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20th annual Winter Celebration to honor World War II veterans

By NewsLine Staff
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The Mandarin Museum & Historical Society will host its 20th annual Winter Celebration in Walter Jones Historical Park on Dec. 7. This year also marks the 78th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which was Dec. 7, 1941. Because this date is a "date which will live in infamy" (President Franklin D. Roosevelt) in American history, and because there are fewer and fewer World War II veterans to help us remember, the Winter Celebration will honor



Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society
A horse drawn hay wagon is one of the popular activities at the annual Winter Celebration.

veterans of WWII during this event. A special program will take place in front of Mandarin Museum, beginning at 11:15 a.m. and will include a flag ceremony, the singing of the National Anthem by volunteers Camille and Camiya Ferron, a short talk by Mandarin Museum & Historical Society volunteer Paul Ghiotto about why it is so important to always remember this date, and introductions of six local residents who are World War II veterans (Wilma Arpen, Charlotte Leslein, Paul Dymond, Jim Snellen, Dan Stanley and George Waldoch). Additionally, three vintage WWII Army jeeps will be on display with reenactors and period ob-

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Annual Julington Creek Boat Parade to spread holiday cheer

By Martie Thompson
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The annual Julington Creek Boat Parade known as "Christmas on the Creek" returns Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. to delight spectators with festive lights and holiday cheer. The community is invited to come out and enjoy the display.

Established in 1988, this annual event has an estimated 40 boats of all shapes, sizes, and themes that participate in the event. Boats decked out in all their holiday finery navigate the parade route, which begins at the Marina at Julington Creek, goes underneath the Julington Creek Bridge and around Bulls Bay, then returns under the bridge and continues down Durbin Creek. Spectators can view the boat parade from the Julington Creek Bridge walkways.



"It's just amazing when you're



driving your boat under the Julington Creek Bridge and the people are watching from the bridge and cheering and yelling 'Merry

Christmas!'" Julington Creek Prop Club Vice Commodore Cyndi Marler said.

Marler has participated in the boat parade for four years and said she loves the joyous atmosphere. Boats play Christmas music and people on the boats sing and dance.

Homeowners with docks along the route also join in the fun by decorating their docks and cheering on the festive boats as they pass by, adding to the jovial spectacle.

Cash prizes are awarded to the best decorated boat and all participating boats also receive a gift bag. Marler said there is a judging boat at the end of the creek near the St. Johns River that the boats pass on the parade route. The dock judged to be the best decorated by the boat captains as they parade by is similarly awarded a prize.

Fireworks conclude the festivities and then after the parade, the captains and



all the boaters are invited back to the Julington Creek Marina for the after party, which features live music and food.

"It's a nice time for those who are not club members to

learn more about the Julington Creek Prop Club," Marler said.

Christmas on the Creek is sponsored by the Julington Creek Prop Club, which starts preparing for the event in October by contacting boaters, area merchants and residents to gather donations for the event. Approximately half of the boats participating in the parade are Prop Club members; the other



Photos courtesy Julington Creek Prop Club
"Christmas on the Creek" returns Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.

half come from all over the area to join in the seasonal celebration.

The Julington Creek Prop Club is a social organization of boaters that meets on the second Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Marina at Julington Creek. Annual dues provide most of the funds for Christmas on the Creek. All interested boaters are invited to join the Prop Club for boating information and fun. View the club's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/jlcpropclub/ for more information.

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BFF Best Furry Friend of the month

Meet Luna!

BREED:

Lab pointer mix

FAVORITE ACTIVITY:

Luna loves dog parks!

FAVORITE TREAT:

Socks

FAVORITE FRIEND:

Her two legged brother Christian.

HOW YOUR BFF GOT THEIR NAME:

Her other two legged brother Asher named her; it's perfect because her non-furry Mom loves the moon and loves her. As a small puppy she was Luna-tic, and now we often call her Lulu.



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Does your business cater to pets? Would you like to sponsor our contest?
Email editor@floridanewsline.com to enter your pet or sponsor the BFF contest.

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around town

Dec. 2
Southside Newcomers Club First Monday Coffee

10 a.m.
IHop, 3250 Hodges Blvd.
sncmembership84@gmail.com

Dec. 3
Jacksonville Fine Arts Forum Luncheon

11:30 a.m.
Ramada Conference Center, 3130 Hartley Road
RSVP: cnmcawley@gmail.com

Dec. 3
Shuffleboard

1:30 p.m. (repeating event on Tuesdays)
Mandarin Park, next to tennis courts at park entrance
Just show up unless it rains

Dec. 3
Honeybee Quilt Guild

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

Dec. 4
Jacksonville Camera Club

6:45 p.m.
Shepherd of the Woods Church, 6595 Columbia Park Ct.
www.jax.jaxcameraclub.com (repeating event, first and third Wednesdays)

Dec. 4
Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society library open

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
6215 Sauterne Drive, Jacksonville
www.sgesjax.org or (904) 778-1000

Dec. 4
Jewish Java

9 a.m.
River Garden, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road
RSVP (904) 224-1408

Dec. 7
Winter Celebration

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Walter Jones Historical Park, 11964 Mandarin Rd.
www.mandarinmuseum.net or (904) 268-0784

Dec. 7
Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste Mobile Collection, sponsored by the City of Jacksonville Solid Waste Division

Mandarin Park, 14780 Mandarin Road

Dec. 7
Music Concert featuring Noah Aronson

7:30 p.m.
Congregation Ahavath Chesed - The Temple, 8727 San Jose Blvd.
Tickets: <https://thetemplejacksonville.square.site/>

Dec. 7
Read to Rover (beginning readers practice reading to therapy dogs)

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
South Mandarin Branch Library, 12125 San Jose Blvd.
(904) 288-6385

Dec. 7
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)

Dec. 7
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

Dec. 7
Free Tools to Quit Smoking class

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Mayo Clinic Primary Care, Baymeadows/Southside
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Dec. 10
30 Years in Mandarin, a River Garden Milestone Celebration

10:30 a.m.
River Garden, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road
RSVP: (904) 886-8407

Dec. 10
Service Officer available

4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Mandarin/St. Johns Elks Lodge, 4280 Oldfield Crossing Drive
(904) 268-4974 (Repeats second Tuesday of each month)

