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specific to the residents of Venetian Bay, upcoming meeting information, fun and free social events put on by N2, city issues and ideas, activities and club information, business information, pictures, personal stories, and articles (mostly written and photographed by your neighbors), along with other information specifically tailored to your neighborhood.

Along with the magazine, we will host various free events to bring the community together for social events - free dinners out at top restaurants, salon reviews, golf tournaments, and more. We will communicate to you the various events we are hosting through the newsletter and emails. If you wish to be included please email me at Kimberly.Anderson@n2pub.com.

The events and publication are designed to increase social connections between residents and to develop a true sense of community. By providing a well-designed publication full of stories and photos, we have seen N2 neighborhoods increase attendance at social events, create members that are better informed of rules and regulations, and allow residents to widen their circle of friends.

I'd like to personally thank all of our business sponsors who partnered with us making the magazine free to all residents, as well as the many residents who contributed to the first issue. Just know that *La Bella Vita* would not exist without you!



I look forward to meeting each of you at our upcoming neighborhood events!

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We want pictures of your little all-star! It does not matter if your child is a champion; make him/her feel like one by submitting pictures of the proud moments on the playing field. All sports pictures are welcome for submission to the newsletter.

Are you in a book club, a Bible study group, or a Bridge group; and if not, would you like to join one? Let us know about it!

We want your announcements! Whether you just celebrated a birthday or anniversary, welcomed a new baby in the house, or had any other special occasion, let us know and we will include it in the next issue.



YOU WILL SEE IN THIS PUBLICATION

Since this magazine is about you and your neighbors, we want and need your involvement. We are looking for several types of articles to be submitted each month. Please take a few minutes to get acquainted with the types of articles we normally include in the publication. If you have any other article or story suggestions, please email me.



If you or a family member would like to be featured for any of the stories, just email me at Kimberly.Anderson@n2pub.com, and I will send you the simple details of submitting the information.

Pictures - We love pictures! This includes photos of parties, graduations, family events, kids playing, holiday gatherings and more! One of the best parts about your new newsletter is the involvement from residents. Pictures are an easy way to help support the look of the newsletter, as well as bring smiles to your fellow residents. Digital photographs with high quality capability are the way to go here - the more pixels the better! Simply send an attachment of the pictures in an email to Kimberly.Anderson@n2pub.com.



**Neighborhood News** – This section features any activity going on in the neighborhood or surrounding area such as parades, block parties, barbecues, neighborhood clean-ups, school picnics, fundraisers, pool parties or

golf events. We want to let you know what is going on and what has happened with these social events!

Business Beat - This is a popular section where we highlight you as a business owner. Yes, you must be a resident of the neighborhood. It is an opportunity to let your neighborhood know the specifics of what you do, and services you can offer, as well as a background of who you are and where you are from.



**Family Spotlight –** This is where we get to spotlight one of the neighborhood families each month. Have you always wished you knew your neighbors better? Well, here is a great way to get to know them. Each family is

able to tell us whatever they would like, but some popular questions to answer include: How long have you lived in the neighborhood? Where is your hometown? What's your education? What are your hobbies and interests? What is your career?

**Precious Pets** – Here is an award winner! If you have a pet and want them to be famous, just get them in the Precious Pets section. Pets are our pride and joy so let us know who they, and you, are! Past famous animals have been turtles, rabbits, birds, horses, dogs, cats, a pig and much more, so have fun with this one.

**Resident Recipe** – This is where you can let some of your cooking secrets out to the public! All that is required are the ingredients and preparation advice, but a photo is always nice too! This really spices things up a bit from the ordinary mac and cheese.

Yard Of The Month - If you have an outstanding yard or garden or know a neighbor who does, we want to know about it. All you have to do is snap a picture and email it to us. Please include names and the address so we can give you the proper credit for all your hard work.



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**Athlete Spotlight – Whether you are** 4 or 40, a ballerina or a football player, this section is for you! Sports are a big part of most people's lives and we would like to highlight some great athletes from the neighborhood.

