewell with us with a sweet adventure in Downtown DeLand! \$15/adult and \$8/child for tasting passports @ MainstreetDeLand.org On this delightful walk, you will have the chance to sample ice cream supplied by your local shops.



15 SAT AUG 15

6 - 10 PM

Wickham Park, Melbourne

Space Coast Wing Battle

Don't miss Battle Bros' Wing Battle in nearby Melbourne! The event includes live music, all you can eat and drink, plus a free game zone. Tickets: \$50 for General Admission (presale) and \$75 for VIP (presale) - discounts for early bird ticket sales at SpaceCoastWingBattle.com.



3 THU SEP 3

5:30 - 8:30 PM

Parktown Industrial Park, Edgewater 504 Pullman Rd

Wildflower Night Market

Join local vendors, artisans, and crafters for an evening of community and connection. Stay to enjoy the live music and local food trucks.



1-31 AUG 1 - SEP 7

DAILY

Throughout West Volusia

Cool Craft Summer

West Volusia Tourism's award-winning beverage competition returns for a tour of America! This year, 23 coffee roasters, tea purveyors, and mixologists are creating beverages themed around the United States. There's something for everyone, with both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Participating locations are spread across West Volusia, so grab your friends, your ballot and hit the road—you won't want to miss this! Details at CoolCraftTrail.com/Summer



7 FRI AUG 7

8:30 PM

The Casements, Ormond Beach

Movies on the Halifax

A free, family-friendly outdoor movie series hosted by The Casements at Rockefeller Gardens. Guests are invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks to enjoy movies under the stars right along the Halifax River! Aug. movie - Moana 2



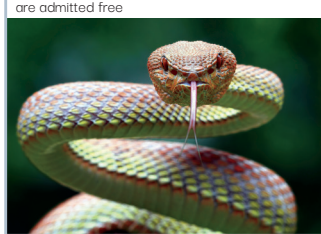
15-16 AUG 15 - 16

SAT - SUN

Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

Natl. Reptile Breeders Expo

Visitors can see hundreds of captive-born snakes, spiders, lizards, amphibians and turtles, along with herpetology memorabilia, books and supplies. Adults, \$20 cash; children 6 and under are admitted free



3-7 SEP 3 - 7

Find schedule online

Flagler Avenue, NSB

First Responder Music Festival

Flagler Avenue is paying tribute through music to First Responders who are always there for us! The First Responders Music Festival will feature over 20+ FREE SHOWS at venues on Flagler Avenue throughout Labor Day Weekend. FlaglerAve.com for schedule.



1-29 AUG 1 - SEP 26

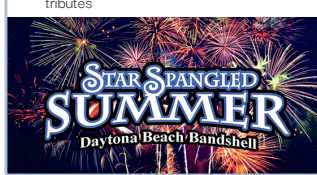
EVERY SAT @ 7:15 PM

Daytona Beach Bandshell

Star Spangled Summer

A weekly concert of the best tribute bands followed by a fireworks show over the water.

- Aug 1 - Journey tribute
- Aug 8 - Elton John tribute
- Aug 15 - Foreigner & Styx tributes
- Aug 22 - Queen tribute
- Aug 29 - REO Speedwagon and Chicago tributes



7-28 FRI AUG 7 - 28

EVERY FRI @ 7:15 PM

Daytona Beach Bandshell

Sounds of Summer

A weekly concert of the best tribute bands singing your favorites. Free admission - bring your own chair, \$15 VIP includes seating.



23 SUN AUG 23

11 AM - 4 PM

Brannon Center, NSB

Women's Day

Women's Day returns to the Brannon Center this summer! Join us to enjoy a day filled with education, empowerment, and self-care. Enjoy free pampering, demos, health screenings, speakers, and play BINGO for prizes. Learn about local resources and shop with unique vendors. FREE RSVP at VolusiaWomensDay.eventbrite.com.