Dec. 11
Jewish Genealogy

6 p.m.
River Garden, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road
RSVP: jgsneff@gmail.com

Dec. 11
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)

Dec. 11
N.O.W. God (Night Out with God) for middle and high school youth

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (repeating event on Wednesdays)
Mandarin Lutheran Church, 11900 San Jose Blvd.
MLCJax2014@gmail.com (904) 268-4591

Dec. 11
Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support

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

Dec. 12
Mandarin Council networking luncheon

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bonefish Grill, 10950 San Jose Blvd.
mandarincouncil.org

Dec. 12
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

Dec. 12
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

Dec. 14
Second Saturday Arts and Farmers Market

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

Dec. 16
All Star Quilt Guild general meeting

10 a.m.
First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.
www.orgsites.com/fl/allstarquiltguild or (904) 735-0506

Dec. 17
Political Gridlock in Israel and America, lecture by Dr. David Schwam-Baird

7 p.m.
Congregation Ahavath Chesed - The Temple, 8727 San Jose Blvd.
RSVP: rsvp@thetemplejacksonville.org

Dec. 17
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 372 meeting

7 p.m.
Mandarin/St. Johns Elks Lodge, 4280 Oldfield Crossing Drive
(904) 297-8344 or www.mandarinpost372.org

Dec. 18
"Don't Let the Lights Go Out" presented by Alina Kentof

10:30 a.m.
River Garden, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road
RSVP: (904) 886-8429

Dec. 19
Mandarin Women's Club featuring Holiday Raffle

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Mandarin Women's Club to celebrate the season

The Mandarin Women's Club's Dec. 19 luncheon at the Ramada Inn in Mandarin will feature festive holiday items available to win with the purchase of raffle tickets. The tickets will be sold at the luncheon and cost \$10 for a strip of 25 tickets. Attendees will have a chance to win homemade goodies, wine, holiday decorations, jewelry, scarves, and many other great prizes. The doors

will open at 10:30 a.m.. The luncheon cost is \$17.50 and must be received by Thursday, Dec. 12. Reservations are required; call Betty at (904) 571-6765 or email bkwaldrep@comcast.net. Visit www.mandarinwomensclub.com for more information on events, photos, and membership forms.

Christmas concerts scheduled

Mandarin United Methodist Church, 11270 San Jose Blvd., will present special Christmas Concerts on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m. These musical events, themed "Jesus the Light of the World," will celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons by featuring adult and youth choirs, handbells, orchestra, organ, and piano. The audience will be invited to sing along on Advent and Christmas hymns such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." In celebration of the 300th anniversary of the creation of the words to "Joy to the World," the concert will feature a special arrangement of that beloved carol. Choral works include pieces by living composers such as Andre Thomas, Elaine Hagenberg, Cathy Moglebust, John Ferguson, and others. Thought provoking readings and reflections will round out the concerts and illumine the themes of light and darkness. After both performances, there will be a post-concert reception with refresh-

ments including a display of nativity scenes from church members. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be taken in support of the music ministry at the church.

Family folding fun at the library

Holiday Origami at the Mandarin Branch Library will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 3:30 p.m. and will allow patrons to enjoy the ancient art of paper folding as a new favorite pastime. The special session is geared for all ages, and will focus on holiday and winter-themed origami, including origami ornaments. See up-close folding techniques and get comfortable learning the basics of making your own advanced origami designs. Supplies will be provided. Call the library at (904) 262-5201 for more information.

Musical concert at The Temple

Congregation Ahavath Chesed - The Temple will hold a musical concert featuring Noah Aronson on Saturday,



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Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) Refreshments will be available after the concert. The community is invited. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at <https://thetemplejacksonville.square.site/>. Call (904) 733-7078 for more information. The Temple is located at 8727 San Jose Blvd.



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with Jacksonville City Council Vice President Tommy Hazouri, At Large District 3

Q: Can you give the readers an update on JEA?

A: While the JEA is meeting with the nine remaining (out of 16) utilities to discuss their individual proposals, your city council is holding workshops under the leadership of Mandarin's District 6 councilman, Michael Boylan. These workshops are being held in City Hall from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. They began this past month and are expected to last through early spring, when it is anticipated that the JEA board will vote and make their recommendations as to the potential privatization. The City Council will then decide whether to accept this recommendation, and vote up or down on that recommendation. It will then go to the citizens in a referendum to vote yes or no if a sale is recommended. Your council has much debate and discussion ahead as the workshops go forward. Stay tuned.

Q: Do you have any public works updates?

A: An exclusive southbound right-turn lane on Scott Mill Road at Mandarin Road is being added to improve traffic flow; design is complete and construction is anticipated to start in January/February 2020.

Q: What's the latest on area parks?

The County Dock renovation project is underway and will be complete by early January 2020.

The Parks Department has completed design of a new kayak launch and floating docks at Mandarin Park. The kayak launch will be ADA complaint and will serve as a tool to further activate our waterways. We have been awarded the

grant to proceed with construction of this exciting project.

Additionally, we are working on renovating the existing restroom facility at Mandarin Park. This project will be complete by early 2020.

The Parks Department is still working on a plan to develop a dog park in the Mandarin area. This project is still in the early stages; however, we are developing a plan for an off-leash dog park that will service the Mandarin community. The city has made an offer on the property and will be proceeding with the legislative process to acquire the additional land.

In other parts of the city, design is underway to renovate Friendship Fountain on the Southbank, creating an audio/visual show experience that will attract residents and visitors to the downtown area. Construction is estimated to begin by the spring of 2020. And improvements are underway at Hanna Park to renovate the restroom facilities as well as create a new splash (water park area) for families to enjoy. These improvements will be complete by the summer of 2020.

Q: Do you have anything else to share with Mandarin residents?

A: The entire Hazouri family wishes everyone a very Happy Holiday Season. We hope the season is joyous and full of family time.

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

A: They can email me at THazouri@coj.net or call (904) 630-1396.



with Jacksonville City Council Member, District 6, Michael Boylan

Q: Do you have a construction update on the Mandarin Senior Center?

A: I walked through the facility in early November. They are making good progress, but my understanding is that they are still targeting an opening after the first of the year. I'd like to recognize the Mandarin Rotary Club for its \$2,000 donation for program support at the senior center.

Q: What is the latest on sidewalks in Mandarin?

