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Mandarin Museum & Historical Society has volunteer opportunities for all

By Paula Suhey
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"I like meeting the people who come into the museum," said lifelong Mandarin resident and Mandarin Museum volunteer, Anne Morrow, who greets visitors the first Saturday of each month. "It's interesting to learn where visitors came from and why they moved to Jacksonville and how they like it."



Photo courtesy Sandy Arpen
Volunteer Gabriele Dempsey in the Mandarin Museum Gift Shop.

Morrow is just one example of a great team of volunteers at Mandarin Museum — people who have found that the museum is a place to share a sense of community and connection with our history.

"Being a volunteer not only provides a path of personal enrichment but more importantly, contributes to the preservation of our past and advancing our human experience," said Janet Shaffer, a volunteer since 2008.

Open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., the Mandarin Museum offers

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Gleaning is the act of collecting leftover crops from farmers' fields after they have been commercially harvested. The Society of St.

Andrew is a national non-profit founded in 1979 that takes this biblical principle to heart and mobilizes volunteers to dig up or pick the good vegetables or fruit remaining after harvest and then share it with nearby feeding agencies.

For the past four years, Larry Rood has been the Society of St. Andrew coordinator for the northeast Florida region, which goes from the Florida state line south to Crescent City and from Gainesville east to the beach. While southern St. Johns County is home to the majority of farms in his region, he said there are two small farms in the Jacksonville area, including one run by the Clara White mission in Ponte Vedra Beach, where volunteers are needed to plant, weed and harvest. Even individuals with citrus trees may contact Rood to schedule a gleaning.

"We always need volunteers," Rood said.

In addition to citrus gleaning, which requires volunteers to pick fruit from trees, bag it and then take it to a distribution center, volunteers are also called upon to harvest

cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli. Rood said these crops are more labor intensive and require volunteers to bend while cutting the produce, and then throw the produce into a wagon. He estimates that most gleanings take

Volunteers can sign up in a couple of different ways: visit the Society of St. Andrew website, www.endhunger.org or call Larry Rood at 904-738-1190

between 90 minutes and three hours and the peak time is December through the end of May.

Society of St. Andrew seeks volunteers passionate about stopping hunger

By Martie Thompson
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Photos courtesy Larry Rood
Students from Ridgeview High School Spanish Honor Society after a successful citrus gleaning in Mandarin.

"In addition to small individual farms, we also partner with the UF test field," Rood said. "We have a large cabbage gleaning scheduled there soon. All of the food gleaned is fit to eat and we take it to either the Mandarin Food Bank, Mandarin Presbyterian Church, St. Francis House in St. Augustine or Dining with Dignity in St. Augustine, among others."

Rood said the work is very fulfilling, but can be physically demanding and he is appreciative of all the volunteers. Some are individuals who feel called to help out, while others are church and high school groups in search of a noble group activity and community service hours.



A volunteer walks through a field of broccoli searching for vegetables suitable for gleaning.



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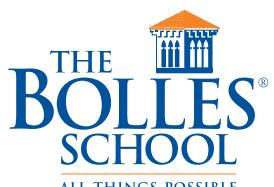
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Feb. 2**About Boating Safely class**

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Florida Tackle and Gun Club, 9010 San Jose Blvd.
www.safeboatingjax.com

Mandarin Republican Club breakfast meeting

10 a.m.
Golden Corral, 11470 San Jose Blvd.
Breakfast cost is discounted; all who attend must purchase breakfast. rmclean1@bellsouth.net

Bingo Night at St. Joseph's
Doors open 6:15 p.m.; Games start 7 p.m.
Cody Center, 4152 Loretto Road
Open to the community; (904) 742-8777

Feb. 3**Under the Oaks music jam**

2 p.m. – 4 p.m., weather permitting
Mandarin Museum, 11964 Mandarin Road
www.mandarinmuseum.net

Feb. 4
Southside Newcomers Club First Monday Coffee

10 a.m.
Mimi's Cafe in St Johns Town Center
sncmembership84@gmail.com

Feb. 5**Shuffleboard**

1:30 p.m. (repeating event on Tuesdays)
Mandarin Park, next to tennis courts at park entrance

Just show up unless it rains

Honeybee Quilt Guild

6:30 p.m.
Mandarin Presbyterian Church, 2501 Loretto Rd.
www.honeybeequilters.org (Repeats first Tuesday of each month)

Feb. 6**Playing HOOKie crochet, loom and knitters group**

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Whole Foods on San Jose Boulevard
paulab2097@gmail.com (repeating event on Wednesdays)

Feb. 7**Florida Bluebird Society presentation**

6:30 p.m.
Wild Birds Unlimited, 450 State Road 13 N
Free; RSVP: (904) 230-3242

Feb. 9**7th annual Florida STEM & Health Expo**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
River City Science Academy Gymnasium, 7605 Beach Blvd.
www.flstemexpo.com

Frog Painting

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mandarin Museum and Historical Society, 11964 Mandarin Road

Meet the Maple Leaf Divers

12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Mandarin Museum, 11964 Mandarin Road
www.mandarinmuseum.net

Daughters of American Revolution (DAR), Jacksonville Chapter

2 p.m.
South Mandarin Library
(904) 333-5222

Second Saturday Arts and Farmers Market

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.

Friends of the Mandarin Branch Library

2 p.m.
Mandarin Branch Library
(904) 262-5201

Free Tools to Quit Smoking class

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Mayo Clinic Primary Care, 7826 Ozark Drive
Call Northeast Florida AHEC, (904) 482-0189 to register

Toast of Jax Toastmasters meeting

7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Baha'i Community Center of Jacksonville, 5034 Greenland Road
www.toastofjax.com (Repeating event on Saturdays)

Feb. 11**Meninak meeting featuring Dr. Gary Josephson of Nemours**

around town

save the date!

March 1 - 2 - Spring \$1 Clothing Sale

March 1 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 2 - 9 a.m. to Noon
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road
www.mandaringardenclub.org

March 29 - 30 - Heart of Jacksonville African Violet Society, "Violets in Paradise"

Friday, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
San Jose Church of Christ, 6233 San Jose Blvd.
www.jacksonvilleviolets.org

March 30 - Kilwins Ice Cream Run

St. Johns Town Center
Proceeds benefit Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech, www.clarkeschools.org

12:15 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel, 1201 Riverplace Drive
RSVP cathy@meninak.org (repeating event on Mondays)

Feb. 13**Dementia Support for Caregivers**

3:30 p.m.
River Garden, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road
Repeating event on the second Wednesday of each month

"Three Secrets to Happy Relationships" presented by Mary Whitman Ortiz, MA, CLC, Relationship Coach

11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Ramada Inn, 3131 Hartley Road
Presented by First Coast Jacksonville Women's Connection, affiliated with Stonecroft
RSVP by Feb. 6: (916) 662-2263 or mihae.brown@gmail.com

Feb. 14**Book Club/Friends of the South Mandarin Library meeting**

1 p.m. / 2 p.m.
South Mandarin Branch Library, 12125 San Jose Blvd.
(904) 288-6385

