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Volusia County residents annoyed by mosquitoes may be eligible for free mosquito-reducing fish provided by the County's Mosquito Control Division. As part of its Integrated Pest Management program, the division uses *Gambusia holbrooki*, commonly known as "mosquito fish," to control mosquito larvae biologically.



Upon receiving a request, the division will send a field inspector to assess the property. The inspector will check for the presence of mosquitoes or larvae in nearby bodies of water, such as flooded woodlands, abandoned or neglected swimming pools, ornamental ponds, and large bird baths. If the site is appropriate for the fish, staff will coordinate with the resident to schedule a time to distribute the fish on the property. The division can only distribute the fish on the property the requestor owns.

"We encourage residents to participate in this free program, as the mosquito fish can significantly reduce mosquito numbers in standing water," said Mosquito Control Director Marcus McDonough. "It's a practical method to manage mosquito populations and improve the quality of life and health on both their property and our community."

These native fish, commonly found in permanent water bodies like ponds and lakes, help reduce mosquito populations by feeding on mosquito larvae.

To request an inspection and determine eligibility for receiving the fish, residents can fill out a request form on the Mosquito Control Division's page or contact the division at (386) 424-2920 or [VCMosquito@Volusia.org](mailto:VCMosquito@Volusia.org).

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### EDGEfest Kids Fishing Derby

Save the date of Saturday, September 21, 2024 for the EDGEfest Kids Fishing Derby! The event will be held at Menard May Park (413 South Riverside Drive) from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. This will be a free catch-and-release fishing derby sponsored by Southern States Fishin' & Huntin' Magazine. There will also be instruction on knot tying, fish identification and cast net throwing.

Early sign ups for kids ages 5 through 15 opens on September 2, 2024 at the Leisure Services office located at 1108 South Ridgewood Avenue or day of registration at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. There will be free chum buckets filled with prizes for the first 100 kids registered.

Bring your own fishing equipment and chairs. For those in need of them, rods and reels will be provided, while supplies last. A free lunch and snacks will be provided as well. There will be fun games with prizes provided by various vendors.

For more information call (386) 424-2400 extension 7207 or email [SpecialEvents@CityOfEdgewater.org](mailto:SpecialEvents@CityOfEdgewater.org).

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### Volusia County's International Coastal Cleanup

Volusia County's Environmental Management Division will host this year's International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 8 to 11 a.m. Residents can participate at over 20 sites along the beach, Halifax River, and Indian River. Last year, more than 1,100 volunteers collected 7,786 pounds of trash during the cleanup.

Interested persons can register online

from Aug. 1 to Sept. 8. Participants are encouraged to bring garden gloves, drinking water in refillable bottles, and buckets for collecting trash. They should wear a hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothing, and outdoor footwear. The first 1,000 pre-registered participants will receive a signature giveaway item at the conclusion of the event.

### BEACH CLEANUP SITES INCLUDE:

- Michael Crotty Bicentennial Park, 1800 N. Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond-by-the-Sea
- Sun N Surf Park, 726 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach
- Frank Rendon Park, 2705 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores
- Winter Haven Park, 4589 S. Atlantic Ave., Ponce Inlet
- North Beach Community Park, Sapphire Road and North Atlantic Avenue, New Smyrna Beach
- Flagler Avenue Beachfront Park, 100 Buenos Aires St., New Smyrna Beach

Most river locations have boat launches, where participants are encouraged to bring their kayaks, paddleboards, canoes, or motorboats (where appropriate) to access hard-to-reach coastlines.

### RIVER CLEANUP SITES INCLUDE:

- Highbridge Park, 39 Highbridge Road, Ormond Beach
- Tomoka State Park Loop pull-offs, 2099 N Beach St., Ormond Beach
- Sunrise Park South, 1135 Riverside Drive, Holly Hill
- City Island Park, 105 E. Magnolia Ave., Daytona Beach
- Bushman Park, 4575 Spruce Creek Road., Port Orange
- George R. Kennedy Memorial Park, 103 N. Riverside Drive, Edgewater
- River Breeze Park, 250 H.H. Burch Road, Oak Hill

Further details will be provided to registered participants as the event date approaches. For more information and more locations or to register, contact the ICC coordination team at [internationalcoastalcleanup@volusia.org](mailto:internationalcoastalcleanup@volusia.org) or visit them online.

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## Ready for the Storm: Hurricane Preparedness 2024

The month of September is considered the most active month for the Atlantic hurricane season. Volusia residents are encouraged to take the time to consider any last minute preparations to secure property. Volusia County was severely impacted by Hurricane Ian (September) and Nicole (November) in 2022. A great deal of reconstruction and repair has gone on along the beaches, coastal neighborhoods and inland communities since then and some areas are not finished rebuilding.

Meteorologists are forecasting higher-than-average activity this year. Ideally, residents already have emergency plans in place for themselves and their properties. A plan includes methods for emergency communication with family, preparing emergency supplies, checking the property's insurance coverage and identifying a community's evacuation plan.

The very first step to making sure a home is protected is by checking the homeowner's insurance policy. If a homeowner waits until a storm is approaching, coverage will not be available. Homeowners should insure their home based on its replacement cost - the amount needed to rebuild it if damaged or destroyed. Replacement cost offers more protection because the cost of building a home often exceeds market value - what the home would sell for in its current condition.

Homeowner's insurance and windstorm insurance does not include flood insurance. All homeowners in the coastal communities of Volusia County, especially beachside, should carry a separate flood policy regardless of whether the property is located in a flood zone. Floods are the number one natural disaster in the United States. Insurers

pay out billions each year. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), just one inch of water can cause \$25,000 in damage.

According to officials, it takes 30 days after purchase for a flood insurance policy to take effect. Also, if a hurricane is within 500 miles of Florida, flood insurance policies will not be written during that time.

Before and during hurricane season, make sure a property is in good repair and meets local hurricane building codes, declutter drains and



gutters, trim trees, secure loose outdoor items and plan a safe location to move vehicles during a hurricane. To prepare for an approaching storm, it is recommended to secure windows and doors, reinforce the roof and garage doors, have a disaster supply kit, use the safe-room concept,

plan for the whole family's health and welfare and provide security for valuables and important documents.

If forced to evacuate, create a kit of supplies that can travel well. A kit will also be helpful if residents are able to stay in their homes, but are affected by the storm, such as a power outage. A common trend during approaching hurricanes is a widespread panic. People rush in large numbers to get supplies. Preparing a kit ahead of time can alleviate potential stress and chaotic situations. For help creating a personalized family disaster plan, visit [FloridaDisaster.org](http://FloridaDisaster.org).

It is recommended to plan for 72-hour survival and to include the following items in a hurricane kit: non-perishable foods, water, first aid kit, personal hygiene and sanitation items, flashlights, extra batteries, waterproof wallets and file folders for cash and important documents, manual can opener, lighter or matches, special needs items for pets and young children, coolers, ice packs and a plan in case family members are separated.

Residents can prepare and stay informed by downloading the Volusia County EM app, available for free on the Google Play or App Store. The app features weather alerts and current conditions, preparedness checklists, links to county sites, locations of the nearest open shelter and sandbags locations, evacuation



information, push notifications and more. Residents can also follow Volusia County Emergency Management across social media for the latest updates related to Volusia County.