A: We have a couple of updates here. The Public Works Department has agreed to extend the sidewalk on Bernice Road to Bernice Court and to Scott Mill Road. We received input from neighbors on this and work should start in January.

For the Orange Picker Road sidewalks, I would say that the "easier" part of this project is finished. There are some drainage issues that they are still working through. Also, between Mandarin and Brady roads on Orange Picker Road, there will be some new striping on the roadway.

Q: What can you tell us about the Interstate 295 interchange at Old St. Augustine Road?

A: I have heard from residents that this area hasn't really been cleaned up and it looks like construction is not completed under the overpass and on the ramps. The Florida Department of Transportation is aware of this and acknowledges that they still have some work to do in this area.

Q: The change in the trash pick up schedule has raised some concerns. Can you comment?

A: I met with the new regional vice

president for Waste Pro recently in my office. They have revisited the schedule and feel it is for the best going forward. Changes were made as they reassessed their scheduling practices with the desire to stay on schedule. At this time, drivers are still learning their new routes. I'd ask residents to contact my office directly for the most expedient response if they have any issues and so we can monitor any follow up.

Q: What is the latest with the potential privatization of JEA?

A: I encourage Mandarin NewsLine readers to continue to follow this issue and get involved in the process. There is a series of workshops ongoing with the next one scheduled for Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Lynwood Roberts Room on the first floor of City Hall. This workshop is particularly important because it will be the first time we will hear directly from the CEO of JEA about their perspective. This workshop will be recorded and streamed live on coj.net. Residents can also submit questions for future workshops at this website.

Q: Do you have anything else to share with Mandarin residents?

A: The next Mandarin Town Hall meeting will be held on Jan. 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Mandarin Library.

Also, I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to everyone in Mandarin for a great holiday season.

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

A: Community members can email me at MBoylan@coj.net or call (904) 255-5206.

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with Duval School Board Member,
District 7, Lori Hershey

Q: Can you give an update on the Town Hall meeting held on Nov. 14 at Mandarin High School?

A: This town hall meeting was held to discuss school safety. I'd like to thank all the parents who attended. Principal Kniseley led the meeting and shared information about new systems in place at Mandarin High School as well as listened to parent concerns. The school's assistant principals were present as was district leadership, including Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene and Officer Clarke. If you missed the meeting, I encourage you to contact Principal Kniseley.

Did you know that the state of Florida has an app called Fortify FL? This app allows for reporting of threats. Download the app or visit the school district website to learn more.

Q: What is the latest school legislation?

A: On Nov. 13, I was in Tallahassee and met with State Representatives Yarborough and Daniels, as well as Senators Bean, Gibson and Farmer to discuss teacher pay, school safety and learn about upcoming bills regarding education. I also had the opportunity to talk with Lt. Governor Nuñez and Senator Bradley. Decisions made in Tallahassee have a great impact on local education.

Q: Has the date been set for the School Choice Expo?

A: Believe it or not, it's not too soon

to begin thinking about school choice options. The School Choice Expo will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. All neighborhood, magnet, and charter schools will be represented under one roof so parents can get full information to help make the right choice for their student.

Q: Do you have anything else to share about District 7?

A: I have a couple of shout outs. First, to the Mandarin Middle School football team, which advanced to the city championship game to be played on Nov. 20 versus Stilwell Military Academy. Second, to the Atlantic Coast High School marching band, which earned straight "Excellents" at the recent Florida Bandmasters Association MPA adjudication.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. The last day of school is Dec. 19, 2019 before the winter break. School resumes on Jan. 7, 2020.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

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





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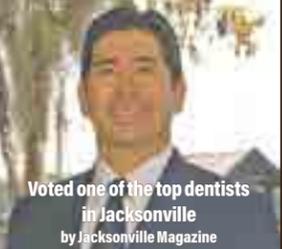
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Briefs

Women's club welcomes senior wellness speaker

The River City Women's Club recently hosted Connie Smith as a speaker. She is the Healthy Aging Coordinator Wellness Experience

Maker for the Williams Family YMCA and her presentation focused on the importance of maintaining balance and movement in

all stages of life. Her interactive presentation demonstrated that even small movements can have a huge impact for seniors. Smith had attendees up and participating in simple exercises that can improve balance, as well as activities everyone does such as getting in and out of a car.

Smith also provided insight on programs such as Silver Sneakers that is offered at the YMCA She educated club members on senior

discounts that are available at many local gyms. Smith suggested members contact their specific insurance provider to see if gym membership is included or can be added for a minimal increase.

Volunteers needed for AARP Foundation Tax-aide

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide, celebrating its 52nd year, offers free in-person preparation and assistance to anyone, especially those 50 and older, who can't afford a tax preparation service. Volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting many older, lower-income taxpayers, and their families, who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they've earned.

Since its inception, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has served more than 68 million taxpayers. The program is seeking volunteer tax preparers, client facilitators, those who can provide technical and management assistance and interpreters. Every level of experience is welcome. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification.

Last year, 142 AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers helped more than 9,100 people file their federal tax returns. The program is offered at 13 sites in Jacksonville including senior centers, libraries and other convenient locations.

To learn about volunteer opportunities, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277). AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in coordination with the IRS.

Baptist Health executive to retire

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer John F. Wilbanks, FACHE, has announced his plan to retire at the end of the calendar year. Wilbanks joined Baptist Health as Vice President of Professional Services in 1986.

Wilbanks' operational and strategic responsibility spans all five hospitals in the Baptist Health system, Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, Baptist Physician Enterprise, all outpatient care campuses, as well as capital and construction planning, business development and innovation, nursing, and home health care.

Matt Zuino, who has more than 20 years of physician and hospital operations experience, will assume the role of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating

Officer at Baptist Health in early January 2020. Zuino joined Baptist Health in 2017 as the President of Physician Integration.

Over Wilbanks' 15 year tenure as chief operating officer, the health system increased its market share with major hospital expansions, including the addition of Baptist South, Baptist Heart Hospital, and several freestanding emergency centers for children and adults. In addition, he was a key member of the executive committee that facilitated the partnership between Baptist Health and MD Anderson, the No. 1 cancer center in the nation. In 2017 and 2018, Wilbanks was named one of the Top 25 COOs in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare magazine.