Mandarin Council networking luncheon

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bonefish Grill, 10950 San Jose Blvd.
www.mandarinccouncil.org

Magnolia Circle, Mandarin Garden Club
10 a.m.
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road
(904) 707-5509; mandaringardenclub.org

American Legion Post 372 general assembly
6 p.m. meet and greet / 7 p.m. meeting
Mandarin/St. Johns Elks Lodge, 4280 Oldfield Crossing Drive
(904) 297-8344 or www.mandarinpost372.org

Feb. 16**Mandarin Toastmasters meeting**

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
South Mandarin Library, 12125 San Jose Blvd.
Mandarintoastmasters.org

Feb. 18**All Star Quilt Guild**

9:45 a.m.
First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.
www.orgsites.com/fl/allstarquiltguild or (904) 502-5254

Feb. 19**Dogwood Circle, Mandarin Garden Club**

10 a.m.
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road
(904) 886-4562; mandaringardenclub.org

Feb. 20**River City Women's Club lunch with Bunco fundraising and recommended slate of officers for New Year**

10:30 a.m.
Ramada Inn, 3130 Hartley Road
RSVP: Florence, (904) 262-8719

Feb. 21**Third Thursday Lecture, "The Fort Mose Story: A Story That Must Be Told"**

7 p.m.
Mandarin Community Club, 12447 Mandarin Road
www.mandarincommunityclub.org

Cherokee Rose Circle, Mandarin Garden Club: Growing Citrus

10 a.m.
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road
(210) 910-0672; mandaringardenclub.org

Feb. 22**Family Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night**

Dinner 5 p.m./Bingo 6:30 p.m.
Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road
Buy tickets (\$5): (904) 262-7309

Feb. 27**Mandarin Council monthly breakfast**

8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Bonefish Grill, 10950 San Jose Blvd.
www.mandarinccouncil.org

Feb. 28**General Town Hall Meeting, hosted by District 6 Councilmember Matt Schellenberg**

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
South Mandarin Library
Live Oak Circle, Mandarin Garden Club
7 p.m.
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road
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Mandarin Women's Club explores Jacksonville's Silent Film days

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Flag retirement ceremony scheduled

The Mandarin Community Club is again collecting worn, used or damaged flags for proper and honorable disposal. For several consecutive years, the club has partnered with Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) to hold a flag retirement ceremony at the club. The next ceremony will be held on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. A collection box for flags that need to be retired and properly handled for disposal will be located outside the club at 12447 Mandarin Road from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Feb 10 when the ceremony begins. Steeped in years of patriotism and tradition, during the ceremony one flag will be retired in sections as the history and symbolism of each star and stripe is remembered. Members and guests are invited and encouraged to attend this symbolic ceremony. Visit www.mandarincommunityclub.org or call (904) 268-1622 for more information.

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Bluebird lecture offered

Joanne Heinrich from the Florida Bluebird Society will share unique facts about the colorful and beneficial Eastern Bluebird at a free presentation on Feb. 7 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Wild Birds Unlimited, 450 State Road 13 N, Suite 108 in St Johns. Attendees will learn about the history, research, and conservation of this federally protected species and how to attract, create a safe habitat, and enjoy viewing them in their own yard. Questions and discussion with Heinrich and a staff naturalist will follow the presentation. Refreshments will be served and the store will remain open until 8 p.m.

Space is limited; reserve your seat by emailing wbujacksonville@yahoo.com or calling (904) 230-3242.

Senior Center announces

Spaghetti Dinner

The Mandarin Senior Center will host its annual Family Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night on Friday evening, Feb. 22. Food will be served from 5 p.m.

– 6:30 p.m. and will include 10 different spaghetti sauce options. Bingo, with prizes, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Prices start at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 10. The community is invited to attend this popular family night. To purchase tickets, contact Erica Hickey at (904) 262-7309.



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221-7870. The group also meets at Mimi's, St. Johns Town Center, at 10 a.m., Feb. 4 as well as the first Monday each month. Southside Newcomers offers newcomers and others in the community the opportunity to meet new friends, participate in monthly luncheon programs and numerous activities. Membership is \$30 per year or \$15 through May 2019 if joined at the buffet luncheon or Mimi's.

Southside Newcomers plan outings

On Feb. 20 the Southside Newcomers will have a noon buffet luncheon at the Jacksonville Zoo. A reservation is required. The cost is \$28, which includes a buffet luncheon, animal demonstration, and zoo access. RSVP to (850)

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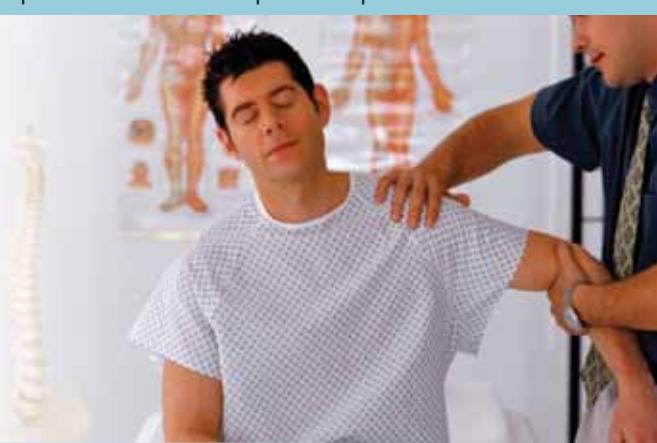
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Inquiring Minds want to know!

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Are you puzzled about something going on in Mandarin or wondering about whatever happened on a topic from a previous issue? Email your question to us at editor@floridanewslne.com by the fifth of the month and we will do our best to track down the information for you.

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with Jacksonville City Council Member
Matt Schellenberg (District 6)

Q: What can you tell us about the potential development of apartments off Claire Lane behind Bonefish Grill?

A: The developers of this proposed complex of three stories containing 48 units initially asked for rezoning of the property without first coming through the district councilperson (me). They just filed the paperwork. On Jan. 18, the developers met with city staff in the planning department, where they were told by staff that they would probably not get a favorable result on their request. The developers were also told that there were concerns and opposition in the community, but they have decided to proceed anyway. The project will make its way through the CPAC (Citizens Political Action Committee), then the planning commission and finally to LUZ (Land Use and Zoning committee of the Jacksonville City Council). Since I am a member of LUZ, this now becomes a quasi-judicial matter for me. I have to act as a judge and wait and view all evidence before making a decision. I do welcome input from all citizens and I haven't received any affirmative input from citizens at all so far.

Q: Do you have an update on County Dock?

A: The refurbishment of County Dock should be underway soon. Finally. The design plans are finalized and it was advertised for bid in January. We should be opening bids in February for hopeful completion by June. By the time this is completed, it will have been two and a half to three years since the dock was destroyed. I'm so disappointed that it has taken this long to rebuild this dock for the enjoyment of the citizens of Mandarin.

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with Duval School Board Member,
District 7, Lori Hershey

Q: Duval County Public Schools recently received some good news about graduation rates from the State of Florida. What can you share with us?