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When a licensed public adjuster from Trust Public Adjusting Group visits your property for a free inspection and policy review, the first thing we scan for is whether there is an "Our Option" clause within your policy, also known as the "right to repair." This clause is common in Security First Insurance policies but can be found in other policies, too. If your insurance provider is Security First, I recommend checking with your agent to see if your policy includes this clause.

My advice is to remove the "right to repair" option from your insurance policy. The premium savings are not worth the potential drawbacks. This clause allows your insurance company to

select the contractors who will perform the work on your property and define the scope of the work, removing your freedom to choose.

I have seen numerous instances where work done by "right to repair" contractors had to be redone by contractors chosen by the policyholder after a long-drawn-out process. Most of the time, the contractors do not do the work with the quality the property owner expects.

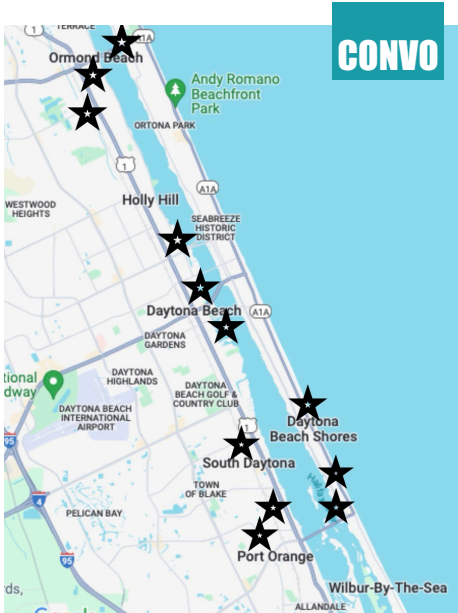
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## Beverage Trails in Volusia County

If you didn't already know, the West Volusia Tourism Advertising Authority has a "Cool Craft Beverage Trail" to help you discover unique drinks and their shops or restaurants throughout the west side of the county. You can find local breweries, coffee shops, and candy stores on their website, CoolCraftTrail.com, and social media sites. I love this resource and, while there may already be one for the east coast, I want to highlight some of my favorite beverage stops around the greater Daytona Beach area!



Starting to the north, in Ormond Beach, you can sip on a variety of hot and iced teas while reading your favorite book at Novel Tea Book Shop (150 Tomoka Ave.). Soraya Café incorporates Middle Eastern flavors and treats with their coffee and houses beautiful décor and murals (156 E. Granada Blvd.). For beers and ciders, we make our way to Ormond Brewing Company (301 Division Ave., Unit 15). Then, in Holly Hill, you can enjoy a distillery tour, try mixed drinks with rum or vodka, and even take home your own spirits from Copper Bottom Craft Distillery (998 N. Beach St.).

There is a whole row of drinks to try along Beach Street in downtown Daytona Beach! To start your day with coffee, I would recommend either Sweet Marlay's (214 S. Beach St.) or Copperline Coffee (118 S. Beach St.). If tea or kombucha is more of your jam, then The Porch is your place to go (212 S. Beach St.). Later in the day, you can pick up

a boba tea or milkshake from The Neighborhood Scoop (228 S. Beach St.). And even later in the evening, you can enjoy the atmosphere and drinks at Madeline's Wine Bar (200 N. Beach St.).

Making our way to South Daytona, there are two newly opened coffee shops to visit. The Wheelhouse Coffee Cart Company is fully mobile for your private event needs and often finds its home inside Wildflower Hair Co. (401 Venture Dr.). A more stationary option with plenty of seating for work or meeting with friends is Coffee Therapy (2037 Anastasia).

While I could keep making my way down the coast, I'll stop in the Port Orange area. My girls and I just visited Hi! Boba Tea with its cute interior and delicious fruit and milk tea options (3813 Clyde Morris Blvd. Unit 108). If you're heading beachside, just over the bridge is Dunes Brewing with craft brews on tap and an inviting seating area (59 Dunlawton Ave., Unit 102). Continuing to A1A, you'll find Bliss Beach with coffee, smoothies, and the coolest AI-generated retro Daytona Beach artwork (3218 S. Atlantic Ave, Suite 1). And lastly, Zugba Café has specialty coffees, sparkling refreshers, boba tea and "magical tea" (3106 S. Atlantic Ave).

I know I just listed a lot of places for you to try out, but if you can believe it, there are many more spots that I may have missed or have yet to visit! So, cheers to exploring all of the beverages and stops around Daytona Beach and creating our own trail on the east side!



**Cassie Gonyer** lives in Daytona Beach with her husband, three daughters, two housemates, and a "doug" (dachshund-pug mix dog). She loves exploring and promoting the food, shops and events that Daytona has to offer. You can follow her local adventures on Instagram at @CassGoAroundDaytona

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## Know When to Fold ‘Em

My wife Jenny and I discovered something about 20 years ago, and it has served us well ever since. We discovered that our first instincts about a matter are usually the right ones. This has been true in both our personal and business lives.

Prior to our “lightbulb moment,” we would find ourselves staying at hotels, eating at restaurants, or pursuing a business direction when our first instinct told us not to. As you have probably experienced yourself, this never ends well. I’ll paint our “lightbulb moment” picture for you.

We were traveling through a town we had never been in before. It was lunchtime, and we began looking for a restaurant. We randomly chose one and walked in. There was only one table of patrons in the restaurant. We stood on a welcome mat at the entrance that looked like it hadn’t been vacuumed in weeks and waited about two minutes for a staff member to acknowledge our existence. Finally, a waiter loudly yelled from about 30 feet away, “Sit anywhere you like.” Jenny and I sat down and started getting that awkward feeling.

After several more minutes, a waiter brought us some menus, took our drink order, and walked away. We began looking through the slightly soiled menus and then looked up at each other. The song lyrics of The Clash came to mind, “Should I stay or should I go now?” Do we follow our first instinct, accept the embarrassment of telling the staff we’re not staying, or do we stay and plow through what we already know will be a terrible dining experience? That afternoon, 20 years ago, my wife and I looked at each other and said, “No way, never again. You gotta know when to fold ‘em.” We left \$10 on the table for the iced tea we ordered and walked out, vowing from that moment on to always go with our first instinct.

Since that fateful day, we have walked out of many restaurants, switched hotels, and stopped pursuing

bad business decisions as well. The latest example came just a few weeks ago as we were celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary in Sicily. Our first instincts served us well again.



My wife had booked a beautiful boutique hotel that got good reviews and the pictures looked amazing. However, when we got there, it was not exactly as advertised. We checked into our warm room, changed, and headed down to the slightly overcrowded pool. It was nice but was just not as expected. I looked at Jenny and said, “What do you think?” She replied, “I’m not feeling it.” Now comes the tough decision: do you stay at the prepaid, no-refund, disappointing hotel, or do you “know when to fold ‘em” and go? We left the next morning for a new hotel, Le Calette, and ended up having one of the most wonderful anniversary vacations of our 35-year marriage.

Thanks, Dave



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## Bobby G Takes on Dutch Oven Bread Co.

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I'm beyond excited to share that I'm taking on Dutch Oven Bread Co. in Edgewater! There are so many reasons why I'm thrilled about this. For starters, my newfound obsession with baking my own bread at home has made me appreciate their craft even more. Plus, the restaurant I work for, The Spott, uses their amazing products to elevate our cuisine to the next level. But what really makes them special is their dedication to quality and their undeniable passion, which you can taste in every loaf, bagel, and dessert they bake. They pour their hearts into their work and bring these delicious creations to the community they grew up in. It's all about quality, passion, and a whole lot of love!

