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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Information for seniors

Senior Life & Education Day at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach will be held Friday to provide resources and information for seniors about health, lifestyle, financial and legal options as well as specialty services. The free event will feature health screenings and complimentary consultations and resource information from local health care practices, businesses and professionals who specialize in the senior market. The event will be held at 110 Championship Way in Ponte Vedra Beach from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For information or to RSVP, call (904) 491-2166.

### Social Security seminars

Free social security seminars will be held Thursday and Saturday to cover how a new federal budget act could impact Social Security rules. Individuals and couples between the ages of 55-67 will learn how Social Security works now and how it will work in the future. The free workshop will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 11 a.m. at the University of North Florida's Adam W. Herbert University Center, 12000 Alumni Drive. Call (904) 834-3544 to make a reservation.

### Garden Club talks

On Thursday, the Ribault Garden Club is hosting a talk on water conservation at 10 a.m. by Deirdre Irwin, water conservation coordinator. On Monday at 10 a.m. the club will host a talk by Bill McCollum on turtles. Both events are at the Ribault Garden Club, 705 Second Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach. For more information, visit [www.ribaultgardenclub.org](http://www.ribaultgardenclub.org) or call (904) 246-4641.

### Beach festival

Surfers for Autism is hosting its seventh annual North Coast Beach Festival on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hampton Inn, 1515 First St. N. in Jacksonville Beach. Participants must have autism or a related developmental delay with an IEP or equivalent and be at least 4-years-old. Volunteers are welcome and do not need to know how to surf but must be ready to spend the day in the water assisting the participants and be at least 10 years old. To register, visit [www.surfersforautism.org](http://www.surfersforautism.org).

### Become a tax volunteer

AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, is seeking volunteers to help elderly and lower-income Jacksonville-area taxpayers prepare and file their tax returns.

Volunteers do not need to be experienced tax return preparers, AARP members or retirees. Training is provided to all volunteers ahead of the tax season, which runs from Feb. 1 to April 15.

This year, there is an especially urgent need for people to help with software installation and network set-up in Tax-Aide work sites. Along with people who are experienced computer users, the Tax-Aide team also welcomes volunteers who greet and screen taxpayer clients.

For more information on joining the AARP Tax-Aide team, visit their website at [www.AARP.org/taxaide](http://www.AARP.org/taxaide).

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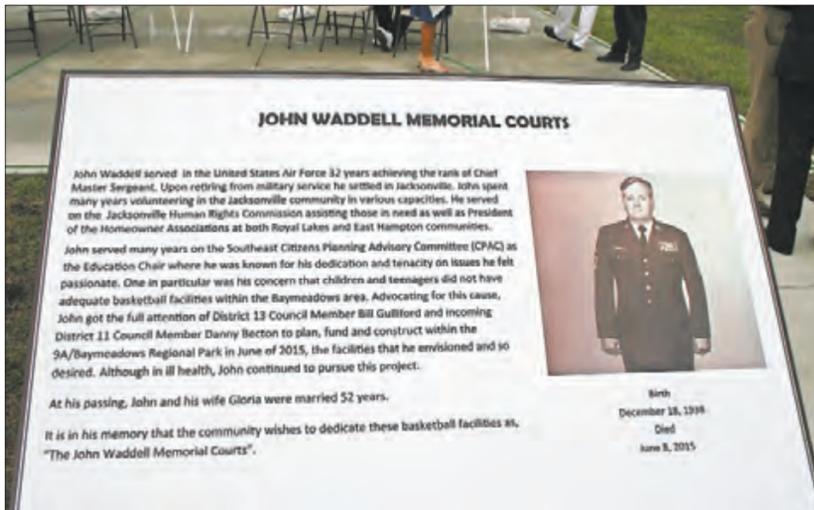
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# A long road marked by unexpected journeys



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You think you can't or won't do something and that is the very thing you end up doing. Isn't that how life goes? Probably since the beginning of time, someone said out loud, "Never say never."

That expression is recorded as far back as 1837 in Charles Dickens's "Pickwick Papers" and was a favorite reminder

from a local's dad in his formative years, as in, "Never give up, never say never, nothing is impossible, and anything can happen."

Fernandina Beach resident Jon Moseley grew up in Brunswick, Ga., the proclaimed "shrimp capital of the world," and enjoyed all the things boys love to do living in a coastal town, from baseball to fishing, with older brother Lanny. Dad, Foy, was an exceptional role model, having been a respected and well-liked police officer for 40 years, and was fondly given the

nickname "Motorcycle Pete" by residents as the area's first motorcycle cop.

Back in the '60s and '70s, a police officer didn't make a whole lot (not that they make a lot now), so the two boys were told early on that within two weeks of graduating from high school, they would be on their own and needed to start making plans.