A: Our graduation rate went up four percentage points to 85.1 percent. What's exciting about this are the gains that we are seeing in the sub groups. Historically, we've seen some of these groups underperform and now we're seeing gains by three to six percentage points. The achievement gap is truly closing.

Q: It's the school choice time of year. Can you give us an update?

A: First, I'd like to remind everyone that open enrollment goes through Feb. 28. Applications are available online and I'd encourage everyone with interest to engage now. If parents would like more information, they should know that the Choice offices and phone number have changed: Team B Building, 4037 Boulevard Center Drive, Ste. 100, Jacksonville, FL 32207; (904) 390-2144.

Q: Are there any new School Choice options in Mandarin?

A: We are seeing an increase in programs in District 7 and I think we will continue to see increases. For instance, Crown Point Elementary is a "Leader in Me" school, which is based on the Stephen Covey "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" book. Also, Mandarin Oaks Elementary is adding a "Project Lead the Way," which emphasizes engaging students in real world learning.

FYI Contact Numbers

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Patrol Zone 3: Assistant Chief Mat Nemeth, (904) 828-5463

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Supervisor of Elections: Mike Hogan, mhogan@coj.net, (904) 630-1414

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Q: What can you tell us about the community meetings held in January?

A: We had two community meetings; the first was a Chat with the Superintendent which took place at Bartram Springs Elementary and the second was a master plan for facilities meeting that took place at Loretto Elementary. This second meeting was a chance for community members to look at a report on DCPS facilities that evaluated age and required repair. This is the beginning of a process that will continue through the spring with additional meetings scheduled. It's important to note that Duval County has the oldest schools in the State of Florida. Loretto Elementary recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. If anyone missed this meeting and would like more information, they can contact me.

Q: Do you have any additional news to share about District 7?

A: I'd like to thank Mandarin City Council Member Matt Schellenberg for introducing a resolution to the Jacksonville City Council that recognized Mandarin High School for winning the state football championship. Additionally, Mayor Curry honored Mandarin High School's football team and Raines High School's football team with a ceremony at City Hall before the Winter Break, where he gave both coaches a key to the city.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

A: They can email me at HersheyL@duvalschools.org or call me at (904) 316-3609.



with Florida State Representative Jason Fischer, District 16

Q: Can you give us an overview of what is happening in Tallahassee now?

A: We have a new governor, a new cabinet and basically a restructuring of several state government agencies. The new governor is aggressively showing leadership. As we go into session at the beginning of March, I am confident that the governor will restructure and consolidate some agencies.

The legislature will pass a balanced budget and it will contain tax cuts... possibly cuts to things like internet, television and gas taxes. This will have a positive impact on the amount of money that Floridians take home. We want to keep the Florida government as small and nimble as possible so the private sector can thrive.

Q: What do you foresee as some hot topics coming up?

A: I believe there will be an emphasis on technology, particularly crypto technology ... how does this work in the state of Florida? Also, I'm not sure exactly what the medical marijuana topic will look like, but I do anticipate an update to this law.

Q: What are some of the upcoming bills that you feel are noteworthy?

A: I recently filed a bill on safe driving cars. Its criteria aligns with the Society

of Automotive Engineers to ensure self driving cars and safe and accessible, especially to our disabled population. These cars will really open up a world of opportunity for these people. Did you know that 94 percent of car accidents are the result of human error? Statistically, with self driving cars there will be fewer accidents.

Q: Do you have anything local to Mandarin that you'd like to share with our readers?

A: Last year, \$2 million was allocated for improved safety for Jewish day schools statewide, including some in our community. This year, the governor is seeking at least \$2 million more for improved security for Jewish day schools in the state, of which two are in Mandarin.

Also, I'm working with the Mandarin Museum and Historical Society on an appropriations request for the museum's expansion. For the 2019 – 20 year, museum leadership asked for my advocacy to get some funds either from the Cultural Facilities grant or maybe via an appropriations request.

Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you?

A: Readers can email me at Jason.Fischer@myfloridahouse.gov or call my local office at (904) 359-2653.

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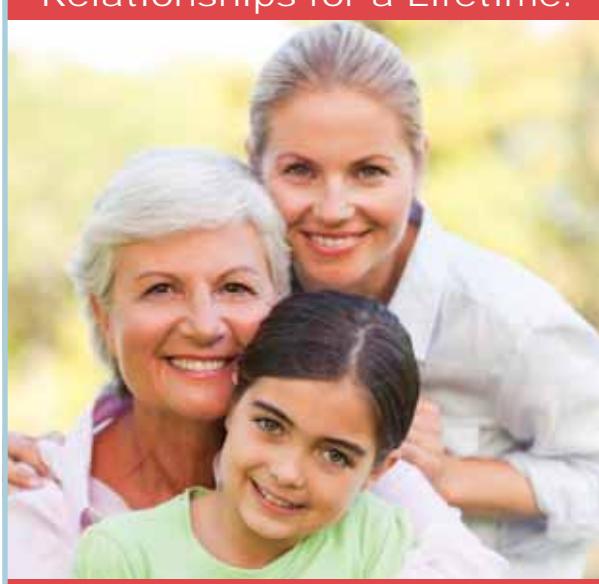
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Briefs**Mandarin Community Club to host candidate forum**

The Mandarin Community Club will host a candidate forum for qualified candidates who are running to represent Mandarin as part of the District 6 City Council race on Thursday, Feb. 28. A Meet, Greet and Mingle will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the forum will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. An open Q&A will follow the forum at the pleasure of the candidates.

As guests arrive they will receive a candidate question card to submit questions. Question cards are then reviewed by a panel for clarity and to avoid duplication before being presented by an impartial moderator to the candidates.

This forum is free and open to the public. Visit mandarincommunityclub.org or call the club at (904) 268-1622 for more information.

Mandarin businessman named Small Business Leader of the Year for Mandarin Council

Terry Bunch, owner of The Flying Locksmiths, was recently named the



Photo courtesy Jax Chamber

Terry Bunch, owner of The Flying Locksmiths

Mandarin Council winner of the Jax Chamber's 2019 Small Business Leader of the Year. The 12 Northeast Florida business leaders were selected for the honor by the Chamber Councils and the Entrepreneurial Growth Division. One of them will be named the overall 2019 Small Business Leader of the Year at the annual Jax Chamber Small Business Leader of the Year Breakfast at the Schultz Center on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

The other winners were: Phil Aitken, Keller Williams, Arlington Council; Nan Kreamer, Avenue CFO Services, Downtown Council; Kristy Alexander, Apple Rose Beauty, LLC, Entrepreneurial Growth Division; Dr. Vasco Valov, Abundant Life Health Center, Health Council; Johnny Helms, Lumbee Group, Jacksonville IT Council; Brian

Anderson, Fluffy Cuts, Beaches; Randy Reep, The Law Offices of Randy Reep, North Council; Dr. Lauren Cost, Revolution Chiropractic, Professional Women's Council; Heather Borders, Kailo Nutrition, South Council; Antoinette "Tina" Meskel PE, Meskel & Associates Engineering PLLC, Transportation & Logistics Council; and Sheila Lusis, Aflac-Sheila Lusis, West Council.