Founded in March 2020 by Fabio and Candice Uyttewaal, Dutch Oven Bread Co. has a name that's a nod to Fabio's Dutch roots and a super cool baking technique using a Dutch oven to whip up the most perfect, artisan-style loaves. Fabio, or "Fabe" as Candice lovingly calls him, shared a little baking secret with me.

He explained that using a Dutch oven helped them create what bakers call an "ear" on their sourdough loaves. Now, this isn't just any old crust - it's the magical way the crust forms on the top of the loaf, curling up just like an ear. It's the ultimate sign of a perfect bake, and Fabe's

eyes lit up as he described how the Dutch oven works its magic to make this happen. The steam trapped inside the lidded pot creates the perfect environment for the dough to rise and develop that signature, crispy ear that makes each loaf a masterpiece.



When Fabio and Candice started Dutch Oven Bread Co., it was right in the thick of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yeast had become a rare treasure in local stores, as everyone seemed to have the same brilliant idea to bake their own bread at home. But instead of letting this stop them, they rolled up their sleeves and decided to create their very own starter for sourdough bread.

Now, let me tell you about this magical concoction called a sourdough starter. It's like having a little pet in your kitchen that you need to feed and nurture. A starter is a simple mix of flour and water that ferments over time, capturing wild yeast and bacteria from the environment. This bubbly mixture becomes the lifeblood of sourdough bread, giving it that distinctive tangy flavor and wonderful texture.

When we arrived in the morning for the interview at Dutch Oven Bread Co.'s facility, which they've called home for about a year now, Fabio was already there, having arrived around 3:30ish to kick off the day. He greeted us with a warm smile and explained that this was his usual start time for firing up the ovens. Fabio had dough ready to be weighed and worked, and he eagerly invited me to join in and learn, knowing my excitement for any bread-making tips he might share.





I was beyond thrilled to see what it was like to work with dough alongside a real bread maker. The dough was silky smooth with a perfect firmness. Nervously, I took it into my hands, feeling like I might mess it up. But Fabio reassured me, saying I was doing just fine and just needed more practice to get the hang of it. His calm demeanor and encouragement made the whole experience incredibly memorable.



Plus, the smell was absolutely delightful - there's something uniquely sensational about the aroma of sourdough even before it's baked. It's always been one of my favorite scents and reminded me of times with my Grandad who adored sourdough bread and this experience only deepened my love for it.



Dutch Oven Bread Co. is on a roll, growing more every day and now delighting both restaurants and the public with their scrumptious offerings. You can snag their amazing breads and desserts at any of the locations we've mentioned below, or you can even become a subscriber! They offer individual and family-style plans, so you can choose what best fits your needs. And for those lucky enough to live in Edgewater or New Smyrna Beach, they've got home deliveries to bring their fresh delights right to your door.

But here's the best part - they're all about giving back to the community they cherish. They donate fresh bread to the Housing Authority, spreading joy and nourishment throughout the community. They even offer tours, giving you a peek into their sparkling clean kitchen and showing you where the magic happens.

And guess what? They're not stopping there. Baking classes are in the works, along with fun focaccia decorating sessions. It's all about sharing their passion and helping others fall in love with bread just like they have!



What truly blew me away during my visit with Candice and Fabio was just how genuine they are about their craft and their mission. They spoke with such heartfelt passion about their dedication to creating amazing products for their customers. It was clear that baking together as a family and giving back to their community brings them immense joy.

It's incredibly refreshing to see this level of sincerity and commitment right here in our own backyard. Their enthusiasm is infectious, and their love for what they do makes you want to be a part of their journey.

Until next month - keep on baking and spreading that wonderful love!

**Bobby G, out!**



**DUTCH OVEN BREAD CO.**  
504 Pullman Road, Edgewater, FL 32132  
(386) 689-9001 | dutchovenbreads.com

**Where to find their breads:**

- Rise Cafe**, 504 Pullman Rd., Edgewater  
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00-4:00, Friday 9:00-2:00  
and Saturday 9:00-12:00
- The Bake Shop**, 111 S. Ridgewood Ave., Edgewater  
Wednesday-Friday 10:30-5:00 & Saturday 10:30-4:00
- The Local Bite**, 819 FL A1A, NSB 32169  
Thursdays, 11:00-6:00
- Winola Farm Beef**, 601 Oak St Bldg 1, Suite C, Port Orange, FL 32127 - Fridays, 11:00-4:00
- Tomazin Farmer's Market**, 191 S. Cucumber Ln., NSB 32168 - Saturdays from 8:00-11:30 (look for the Moosedog Coffee tent!)

**Dutch Oven Bread Subscription**

- Sign up to join their bread subscription service! Fresh baked, preservative free authentic sourdough bread. Choose from two plans. Individual: one item bi-weekly or Family: two items bi-weekly week.
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  - You may cancel at any time.



**Scotty Sudakis AKA Bobby G** is a freelance writer and frontman in 5 Time Shag. If you have anything you'd like to see Bobby G "take on" in a future article please email the editor directly at: Tiffany@Ecctoldme.com.







## Raffia Revelry

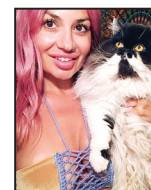
ARTICLE: Danielle Napolitano IG: @daniellenapolitano

Raffia is taking over this summer, and for good reason! This versatile material has always been a staple for the warmer months, adding a fun and neutral touch to any outfit. But this season, raffia is having a major moment. From shoes and handbags to hats, this durable textile is taking on many shapes and forms, making it the perfect accessory.

The beauty of raffia lies in its ability to blend seamlessly with any wardrobe while providing a unique texture and charm that's hard to resist. This summer, let raffia be your go-to for all things stylish. Whether you're heading to a seaside escape or enjoying a casual day out in town, raffia accessories are your ticket to effortless elegance.

### GET THE LOOK

- Raffia Platforms @giannibini
- Beach cover @Shein
- Purse @Shein



**Danielle Napolitano** is a designer and owner of Rockerbands, a 70s Rock'n'Roll inspired bikini and accessory line. Along with building her brand, Danielle is also a stylist at Jon Ric Salon and Spa in New Smyrna Beach.



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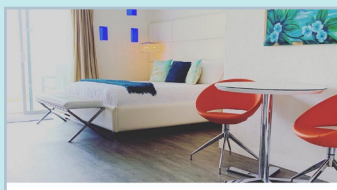
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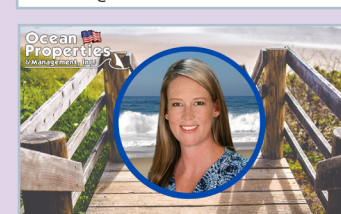


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1-10


**AUG 1 - 10**  
DAILY

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City of NSB locations

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Donate school supplies for a giveaway event benefitting local students at the Babe James Community Center from 10 AM to 12 PM Aug. 10. To drop off at the Housing Authority, call (386) 428-8171 ext. 1. To do so in the Community Redevelopment Agency call (386) 314-4849.