Senior home to celebrate 30-year anniversary in Mandarin

By NewsLine Staff
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Thirty years have passed since River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged relocated from its original three-acre site on Stockton Street in the Riverside area of Jacksonville to its new home at the 40-acre River Garden Senior Services campus, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road in Mandarin.



Photo courtesy River Garden
Original Victorian building, Riverside area

In just one day — on Dec. 10, 1989 — staff, board members and more than 300 volunteers assisted the 167 Stockton Street residents to move, with all their belongings, to the new Mandarin facility. During this time, it was reported to be the largest one-day relocation of nursing home residents anywhere in the nation. River Garden still has eight of the Riverside employees on staff at the Mandarin location.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, from 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m., a celebratory event for residents, family, friends and guests will be held at River Garden to honor the milestone date. The community is invited to attend. Afterwards, the annual employee holiday party will be held, and guests are invited to enjoy lunch with staff and members of River Garden's administration team including Marty Goetz, CEO; Jim Richman, chief operating officer; and Mauri Mizrahi, associate administrator.

River Garden was founded in 1946 by The Ladies Hebrew Sheltering Aid Society, a group of determined and visionary Jewish women who recognized a need to establish a home for the elderly.

"From the beginning, River Garden has been inspired by Jewish values and has served people of all faiths from northeast Florida, and beyond. Over the years we've added programs and earned many awards, both of which I am proud of. But, what I most enjoy knowing is that our commitment to excellence and to our mission is at the core of everything we do. That's what really makes River Garden a remarkable community asset," said Goetz, a 41-year career professional at River Garden.

Over the years, the not-for-profit home has now become a top-rated 180-bed care center for short-stay skilled nursing and rehabilitation, and long-term nursing and memory care. In 2012, a 10,000-square-foot wing was added to include the adult day program, Jewish life and volunteer services, and one of the largest rehabilitation and therapy gyms in Jacksonville.

The River Garden Foundation and River Garden Auxiliary raise money to help subsidize the immediate needs of the people who call River Garden their home. River Garden also serves as host for several senior-focused programs throughout the year. For more information, visit www.rivergarden.org for more information.

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Santa to make special stop at libraries

By Olga Bayer
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Ho! Ho! Ho! You better watch out! Santa Claus is coming to both Mandarin and South Mandarin branch libraries. The Santa Stops and Photo Ops event is an annual favorite of youngsters and parents too! So bring your kids — and your cameras — to get a picture of your child with St. Nick. Children will also enjoy a holiday-themed story, read by the jolly old elf himself, and a fun holiday craft. Mark your calendar now for Santa Stop Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. at Mandarin Branch Library, and Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at South Mandarin Branch Library.

Doggie Duos: The four-legged furry friends everyone loves are back at the libraries to help kids gain confidence reading. Children feel less intimidated reading alongside gentle therapy dogs — good listeners and nonjudgmental — and that helps kids improve reading skills. The only thing better than reading with one therapy dog is reading with two therapy dogs. Kids can read with Trey and Shelley Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Mandarin Branch Library or later the same Saturday at 3 p.m. at the South Mandarin Branch Library. Children can enjoy a book with Diva and Tenor, another dynamic doggie duo, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Mandarin Branch Library.

Relax, Play, Create: Adults looking for ways to unwind and relax have a good option at South Mandarin Branch Library. Let a certified trainer guide you through a free Heartfulness Relaxation and Meditation Workshop. Give it a try Dec. 7 from 1 p.m. — 2 p.m. Adults and teens alike will enjoy honing spelling and gam-



Photo courtesy Jacksonville Public Library

'Tis the season for Santa storytime and picture-taking time at the Mandarin and South Mandarin branch libraries.

ing skills playing Scrabble at the South Mandarin Library Dec. 7 from 3 p.m. — 5 p.m. And whether you're new or a pro at the art of paper-folding, spending creative time together as a family at the Holiday Origami workshop Dec. 21 from 3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. at Mandarin Branch Library.

Popular Relaunch: Back by popular demand, the Kids Graphic Novel Book Club will meet Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Mandarin Branch Library. Kids ages eight through 12 will dig the discussion about "Zita the Spacegirl: Far From Home," a book by Ben Hatke that's filled with aliens, humanoid chickens and neurotic robots. Be sure to get a copy from the library. The hour of fun will also include a related craft or cool activity.

All libraries will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holidays. They will close at 6 p.m. on Dec. 31 and be closed Jan. 1, 2020 for New Year's. Find information about additional events at jaxpubliclibrary.org or call Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 262-5201 or South Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 288-6385.



Alan Huerth (CDR, USN, Ret.), Donald Wojciechowski (Capt., USAF, Ret.) and William Bosworth (Capt., USN, Ret.)



Photo courtesy Lynn Cuda
Veterans in attendance.

Mandarin Community Club holds annual Veterans Day event

By Lynn Cuda
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The Mandarin Community Club held its annual wreath-laying ceremony in honor of Veterans Day on Sunday, Nov. 10 in the Billard Commemorative Park. Assisting club president Susie Scott with the placement of the wreath this year were club members/veterans Alan Huerth (CDR, USN, Ret.), Donald Wojciechowski (Capt., USAF, Ret.) and William Bosworth (Capt., USN, Ret.)

The Mandarin High School ROTC Color Guard, under the direction of Captain H. Hadley, and the American Heritage Girls Florida Troop 1215 also participated this year. The playing of "Taps" was provided by Mandarin Community Club board member Brett Nolan.

The Mandarin Community Club has honored veterans with a program every year since 2007. The Billard Park is home to Mandarin's only Veterans Memorial.

Scout's Eagle project benefits St. Joseph's



Photo courtesy Diane Richter

Michael Richter recently completed his Eagle project at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The first phase, on July 27, 2019, was pulling bushes and shrubs that were no longer wanted in the area of the Mary Garden and outdoor Rosary. Then, with help of his Boy Scout Troop 473, Richter placed weed barrier down and new plants in the area. The project was finished with some fresh mulch spread on Aug. 3, 2019. Richter also added a box for Rosary pamphlets and painted it and the garden sign. The project received much needed assistance from the church's Master Gardener Bernie (Bernadette) Hashtag.

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Choose your Nutcracker

By Martie Thompson
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“The Nutcracker” is believed by many to be a time-honored holiday tradition. In Northeast Florida, the tradition continues with five productions of the ballet this December.