5 SAT SEP 5

9 AM - 4 PM

Barberville Pioneer Settlement

Fire & Ice: Chili/Ice Cream Competition

You can be the judge! Nonprofit organizations will duke it out to see who can whip up the best chili! The Ice Cream Churn Off is open to the public. Chili & Ice Cream Judging/Tasting - \$10/person. Tasting begins at 11:30 am until it's gone!



1-29 AUG 1 - 29

DAILY

Along Flagler Avenue

Summer Cocktail Tour

Grab your Tour Map from any participating location, print @ FlaglerAve.com. Purchase your full-sized cocktail during the tour dates, collect your stamps with each purchase, once all 10 stamps are collected from host locations, drop your Tour Map in the mailbox by 401 Flagler Avenue.



8 SAT AUG 8

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Ponce Inlet Lighthouse

National Lighthouse Day

Celebrate the founding of the U.S. Light-House Establishment with a day of history and family fun. Explore the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum, climb Florida's tallest lighthouse, and enjoy living history demonstrations, hands-on workshops, and kids' activities. Special activities included with regular admission.



28-30 AUG 28 - 30

FRI - SUN

Daytona International Speedway

Coke Zero 400 Weekend

Get tickets now to be a part of one of the most anticipated races of the season as the stars and cars of the NASCAR Cup Series battle for victory under the lights. DaytonaInternationalSpeedway.com



19 SAT SEP 19

12 - 6 PM

Jackie Robinson Ballpark, Daytona

Taco & Empanada Fest

The best of both worlds come together! Enjoy savory tacos and empanadas from a variety of gourmet food vendors. Enjoy a free kid zone, live deejay, and shop with local merchants & vendors. **FREE** admission! To become a vendor, please email info@TouchOfMagicEvents.com.



6 THU AUG 6
5 - 9 PM
Flagler Avenue, NSB

Shrimp and Seafood Festival

Flagler Avenue will be closed to vehicle traffic during the event so you can try the best restaurants in New Smyrna and its surrounding areas serving up sample-sized portions of their award-winning seafood dishes all priced between \$5-\$8!



8 SAT AUG 8
5 - 9 PM
Cassene Park, Ormond Beach

Back to '96 Block Party

Celebrate 30 years of Ormond Main Street with a free, '90s-themed community block party featuring live music, local food, street art, games, and nostalgic fun. Join the celebration honoring the people, businesses, and spirit that have shaped Historic Ormond Beach.



1 TUE SEP 1
10 AM - 2 PM
Parktown Industrial Park, Edgewater
504 Pullman Rd

Tea Treat and Tour with Rise Yaupon

Come learn about the oldest tea in the world - yaupon holly. Get a **FREE** cup of tea, tour of the tea production facility and savor a special treat from a local bakery. Call (386) 222-2795 for questions!



19 SAT SEP 19
8 - 11 AM
Throughout Volusia County

International Coastal Cleanup

Register **NOW** to make a difference and keep our waterways clean @ 20 sites. Find locations at Volusia.org/Cleanups



6, 13 AUG 6 & 13
Every THU @ 6:30 PM
Riverside Park, NSB

NSB Summer Concert Series

FREE weekly concerts featuring local artists. Bring a chair or blanket.
Aug 6: Adam's Edge (R&B)
Aug 13: Daniel "Saxman" Fuqua (R&B/Standards)
All concerts outdoors from 6:30 - 7:45 PM.



8-9 AUG 8 - 9
SAT - SUN
Manatee Island, Daytona Beach

Reggae on the Rock

FREE admission for this two-day Reggae music festival, featuring an eclectic mix of reggae styles with over 20 diverse acts performing across three stages. The event will showcase a blend of national touring artists, reggae legends, and beloved Florida favorites, including bands, DJs, and up-and-coming solo artists. Lineup and details at ReggaeAtTheRock.com - limited VIP tickets available!