1-31

**AUG 1 - SEP 1**  
DAILY

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Along Flagler Avenue

Summer Cocktail Tour

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



1-31

**AUG 1 - SEP 2**  
DAILY

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Throughout West Volusia

Cool Craft Summer

This year, more than 15 breweries, coffee roasters, tea purveyors, and mixologists are creating beverages themed to countries from around the world, featuring beverages from countries like Germany and Brazil to Vietnam and Vatican City. Join us for a special kickoff event on June 28 at 6 p.m. starting at Sidecar Market. The CoolCraft Summer Beverage Competition runs from June 28 until September 2.



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**FRI AUG 2 / SEP 6**  
5 - 9 PM

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Beach Street, Daytona Beach

Downtown Daytona Nights

Featuring the area's best food trucks, drinks, music & more along the river's historic district!



2

**FRI AUG 2 / SEP 6**  
5 - 9 PM

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Beach Street, Daytona Beach

First Friday Art Walk

Attention art lovers! Downtown Daytona Beach invites you to meet artists and other art lovers for an evening of stimulating art, fun, and refreshments.



2

**AUG 2 - SEP 27**  
EVERY FRI @ 7:15 PM

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Daytona Beach Bandshell

Sounds of Summer

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



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**AUG 3 - SEP 28**  
EVERY SAT @ 7:15 PM

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Daytona Beach Bandshell

Star Spangled Summer

A weekly concert of the best tribute bands followed by a fireworks show over the water. Full schedule at DaytonaBandshell.com.



7

**WED AUG 7**  
10 AM - 12 PM

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Tanger Outlets, Daytona Beach

Pirate and Princess Party

Ahoy Mateys! Landlubbers, scallywags and pretty princesses of all ages are invited to the Family Fun Day next to the Splash Pad with music, Pirate & Princess Meet & Greets, giveaways, face painting, and treasure hunt! Dress like a pirate or a princess and receive an extra special prize!



9

**FRI AUG 9**  
10 AM - 2 PM

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Campbell Aquatic Ctr, Daytona

End of Summer Splash

Enjoy pool games, activities with the Daytona Beach Fire Department, music and free refreshments. Activities include water basketball, tug-of-war, water balloons, wet T-shirt relay races and water volleyball. FREE to attend!



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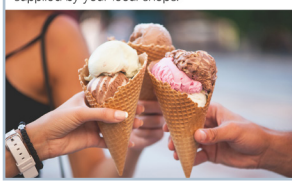
**FRI AUG 9**  
6 - 8 PM

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Downtown DeLand

Ice Cream Walk

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



9-27

**AUG 9, SEP 6,13,20, 27**  
FRI and SAT @ 7 PM

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Hard Rock Hotel, Daytona Beach

Rock the Beach Tribute Series

\$15 and up admission for this series featuring tributes to some of the most iconic Rock and Roll bands of all times. VIP packages and schedule at HardRockHotelDaytonaBeach.com.



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**SAT AUG 10**  
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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Ponce Inlet Lighthouse

National Lighthouse Day

Celebrate the founding of the US Light-House Establishment at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum! Discover over 250 years of American lighthouse history as you explore one of the Nation's largest and most authentic light stations and Climb 175 Feet to the top of Florida's Tallest Lighthouse.



17-18

**AUG 17 - 18**  
SAT - SUN

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Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

Natl. Reptile Breeders Expo

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



17

**SAT AUG 17 / SEP 21**  
3rd SAT @ 3 - 7 PM

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E. Indiana Ave., DeLand

Cruise Downtown DeLand

Classic cars and hot rods line the avenue with live DJ music, giveaways, shopping and dining specials.



17


**SAT AUG 17 / SEP 14**  
7 - 9 PM

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Daisy Stacking Park, Daytona Beach

Midtown Music Series

FREE monthly concerts by your favorite soul and jazz tribute bands. With a diverse range of musical acts set to grace the stage, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Bring a blanket or chair!



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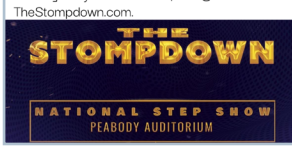
**SAT AUG 17**  
7- 10 PM

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Peabody Auditorium, Daytona

The Stompdown: Step Show

The Stompdown is a national step show comprised of the nation's elite youth, independent, and Greek Fraternity/Sorority step teams from all over the country. The Stompdown has successfully drawn thousands in attendance from coast to coast and is guaranteed to be electrifying and leave you on the edge of your seat! Tix: \$25+ @ TheStompdown.com.



19

**MON AUG 19**  
5:30 - 8:30 PM

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300 Magnolia Street, NSB

W.I.N.E.: Hostess with the Mostest

Learn how to build a 6-foot grazing table for under \$100 while on a sunset cruise! Tickets include: 3-Hour Sunset Cruise, 2 Glasses of House Wine, Enjoy the Grazing Table, Raffles & Boarding Prizes!



23-24

**AUG 23 - 24**  
FRI - SUN

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Coke Zero 400 Weekend

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



31-1

**AUG 31 - SEP 1**  
SAT - SUN

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Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

Hot Wheels Monster Trucks LIVE

For the first time EVER at the Ocean Center - three showtimes featuring a one-of-a-kind, high energy Glow Party where the monster trucks light up the floor, creating an electrifying atmosphere for fans to enjoy. Get your tickets NOW for the show - kid's tickets are just \$10! HotWheelsMonsterTrucksLive.com



31

**SAT AUG 31**  
12 PM

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Riverwalk Park, Port Orange

Rock the Park

Enjoy live, original music at two stages, and take a walk through the festival to see art from all over central Florida! We will also have amazing food trucks on site, with more surprises to be announced! FREE admission.



6-8

**SEP 6 - 8**  
FRI-SUN@10 AM-7 PM

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Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

Daytona Boat Show

Life is better with a boat - find your next adventure at the Daytona Boat Show! \$5/adult, kids 12 and under are free. DaytonaBoatShow.com



6

**FRI SEP 6**  
1st FRIDAY @ 8 PM

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Rockefeller Gardens, Ormond Beach

Movies on the Halifax

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a FREE screening of popular movies. September movie - "50 First Dates" (PG-13)



7-8

**SEP 7 - 8**  
SAT - SUN

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Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

Daytona Beach Home Show

Browse a variety of exhibitors to help jump start your home improvement projects.



13-15


**SEP 13 - 15**  
FRI - SUN

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Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

90s Con

Experience a unique event that will transport you back to the iconic 90s era! Join us at our upcoming "comic-con" style celebration, featuring beloved celebrities from music, movies, and television. Prepare for an unforgettable weekend of nostalgia as we come together in honor of this extraordinary time period. Secure your tickets before they sell out at Thats4Entertainment.com.





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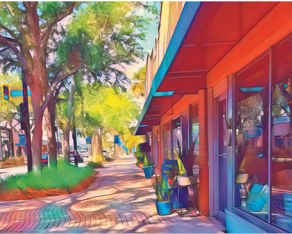
SAT AUG 3 / SEP 7

10 AM - 5 PM

Canal Street, NSB

Art Stroll/Gallery Walk

Art Stroll and Gallery Walk features solo/group exhibitions, artist talks.



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SAT AUG 3 / SEP 7

1 - 6 PM

Canal Street, NSB

Sip and Stroll

Sample craft beers and unique wines as you stroll! \$25 includes 12 tastings and souvenir glass.