**New Arrivals** – This is a new section designed to welcome new babies into the neighborhood, as well as congratulate those proud parents. Please include basic birth information along with those precious baby photos!

Kids' Corner - Send in your child's poem or artwork! Our goal is to help your neighborhood have the best newsletter possible. We always keep your needs in mind, so if you know of anyone, or if you want to fill one of these articles yourself just make sure

**Living Spaces** – If you have decorated a room in your house and would like to showcase it with the neighbors, please let us know! Extraordinary Achievements - Parents, do you want another way to recognize or congratulate your kids about any academic, or other activity achievement? Use your newsletter. This should include pictures along with what they achieved. Examples include: black belt, honor roll, straight A's, scholarships, state champs, volunteer work, graduation, music, theatre or just simply wish them a Happy Birthday.



Travel Tales – If you or anyone you know has gone on a vacation and would like to share their experience, then this is the place to be. This gives your friends and neighbors the chance to feel your experience and see if it would be a good fit for their own

vacation! Pictures can be included as well.

**Volunteer Spotlight -** We want to recognize the hardworking volunteers of the neighborhood. This is a chance to let others know about your passion for an organization. Giving back to the community is a big deal and we want to recognize you for it!





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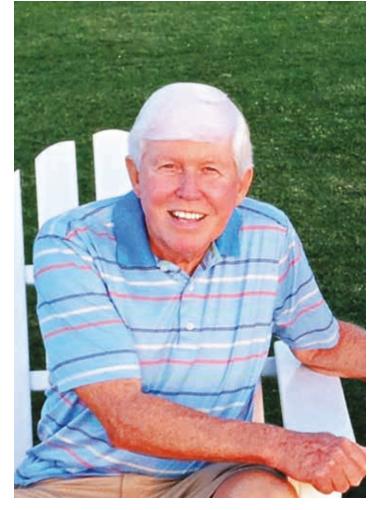
MEET MR. HOLE-IN-ONE, DALE BENNETT Submitted by Kelly Desuza

Dale Bennett, 10-year resident of New Smyrna Beach has recently added the coveted hole-in-one to his Venetian Bay golfing record. It happened on November 11, 2015 on the 16th hole and will surely be remembered and measured in future years, as a significant personal accomplishment.

Golfer of the Month, Dale Bennett originates from the state of Iowa and has been playing golf for over 35 years. He currently plays with the men's group at Venetian Bay but has traveled to many golfing courses throughout the country including Pebble Beach, Valhalla, Hilton Head, San Diego Country Club and Boston The Country Club. He's also played on courses in Ireland, Scotland, Greece and Hawaii.

Arnold Palmer, Chris Demarco and Zach Johnson are some golfing pros that Dale has met. His favorite teaching pro is Lenny Varacelli, a past head pro at Venetian Bay, and his favorite pro golfer is Zach Johnson. Dale's golfing honors and awards include the Double D Award from Drake University. He has fond memories of playing the old course in St. Andrews, Scotland as well as other courses in Ireland.

When asked what he's learned from the sport, Dale says, "Have fun and don't take it too seriously." It is with great pleasure we send, "Congratulations" to Golfer of the Month, Dale Bennett.



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It is a December morning in New Smyrna; a thin film of dew from the damp, crisp air glitters from the sunrise. Families throughout the neighborhood are eating breakfast, getting dressed, watching cartoons, and reading the newspaper as they prepare to start their day. But each weekend, one family in particular exits their home for a neighborhood stroll through Promenade Park.

Jessica, a marketing director for a law firm, pushes 4-month-old Lincoln's stroller while Adam, a COO for a commercial construction company, keeps a close eye on 2-year-old Jaxson as he curiously explores the local wildlife with his Labrador as his sidekick. This is a weekend tradition for the Eckelbarger family. "Our kids are still very little, but our 2-year-old loves to play outside," Jessica said. "His John Deer Power Wheel is his go-to." Adam and Jessica value an active lifestyle and exhibit it in their parenting.

Jessica graduated with a B.S. in Business Marketing from Palm Beach Atlantic University, although she grew up in Michigan. Adam, whose family is from Indiana, spent most of his life in Orlando and earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration through Valencia and Phoenix; therefore, they are fans of the Gators and the Indianapolis Colts.