2 WED SEP 2
5 - 9 PM
Tanger Outlets, Daytona Beach

Tanger Outlets Night Market

An exciting community market offering specialty foods, handmade crafts, a rotating lineup of food trucks, and live music with Rachel Harness. Accepting vendors! We're accepting specialty food items and handmade crafters. For vendor information, email info@touchofmagicevents.com.



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UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

FALL 2026



FRIDAY OCT 16
5:30 PM

SPOOKY OOKY ESTUARY

Join MDC for a fun and creepy Halloween event, including a trick or treat trail, a super scary trail, crafts and games, and partner organizations giving out treats and getting in on the fun!



SATURDAY NOV 7
5:30 PM

TIDE TO TABLE

Savor a sustainably sourced, chef-inspired menu paired with wine, entertainment, and a silent auction during this special sustainably forward event - featuring Third Wave Cafe & Wine Bar Executive Chef David Moscoco.



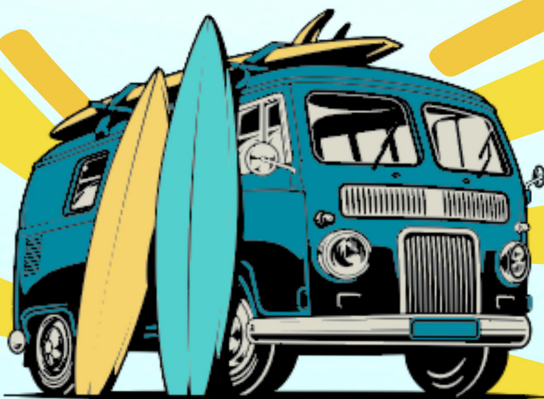
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WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

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- 02 SEAN HOLCOMB 4:30
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- 05 BERNIE BOEHM
- 06 YACHT ROCK
- 07 FIREWATER TENT REVIVAL
- 08 MADAM 8
- 11 HEAVY POCKET
- 12 BERNIE BOEHM
- 13 ESH AND SCHIEF
- 14 STEREO FM
- 15 MEGAN GUNN & THE PISTOLEROS
- 16 MEAGAN GUNN & THE PISTOLEROS 4PM
- 18 HEAVY POCKET
- 19 YACHT ROCK
- 20 TRL LIVE W/ SWITCH
- 21 THE CLICK
- 22 PAPA WHEELIE
- 23 OAK HILL DRIFTERS 5PM
- 25 HEAVY POCKET
- 26 ESH AND SCHIEF
- 27 FIREWATER TENT REVIVAL TRIO
- 28 TRAE PIERCE AND THE T'STONES - 9PM
- 29 THE CLICK
- 30 SEAN HOLCOMB 4:30

ALL SHOWS

Music Starts at 8:30pm,
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The Butter *Forecast*

The Dreamiest Shade of Summer |

Butter me up in the dreamiest shade of yellow. Think creamy custard: soft, rich and somehow the perfect summer neutral. It feels sunny without being too bright and looks especially gorgeous against sun-kissed skin. From breezy dresses and linen sets to handbags, sandals and statement accessories, this buttery hue is an easy way to freshen up your Florida summer wardrobe.

I've never been a yellow kind of girl, but this shade? Consider me converted.

While summer has us all melting like butter, we might as well look good doing it. Choose lightweight fabrics, relaxed silhouettes and pieces that can take you from a waterfront lunch to an evening stroll without missing a beat.

Let's talk texture for a second. Fringe, tassels, movement. They're having a major moment, and honestly, I'm here for all of it. A little fringe on a handbag, a tassel earring or a flowy hemline adds just the right amount of personality and movement to any outfit.

And can we all take a second to thank whoever decided oversized statement sunnies were making a comeback? Because I am absolutely not complaining.

Finish the look with woven accessories, natural textures and a touch of gold. Keep it light, effortless and just a little dramatic. Happy styling, my fashionistas.

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Florida *or Bust*

How Kennedy Space Center Changed My Daughter's Life

When Avery was around four, we took her on her first trip to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Merritt Island. Scott and I had visited before she was born, and it remains a family favorite.