Volunteers needed for Mandarin Art Festival

The Mandarin Community Club is seeking volunteers for the 51st annual Mandarin Art Festival. Historically the event is held on Easter week-end. This year is no exception; the 2019 event will be held April 20 – 21.

Volunteers are needed for various activities throughout each day. Festival hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday. Volunteers may vary in age from high school through retirement, and typically volunteer for two or three hours. Community service hours will apply for participating students.

Email mandarincommunityclub@gmail.com for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

Business Networking International launches new Mandarin Chapter

Business Networking International (BNI) is the largest professional organization of its kind dedicated to helping businesses grow through networking and quality referrals. Though there are several chapters around Jacksonville, this new chapter marks the first available to Mandarin businesses. Just one person per profession specialty is allowed to participate in a BNI chapter.

With Mandarin thriving like never before, a group of local professionals saw the need to begin a new BNI chapter. Success Strategy was born, the newest BNI chapter dedicated to Mandarin businesses.



Photo courtesy BNI Success Strategies, the BNI group for Mandarin, is now forming.

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"Why should Southside or the Beaches get all the business? We have the most dedicated and talented professionals right here in Mandarin," said Sonja Rocha, a Mandarin real estate agent.

The new chapter is still growing and looking for more Mandarin businesses to join.

"Our goal is to have 60 new Mandarin members in 2019. It's not unusual for a business to see a 20 percent increase in their business when they commit to the group," said Sonja.

Success Strategies is having an Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 a.m. at Jumpin Jax House of Food, 10131 San Jose Blvd. Coffee and breakfast will be provided. Call Sonja Rocha at (904) 860-4824 with any questions.

AARP Tax-Aide begins new season

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free tax preparation provider, will start providing services Friday, Feb. 1, continuing through Saturday, April 13 at its 13 Jacksonville-area locations. Taxpayers must bring Social Security cards for themselves and all dependents, photo ID, all relevant tax forms and records (W-2, SSA-1099, medical expenses, etc.), last year's tax return and all healthcare insurance documents.

Clients of the busy Tax-Aide service at Regency Square Branch Library can make online appointments at www.tinyurl.com/TaxAideRegency17 or in person with a Tax-Aide volunteer at that library. Libraries cannot accept calls related to Tax-Aide appointments or service questions.

Some locations and times of service have changed from prior years; taxpayers are advised to check locations and times of service by calling (888) 227-7669 or checking online at www.aarp.org/FindTaxHelp.

Free trees available at Mandarin Community Club's annual Tree Giveaway

The Mandarin Community club will host the third annual Tree Giveaway on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. In addition to the hundreds of free trees (one per household, while supplies last) in a variety of species (Redbud, Live Oak, Red Maple, Mayhaw and Fringe Tree), there will be food, educational classes, vendors and a prize drawing.

The community club has added food trucks offering breakfast items and lunch as the day progresses and an ice cream truck for all to enjoy. Attendees can learn more about trees and their environment in one of the classes offered, then stick around to shop the vendors, including those offering local honey, organic and pollinating plants, as well as plant-based soaps and tinctures. Facepainting and homemade ice cream will be available for children.

The Mandarin Community Club is the oldest civic organization in Jacksonville, with 95 years of service to the community. As stewards of the ancient oaks along Mandarin Road for generations, the club launched the Tree Giveaway to keep Mandarin "green" after the devastating effects of Hurricanes Matthew and Irma in 2016 and 2017. The historic club is located at 12447 Mandarin Road in the heart of old Mandarin. Visit www.mandarincommunityclub.org for more information.



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The library is focused on helping children develop early learning, reading and social skills. Start with South Mandarin library's program for babies and toddlers on Tuesdays in February. It begins at 10:15 a.m. with a lap-sit story; 10:35 a.m., sensory experience; and 11 a.m., a short storytime. Children up to age five will love the storytimes on Fridays in February,

from 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. And Mandarin library offers a meet and greet social time Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., and a storytime for kids up to age five at 10:30 a.m. Adult

caregivers must accompany children at all of these programs.

Cardboard construction: February 20 is an early dismissal day for DCPS students — a good reason to head to the Mandarin library for a fun, educational experience. At 2:30 p.m. children aged seven – 12 can help create a 3D cardboard representation of the National Mall, portraying how it looked during the March on Washington in 1963, when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous speech, "I Have a Dream," that changed the world. At South Mandarin's Books and Bricks program on Feb. 20 at

3:30 p.m., school-age kids will learn about Booker T. Washington, as they construct schools, and discuss the importance of education.

Mind and body: It's a good way to get in shape, so let a certified yoga teacher show you how to do modified yoga poses in a chair. Chair yoga is offered Feb. 5, 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. at Mandarin Library. And South Mandarin Library has heartfulness and meditation workshops, also taught by a certified instructor, to help you unwind and relax. Try it out Saturdays in February at 1 p.m.

Jax Book Fest: Make plans to bring the entire family to Jax Book Fest at the Main Library downtown Feb. 23, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Meet more than 90 local and national authors, including the king of creep, Goosebumps series author R.L. Stine, who's listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as



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Kids will be entertained at Jax Book Fest with children's authors, facepainting, balloon twisting, music and more!

the best-selling series author in history. Kids will also want to see and meet Mike Thaler, author of the popular Black Lagoon series.

Tax time: Need help with your taxes? Mandarin and South Mandarin branch libraries are AARP Tax-Aide sites with IRS-certified volunteers offering free tax preparation to the community. Every year, millions of low- and middle-income taxpayers take advantage of this service. There is no income or age limit for assistance. Special attention is given to those aged 60 and older. Get tax assistance Tuesdays in February from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at South Mandarin Branch Library, and Thursdays in February from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Mandarin Branch Library.

All libraries will be closed Feb. 18 for Presidents Day. The digital library is open 24/7. Find information about additional events at Mandarin and South Mandarin branch libraries at jaxpubliclibrary.org or call Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 262-5201 or South Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 288-6385.

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Back in Time with Brett

John Henry Jacks House, Part 2

When John Henry Jacks had William Monson built his Mandarin home in 1887, the area was a rural farming community of about 1200 people known for its citrus industry and vegetable production.

The Jacks residence "reflects the folk or cracker building tradition," a style popular throughout the South during the 19th century. This house is classified in the gable-front-and-wing family of folk architecture. John Henry and Ella Jacks had five children, many of whom were born in the home because it would have been very strenuous to ride a horse and buggy to Jacksonville from Mandarin. Doctors in the area would make house visits instead. The family expanded the home around 1900, creating rooms on both first and second floors. Still visible today by a mark, the house originally ended at the porch.

Ella was a teacher; John Henry farmed his land. He introduced celery to the area and grew tomatoes and strawberries for both the local and northern markets. The home has continuously been lived in since construction, with descendants of the Jacks family occupying the home throughout most of the 20th century. Bill and Anne Morrow, John Henry's great grandchildren, fondly remember visiting the house. Stanley Webb and his wife Mary "Polly," one of the Jackses' five children, were living in the house at the time. The Morrows recall chickens and a large garden that included a grape arbor. When Webb would go out on the river



Photo courtesy Bill and Anne Morrow
Unidentified ladies behind the Jacks house.

in his rowboat, his wife would stand on the front porch and, while placing two fingers in her mouth, would make one vociferous whistle to summon his return.