It is not uncommon to find them at the Venetian Bay playground, relaxing at the pool or beach, or on a family bike ride on a regular basis. Additionally, kayaking and visiting Legoland are among their favorite activities. They plan to take a Disney Cruise in the near future, as *Home, Toy Story*, and *Cars* frequent their television screen. Whenever a Disney film is not on, you may find Adam viewing *Fury* or *American Sniper*.

When it comes to dining, the Eckelbargers are creatures of habit and prefer to keep their meals simple. "Sometimes we even will have breakfast for dinner," said Jessica, "but we eat a lot of chicken, and another favorite is turkey burgers." They enjoy relaxing to country music while grilling out, but when they decide to dine out, some of their favorite restaurants are Monterey Grill, Hooligan's, The Garlic, and JB's Fish Camp.

Christmas is a time for giving, and the family's involvement in the community reflects that spirit. Jessica is fortunate to have a job that allows her to get involved with charities and learn about new



opportunities to help others. "We love to stay involved in the community and attend several events throughout the year," she said. "Our family enjoys getting involved whether it's attending an event, volunteering, or giving donations." Attending church service every Christmas Eve and taking the boys to view Christmas lights is another tradition they love.

The Eckelbargers have lived at Venetian Bay for almost three years. When asked what their favorite part of the neighborhood was, they replied, "The neighbors! We have fabulous neighbors that watch out for each other and support each other. We have never seen anything like it. We feel blessed to live here."

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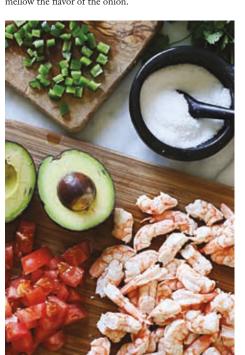


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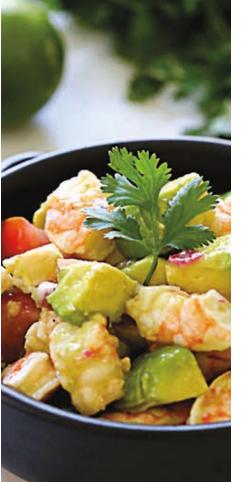


In a large bowl combine chopped shrimp, avocado, tomato, jalapeño. Combine all the ingredients together, add cilantro and gently toss. Adjust salt and pepper to taste.

## Resident Recipe

**ZESTY LIME & SHRIMP AVOCADO SALAD** 

Submitted by Publisher Kimberly Anderson



Talk about a light and refreshing salad that requires no cooking! Lime juice and cilantro are the key ingredients to creating this wonderful, healthy salad you'll want to make all summer long. Made with cooked peeled shrimp and the freshest ingredients – avocados, tomatoes, red onion, cilantro and chopped jalapeño tossed with some freshly squeezed lime juice and a touch of olive oil.

#### Ingredients:

1/4 cup chopped red onion

2 limes, juice of

1 tsp. olive oil

1/4 tsp. kosher salt, black pepper to taste 1 lb. jumbo cooked, peeled shrimp, chopped\*

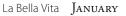
1 medium tomato, diced

1 medium Hass avocado, diced (about 5 oz.) 1 jalapeno, seeds removed, diced fine

1 tbsp. chopped cilantro

Would you like to have your favorite family recipe featured in the neighborhood publication? We are looking for anyone who has a good recipe to share! For more information, please email **Kimberly.Anderson@n2pub.com**.

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# athlete of the **MONTH**

#### **MEET JOEY BELLISIMO**

**Varsity Catcher** 

New Smyrna Beach High School Baseball Team

Joey Bellissimo is a 4-year high school varsity letterman. He has been playing baseball for 13 years and is catcher for New Smyrna Beach High School Barracudas. This 18-year-old has traveled to almost every state on the eastern seaboard to play baseball and has scores of great memories and accomplishments to his credit.