Since each performance is unique, following is a guide highlighting the dates, times and locations of each to help you choose “your” Nutcracker.

Community Nutcracker

Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Florida Theatre
www.jaxnutcracker.org

Artistic Directors Dulce Anaya, Debra Rankin and Mark Spivak continue this holiday tradition which began in 1992. Community Nutcracker is the only nonprofit, volunteer-run organization that offers a portion of its proceeds to local charitable agencies, particularly Dreams Come True, with each performance — and has donated more than \$750,000 in the past 28 years. The performing company is made up of local talent with more than 200 dancers ranging in age from nine to adult from Northeast Florida auditioning and performing in the production. In an effort to promote the arts in schools, Community Nutcracker also offers performances



Photo by MetroCreative

on Dec. 12 and Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m. for school groups as well as a Community Service Night (invitation only) on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

Christ Church Nutcracker Ballet

Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.
Lazzara Theater, UNF Fine Arts Department
www.missfeliciasdance.com

This year marks the 24th performance of the Christ Church Nutcracker Ballet, directed by Felicia Rhoden of the Christ Church Dance Ministry as well as owner of Miss Felicia’s Dance. Nearly 300 performers, aged two to 90 years old, will take the stage. Proceeds from the performance support children with life threatening illnesses in the Dreams Come True Foundation, Community

PedsCare and the Amistad Orphanage in Bolivia.

Jacksonville Symphony’s First Coast Nutcracker

Dec. 13 at 8 p.m.
Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Dec. 15 at 2 p.m.
Moran Theater at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts
www.jaxsymphony.org/first-coast-nutcracker/

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jects as well as photos and educational posters throughout the park.

The Winter Celebration is a long-held tradition in Mandarin, kicking off December with old-fashioned fun and history presentations. All historic buildings are open, including the 1875 Webb/Jones Farmhouse (decorated by the Mandarin Garden Club), 1898 St. Joseph’s Mission Schoolhouse for African-American Children, 1876 barn, and the Losco Winery. In the Mandarin Museum, attendees can meet Dr. Keith Holland and Maple Leaf divers to learn about this National Historic Landmark Civil War ship. Civil War reenactors with “In Search of Valor” will feature the common foot soldier of the Civil War with an encampment of period tents, weapons, uniforms and soldiers’ personal effects. The Union Navy will be represented as well as the Golden Teacups (ladies wearing dresses of the period). Sharing the area’s rich African-American heritage will be reenactors from the Fort Mose Historical Society and representatives of Jacksonville Gullah Geechee Nation CDC.

Activities include a horse drawn hay wagon, games and crafts for children, Santa and Mrs. Claus, face painting by Gator Clowns, antique cars and demonstrations of weaving, quilting and bridge-playing. All activities are free except for the hay ride.

Area non-profit organizations will be present to share information, including Mandarin Garden Club, UF Extension Office, Mandarin Community Club, American Legion Post 373, Greenscape of Jacksonville, and Education First. Alliance Francaise de Jacksonville will present information about French culture and the First Coast Plein Aire Painters will be painting throughout the park. City of Jacksonville Parks, Recreation and Community Services will have an informational table as well as the Sout Mandarin Branch Library.

The museum gift shop will be stocked with unique holiday gift ideas. Books and art prints are on sale by local authors and local artists. Also, this is the only place anywhere to buy Mandarin history ornaments, the “history” blanket, and the special Mandarin Frogs. The new annual ornament this year is “Mandarin Super Market.” And, for holiday “Shop Local” gift buying, three Mandarin authors who have written books for children will be in attendance: Jane Wood (12 p.m. – 1 p.m.), David Gaslin (12 p.m. – 2 p.m.) and June Weltman (1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.).

Music for the day includes:

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Ryan Sinclair, African Drummer

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Clay County Swing Band, music of the ‘40s and patriotic

2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Camille and Camiya Ferron, vocalists

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: acoustic music circle

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Miguel Huertes, violinist

The Winter Celebration is held at Walter Jones Historical Park, 11964 Mandarin Road. Visit www.mandarinmuseum.net/events/winter-celebration or call (904) 268-0784 for updates and more information.



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Hottest Holiday Gift Ideas from Your Local Businesses

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Shopping is a big part of the holiday season, when families and friends gather to reconnect and exchange gifts. The benefits of shopping locally go beyond convenience — shopping locally can directly benefit your community and the people who call it home. Following are some suggested gift ideas by some of our local businesses:

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Back in Time with Brett

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Mandarin Community Club

“...but at last it was done; and a neat, pleasant little place it was.” — Harriet Beecher Stowe, “Palmetto Leaves,” 1872.

When Harriet Beecher Stowe and her family flocked to Mandarin for winters in the land of sunny Florida during the latter part of the 19th Century, it wasn't just to enjoy the state's sub-



Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society
Mandarin School; later Mandarin Community Club

tropical climate. In fact, Stowe was determined to bring a Northern influence to a rather desolate area following the Civil War. After much deliberation, Stowe successfully lobbied the Freedmen's Bureau to

erect a branch in Mandarin, and by 1869, a building for the agency was constructed. The structure would function as a schoolhouse for black and white children on weekdays, and a church on Sundays. This worked out exceptionally well for the Stowes, because not only was the building catty-corner from their winter cottage, but between their family members, they had a minister, organist, and choir. Stowe would

frequently have a little Mason and Hamlin missionary organ carried to and from her home for each service, leaving the preaching in the hands of her dear husband, Professor Calvin E. Stowe.

By 1871, after mismanagement of funding, the Mandarin School left students without a teacher for a year. Everything was in place for class to resume in the fall of 1872 when one night the building mysteriously caught fire. With it, Stowe's petite pump organ shrieked in agony

till it was no more. Ironically, it was locked inside a closet for safekeeping after proving an inconvenience hauling to and fro. Not without some controversy surrounding whether the fire was accidental or on purpose, Stowe would say it was caused by wandering loafers who had lost control of their fire while seeking refuge in the building on a cold winter's night. Others think it was done in spite of the famous authoress's philanthropy work.

Saddened at the loss of the beloved community building, Stowe wrote to friends across the county pleading for funds to rebuild it. Her ambitions were penned on paper of a mighty Phoenix rising from the ashes — and the heroine's work was a success. Stowe raised the necessary resources and construction began in the following spring on the site of the former Freedmen's Bureau. By the end of 1872, villagers had a new building.