Avery was buzzing with excitement, but grew very quiet as we walked through the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame. As we moved through the portraits in chronological order, she slowly began spotting more female faces. Somewhere around the astronauts of the 1980s and 1990s, she stopped dead in her tracks.

"Wait a second. Girls can be astronauts, too?!" A whole new universe of opportunity was at her fingertips. We realized that despite continued efforts to promote STEM careers and interests to girls in more recent years, there's still a lack of representation, making some jobs seem like "boy jobs" to the most impressionable young minds.

We spent the rest of that day exploring the possibilities of future space travel and the triumphs and tragedies of the United States space program. Since then, that trip has made an incredible and lasting impression on Avery. It has quite literally changed the trajectory of her life.

This summer, now that she is eight and tells anyone who will listen that she plans to become the first "President Astronaut in Space," and a pop star in her downtime, we were eager to bring her back.

Admission includes the Astronaut Encounter, offered twice daily, where guests can hear a real astronaut speak about their careers and experiences and ask questions. I found the summer speaker schedule, researched the women on the list, and chose the day Susan Kilrain would be speaking.

Susan is an aerospace engineer and Navy test pilot with more than 3,000 flight hours. She is also one of only three women to pilot the Space Shuttle and was the youngest pilot to do so. After retiring from NASA, she wrote "An Unlikely Astronaut," a children's book about succeeding as a woman in a field long dominated by men.

We ordered the book and spent the next month reading it at bedtime, along with stories about other inspiring women like Sally Ride. Avery was delighted to find similarities between herself and Susan, including an early love for math.



The Rocket Garden places visitors face-to-face with retired rockets that helped shape America's earliest space missions. Nearby, exhibits featuring today's technology and plans for future exploration show just how far the space program has come and where it may go next.

Then we surprised Avery with a trip to Kennedy Space Center and the chance to meet the woman she had been admiring. She sat on the edge of her seat as Susan spoke, peppered her with questions about math and space, and had her cherished copy of "An Unlikely Astronaut" signed.



I cannot put into words how my heart exploded as Avery realized Susan was just a few feet away on stage. Watching her take it all in was a moment I will never forget. She's still repeating stories from Susan's speech, and the book is displayed proudly in her space-themed bedroom.

Of course, meeting an astronaut is only one part of what makes Kennedy Space Center worth the trip. Bus tours take visitors beyond the main complex to former launch sites, while exhibits explore the

Apollo missions, the Space Shuttle program, and the future of space travel to Mars and beyond. There is also an IMAX theater, and kids can burn off energy in a multi-story playground where they bounce between the planets. We tackled hands-on experiments, took a trip into deep space, experienced a simulated shuttle launch, and played a virtual reality game blasting moon rocks.

After four visits, we still have not seen and done it all.

After more than a decade of exploring Florida each month, I am often asked about my favorite places. When I mention Kennedy Space Center, I hear the same questions: "Is there really that much to do? Is it worth it?"

My answer is always a resounding YES! It belongs near the top of every Floridian's must-see list, especially for children eager to learn and explore. You never know what passion one visit might ignite.

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The Walters Family loves adventure and exploring Florida together. Kelsey Walters, CFO and co-owner of East Coast Current, is a professional photojournalist specializing in travel and documentary photography. Her husband, Scott, originally from Connecticut, has lived in Florida since age 11. Their 8-year-old daughter, Avery, enjoys joining their monthly adventures and playing with the family's dogs, Kodi, Bluey, and BamBam.