Commitment, dedication and daily practices at the New Smyrna Beach Sports Complex have paid off for this young athlete. Joe says he has participated in countless games over the years but his biggest event and proudest moment was winning the championship at the New Era Classic Baseball Tournament in Pennsylvania.

Joey learned a lot about baseball as he struggled through the ranks of lower leagues to his current status. He stated, "It's okay to fail, there is always another outing. When you fail, you become better, and you must fail to succeed. I also learned that there is no perfect player in this sport, you can work on one aspect for a while and before you know it another part of your game will slack that you have to fix."

Joey has met most members of the Pittsburgh Pirates and idolizes both Russell Martin and Sean Rodriguez. His favorite mentor is Head Coach Nick Regilio. When asked about his favorite moments in baseball, Joe mentioned two important highlights. "It's a tie between making the high school team when nobody knew who I was," he says. Secondly, "After my dad failed so long to capture a little league title and my team got to the championship, as a highly doubted underdog, and on my birthday night, I hit the walk off to win him the title he long chased after."

Joey's future plan is to attend the University of Alabama to study Computer Science. One tip he'd like to share with anyone looking to get into this sport: Do not be afraid to not be good at first, keep working, and keep swinging. Work hard at full tilt and buy into the team's message. The rest will come with time and patience.

The thing Joey likes most about the sport is close ballgames that can shift either way and when your team makes the shift in your favor to take the win, especially at home, there's no feeling like it.

Hey kids – do you want to be the superstar of the neighborhood? All you have to do is ask your parents to email **Kimberly.Anderson@n2pub.com** and answer some questions in order to be featured in the next available issue!







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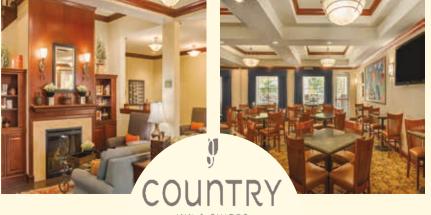












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Family members: Marlene and Billy Holmes Pet's name: Chloe and Sadie Type of animal/breed: Dogs. Chloe is a Boxer; Sadie is an American Staffordshire terrier. Male or female: Both female Pet's age: Chloe- 3 & 1/2 years, Sadie- 2 years' old

Where/why did you get your pet? Both are rescues from Southeast Volusia Humane Society, where we volunteer.

Is there a story behind its name? Chloe was named Camo when we adopted her. It just didn't fit her sweet personality so we renamed her.



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Sadie - American Staffordshire Terrier

What do you like best about your pet? They are both sensitive loving dogs and we no longer need alarm clocks. They wake us with cute faces and wagging tails at our bedside.

Any funny stories? Sadie went right through our previous neighbor's pool screen chasing after their cat. She continued in through the open French doors only to discover four more cats inside the house. She made a few laps around the living room then ran away from the screaming neighbor and screeching cats only to break out another screen panel during her escape. She ran to Billy, sat at his side and looked up at him as if to say "I didn't do it." Thankfully we have a good relationship with those neighbors.

How spoiled is your pet? On a scale of one to ten, an eight. We moved to Venetian Bay primarily so we could have a home with a good size yard we could fence for our dogs. We had a lovely home and no mortgage but now we have very happy dogs so we consider it a good move, even though we are in debt again.

What else should we know about your pet and/or how your pet has enriched your home/family? Both girls were picked up as strays. Chloe was extremely underweight, heart worm positive and had other health issues due to neglect. Sadie was considered an adoption risk solely based on her breed being





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part of the pit bull family and was in quarantine when we volunteered to foster her and later adopted her. Chloe was adopted a year before Sadie joined the family. They have been inseparable, playful, loving sisters since day one.



Chloe - Boxer

Do you have a pet and would like to share his/her story? Then email Kimberly.Anderson@n2pub.com to have them featured in the next available issue! Dogs, cats, horses, fish and any other type of animals are welcome!

## living spaces 3548 Tuscany Reserve Blvd. HOME OF JIM BOORITCH

Jim Booritch and his sons Trey, 15, and Riley, 13, reside in a 5 bedroom, 4 full bathroom home at 3548 Tuscany Reserve Blvd. Occupied since 2005, this house was built for entertaining and to provide comfort to family and friends. It was expanded from the original floor plan to allow more space throughout the middle of the home, which can be used to entertain 50-plus people comfortably.