Ted Hedrick bought the house in 2015 and has been renovating the home. He is preserving historical integrity, as it still features original detailing including doors, a staircase, door surrounds, baseboards, three mantles, lights, and flooring. Hedrick hopes to complete the project by this summer, when he will put the restored house back on the market.

(Note: The research collected for this article came from William and Anne Morrow (descendants of the Jacks family), Ted Hedrick (current owner) and the Designation Application Report for the John Henry Jacks Residence, City of Jacksonville Ordinance 2000-1088).

Brett Nolan is a volunteer with the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society. Visit www.mandarinmuseum.net for more information on Mandarin's history.

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Valentine's Day numbers to know

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Valentine's Day is one of the most popular days of the year to celebrate. Here's a look at some interesting numbers associated with this day to celebrate the love people have for one another.

400: The year that Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 a day to honor Saint Valentine.

62: The percentage of adults who say they celebrate the holiday.

1.7: The amount, in billions, that is spent on candy for Valentine's Day, according to the National Retail Federation.

512: The average dollar amount spent per person for Valentine's Day.

58: The number of pounds, in millions, of chocolate bought during Valentine's Day week.

150: The number of cards and gifts, in millions, sent each year for the day of love.

1: The dollar amount, in billions, that Americans are expected to spend on Valentine's Day cards.



61: Percentage of men who purchase flowers or plants for Valentine's Day.

15: Average cost, in dollars, of a box of chocolates.

8.6: Amount of dollars, in millions, spent on sparkling wine for Valentine's Day, making it the second most popular occasion, after New Year's Eve, to enjoy some bubbly.

150: The average amount, in dollars, men spend on gifts. Women spend an average of \$74 on gifts.

2: The ranking of red roses in comparison to other types of flowers gifted.

Sources: NRF, Greeting Card Association, National Confectioners Association, U.S. Postal Service, USDA.

Sentiments that the colors of roses are meant to convey

By NewsLine Staff
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Roses are a popular gift on Valentine's Day. When accompanied by a box of chocolates, a bouquet of long-stemmed roses is sure to make a sweetheart smile on Feb. 14.

Few people may know that the color of a rose is meant to convey a certain message. As a result, even the most head-over-heels-in-love man or woman may not be saying what they mean to say when giving roses. If that special someone has a favorite color of rose, then it might be wise to give that color regardless of what tradition suggests. But when sweethearts have no such preferences, it might be best to keep this guide, courtesy of ProFlowers®, in mind.

- Red:** Red roses say "I love you." Red is symbolic of love, especially romantic love. Red also symbolizes beauty, courage and respect.

- Pink:** Pink is a popular color on Valentine's Day, but sweethearts should know that pink roses say "Thank you," which makes them a better choice for friends than lovers.

- White:** White roses say "I am the one for you." White symbolizes true love,



Photo courtesy MetroCreative

The color of a rose is meant to convey a certain message, purity, innocence, reverence, humility, youthfulness, and charm.

- Yellow:** Yellow roses say "We're friends and I care about you." Joy, gladness, friendship, delight, and remembrance are just a few of the sentiments yellow conveys.

- Yellow with red tip:** Yellow roses may be best for friends, but yellow roses with red tips say "I'm falling in love with you."

- Orange/coral:** Another awe-inspiring color, orange/coral roses say "I want you in my life." This color indicates desire, enthusiasm and fascination.

- Red and white together:** A mixed bouquet of red and white roses says "We are a great match."

- Peach:** Peach symbolizes intimacy, telling a lover, "Let's make this a memorable Valentine's Day."

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Third Thursday Lecture, February 21 Honoring Black History Month

By NewsLine Staff
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Did you know that a very important piece of African-American history is located a mere 20 miles south of Mandarin, just east of U.S. 1? Now a Florida Historic State Park, it offers picnic areas, a boardwalk, a visitor center and museum — all in the area of the site of Fort Mose, which was once the northern defense of St. Augustine.

According to the website, www.fortmose.org, "Established in 1738 by Colonial Spanish Florida's Governor Manuel Montiano, Fort Mose gave sanctuary to Africans challenging enslavement in the English Colony of Carolina. Approximately 100 Africans lived at Fort Mose, forming more than 20 households. Together they created a frontier community which drew on a range of African backgrounds blended with Spanish, Native American and English cultural traditions. Fort Mose was legally sanctioned by the Spanish Government making it the first free African settlement to legally exist in the United States."

More than a century before the Emancipation Proclamation, slaves from the British colonies were able to follow the original 'Underground Railroad' which headed not to the north, but rather south, to the Spanish colony of Florida. There they were given their freedom, if they declared their allegiance to the King of Spain and joined the Catholic Church."



Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society
Dwight and Ida Swearnigen - Fort Mose Historical Society

At this lecture, four members of the Fort Mose Historical Society will present a program that will tell the whole story. They will present themselves in period dress and explain the history and significance of this very important and historical place.

This Third Thursday Lecture is on Feb. 21, presented by the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society in partnership with and held at the Mandarin Community Club, located at 12447 Mandarin Road. Refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. with the lecture at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Visit www.mandarinmuseum.net or www.mandarincommunityclub.org for more information.

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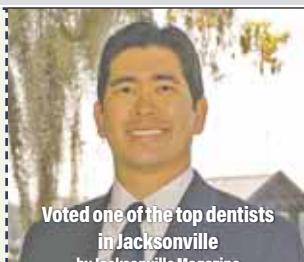
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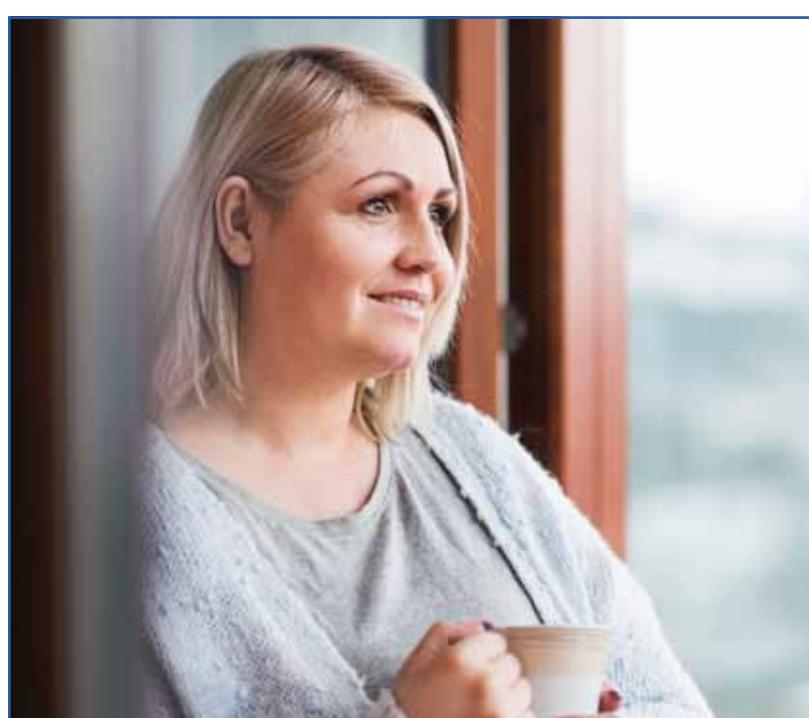