While in Mandarin, the Stowes brought about a certain flair that wafted through the air with all kinds of excitement. Harriet was like the sweet-smelling orange blossom opening up in the winter months, perfuming the community with life that so many Mandarinites looked forward to. She organized picnics and parties in the village, commonly utilizing the newly built schoolhouse as their venue. Charade merry-makings, theatrical productions, and square dancing with music led by a local fiddler emanated from this community hall. Mandarin marveled at her gracious exertions.

Still in awe of the amiable author's feat, residents today can look to the momentous structure, known as the Mandarin Commu-



Photo sourced from the Florida State Archives
Mandarin School circa 1878

nity Club, as “a direct link to the post-Civil War Reconstruction era, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and the educational, religious and cultural life of early Mandarin.” (Wood) It is singularly significant to our area's history and, at last it was done. Mandarin has found itself a gathering place of fellowship now for nearly 150 years — and what a neat little place it has become.

Look for Part 2 in the January issue of Mandarin NewsLine, featuring the Mandarin Community Club as it evolved into the 20th century and beyond.

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Whether you are a newbie to genealogy, an accomplished genealogist, or somewhere in between, the Southern Genealogists' Exchange Society (SGES) has a place for you and invites you to check out the organization and its genealogy library.

Located at 6215 Sauterne Drive, near the Blanding Boulevard and 103rd Street intersection on the westside of Jacksonville, the library includes more than 7,000 books, maps and periodicals. Areas of interest include all 50 states, other countries/ethnic groups, ship passenger lists, military papers and much more. Also available are Duval County private cemetery transcriptions, loose papers and binders for numerous sur-

names. Access to Ancestry.com is provided to library visitors, free of charge.

The library is open every Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. as well as the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Southern Genealogists' Exchange Society library is available for members free of charge. A \$5 donation is appreciated from non-members. The library is staffed by volunteers; it's best to call ahead (904) 778-1000 to make sure library will be open.

Yearly membership in the Southern Genealogists' Exchange Society is \$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family. Monthly meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. with speakers covering a variety of subjects. These meetings are free and open to the public and are usually held at the Mandarin Library, 3330 Kori Road. Visit sgesjax.org for more information.

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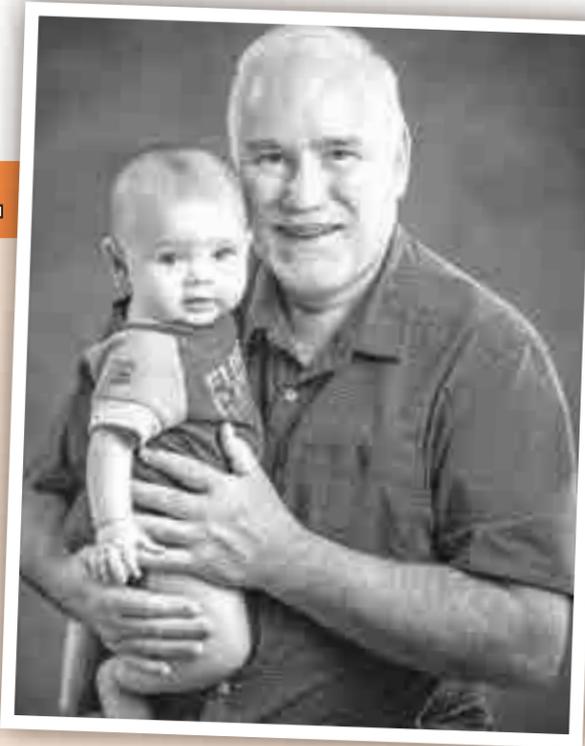


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Olis Garber and grandson.

A popular saying is to do what you love, and you'll never work a day in your life — and it's something that Mandarin photographer Olis Garber seems to have taken to heart. Garber, who is married and a father of two, moved to Jacksonville more than 30 years ago, and turned a hobby into a career that's taken him all over the world.

1. Tell us about yourself.

I've been a Mandarin resident for 32 years. I moved down here from Atlanta and started working for Blue Cross. I've been doing photography for 41 years, and for the last 10 years, I've been doing it professionally. Overall, I love to do things like landscape and wildlife, while professionally, I like to do classical portraits, architecture, and products. I also teach photography, in terms of conferences, in places like Anchorage, Alaska, Washington state, and Victoria, Canada. I've also put together photography expeditions for family and friends, like to Iceland, and I just recently came back last month from the Canadian Rockies. I also did portraits for the Mandarin Historical Society; I asked each one of them to pick their favorite location in Mandarin, and write a short article about it, which went with the portraits for the society's website.

2. Was it a big adjustment moving from Atlanta to Jacksonville?

Yes. In Atlanta, we loved restaurants, and just all the variety of food there. The

thing that was a negative about Atlanta was the road system, and traveling — just to get anywhere was about 45 minutes. When we first moved to Mandarin, they had not yet completed the four lane of State Road 13; it was a two-lane. We loved the ruralness and the feel of it. I think that kind of ties in with the landscape that I like to do. Now, everything is relatively close and easy to get to. But we still live in an area where we can have trees around, and I just love that feeling.

3. How did you get started in photography, and why do you love it so much?

I had a career in IT, and I just needed something for the other side of my brain. I love traveling to new and different locations; three years ago, I went to South America. I love going with friends. I like to put together really detailed plans. I'll go to Google Earth, pick all the locations we want to see, do research like understanding the tide conditions, the sunrise/sunset times, the direction of light. And I lay really intricate plans out, and see how closely I can come to execute them.

4. What are your favorite places in Mandarin to photograph?

The church over on Mandarin Road, the one that was damaged by the hurricane, in '74, I believe? That's a beautiful location on the river. Also, the post office, and the buildings where the historical society is. It's those old buildings where you get the flavor of what Mandarin used to be. The image that I shot for the Mandarin Art Festival is 100 yards from where

I live, and it gives you a hint of what Mandarin used to look like, 40 – 50 years ago, with the tree cover that we have.