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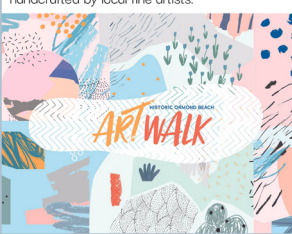
SAT AUG 3 / SEP 7

5 - 8 PM

Granada Blvd, Ormond

Ormond Art Walk

Celebrate culture with 6 gallery stops featuring over 100 artists. Most of the artwork is handcrafted by local fine artists.



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AUG 10 / SEP 14

1st SAT @ 3 - 7 PM

Canal Street, NSB

Classic Cars on Canal

Bring your classic car, modern muscle or any unique vehicle, or stroll the street to check out the cars! Event is free for all to participate.



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AUG 10 / SEP 14

1st SAT @ 3 - 6 PM

Port Orange City Center

East Coast Cruisers Car Show

At the heart of the complex is a peaceful lake surrounded by oak trees that shade a paved half-mile of the finest classic and custom cars, trucks and motorcycles you'll find anywhere in Florida. DJ Weasel will be spinning the tunes and food vendors will be on hand to enhance the cruise night experience.



15

THU AUG 15

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Orange County History Ctr., Orlando

History Talk: FL's Gilded Age Hotels

Join author Rick Kilby as he explores the Victorian-era resorts at Florida's springs where America's elite ventured to "take the waters." As part of Third Thursday @ The Museum (open late with free admission from 5-9 PM), this event is FREE! 65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando. More info @ TheHistoryCenter.org.



23

FRI AUG 23

4:30 - 8 PM

McElroy Park, Daytona Beach Shores

Summer Food Trucks & Concerts

Free concert featuring "Anita Drink." Concert will take place under the Shores Pavilion. Bring your lawn chair & enjoy an evening of good food, music & dancing! FREE admission.



24

SAT AUG 24

1 - 7 PM

Flagler Avenue, NSB

Wine Walk

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AUG 29 - SEP 2

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Flagler Avenue, NSB

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SAT SEP 14

1 - 5 PM

Flagler Ave, NSB

Sangria Social

Sangria tasting passports are \$25 with a keepsake glass, map, and listing of each host locations' sangrias. Taste all offered sangrias from each host location. Flagler Avenue will NOT be closed for this event which takes place inside host locations.



21

SAT SEP 21

9 AM - 2 PM

Menard May Park, Edgewater

EDGEfest Kids Fishing Derby

This will be a free catch and release fishing derby sponsored by Southern States Fishin' & Huntin' Magazine. There will also be instruction on knot tying, fish identification and cast net throwing. Early sign ups for kids ages 5-15 will begin on September 2 (at Leisure Services office) or they may register at 8:30 AM on the day of the event.



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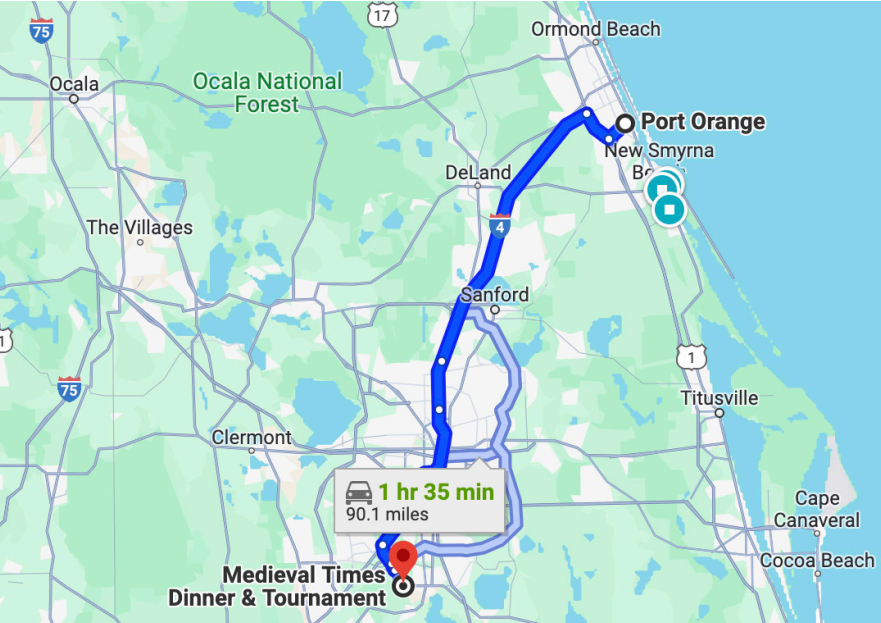
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Medieval Times: A Feast for the Ages

Kissimmee, FL

Article & Photos by: Kelsey Walters



This past month for my birthday, my parents surprised our family with tickets to Medieval Times. Surprisingly, although we've been covering day trips and destinations throughout Florida for years now, it is one of the things I haven't had the chance to experience yet.

We arrived at the well-known castle in the heart of Kissimmee excited, hungry and ready to feast. While your meal is of course the heart of the evening, there is so much more to this truly immersive experience!



Medieval Times brings you back to a bygone era in historic Spain, as you join the royal court for a banquet. You'll follow along as a story unfolds and the top knights battle it out to determine who is most worthy of protecting the queen, with feats of skill on horseback, jousting and hand-to-hand combat.

Unless you purchase VIP or birthday packages, seating is assigned on a first come, first served basis, so it's best to arrive early to get in line at the castle gates. We got there about 45 minutes before the show began, which was about 5 minutes before the gates opened and lucked out with the second row, right alongside the queen.

As you enter the 11th century-style castle, you'll be assigned a knight, or "house," designated by your crown color to root for. Not only is cheering on your knight very strongly encouraged, but so is booing your opponents. Even though you don't really have anything invested in your house, it builds a sense of comradery as you cheer together and excitement builds. At first, Avery wanted to cheer for every knight and hoped they all did their best. By the end of the evening, she was absolutely feral as she screamed for our yellow knight and stuck out her tongue at unworthy challengers.

Before taking your seat, you're welcomed into the grand Hall of Arms where you can purchase souvenirs for the banquet, such as flags to wave for your knight, crowns and tiaras. You can also sign up to be knighted by the queen herself and





join the royal ranks. Avery practiced her curtsy before approaching to greet the queen. Two full bars are available for themed drinks, cocktails, beer and wine.

As we cheered and jeered, our feast arrived, beginning with “hot dragon’s blood,” (AKA tomato bisque). The fun of the feast is to truly dine like a Medieval guest, and that means no utensils (if that’s absolutely a no-go for you, they are available upon request).

We began sipping and slurping our dragon’s blood as half a roast chicken was slapped down onto our plates alongside roasted potatoes and corn cobs by our castle wench (vegetarian meals are also available). Avery’s eyes were the size of dinner plates as she took it all in - one of her favorite meals is a whole chicken leg.

She squealed with delight, waving her chicken leg in the air, as our knight was up for battle against the green knight in a round of jousting. The horses’ hooves thundered through the arena and the wooden lances exploded, sending splinters everywhere as our knight was thrown from his horse. The knights grabbed their weapons and battled on foot as our opposing sides screamed each knight on in the intense fight.



Each knight went head-to-head until only one was victorious and won the favor of the queen. Sadly, our knight wasn’t crowned the winner, but we were served dessert soon after to soothe our woes. Afterwards, you are welcomed back into the grand hall and will have the chance to meet the queen or maybe even your favorite knight.

We finished the evening giddy with excitement from the show, while Avery still debated which knight

was best, and which one won her heart. Whether you’re celebrating something special, or want to embark on an adventure with your friends or family, Medieval Times is sure to get your adrenaline pumping and fill your stomach! Huzzah!