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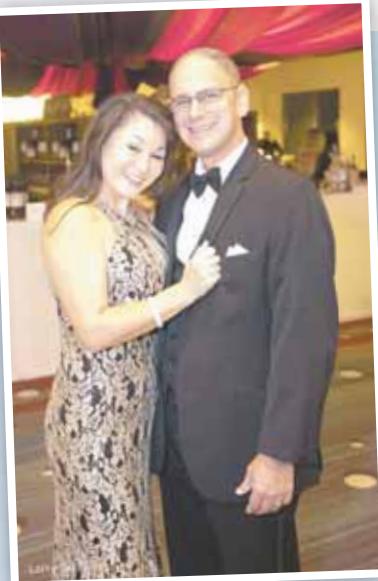
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The 2018 River Garden Foundation Gala, "A Night under The Big Tent" raised more than \$243,000 for the River Garden Foundation. Almost 600 guests enjoyed fabulous cocktails, a great silent auction, dinner, dancing and entertainment galore at the event, which was chaired by Rachel and Colman Brodsky. Along with the great sounds of the All In One Band, attendees were enthralled with the talents of performers from Bittersweet Studios — ladies on silks and lycra swinging in the air, a stilt walker, magician, juggler and contortionist. There was late night champagne, dessert and pizza and dancing until after midnight.

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Family physician recognized for providing exceptional patient care

By NewsLine Staff
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Family physician William Bosworth, DO, of Jacksonville, was named the 2019 Florida Academy of Family Physicians' (FAFP) Art of Medicine recipient. This award is given in recognition of belief proven by personal example that the patient receives the full benefit of total care only when the science of medicine is practiced as an art.

Capt. William Bosworth, MC, USNR (RET)

served on USMC Reserve duty from 1953 to 1958. After attending medical school at the University of Health Sciences in Kansas City, Dr. Bosworth joined the Navy Medical Corps and again served his country with distinction

Photo courtesy Wanda Bosworth
William Bosworth, DO, received the 2019 Florida Academy of Family Physicians' (FAFP) Art of Medicine award.

from 1972 to 1999. Throughout his military career, Dr. Bosworth provided operational medical and primary care to hundreds of patients at his various duty stations. He retired in 1999 as Captain but continued to serve the Navy Reserves part time at NAS Jacksonville. He has demonstrated unparalleled leadership and skills in the superior performance of his duties while supporting Navy Operational Health Support Unit Jacksonville Detachment at Navy Operational Support Center Atlanta.

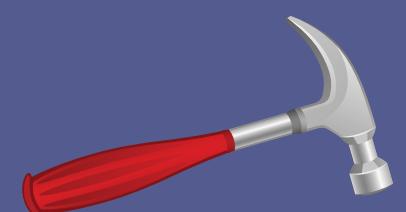
In addition, Dr. Bosworth's years of dedication, duty, honor, courage and commitment to the Navy and Family Medicine is highly reflective in his accomplishments over the years.

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Get to Know . . .

Kevin and Dawn Landers

By Martie Thompson
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Kevin and Dawn Landers are high school sweethearts from Griffin, Ga., who eventually married and now have five children, ranging in age from 16 – 28. Kevin Landers first came to Jacksonville in 1988 when he was in the Navy and attached to Carrier Air Wing 20 in aviation maintenance. He moved away and worked as an air traffic controller before getting out of the military and getting a job with JP Morgan Chase in Louisiana. Dawn operated a child day care for 13 years, but found it difficult to maintain with the geographic moves required by the military.

Kevin never forgot about the Jacksonville area and the couple was pleased that they were able to transfer back to the area with JP Morgan Chase. While looking for something to do together as a couple, they settled on purchasing a Kona Ice franchise and now operate in their territory of Baymeadows, Deerwood, Greenland and South Mandarin.

Q: What was appealing to you about operating a Kona Ice truck?

A: We saw them in Louisiana first and thought it was a great idea, but the timing wasn't right. Then, a few years later in our neighborhood here, we saw an ice cream truck and wondered

what we could do that was better than that. We recalled the Kona Ice truck from Louisiana. We purchased our franchise in April 2018.

Q: What is a typical day like?

A: Dawn: I mostly run the truck. The business is seasonal, but at least here in Florida our season is longer than some states. I keep the truck clean, load the ice and hit the road. I visit daycares, schools and some neighborhoods pretty much six days a week. We can set up appointments and corporate routes in advance. We also are fortunate to be a sponsor for Mandarin Athletic Association, which allows us to be at Greenland Park for flag and tackle football games.

Q: Tell us about Kona Ice's reputation for philanthropy.

A: Kona Ice overall has given more than \$60 million back to neighborhood schools, organizations and teams since its inception in 2007. So far, we have given back \$3,500. It's not a large number, but we look forward to it growing. This is an important part of the business to us. We are always looking for ways to develop relationships with non profit organizations and schools to help with their fundraisers. We offer 20 percent of our sales at their event to the organization.



Photo courtesy Kevin and Dawn Landers
Kevin and Dawn Landers

Q: What is your favorite part of the business?

A: When we started, it was initially all about the numbers ... could we make a profit? But we have learned that while that is important, what it comes down to is having fun and giving back to the community. We like to meet our neighbors and make people happy. I remember being in the pouring rain at a church's fall festival and it was life changing to realize all the people there were out to support us as we were trying to support them. We think the numbers will take care of themselves.

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information on the history of this area including Harriet Beecher Stowe, the Maple Leaf, and an exhibit that recognizes Mandarin's only WWI soldier to die in France, Marion Losco. Additionally there are works of many Mandarin artists. Also in the Walter Jones Historical Park is the last one-room schoolhouse in Duval County. The St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African - American children is 121 years old.

So, of course, we want to invite people to visit us. When you do, you will be met by knowledgeable persons who welcome you with a smile. Those persons are our volunteers. More than 50 people give a few hours each month to be either in the museum or the schoolhouse. On the first Saturday of each month, all of our historic buildings are also open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. They include the 1875 Webb/Jones Farmhouse, the 1876 Barn, the 1892 Losco Winery and the 1911 Store and Post Office.

Volunteer Paul Ghiotto said that volunteering with others at the museum gives him the opportunity to meet nice and interesting people. Maureen Orr, who has been volunteering for almost 10 years, said that volunteering with the Mandarin Museum has connected her with wonderful folks who have become her dear friends.

So it's a two-way street. Visitors and volunteers alike enjoy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society and all it has to offer.