Moseley was talking with three other friends who were basically in the same situation, when his friends decided to look into joining the Navy and

asked Moseley to join them at the local post office where the recruiters were located. "I knew I wasn't going to win any sports scholarships, didn't want to follow my father in law enforcement or my uncle at the paper mill, and I had no desire to join the Navy either, but I had some general questions about the military and decided to tag along," said Moseley.

As his friends were looking over the Navy paperwork, he talked with the recruiter, but when the recruiter asked if he was going to sign up with the

Navy and Moseley said no, the recruiter wouldn't answer his questions and made him sit in the hallway. The Navy recruiter's rudeness ended up being the best thing that could have happened to him. A guy motioned to him to come over, walked around the counter, and started showing Moseley pictures he just had developed of his life stationed in Carol City, Fla.

That man was an Army radar tech for nuclear missiles who happened to be visiting family and

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## World Golf Village Golf Festival

The third annual World Golf Village Golf Festival runs from Sept. 23-25 with the main day on Sept. 24 at the World Golf Hall of Fame. The event features golf clinics, free family golf, contests, putting tournaments and children's activities. It kicks off with a tournament on Sept. 23 and ends with an Adult-Junior golf tournament on Sept. 25 at the Slammer & Squire, 2 World Golf Pl., St. Augustine. For more information, visit [www.worldgolfvillage.com/golf-festival-2](http://www.worldgolfvillage.com/golf-festival-2).



## Widespread Panic to perform at St. Augustine Amphitheater

Widespread Panic, a nearly 30-year-old Athens, Georgia-based southern guitar blues band, is performing on Sept. 23-24 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Shows start at 7 p.m. both days and tickets start at \$49.50. Both concert events are participating in the Feeding People Through Music Food Drive and will accept non-perishable food items and cash donations.

## Rustapalooza at the Fairgrounds

Jacksonville's own, Rustapalooza, returns Sept. 24 to the Jacksonville Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall A and features 100 antique and vintage vendors. Parking is free and general admission from 10-5 p.m. is \$5. For more information, visit [www.rustapalooza.com](http://www.rustapalooza.com).

## Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Show

The 28th annual Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Show and Sale will take place Sept. 23-25 at the Morocco Temple, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd. S., Jacksonville. Nasa Moon Rocks, space shuttle tires, fossils, rocks, gems, minerals, beads and jewelry will be on display and for sale and jewelry making demonstrations will take place throughout the event. Tickets are \$4 a day or \$7 for all three days and can be purchased at the box office on the day of the event. For more information, visit [www.JaxGemAndMineral.org](http://www.JaxGemAndMineral.org).



## Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration in Fernandina Beach

The Amelia Island Museum of History and the Fiesta de Santa Maria present a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month on Sept. 23, 2016 beginning at 5:30pm at the museum, which is located at 233 S. 3rd St., Fernandina Beach. Cost is \$15 per person, which includes light appetizers provided by Lechonera El Coqui, Peppers, and Café Karibo and one signature drink. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History. For more information, call Phyllis at (904) 261-7378 ext. 101.

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## Real Estate Snapshot

## WEST JACKSONVILLE -- AUGUST 2016

Category	August 2015	August 2016	Change
New Listings	169	180	+ 6.5%
Closed Sales	136	164	+ 20.6%
Median Sales Price*	\$116,995	\$135,000	+ 15.4%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	94.4%	97.0%	+ 2.8%
Percent of Properties Sold Over List Price*	19.9%	23.2%	+ 16.6%
Days on Market Until Sale	67	66	- 1.5%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	500	340	- 32.0%
Months Supply of Inventory	3.8	2.3	- 39.5%

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NEXT WEEK'S NEIGHBORHOOD: Riverside, Avondale, Ortega.

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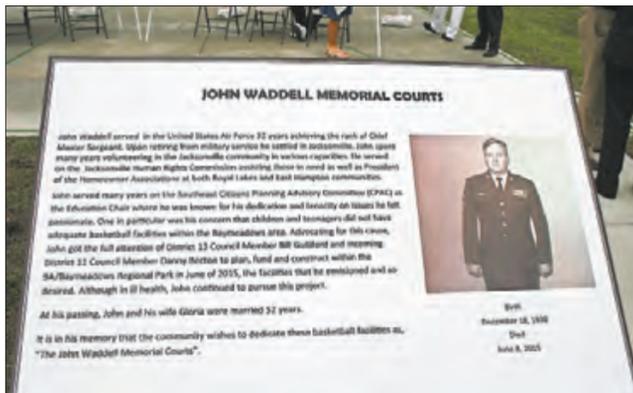
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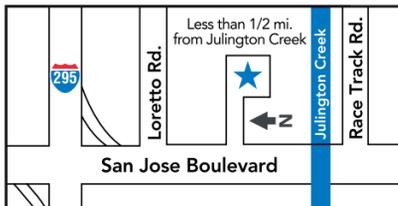


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