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Soon, your house will be called to take your seat and it’s time to enter the arena. We made our way towards the front and chose our grog (your choice of water, lemonade or Pepsi) and the show began. The queen’s squires introduced the knights and each completed various feats on horseback to win the queen’s favor, including target and ring jousting.



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# Smoked Shrimp

**Preparation:** Prep Time: 15 minutes • Cooking Time: 30 minutes • Servings: 4

Elevate your summer seafood game with this mouthwatering Tequila Lime Smoked Shrimp! Infused with tart and smoky flavors, you'll want to enjoy skewers of these all year long.

## INGREDIENTS

- 3 tablespoons tequila
- 1 lime, zested and juiced
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1.5 tablespoons fresh cilantro tender stems and leaves, chopped (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/8-1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 pound extra large or jumbo shrimp peeled and deveined, tails on



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Whisk together the tequila, lime juice, olive oil, garlic, cilantro, paprika, and peppers in a mixing bowl until well blended. Add the shrimp, tossing them to ensure they're all coated, then cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes, or up to 2 hours.
2. Meanwhile, soak wooden skewers in water if using.
3. Preheat your smoker or pellet grill to 225 degrees F.
4. Drain and discard marinade from shrimp. Thread 4 to 5 shrimp on the skewers.
5. Place the skewers on the grill grates and smoke for 30-35 minutes, flipping once halfway through, until they are bright pink and reach an internal temperature of 120 degrees F.
6. Remove shrimp from the smoker and serve immediately.

## NUTRITION

Calories: 231kcal | Carbohydrates: 2g | Protein: 16g | Fat: 15g | Saturated Fat: 2g | Polyunsaturated Fat: 2g | Monounsaturated Fat: 10g | Trans Fat: 0.01g | Cholesterol: 143mg | Sodium: 644mg | Potassium: 149mg | Fiber: 0.2g | Sugar: 0.1g | Vitamin A: 357IU | Vitamin C: 1mg | Calcium: 67mg | Iron: 0.4mg

# Spicy Pineapple Mango Salsa

**Preparation:** Prep Time: 10 minutes • Servings: 6

Spice up your taste buds with our deliciously bold and spicy Pineapple Mango Salsa! Made with fresh fruit and peppers, this salsa is the perfect blend of sweet and heat. Enjoy it as a dip with chips or tostones, or as a topping for tacos or grilled/smoked meats.

## INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups fresh pineapple, peeled and diced
- 1 mango, peeled and diced
- 1/2 cup red onion, finely diced
- 1 jalapeno, diced with seeds
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 lime, zested and juiced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt or more to taste
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes or more to taste



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Peel the pineapple and mango, then dice it into 1/4- to 1/2-inch chunks.
2. Place the pineapple and mango in a large mixing bowl and add the onion, jalapeno, red pepper, cilantro, and lime zest. Toss to combine.
3. Squeeze the fresh lime juice over the salsa and sprinkle with salt and red pepper flakes, to taste. Toss to combine.
4. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before serving, for best flavor.

## NUTRITION

Calories: 60kcal | Carbohydrates: 15g | Protein: 1g | Fat: 0.3g | Saturated Fat: 0.1g | Polyunsaturated Fat: 0.1g | Monounsaturated Fat: 0.1g | Sodium: 202mg | Potassium: 195mg | Fiber: 2g | Sugar: 12g | Vitamin A: 1195IU | Vitamin C: 68mg | Calcium: 17mg | Iron: 0.4mg



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- 5. Fourth note in the F major scale
- 10. New car sticker letters
- 14. Kuwait neighbor
- 15. Hebrew series starter
- 16. Banda \_\_\_\_ (Worst-hit site of 2004 tsunami)
- 17. Scarred
- 19. Former Celtic Archibald
- 20. Treading the boards
- 21. Barq's alternative
- 22. Mob murder
- 26. Capital of Egypt
- 30. Bound
- 34. Actor Welles
- 35. Knitting material
- 36. "\_\_\_\_ pig's eye!"
- 37. Attic sight
- 39. Nimble
- 42. Ending for harp or bass
- 43. River of northern France
- 47. Height's companion
- 48. Rijksmuseum locale
- 51. Elvis's "\_\_\_\_ of Blues"
- 52. Boo Boo's buddy
- 54. Features of most brakes
- 57. Irritates
- 62. Part of a Spanish play
- 63. Scary campfire narrative
- 66. Move, to a realtor
- 67. Charitable person
- 68. Miseries
- 69. Thames college town
- 71. Fail to mention

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- 2. Fan part
- 3. Highland miss
- 4. Surface meas.
- 5. Far from tight
- 6. Articulateness
- 7. End of ang or dawd
- 8. Tailless simian
- 9. Minister's deg.
- 10. Lead from the dugout
- 11. Look over quickly
- 12. Abbr. after some generals' names
- 13. 'What a relief!'
- 18. Live hit
- 21. True-crime writer Rule
- 23. Half a dance
- 24. Laugh sound
- 25. "You and \_\_\_\_ little toy shop" (opening line to a Nena tune)
- 26. Hershey's offering

Down

- 27. "Get \_\_\_\_, you two!"
- 28. Book IDs
- 29. Skid \_\_\_\_
- 31. Light-emitting \_\_\_\_
- 32. Transfusion measures
- 33. They may be beaten
- 38. Wimbledon five-peater
- 40. Disney septet
- 41. Lip
- 44. Amin of Africa
- 45. Day of rest (abbr.)
- 46. "Nature" writer Ralph Waldo
- 49. Business big shot
- 50. Greek goddess of dawn
- 53. "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" singer Gene
- 54. Partner of truth
- 55. "Law and Order" actor-rapper
- 56. WWII battle site
- 58. Keyboard key
- 59. Tapestry device
- 60. Middle of a famed palindrome
- 61. Network: Abbr.
- 63. Econ. yardstick
- 64. Water, chemically
- 65. Lennon's wife

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





TASTE

# Courtyard Grill: A Culinary Gem in New Smyrna Beach

Nestled in the heart of New Smyrna Beach, Courtyard Grill offers a delightful dining experience that caters to both casual diners and those seeking a more refined culinary adventure. With a charming ambiance that includes both outdoor and indoor seating, Courtyard Grill sets the stage for a memorable meal, no matter the occasion.

The moment you step in, the attentive staff makes you feel right at home. Their attention to detail is evident in every aspect of service, enhancing the overall dining experience. Whether you're a wine connoisseur or just enjoy a good glass with your meal, the extensive wine list is sure to impress, offering perfect pairings for the unique and thoughtfully crafted menu.

Our meal began with the blackened swordfish bites, a delectable starter that showcased the kitchen's expertise in seafood preparation. The flavors were well-balanced, with just the right amount of spice to awaken the palate.

For the main course, we indulged in the evening's specials. The filet medallions with wild mushrooms and grilled asparagus were

a standout, with the tender meat cooked to perfection and the earthy mushrooms adding depth to the dish. The grilled asparagus provided a fresh, crisp contrast, making every bite a harmonious blend of flavors.

Equally impressive was the Bronzed Gulf of Mexico swordfish. This dish highlighted the quality of the seafood, with the swordfish expertly bronzed to retain its juiciness and flavor. Accompanied by a choice of salad or soup, this entrée was a testament to the restaurant's commitment to fresh, high-quality ingredients.

