

Happy December! And welcome to The Beach Club's *News You Can Use*

Thanks to everyone who has already sent in their Proxy votes for the Annual Meeting! The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, December 1st in the game room at The Beach Club.

Reminders - Statements including the 2019 Annual Assessments will be mailed out around December 10th. Please look for your statement in the mail and return it with your payment as soon as possible. If you find that you cannot pay the fees in full, please contact the resort to set up a payment plan. Please do not wait until the fees are delinquent and incurring late fees and interest to set up a plan. Contact the resort today! Also, please include your 2019 reservation request if you have not already secured a week for next year.

It's not social media unless it's social and we can't do it without you, so be sure to visit, "like" and "share" on our facebook page, www.facebook.com/StAugustineTheBeachClub/. If you had a really great meal at a restaurant or experience at an attraction, did something fun and exciting or visited some place really cool and interesting while visiting The Beach Club, please share it so other owners can also experience it.

Lastly, don't forget we have some really great prices on resales. If you've been considering adding another week, now is a great time; they also make really great Christmas gifts. Give Rhonda a call at (904) 471-2626 or shoot her an email at Rhonda@VacationFLA.com.

Board Meeting - The next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 1st at 1:00pm and March 2nd at 9:30am in the game room at The Beach Club.

Reservations – Reservations are open for both seasons for 2019. All requests must be made in writing (or email) and include payment of the 2019 fees before a reservation can be secured.

Office Hours - Standard office hours for conducting business, are 9am-5pm daily, Monday thru Saturday. Our offices and lobby will be **closed** Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Our lobby will also close early, at 5pm, on December 24th and 31st.

Project Updates:

The grill utensils for each unit have been received and we are in the process of getting them into each unit. We have also just received the new knives and will be getting them into each unit very soon. The new living room art work is due to be installed by the end of the year.

We are still gathering additional information and pricing on potential dune walkover replacement material options to help decide which material will work best for us.

We are also still exploring plumbing replacement options and trying to secure additional bids. Work is anticipated to begin around the end of 2019.

We've made some changes in our internet access and are increasing the bandwidth but will continue to monitor to see if an equipment change is also needed.

As scheduled earlier this year, Phase I is still on track to have the patio and walkway floors refinished in January 2019. The fourth floor walkway in Phase II will also be completed during this time.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

Saturday, December 1st enjoy the **Colonial Night Watch** from 9am-8pm. This popular annual event recreates historic Night Watches in garrison towns, where any citizen still on the streets after the city gates were locked, were required to carry a light so they could be seen. This day long event begins at the Castillo de San Marcos with a flag raising ceremony. It then continues in the Colonial Quarter with reenactors portraying events of colonial St. Augustine including military drills and cannon and musket firings, music and dance at the Castillo and the Colonial Quarter. It culminates in a torch light parade beginning from the Castillo at 7:00 p.m. to the Government House. This will be followed by a "Volley of Joy" by soldiers and militia, and singing of Christmas carols to ring in the Holiday Season.

Sunday, December 2nd enjoy the 49th Annual **Christmas Tour of Homes**, presented by the Garden Club of St. Augustine, takes visitors inside seven private homes in the nation's oldest city. This walking tour gives participants a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see these beautiful, decorated homes dating from the 1800s. Guests may tour the homes at their own pace from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Visitors can also enjoy Afternoon Tea and a visit to the Garden Club's "Unique Boutique," which offers delicious treats and many hand-made items created by the Club's members at the River House (179 Marine St) from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. Old Town Trolley Tours offers complimentary transportation from the Downtown Parking Facility to the landmarks featured on the

tour as well as to the Afternoon Tea and Boutique at River House and then back to the Parking Facility. \$30 per person. Reservations are required, and the tour usually sells out early, so advance purchase is strongly recommended. (904) 686-9320.

Every **Wednesday** enjoy the **Farmer's Market** at the St. Augustine Beach pier at 350 A1A from 7:30am-12:30pm. There's also a night market on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of each month from 6-9pm.