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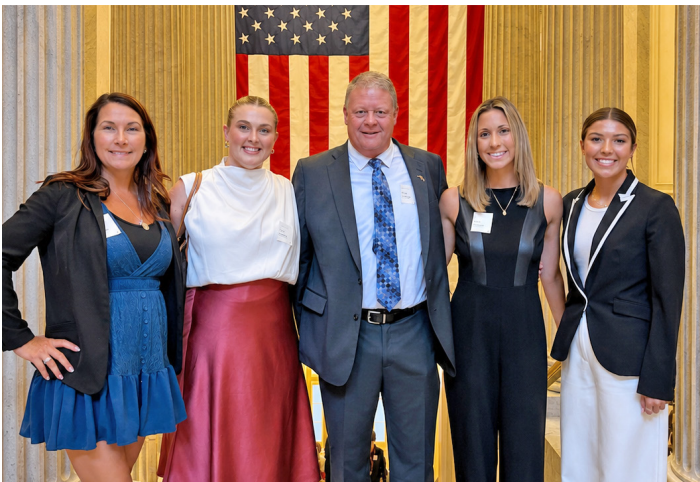
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REALTOR® Advocacy Delivers a Win for Volusia County Homeowners



REALTORS® do more than help people buy and sell homes. They advocate for private property rights, practical housing solutions, and policies that strengthen the communities where they live and work.

That advocacy recently helped deliver an important win for Volusia County homeowners. Ordinance 2026-07 changes how county impact fees are calculated for accessory dwelling units, commonly known as ADUs. Rather than automatically treating an ADU as a separate residence for fee purposes, the county will now consider it an expansion of the primary home.



The potential savings are significant. For example, a homeowner with a 1,500-square-foot home adding a 300-square-foot ADU would pay approximately \$468.11 in county impact fees instead of \$9,847.96. In another example, a 1,750-square-foot home adding a 450-square-foot ADU would owe no additional county impact fees because the completed property remains within the existing fee tier.

These savings can make it more realistic for homeowners to create flexible living space for aging parents, adult children, caregivers, or renters. ADUs can also expand housing opportunities within established neighborhoods without requiring large-scale development.

NSBBOR members supported this effort because unnecessary fees can limit how property owners use and improve their homes. By engaging with local leaders and advocating for a fairer approach, REALTORS® helped protect private property rights while supporting attainable and responsible housing solutions.



NSBBOR also plans to work with municipalities throughout Southeast Volusia on similar initiatives that reduce barriers, increase affordable and attainable housing opportunities, and support responsible community growth.

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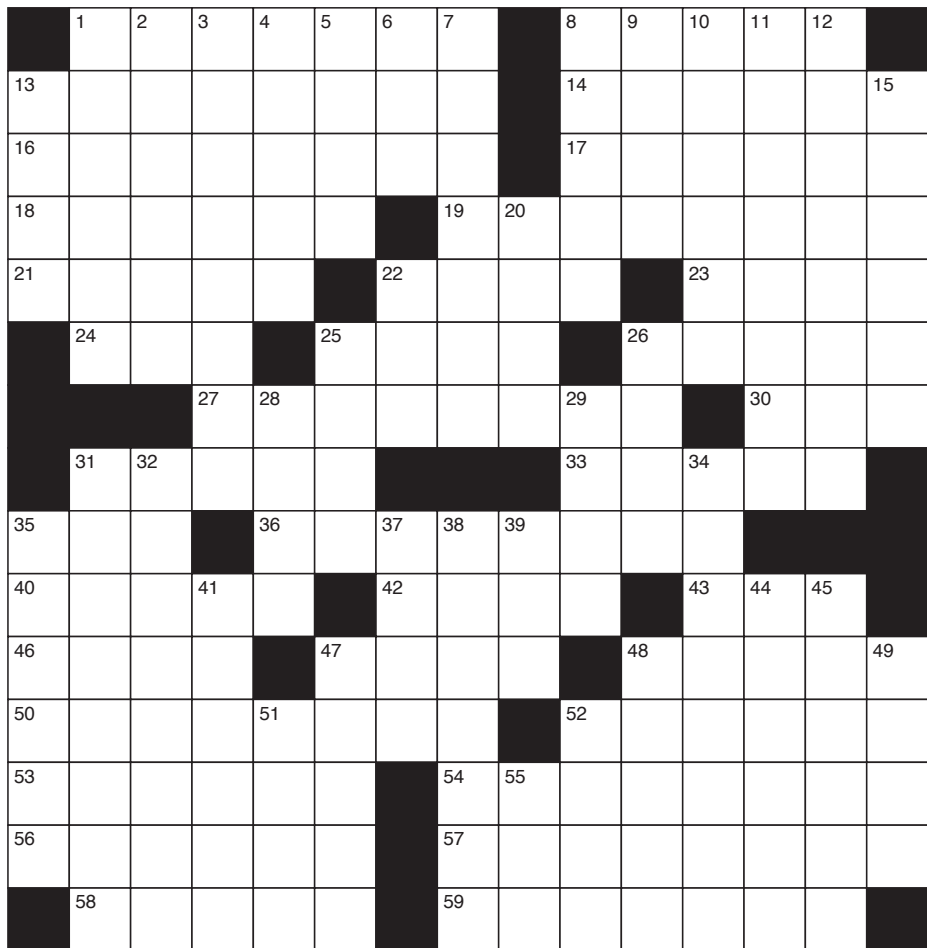
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Across