The Booritch home is 7,004 square feet, 4,886 of that being living space. A great room, kitchen, dining room, and office make up the bottom floor, all with 13-foot ceilings. The upstairs includes a very large bonus room with wet bar, and is furnished with a 120-inch projection HDTV.





This home was professionally decorated and faux-painted throughout. Granite tops are consistent throughout the kitchen, great room, wet bars, book cases, and master bath. When asked what, if anything, he would do differently, Jim said he would add storage and increase the size of the garage.

The master suite sets itself apart as the standout room; it is  $27 \times 23$  feet, which does not include the large walk-in closet and oversized master bath with his/hers sinks, roman tub, and large shower. Additionally, it consists of enough space for a double chaise for latenight TV viewing.

"I think that the best use of a home is to make it appealing to the eye, but can still serve as a family home and be truly lived in," Jim said. "I take pride in the way my home looks inside and out, but the fact that it is used as a home and not just a 'model' is warming."

Jim and his sons have lived in Venetian Bay for 10 years.

"I'm thrilled about the businesses that I have decided to make a go of in the town center. I've been a member of Snap Fitness since it opened and frequent Amalfi's and Happy Deli as much as I can, as well as the restaurant at the golf club. I encourage everyone in the community to do so as well. Each of those places has put a lot of effort into making Venetian Bay a better place to live and play."





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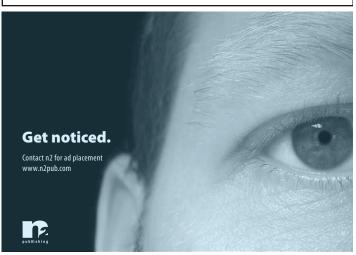


Would you like to have your home or a special room(s) featured in an upcoming issue or would you like to nominate one of your neighbors? Then send an email to Kimberly.Anderson@n2pub.com.

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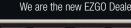








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### **Retirement Readiness**

Submitted by Resident David Carson

Retirement research reveals higher confidence but lack of financial readiness

Just five years after the onset of the financial crisis, Americans' confidence about retirement appears to be rising with the strengthening economy. Yet the steps people are taking to prepare financially for this milestone has remained relatively unchanged over the past four years. According to the *New Retirement Mindscape 2013 City Pulse* index, two in five (42%) Americans report feeling on track for retirement, which is significantly more than those who felt this way last year (only 37%), and in any other year since the index began in 2010. But while confidence soars, the lack of action being taken by consumers to prepare for retirement just isn't adding up. While nearly three in four (72%) admit having taken some action to pre-



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pare for retirement, this number is smaller than in 2011 and 2010 when the economic recovery was still unstable.

The annual *New Retirement Mindscape City Pulse* index examines the 30 largest U.S. metropolitan areas to determine where consumers are the most prepared for and confident about retirement. The index has also served as a barometer for national and local retirement trends.

Preparing for retirement is even more important in the face of potential challenges, like affording healthcare. Funding healthcare costs, now and in the future, is proving to be a financial concern for many consumers; nearly half (45%) of Americans think that providing for their healthcare expenses in retirement will be one of the most challenging financial issues during retirement. Likewise, two-thirds (68%) of Americans express concern about the pending changes due to the Affordable Care Act, and half (51%) of those concerned say their top worry is that they will end up paying more for healthcare.

Of the 30 largest US metros, at the top this year are San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose (#1), Detroit (#2) and Hartford-New Haven (#3), as the most confident and prepared. There are a few things that set these cities apart from less retirement-ready areas; if you're preparing for retirement, take note of the following factors that can help you feel more prepared for and confident about retirement:

Contribute to retirement accounts beyond a workplace-sponsored plan. More residents than average in the top three cities have contributed to IRAs or other personal investment accounts (other than or in addition to workplace-sponsored plans). There is great value in making regular financial contributions to these types of accounts and saving as much as possible. Having more money in savings and maintaining a diversified portfolio that includes different kinds of investments will likely make you feel more confident about your ability to afford the things you need and want after you leave the workforce. You may also have more control over your personal accounts, as you do in an employer-sponsored plan because withdrawals typically carry fewer penalties — though it's important to avoid withdrawing from your retirement savings accounts if possible.