Wednesday, December 5 experience **Luminary Night** at the St. Augustine Lighthouse. The Lighthouse grounds will open for an evening celebration that will delight both young and old. The event takes place from 6 - 9 p.m. at 100 Red Cox Road.

Friday, December 7th enjoy the **1st Friday Art Walk** from 5-9pm at the downtown galleries. Washington Oaks park also does a **Garden Walk** at 10am and there is a free **organ recital** at the Cathedral Basilica in downtown St. Augustine on the first Friday of every month.

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday enjoy **cannon firing** at the Castillo de San Marcos at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30.

November 30 to December 23 the **Limelight Theatre** presents *Foxfire*, a revived Broadway classic that originally starred Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$26. 11 Old Mission Drive.

Saturday, December 8 the 8th Annual **Firefighter Chili Cookoff** will be held at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre beginning at 2pm Admission is free, and chili sample tickets are available for a small fee. Proceeds will go towards K9s for Warriors. There will be plenty of activities for the whole family at the event, including fire extinguisher and jaws of life demonstrations, as well as live fire simulations with fire engines, ladders, and ambulances on site.

The annual **Regatta of Lights** also takes place on the 8th with an amazing variety of vessels showing off their brilliant lighting displays as they parade along Matanzas Bay starting at 6pm.

The **2nd & 4th Saturday** of the month, the Guana Tolomato Matanzas hosts Family Seining from 9-11am, where families can learn to cast a sein net to collect various fish and crab species. Free, with \$3 per vehicle parking fee. Please call (904) 823-4500 to reserve a spot.

The **2nd Saturday** of each month Washington Oaks Park has a plant sale from 10am-2pm

On Thursday and Friday, December 13 and 14, SJC Parks Department is partnering with Ancient City Astronomy Club to host an educational evening under the stars at Frank B. Butler Park East at 5860 A1A South from 8 - 10p.m. Attendees will be able to view the Geminids meteor shower while learning all about the night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be provided for viewing the moon, planets, and other objects. Free, but space is limited so please pre-register.

On the **Third Saturday** of the month, the Tolomato Cemetery offers free guided tours from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 16 Cordova St. Located on the site of an early 18th-century Franciscan Indian mission to the native Guale people, this cemetery dates back to St. Augustine's early history.

Tuesday, December 18th GTM Research Reserve, in partnership with Marineland Dolphin Adventure, invites the public to a **free lecture** on marine and estuarine environment, ranging from wildlife and conservation to mangroves and other coastal ecosystems. Space is limited, so reservations are suggested. 9600 Ocean Shore Blvd.

Saturday, December 29th enjoy **Uptown Saturday Night** along San Marco Ave when art galleries, antique stores, and unique shops between Ripley's Museum and the Mission Nombre de Dios remain open to showcase their products and serve delicious refreshments. There's live music, artists, special showings, and much more at this Free popular event from 5-9 p.m.

Monday, December 31st enjoy St. Augustine's most popular New Year's celebration, the **Beach Blast Off** at St. Augustine Beach Pier Park from 4-10pm with live music, food and drinks, a kids' zone, and a spectacular fireworks show at 8:30pm. 350 A1A Beach Blvd.

Nights of Lights – Runs through February 3rd when St. Augustine glows with holiday magic - from the ground to the rooftops. Selected by National Geographic in 2011 and 2012 as one of the 10 best holiday lighting displays in the world, St. Augustine's Night of Lights features millions of tiny white lights that create a magical atmosphere in the nation's oldest city. There is a free park and ride shuttle on weekends and lots and lots of guided tours, from the sea to the sky. Check out www.visitstaugustine.com/event/nights-of-lights for more Nights of Lights unique events.

And don't forget about the great concerts and events going on in December at the **St. Augustine Ampitheatre and Ponte Vedra Concert Hall**. Check out their schedule at <https://www.staugamphitheatre.com/>.

For more information on these and other great events going on in and around St. Augustine and the St. Augustine area, visit: www.floridashistoriccoast.com/events-festivals or www.augustine.com and click on events.