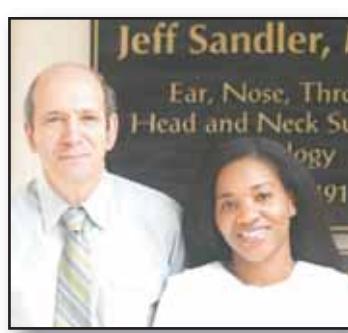
Contact Paula Suhey at the Mandarin Museum, (904) 268-0784, or by email, mandarinmuseumvolunteers@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a volunteer. Visit www.mandinmuseum.net for more information in general about Mandarin Museum & Historical Society.

Paula Suhey is the Volunteer Coordinator at Mandarin Museum & Historical Society.



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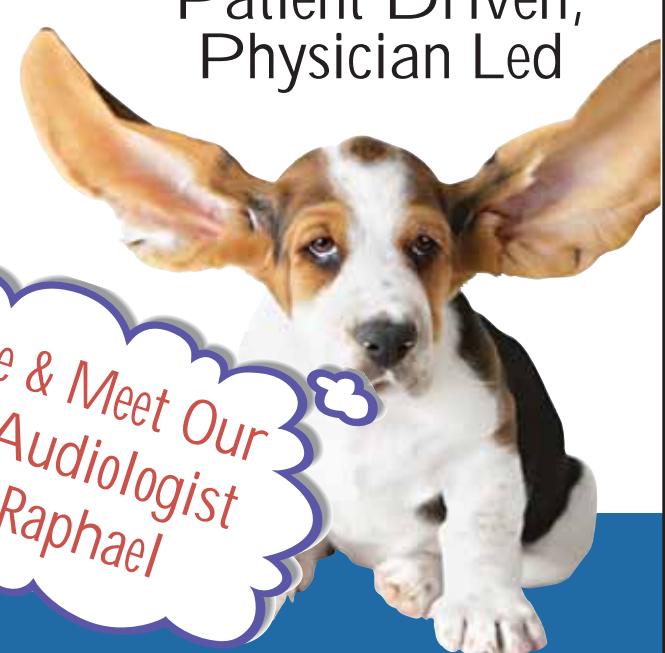
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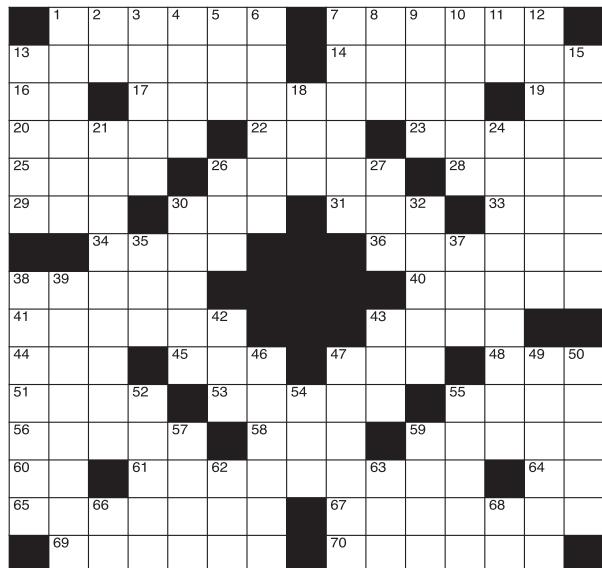
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13. Domestic hybrid cattle
14. Quality of one's character
16. Doctor's helper
17. Not holding back
19. Type of degree
20. Short but severe
22. 007's creator
23. Linguistics icon
25. Large integers
26. Upset
28. Former
29. Peyton's younger brother
30. An Irish dance
31. Title of respect
33. Small lump
34. Baroque musical instrument
36. The third sign of the zodiac
38. The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet

CLUES DOWN

40. A group of nine
41. Garment
43. Capital of Yemen
44. One point south of due east
45. Drain
47. Moved quickly
48. Bar bill
51. An idiot
53. Indicates silence
55. Protein-rich liquids
56. Samoan monetary units
58. "— your i's, cross your t's"
59. Forms the bottom
60. Potato state
61. Toy that spins around
64. Barium
65. Type of molding
67. Closes again
69. Sounds the same
70. Come into view

32. "Life of Jesus" theologian
35. A big deal on Wall St.
37. Western Thai people
38. Free from contamination
39. Type of dog
42. Revolver
43. High schoolers' exam
46. San Diego ballplayers
47. Hit the sack
49. Suitable for crops
50. Red mineral
52. Yellowish-brown
54. Lowest point between two peaks
55. Late TNT broadcaster
57. Thin strip to align parts
59. Swiss wind
62. A way to chill
63. Jewel
66. Rhodium
68. The top lawyer in the land



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Clue: Directs action
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Clue: Process of doing something
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Mandarin Garden Club announces spring events

By NewsLine Staff
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The gardens at the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, will be open for public viewing from dawn to dusk on Feb. 22 – 24. Attendees will be able to view winter flowers and color in the gardens. There are no planned activities for these days; however, this will be the perfect time to enjoy the property and see what grows best in the area in winter. Picnic tables and sitting areas are available. Attendees are encouraged to keep the area clean and only service animals are permitted.

The Mandarin Garden Club will be at the Mandarin Community Club's Tree Give Away on Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. with an information table. Club



Photo courtesy Betty Waldrep
Ann Dumire and Sandie Ingram and a recent Mandarin Garden Club Clothing Sale.

volunteers will be available to answer questions about the Mandarin Garden Club.

Finally, the Mandarin Garden Club is happy to announce its annual \$1 Clothing Sale on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2. The sale will start at 9 a.m. on both days and close at 2 p.m.

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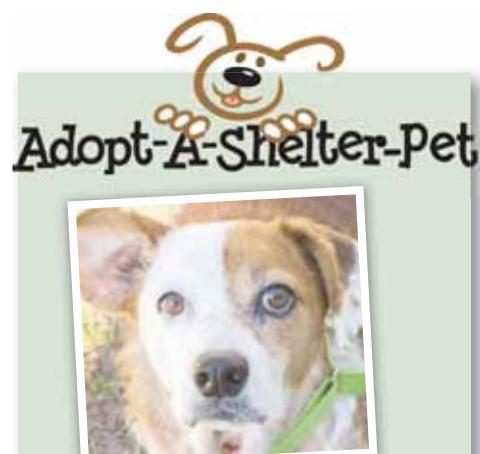
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Gardening

A New Year, a New Yard?

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Did your resolutions this year include an intention to spruce up your yard? Do you need to replenish your mulch? Improve the soil in your vegetable garden? Any number of tasks await the homeowner who enjoys their yard and gardens, and in the still-cooler months it makes sense to get to work.

It's time for careful planning. For me, this probably means I should cut back on the more complicated aspects of gardening and concentrate on simplifying what I do. And surely this applies to anyone who wants to enjoy their gardening without continuing to expend a lot of time and effort, so here are a few thoughts.

Instead of small rings of mulch around individual trees or shrubs in an area of lawn, widen the mulched areas to encompass several woody plants to make larger, simpler mulch islands. The mulch can even extend as far as the dripline and will look better than grass that is likely struggling to survive in the shade. Your trees will benefit by

not having to compete with grass for nutrients and water, you will need less fertilizer and herbicide for the grass, and mowing smaller less complicated areas will be easier. Fallen leaves can easily be incorporated into the mulch.