1. Explorer Hedin
5. Slowly, to Schumann
10. And others, for short
14. Biblical place of exile
15. Imitative skill
16. Wind instrument
17. Hilarious
19. Our planet, to a Berliner
20. Odious
21. Nay sayers
22. Dart stabilizers
26. Military muddle
30. Nonplus
34. Domesticates
35. ____ City (historic Tampa area)
36. Pt. of a poem
37. Kind of baron
39. Take over
42. East Ender's residence
43. Coll. in La Jolla
47. Islamic equivalent of kosher
48. 1946 John Hersey book
51. Milan's home
52. Half of a Russian composer
54. Robert Fulton's power
57. Pizza seasoning
62. Anthem beginning
63. Very tidy
66. Wash
67. Hearing-related
68. Casino cubes
69. "I'm not giving you ____ cent!"
70. Lock of hair
71. Fifth Avenue retailer



Down

1. "Be quiet!"
2. Go, to Gilberto
3. While starter
4. Hoops great Archibald
5. Lash in the west
6. Razor alternative
7. IBM competitor
8. Melodic syllable
9. Skinny Olive
10. Yet
11. Tangy
12. "The King ____"
13. Remains
18. Emanate
21. Kennel call
23. Rubber ducky's place
24. Gp. for GPs
25. Spain's longest river
26. Big name in brewing
27. Model Campbell
28. Fossil resin
29. Short mo.
31. Throat projection
32. Everest is on its border
33. In a humorously sarcastic manner
38. German industrial area
40. Leek cousins
41. Lynx
44. USSR's successor
45. Tiny, in Scottish dialect
46. Certain Dodges
49. Gave the nod to
50. Ken. neighbor
53. Tough tests
54. Fa-ti connectors
55. Russian despot
56. Gutter location
58. Meanders
59. Samoa's capital
60. Nolte of "Lorenzo's Oil"
61. Till stack
63. Natalie's dad
64. Iberia's cont.
65. "All bets ____ off"

JULY 2026 ANSWERS



Find the answers to this crossword puzzle in next month's issue.

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West Volusia

The Chaos Behind the Pine: Inside the Bartender Brawl at the DeLand Hotel

The hospitality trade is built on a foundation of breakneck paces, bruising hours, and notoriously short tempers. It is a punishing, thrilling way to make a living, but at the Bartender Brawl this past month at DeLand Cocktail Company within The DeLand Hotel, the narrative shifted. While the pace was absolutely electric, those famous tempers were checked entirely at the door.

Hosted by the United States Bartenders Guild - or USBG, a nationwide community of hospitality professionals dedicated to advancing the trade - the Bar Brawl acts as a high stakes, head-to-head mixology tournament where the region's sharpest talent steps out of their comfort zone to prove who truly rules the night.