Maintain positive feelings about retirement. Unfortunately, there are many things you don't have control over, including the markets and other factors that make the national economy fluctuate. However, you can influence how you respond to financial ups and downs – economic, personal, or otherwise. Respondents in two of the top three cities were far more likely than the national average to say that thinking about retirement makes them feel empowered.

Thinking positively about the future—and acting on those feelings by taking proactive steps to prepare—is the key to building retirement confidence.

Consider working with a financial professional. Residents in two of the three most retirement-ready cities were more likely to work with a financial advisor compared to the national average, which may contribute to their feelings of confidence and preparedness for retirement. The national survey results uncovered that only one in four (23%) Americans say they have determined the amount of money they need to save for retirement, and even fewer (11%) report having a written financial plan. A financial advisor can help

you determine how to define and work toward your retirement goals, and encourage you to take the right steps to proactively prepare for this milestone.

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Ameriprise Financial created the New Retirement Mindscape 2013 City Pulse index utilizing survey responses from 10,045 U.S. adults ages 40-75. The survey was commissioned by Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and conducted online by Harris Interactive from June 6 - June 26, 2013. The national average sample and the 30 U.S. metropolitan areas were each weighted independently to best represent each area. Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' likelihood to be online.

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3558 Grande Tuscany Way	Tuscany Reserve	\$477,000	138	4	3	2,892	2 car	2005
3335 W Locanda Cir	Venetian Bay	\$409,900	94	4	3	3,261	3 car	2014
652 Marisol Dr	Venetian Bay-Marisol	\$399,000	61	3	2	2,129	3 car	2008
489 Luna Bella Ln	Venetian Bay	\$339,900	35	4	3	3,262	2 car	2007
325 Tosca St	Venetian Bay	\$314,900	63	4	3	3,158	2 car	2012
3349 Velona Ave	Venetian Bay	\$314,900	121	3	2	3,042	2 car	2007
3602 Maribella Dr	Venetian Bay	\$310,000	36	3	2	2,079	2 car	2005
465 Venetian Villa Dr	Venetian Bay	\$309,000	182	4	3	3,126	2 car	2005
3365 Stefano St	Venetian Bay	\$278,999	88	3	1	2,184	1 car	2006
450 Venetian Villa Dr	Venetian Bay-Venetian Vil	\$263,998	154	1	0	2,265	0 car	2004
3370 Tuscano Ave	Venetian Bay	\$235,000	181	4	2	2,180	2 car	2012
3326 Tuscano Ave	Venetian Bay	\$229,900	94	4	2	1,662	2 car	2012
3365 Tuscano Ave	Venetian Bay	\$229,000	122	4	2	1,660	2 car	2013
3450 Velona Ave	Venetian Bay	\$224,900	93	4	2	2,205	2 car	2011



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## Head-Turners. CATS, JAGS AND TIGERS, Oh My!



Dodge Hellcat Charger—This Cat Wins

Dodge SRT Charger Hellcat— Muscle Car Madness For The Kid In Dad

Its name says it all—the Dodge SRT Charger Hellcat's V-8 delivers 707 horsepower and 650 lb-ft of torque, accelerating to 60 mph in 3.6 seconds. Buckle up the fam-

ily—there are seats for all inside the world's most powerful production sedan. Springs and shocks are softer than the two-door brother car Hellcat Challenger and the wheelbase is longer, taming this Hellcat just enough to make it tolerable when the family is not in the mood for dad to show off. But the menacing appearance will prompt challenges from other drivers having something to prove. And dad knows that while the Hellcat rests in street mode it's anxious to let out that Hellcat roar and pounce into sport or, God forbid, track mode. Hydraulically assisted steering and Brembo brakes help reassure control of the

explosive acceleration. Behave Dad, or Mom will hide the red key! (Hellcat comes with two keys: A red fob gives access to the full 707 hp, a black one leashes back the kitty to 500hp.)