Courtyard Grill excels in providing an exceptional dining experience with its inviting atmosphere, dedicated staff, and a menu that celebrates fresh seafood and succulent steaks. It is a must-visit for anyone in New Smyrna Beach looking to enjoy a memorable meal in a lovely setting.



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The city of DeLand held their annual Mayor's Backpack Giveaway with Chris Cloudman, Mayor of DeLand on July 27. Hundreds of backpacks along with free school supplies were given out to help local students prepare for the start of the school year.



On August 12, 2024 SunRail will begin operating at the newly finished DeLand SunRail Station, located at 2491 Old New York Ave, DeLand. SunRail will offer Central Florida destinations such as Sanford, Winter Park, Downtown Orlando, Downtown Kissimmee, and others. For more information on tickets and schedule, visit [SunRail.com](http://SunRail.com).

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Santa and his crew were spotted all over historic Ormond Beach spreading holiday cheer for Ormond Mainstreet's Christmas in July early holiday shopping event on July 27!



Congratulations to all of the 2024 NSB BBQ Challenge winners held along Flagler Avenue on July 6!

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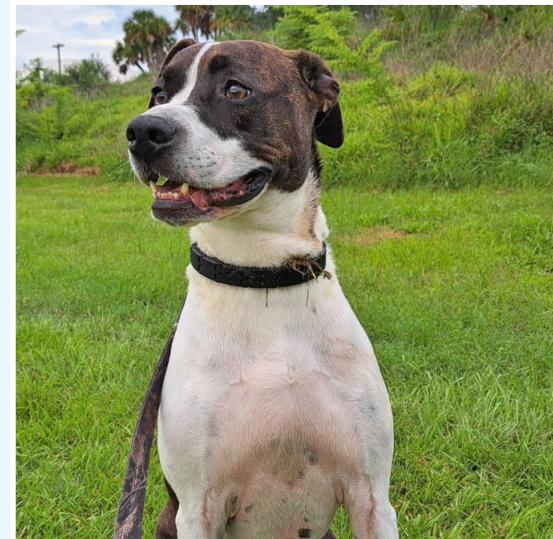
Thank you to the Bethune-Cookman Athletics football players and coaches, including Raymond Woodie Jr. who joined members of Campbell High School's Class of 1969 in picking up litter in Midtown Daytona Beach on July 26. The city appreciates your pride in Daytona Beach and service to the community!



On July 12, the Marine Discovery Center, along with six other Central Florida non-profit organizations received the enormous surprise as recipients of a 2024 Disney Grant! The Marine Discovery Center's grant aims to make nature accessible to all through first-hand experiences. They will use the extra funding to offer students from land-locked counties in Central Florida opportunities to visit, learn and explore an ecosystem they may not have encountered before. Photo: Walt Disney World Cast and Community



Shelley Lynch is a local photographer and licensed mental health counselor who captures the beauty of nature and wildlife through her incredible images around New Smyrna Beach. Discover more about her stunning work at [shelleylynchphotos.com](http://shelleylynchphotos.com).



Let's Find Harley a home! August 1, 2024, marks 853 days that Harley has been at the Edgewater Animal Shelter. At just 4 years old, Harley has spent half his life in their care. This lively, energetic pup loves the company of female dogs but isn't too fond of other males. He gets along well with children but can be a bit rambunctious in play. Cats, however, are not his cup of tea. Harley delights in playing ball and enjoys his walks, making him an ideal companion for an active individual or family. Harley's adoption fee is sponsored, and his adoption includes fantastic benefits: 1) Vaccinated, microchipped, spayed/neutered 2) One month of heartworm and flea prevention 3) A free private training class with TM Canine Service 4) A goodie bag from Cap'n Lu's Pet Store and more. If you're interested in giving Harley the loving home he deserves, please fill out the application on the Edgewater Animal Shelter's website: [EdgewaterAnimalShelter.org](http://EdgewaterAnimalShelter.org).



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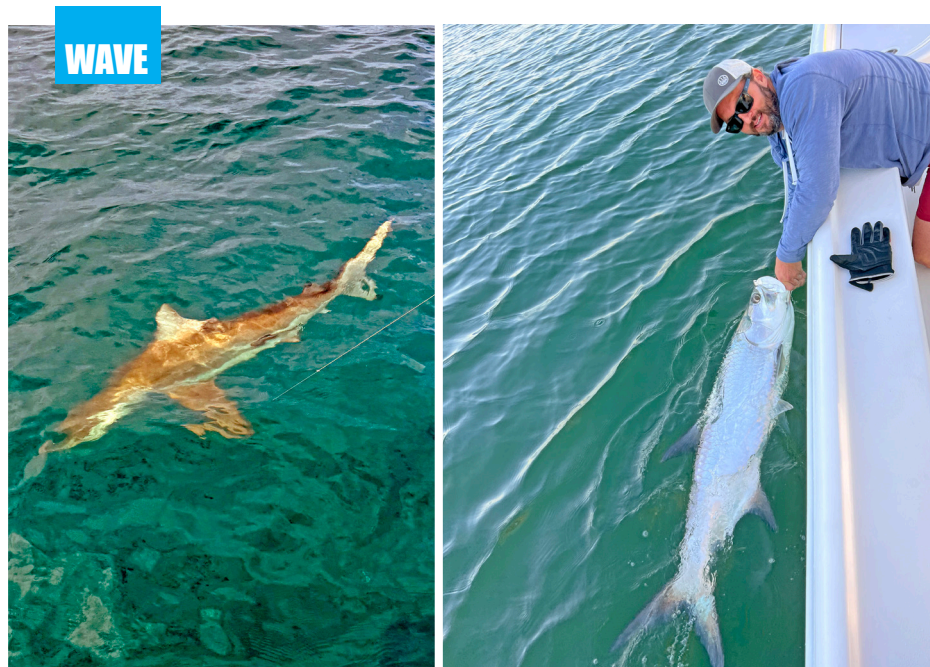
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## Fishaholic: August Report

Captain Austin here, bringing you the fishing report for New Smyrna Beach. Both the temperatures and the fishing are hot! Saying a little prayer that we won't have any major storms to interrupt our great fishing. Last year we had solid fishing the last half of the summer and we are hoping for another "calm" hurricane season. The next couple of months are usually some of our best fishing. Everything with gills seems to be cruising south shadowing schools of bait as they start their migration. From the ocean to the intracoastal, look for snook, redfish, tarpon, jacks and sharks to be active.

Once again, red snapper season (a single day) was a major success as the boats fishing out of Ponce Inlet cashed in and caught a ton of fish. It's extremely unfortunate that our season here on the Atlantic side of Florida is only one day, down from two days last year. In comparison, the West Coast of Florida has a 103-day season. If you ask any fisherman that does any type of bottom fishing in waters 60 feet out to over 200 feet they will tell you there is NO shortage of red snapper. The difference here is that the regulations in the Gulf are handled by the state of Florida and the regs here on the Atlantic are regulated by the federal government.

Shark fishing around the shrimp boats has been on fire lately and the method to catching these toothy critters is a sight-fishing proposition. As the shrimp boats pull in their nets, the sharks are close by and

this is when things get interesting. At times there can be a feeding frenzy and all you need to do is drop your bait into the fray. The type of sharks are mostly blacktips, spinners and sandbar which are perfect for the average angler. Sometimes among the sharks the tarpon shows up and very often they are large fish over 100 pounds.