Stepping into the historic, amber lit warmth of the hotel, attendees felt the usual exhaustion completely wash away in the energy of the room. This was a gathering of artists representing restaurants, hotels, and bars across Central Florida. They were all on a first name basis, ready to dive into a fierce clash of pure artistry in the heart of West Volusia.

These competitors came armed with polished jiggers, obscure ingredients, and a formidable backbar, hoping any one of those elements might give them the upper hand. The evening carried the distinct swagger of a vintage prizefight, complete with a cocktail menu circulating the room that read exactly like a heavyweight fight card. The true test of their mettle, however, was reserved for the final showdown.

The competition kicked off with a brutal first round challenge, forcing competitors to build a cocktail around local Sugar Works Distillery Coconut Rum and a wildly unpredictable secret ingredient chosen entirely by a spin of the roulette wheel. Far beyond standard simple syrups or fresh berries, these bartenders had to instantly balance the sweet rum with wild curveballs ranging from mirin and apple cider vinegar to chicken bone broth, fig chili spread, and even Spam.

With a thousand dollars in cold cash on the line, these veterans of the late night threw down round after round, trading blows with complex flavor profiles, daring garnishes, and lightning fast pours.

The bracket tightened as the night deepened, with the crowd cheering on the remaining competitors through every grueling challenge until an ultimate winner was crowned. When the final bell rang over those last chaotic creations, the fierce rivalry dissolved into loud laughter and clinking glasses. It hardly mattered whose hand was ultimately raised. What remained was a masterclass in liquid storytelling, a spectacular celebration of local talent, and a poignant reminder that at the end of the day, the absolute best drinks are always served with a heavy side of mutual respect.

For more information, visit the West Volusia Visitor Center at 116 W. New York Avenue in DeLand. (386) 734-0162 | VisitWestVolusia.com



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The USBG hosts events across Central Florida regularly, with two of its flagship competitions, the Bar Brawl and the US Cocktail Championship Regionals, taking place within The DeLand Hotel each year. Follow Visit West Volusia for updates on upcoming events in the area.

Crumby Kitchen

Bacon-Wrapped Summer BBQ Hot Dogs

These loaded hot dogs bring together smoky bacon, sweet barbecue beans and cool, creamy coleslaw for the ultimate summer cookout meal.

Total Time: 30 Minutes | Servings: 8

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large bowl, combine the shredded cabbage and Marie's Coleslaw Dressing. Stir until evenly coated, then refrigerate while preparing the hot dogs.

Preheat the grill to medium heat. Wrap one slice of bacon around each hot dog and secure the ends with toothpicks.

Grill for 10 to 12 minutes, turning frequently, until the bacon is crisp and the hot dogs are heated through. Brush with half of the barbecue sauce during the final few minutes of cooking.

Meanwhile, warm the baked beans in a saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir in the remaining barbecue sauce. Lightly toast the buns on the grill. Place one bacon-wrapped hot dog in each bun.

Spoon the barbecue beans over the hot dogs, top with the prepared coleslaw and add fresh jalapeño slices, if desired. Serve immediately.

Tip: For crispier bacon, partially cook the bacon for 2 to 3 minutes before wrapping it around the hot dogs, then secure it with toothpicks and finish cooking on the grill.

NUTRITION

Calories: 580kcal | Carbohydrates: 49g | Protein: 17g | Fat: 34g | Saturated Fat: 11g | Cholesterol: 50mg | Sodium: 1450mg | Potassium: 420mg | Fiber: 3g | Sugar: 18g | Vitamin A: 180IU | Vitamin C: 12mg | Calcium: 110mg | Iron: 3mg



INGREDIENTS

- 8 hot dogs
- 8 slices bacon
- 8 hot dog buns
- 2 cups prepared baked beans
- 2/3 cup barbecue sauce, divided
- 4 cups shredded cabbage
- 1 cup Marie's Coleslaw Dressing, or enough to coat
- Freshly sliced jalapeños, optional
- Toothpicks, as needed



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Millennial foodies Erica and Abe are the creative duo behind The Crumby Kitchen. Known for their easy, unique, and delicious recipe ideas, they love sharing their culinary adventures with fellow food enthusiasts. Find more recipes and inspiration at thecrumbykitchen.com.