In the vegetable garden, install drip irrigation, preferably on a timer. This type of system is not expensive and your efforts should be rewarded by a more consistent harvest — and your water bill should be reduced since the system will be more efficient than overhead watering. For much more information see www.dripworks.com. Kits and components can be found at the big box stores.

If you like your flower beds to be colorful throughout the year, choose perennials with long bloom times instead of annuals. Plants with variegated foliage, such as some gingers, add color. Different leaf forms and varied shades of green certainly add interest to a garden. And there are exotic looking plants, like canna, with red to purple or even

striped foliage. Avoid truly tender plants, otherwise you'll either have to protect them from freezes, or let them succumb and plant replacements the following spring.

Dwarf shrubs, which need minimal pruning, can be backbone plants for a perennial bed. My quick internet search pulled up smaller cultivars of some well-known shrubs: Walter's viburnum Mrs. Schiller's Delight and Whorled Class, bottlebrush Light Show(R), leucothoe Burning Love(R), and loropetalum Purple Daydream(R). These are from Southern Living and Monrovia, and should be well suited to north Florida, but always check an individual plant's requirements for water, soil type, light needs, and climate zone. (Please note, these are not companies that the Extension Service endorses over others; there are more growers for the south that market plants here in Jacksonville.)

If you want to encourage wildlife, native plants benefit a wide variety of beneficial insects, which are vital for raising

baby birds. Shrubs provide shelter; water is a must. Butterflies need nectar and host plants on which to lay their eggs (<https://tinyurl.com/y7nzclsk>). A yard can be a world in miniature.

Above all, don't tackle your whole yard renovation in one go: break it down into small projects. Prioritize. Maintain established areas to avoid them going wild — weed, water, deadhead, prune, whatever is needed to keep them in order. Renovate one manageable area at a time, doing whatever is manageable for you.

Finally, don't forget to plan space for favorite outdoor activities; mine will be a shady, secluded place to just sit and watch the birds, butterflies, and insects, and enjoy the fruits of my labor. And for timely tips to help you on your way, check out the latest edition of A New Leaf: <https://tinyurl.com/y7n388vh>. Enjoy!

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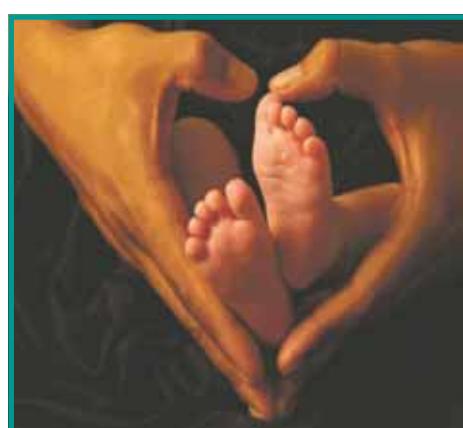


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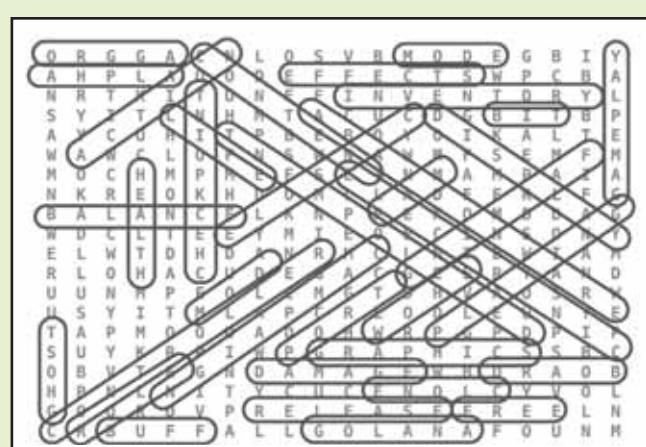
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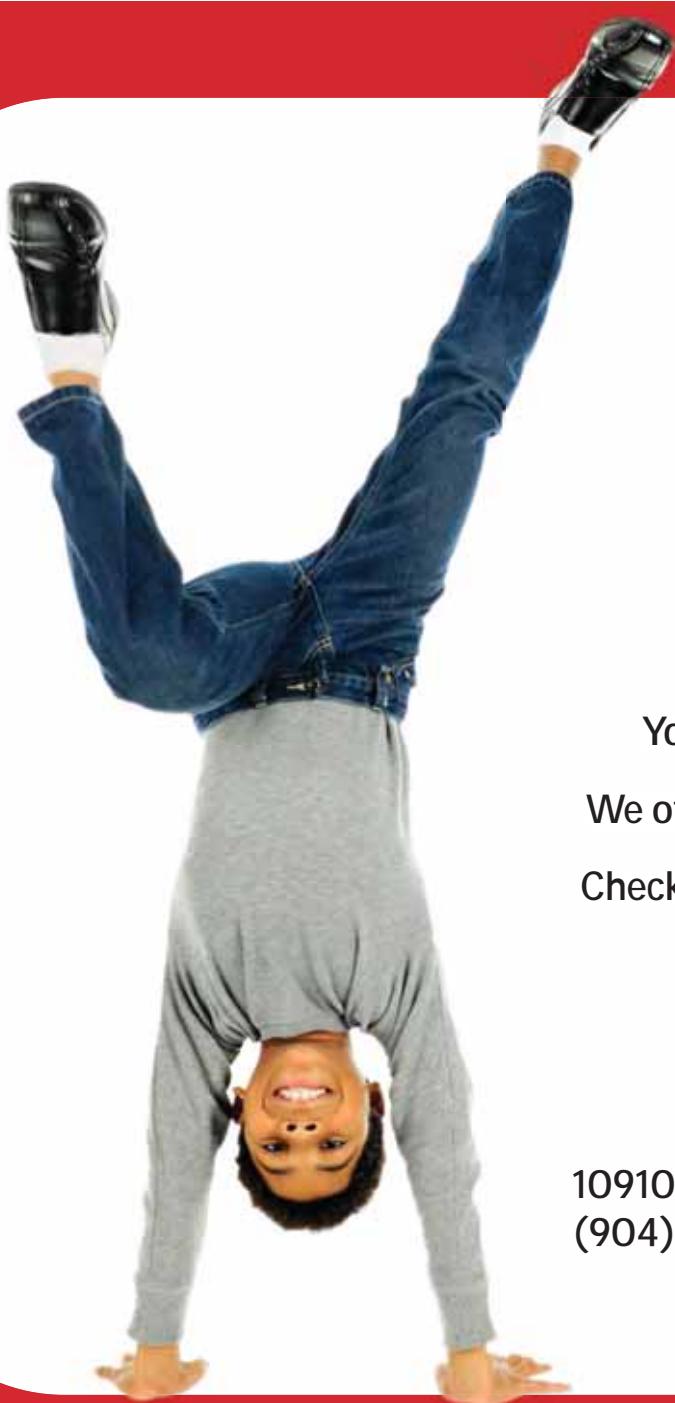


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