Closer to the inlet the snook fishing should remain strong but make sure any snook you catch is released as the off season goes from June through August. While fishing for snook, redfish and tarpon can be a by-catch making things exciting. Watch the tides closely as the fish get active with moving water.

Thanks for reading and hope you found it helpful, and as always let us know if you'd like to fish with us.

- Captain Austin



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2	Fri	7:24	2.4	8:00	3.4	1:37	0.3	1:14	-0.1	6:44	8:15	
3	Sat	8:14	2.5	8:45	3.4	2:24	0.2	2:03	-0.1	6:44	8:14	
4	Sun	9:01	2.6	9:27	3.3	3:06	0.2	2:48	0.0	6:45	8:14	
5	Mon	9:45	2.6	10:05	3.2	3:43	0.2	3:29	0.1	6:45	8:13	
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# Summertime Fishing Report: New Smyrna Beach

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Summertime and living's easy! It's hard to beat the fun in the sun here in New Smyrna Beach! Surf, beach, fishing, and many other outdoor activities keep the stoke level high!

The fishing has been epic both in the river and in the ocean. Red snapper season was a success, and we saw everyone and their brother posting some beautiful fish. My buddy John Patterson from Deland, Florida, comes down every summer and rents a beachfront home just down the street. He loves to fish off the beach and catch as many sharks as he can. If I'm correct, he caught about 25 sharks in the first week he was here, including a beautiful nurse shark he landed and safely released.

My brother Hopper has been in town all month, and his daughter Frieda went out with our good friend and neighbor Nils Schweizer for a late afternoon mission. They scored a 31-inch gator trout on an oversized live mullet! A few weeks later, we took the cousins out, and my daughter caught a baby bull shark and a beautiful backwater trout on chunk bait. The fishing really never stops here!

Moving forward into August, look for the same potential of big trout, plenty of redfish, and larger-sized snook. The excitement continues,



and there's no better place to enjoy it than New Smyrna Beach. Tight lines, everyone!

Until next time.  
Cast 'em, hook 'em, and catch 'em!

## Some tips to help you make the most of your fishing adventures:

- 1. **Target Early Morning and Late Evening:** The heat of the day can slow down fish activity. Plan your fishing trips for early morning or late evening when the temperatures are cooler, and fish are more active.
- 2. **Focus on the Inlets and Piers:** Ponce Inlet and the piers in New Smyrna Beach and

## Best Days to Fish in August: 1-7, 11-13, 18-21, 24-25, 30-31

Daytona Beach are hotspots. These areas attract a variety of species, including redfish, snook, and tarpon.

the shallows to feed. Conversely, low tide can concentrate fish in deeper channels.

- 3. **Use Live Bait:** Live bait is highly effective during the summer months. Shrimp, mullet, and pinfish are excellent choices for attracting bigger fish like snook and redfish.
- 4. **Fish the Grass Flats:** The grass flats in the Indian River Lagoon are teeming with life in August. Target these areas for speckled trout and redfish. Use topwater lures early in the morning for explosive strikes.
- 5. **Look for Structure:** Fish love structure, so focus on areas with docks, oyster beds, and submerged vegetation. These spots provide shelter and feeding grounds for various species.
- 6. **Mind the Tides:** Pay attention to the tide charts. Fishing around high tide can be particularly productive, as fish move into

- 7. **Practice Catch and Release:** Sustainability is key to keeping our fisheries healthy. Practice catch and release whenever possible, especially for larger breeding fish.

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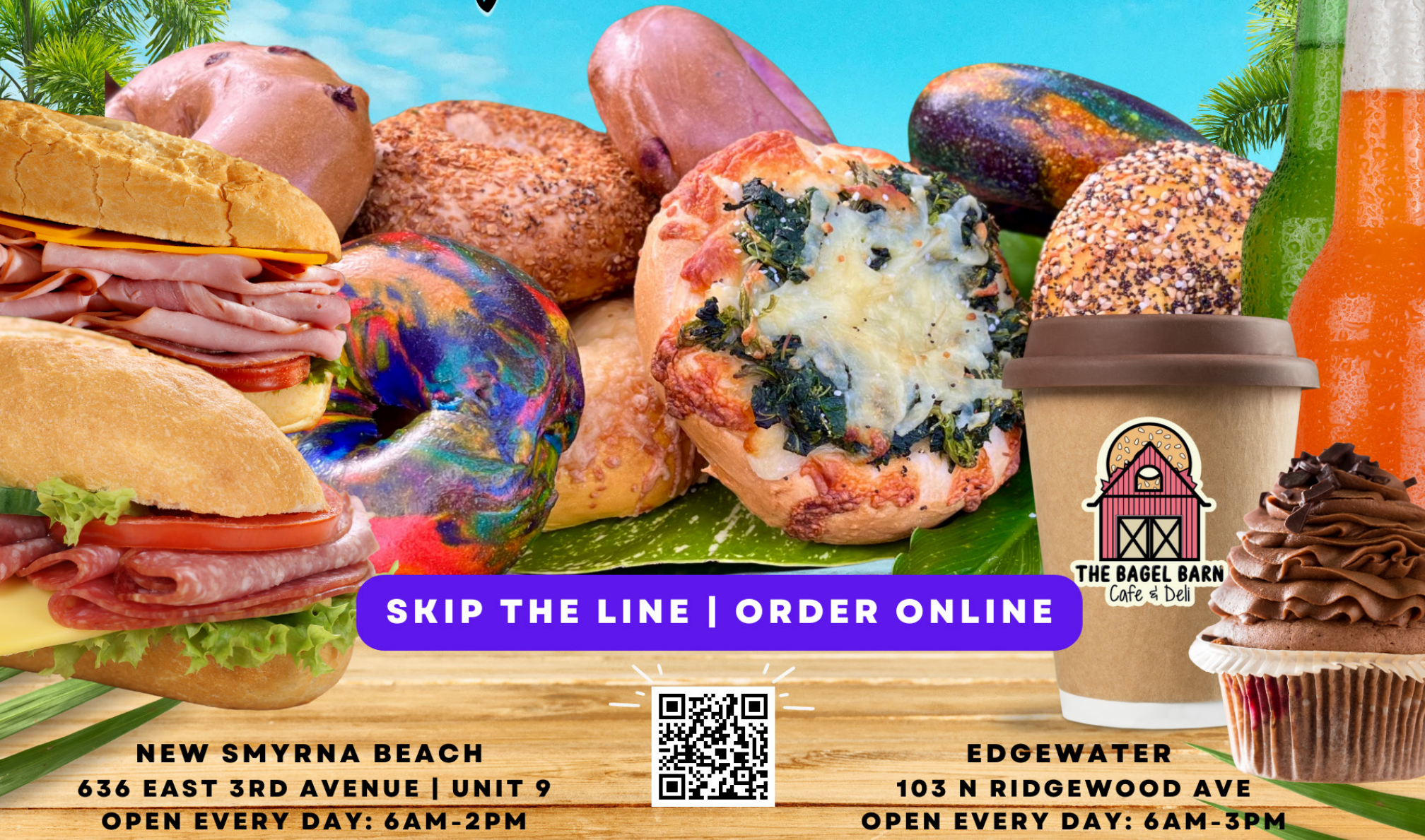
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