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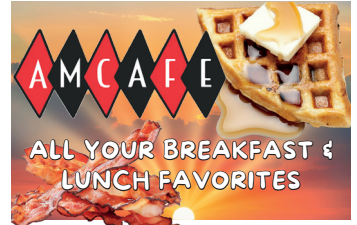

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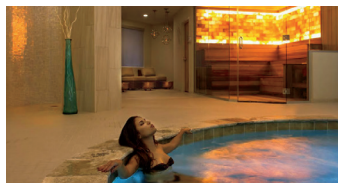
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The Boat Coach

What's in a Name?

In the famous balcony scene in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," Juliet muses, "That which we call a rose / By any other name would smell as sweet." She argues that a name is arbitrary and superficial. Juliet proved to be fatally wrong when it came to the feuding Capulets and Montagues.

When it comes to naming boats, most owners put a lot of thought and meaning into the name, which often reveals something about them. Some humorously address the high cost of boating with names such as Goin' Broke or N2Deep. My father-in-law named all of his yachts Migraine because he alleged that owning a boat always leads to headaches.

Some names are suggestive, such as Nauti Buoy. Most of those are owned by single men. Many names reveal something about the owner's occupation. Butt Doctor may belong to a proctologist, Royal Flush to a plumber and Crime Pays to a bail bondsman. Wine and Crime may belong to a couple in which she is a wine broker and he is a police officer.

Fishermen can come up with very creative names for their boats. Fish & Chicks, Reel Obsession, Abaco Office, Wave Paver, Job Site and Castaway are some I have seen recently on the water.

When my son and his buddy found an old aluminum jon boat for sale, they bought it together, added a 1960 Evinrude 9-horsepower outboard and named it Friendship. They plied the mangroves, fishing for redfish, snook and sea trout, for years in that boat.

My first boat as an adult was a 40-foot Fuji sailboat. It was a heavily built, bluewater, cutter-rigged ketch already named No Tan Lines. The owner explained that he entered the boat in local regattas with an all-female crew. Because it was a bluewater boat, it was not particularly suited for racing. To get the competition to slow down, the women would not wear any clothes, thus the name No Tan Lines.

When I took delivery of the boat in Fort Lauderdale, I had a male friend come with me. We had to call dozens of drawbridges, and each time we had to give the name of the vessel. Out of curiosity, the bridge tender would, of course, come out to see whether the implied name was factual.



A boat's name is more than just lettering on the hull. For many owners, it reflects a memory, a passion, a profession or a sense of humor.



By the time we reached Port Canaveral, I had gathered the proper documentation and learned the ritual for changing the boat's name without invoking the wrath of Poseidon or Neptune. My Scottish grandmother, Grace McGregor, had recently died at 98. I was very close to her, so I wanted to name the boat after her without choosing something overly sentimental that would invite questions.

The traditionally rigged boat was beautiful, with a blue hull and teak and brass brightwork, so I named her Celtic Grace. "It was a fittingly beautiful name with deep meaning for me.

Our present boat, a 23-foot center console, is named PFD. Most people assume it means "personal flotation device," as we intended. However, it actually stands for "Present for Father's Day." I must say, it was a great gift.

When you are on the water or in a marina and see the name of a boat, try to figure out why the owner chose it. Sometimes it is easy, such as She Got the House or Reel Time, while others are more esoteric, such as XTA Sea or Almost There.

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After this past winter and the extreme cold weather the population seems to be thriving with much bigger snook creeping into the backwaters.

These territorial species seem to like anything you throw at them! My preference is white Henn lures and my favorite is the Shrinnow.

As we dive deeper into the summer season things will remain the same with an abundant amount of bait, lower tides and hot temperatures.

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