5. What do you like to do for fun?

I'm married and I have two daughters who also live here in Jacksonville. I have a grandchild now, and being around him and watching him grow — that's been a lot of fun over the last five months. I like technology, and I like keeping up with changes in photography and trying to stay on top of that. I also love lighting. I've done several shoots here, on the St. Johns, where you get shots of the downtown skyline, or I'll go to the Gulf Coast and during the summer, thunderstorms will roll in from the Gulf. There's a position I like to go, where I can get a vantage point where I go due south, look at the Milky Way above, and capture the thunder and lightning. I try to catch that from sunset through the night, so I get a transition of these beautiful clouds side lit by the sun setting in the west, with lightning bolts coming in and the stars above. And ultimately, my job now is my hobby, what I'm really passionate about.

Mandarin Garden Club earns national certification

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Mandarin Garden Club has been certified as a new Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation through its Garden for Wildlife Program. The state affiliate, the Florida Wildlife Federation, has co-certified the habitat.



Photo courtesy Betty Waldrep

The club has received a personalized certificate with a unique habitat number and a certified Wildlife Habitat Yard Sign.

The Garden for Wildlife Movement has recognized more than 227,000 certified Wildlife Habitat gardens across the United States. Mandarin Garden Club is also a part of the Million Pollinator Garden challenge. This is a national effort to create a million gardens that provide habitat for declining pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

The club has created gardens on their property that provide natural sources of food, water, cover, and a place to raise young. The habitat, at 2892 Loretto Road, contains native plants, conserves water, and doesn't rely on pesticides. Birds, frogs, bees, butterflies, turtles, squirrels, and other local wildlife live and thrive on the property.

"The club has been creating this beautiful habitat since 1988," said Mary Howe, Master Gardener and namesake of the Mary Kay Howe Butterfly Garden.

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Sarah Crush with her first graders celebrating Shine Bright Day.



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Ginger Manning and Susan Lawson with their third graders celebrating Respect Day.

Crown Point celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Crown Point Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 21 – 25. The theme this year was “Literacy Against Drugs” and the school’s PTA planned several activities throughout the week. Crown Point Panthers started off the week wearing a pair of silly socks to “sock it to drugs.” Tuesday was Respect Day and Panthers were encouraged to dress up as someone they respect. Students dressed up as policemen, firemen, military, favorite teachers, principals or as their parents. Wednesday was ROY G BIV Day and Panthers wore as many colors of the rainbow as possible. Thursday was Crown Point Day, when everyone was encouraged to wear Crown Point colors and a crown. Friday finished the week with Shine Bright Day; students wore neon colors and some even had on sunglasses. The PTA had a door contest and special prizes were given to the winners from each grade level. The week ended with Monster Mash Dance Party held on Friday night.



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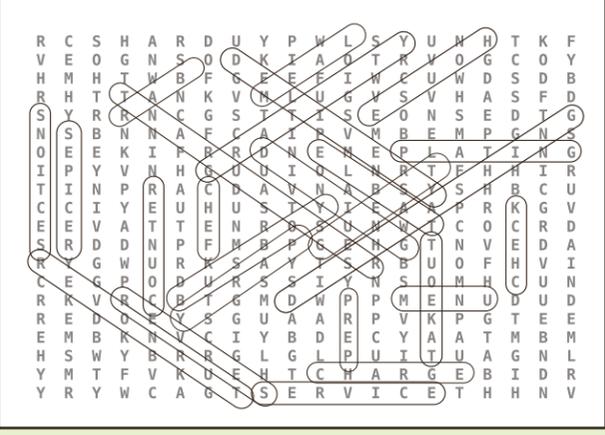
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Fishing

Capt. David's Fishing Report

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Well it's still hard to believe how long this year's shrimp run has lasted. There are still enough shrimp hanging around to provide plenty of live bait for your next trip out on the river. Although unusual for a shrimp run to last this late into the year, with continued mild weather, small numbers of shrimp could still be around well into January.

As our gift giving season quickly approaches, now is the time to find out just exactly what items your favorite angler has been hoping to add to their fishing supply list. Without having to ask, there are a number of no-fail gift ideas that most any fisherman will be happy to add to their fishing closet.

If any of the folks on your list took part in this year's shrimping, or are hoping to do so next year, then a new shrimp cast net might be just what they are looking for — a 3/8" mesh net with webbing is most widely used. A six-foot diameter net is a good size for the average net thrower, with an eight-foot diameter or larger for the more experienced net thrower.

In two or three months, it will already be time for the spring surf fishing run. A nice surf rod and reel to go after those pompano and whiting would make the perfect gift for anyone who is ready to get out of the house and start fishing again. A beach cart to accompany all that gear going down to the beach would complete any surf fisher's want list.

Also just a few months away this coming

spring will be the return of largemouth bass fishing, starting with their spawn. Arguably the best time of year for bass fishing, any kind of new bass rigs are a must have before the season starts. With so many different types of combinations of rods and reels available, some kind of helpful hint list might be needed to find just which one it is your person is hoping for.

Getting the kids additional tackle, or just getting them started is a gift that could be appreciated well into adulthood. Fishing is and can be a hobby that gets the children out of the house and into the outdoors to see, appreciate, and be a part of the beautiful world that surrounds them. Consider an inexpensive push button rod reel for the youngsters and spinning combo with some tackle for older ones. Most any store that sells fishing equipment should be able to help you with your choices.

Never fail gift ideas . . . hats, polarized sunglasses, quality fillet knife, long term cooler, party boat or fishing trip gift certificate or a gift certificate to their favorite sporting goods or tackle store.

Fishing Report: Reds, croaker, and yellowmouths in the river. Panfish in creeks on pretty, warmer days. Look for speckled perch to begin to bite in area lakes during cool spells and cooler days.

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Gardening

Falling leaves and inclement weather

By Master Gardener Volunteer Lesley Arrandale
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In early November, the whole country experienced record lows after record highs, and some improvement in the drought — never a dull moment!

As clocks have “fallen back,” those of us with in-ground irrigation systems need to change our watering schedule, even if we use well water. Hand held hoses and drip systems can run at any time. Check here for details: www.sjrwmd.com/waterrestrictions/. Watering just once a week, if needed, is all that is required for our grass to adjust to shorter days and cooler temperatures, both of which cause slower growth. Until we have a freeze we will likely see grass continue to grow, so if you must mow, be sure to set your mower blades high; scalping a lawn will weaken the roots and make it more susceptible to freeze damage.

Finally it's cool enough to grow lettuce, and continue to plant cool season vegetables; see “The Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide” (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh021>).

By now, the wild sunflowers (*Helianthus spp.*) and goldenrods (*Solidago spp.*) are past their prime, and setting seed, which is a boon for our wild life. Asters (*Symphyotrichum spp.*) are blooming along the roadsides, and the seed heads of bushy bluestem (*Andropogon glomeratus*) are turning a rusty brown color, lighting up the roadsides as they catch the sun. Winged sumac (*Rhus copallinum*) is one of the few native shrubs that turn a beautiful red in autumn, and is a delight. The leaves of the ubiquitous Boston ivy (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) become a stunning red before dropping, and in addition the vines

produce plenty of small black berries for our avian neighbors, and probably for small mammals too.

It won't be long before we dress our homes with festive plants. When buying Christmas cacti and poinsettia, take care to place them where they will be happy, and care for them appropriately. This humorous article by “The Grumpy Gardener,” aka Steve Bender, tells you what you need to know: www.southernliving.com/garden/grumpy-gardener/how-to-care-for-holiday-plants.

Birds need to fatten up for the colder weather ahead, and now is a good time to put out protein-rich suet cakes. Making your own is a possibility; the internet is always a good resource. The big box stores sell several varieties of suet, and I've found that one formulated for woodpeckers is popular with many backyard birds as well as winter migrants.

Until our first frost we can expect some of our tender perennials to keep blooming and one that I really enjoy is the tall red pentas or Egyptian starflower (*Pentas lanceolata*). Other late fall and early winter flowers include pansies and violas. For more information on winter annuals see https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep451#SECTION_12. Camellias are wonderful evergreens that can provide color throughout the winter. With early, mid and late season bloomers, *Camellia sasanqua* and *C. japonica* can provide color for months, although the mid-season bloomers are the most reliable in Florida (<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep002>). There is no need for a dull yard, at any time of the year. Happy Holidays!

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History and Holidays in Fredericksburg, Virginia

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The Tidewater area, including our nation's capital, makes a memorable and educational trip for the family. Tour the city, see the famous landmarks and browse the museums — but Washington can feel overwhelming and congested. Therefore, I suggest a side trip to nearby Fredericksburg, Va., either by rail or car, to continue the theme, but relax amidst colonial history. The charming town offers many special events in December.

Start with a visit to Ferry Farm, George Washington's boyhood home. Archeologists discovered the foundation in 2003 and after careful study, reconstructed a new building on the site. Visitors hear the story about young George, his parents, and his brothers and sisters. Did you know that Washington's father died when he was 11? Many of the values that shaped George into a future leader came from his widowed mother. The site includes interpretive displays, buildings to tour, a working farm, hiking trails, and beautiful views.

Here's the best part: since the house and furnishing are replicas, visitors are encouraged to touch and interact. They can sit at the dining room table, try out the beds or pick up items. It's great for kids. And as an added holiday treat from Dec. 8 – Dec. 30, the annual gingerbread contest and exhibits will be on display.

In addition to Ferry Farm, Fredericksburg also showcases Kenmore, the most elegant house in town built in the 1770s by Washington's sister and her husband. From Dec. 8 – Dec. 30, Kenmore will exhibit A Wee Christmas — Dollhouses and Miniatures Show with highly detailed, replica dollhouses, including the mansion, and miniatures.



Hugh Mercer Apothecary

The Mary Washington House, where George's mother lived in during her last years, is open for tours year-round. On Dec. 1 from 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., a candlelight tour of the house will include hot cider and a chance to taste Mary Washington's famous gingerbread.



Mary Washington's house

George's brother also built a home in Fredericksburg, but it later became the Rising Sun Tavern. Tours of the tavern by costumed docents explore period furnishings and 18th-century tavern customs. A holiday open house on Dec. 6 includes seasonal treats and Glasgow Punch.

Perhaps my favorite Fredericksburg attraction, the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop, presents costumed staff who passionately explain the methods and ingredients used in Colonial medicine. See a glass jar of live leeches and learn how they were used for bloodletting. You'll leave feeling happy to live in the 21st-century.



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Kenmore

The James Monroe Museum was first opened in 1927 by Monroe descendants as a place to house their prized family collections. Today the James Monroe Law Office, used by future United States President James Monroe from 1786 to 1789, is a popular museum. An open house on Dec. 6 will feature music played on the harp and the Monroe family's Astor pianoforte, plus a reception.

Fredericksburg contains more than just colonial history; visitors can follow a National Park Service auto tour through the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg. The battle was one of the most lopsided victories for Confederate General Robert E. Lee. From Dec. 11 – 15, 1862, the Federal Army of the Potomac attempted to dislodge Lee's army from the fortified heights of the city. Although the Federals did manage to breakthrough, the success was short-lived, and the Confederate position held strong for the remainder of the battle.

Fredericksburg thrives with a variety of modern, fine restaurants such as kybecca, Orofino, and Benny Vitali's, selling the hugest slice of pizza ever. Consider a stop at the A. Smith Bowman Distillery, and overnight lodging at the Courtyard by Marriott Fredericksburg or a few lovely Bed and Breakfast Inns.

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Jacksonville Symphony's First Coast Nutcracker has been a tradition in North Florida for 45 years. Under the direction of choreographer and artistic director, Rhonda Stampalia, the First Coast Nutcracker showcases internationally renowned principal dancers, the area's finest young dancers, and Tchaikovsky's best-loved melodies performed by the Jacksonville Symphony. Educational performances are offered on Dec. 12 – 13 in an effort to introduce more than 7,500 school children to the symphony, the ballet and how to be a good audience member.

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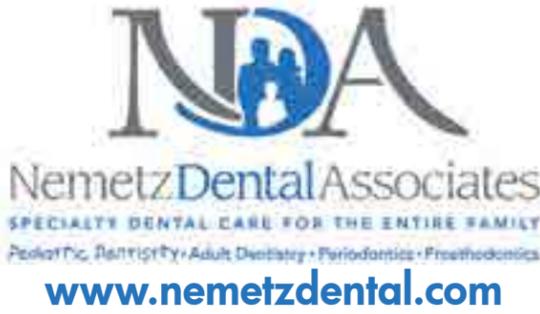
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