Jag F-Type R is One Fine Feline

Jaguar F-Type—Pick Your Model And Your Place In Front

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The F-Type will always be among the vehicles that the valet elects to leave in front. For the 2016 model year, Jaguar is offering customers 12 different variants of the F-Type, from rear-wheel-drive

base-model couple to the F-Type R AWD that we test drove. This \$106K version comes in coupe or convertible equipped with 5-liter supercharged V8 engine and all-wheel drive 8-speed automatic transmission. 550 hp and 502 ft lbs of torque launches this kitten from zero to 60 in 3.9 seconds. Torque-vectoring technology keeps it sure and stable through the corners. It too has driving mode options to give it multi personalities. Any chance he gets, Dad will activate the active exhaust system for that sound he relishes.



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Fiat's 500X Trekking Plus—A Tiger on the Fashion Runway in a Fast-Growing

#### Fiat 500x Trekking Plus— Italian Sportswear

The newest Fiat will turn heads for altogether different reasons. Our model's Arancio (Orange) paint was a starter. Fiat describes its look as having "whiskers" and a "low, smiling grill."The small SUV segment is expected to grow

200% over the next five years and Fiat plans to play a role. The new 500X is a slightly wider, shorter, and higher off the ground four-door model. Inside headroom, seat comfort and cargo space are surprising for such a tidy package. The Trekking Plus model sported 2.4 liter Tigershark MultiAir2 engine outputting 180 hp and 175 lb.-ft. torque, 18-inch alloy wheels, a more rugged fascia, leather upholstery, dual-pane sunroof, Beats premium audio system, blind spot monitoring, rear cross-traffic alerts and rear parking sensors. Fiat calls it a "500 that has been pumping iron" with an all-wheel-drive option and dynamic driving modes including standard, sport and traction. Just as one might dress in sportswear and not really head to the gym, the Trekking delivers a cheeky off-road look but is truly designed for on-road confidence.



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**WINTER'S COLD IS HERE:** IT'S TIME TO HEAD TO A **PLACE THAT IS HEATING UP, AND THERE IS NO STEAMIER LOCATION TO** TRAVEL TO THAN BRAZIL.

The country known for throwing the world's biggest party is gearing up for one of the world's biggest events - the 2016 Olympics. Many, however,

are already flocking to enjoy Brazil, heeding the call of sizzling beaches, exotic rainforests and fantastical carnival celebrations. As the fifth largest country in the world, Brazil hosts an equally enormous selection of things to do and see.

#### **RIO DE JANERIO AND CARNIVAL**

Brazil's shining star is Rio de Janerio, a city that hosts two world famous beaches, an iconic 125-foot religious statue and a party to end all parties. The Carnival, which begins five days before Ash Wednesday, is a celebration that lives up to its reputation and also sets the mood for festivals that continue throughout the city all year long. Perhaps it is fitting that a city that lives to celebrate is watched over by "Christ the Redeemer," a colossal statue situated high on top of Mount Corcovado. Made immortal through songs, Ipanema and Copacabana beaches are ripe with sun, sand, beautiful people and iridescent turquoise waters.

At the financial hub of Brazil is one of the world's richest cities, Sao Paulo. It is a city thick with culture and tradition. The architecture varies from a neo-Gothic Cathedrals and modern skyscrapers, to a colonial church that was built for the priests who settled the city in 1554. Tucked in the middle of all of this is Ibirapuera Park, home to cultural festivals, various artists, a music hall and museums. The city is proud of its unique culture that is layered throughout arts, cuisine and nightlife.

#### **IGUAZU FALLS**

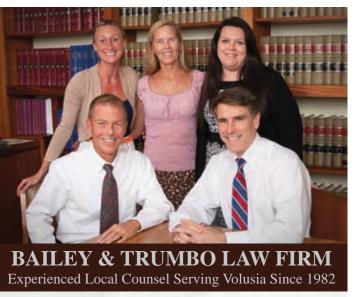
Sitting directly between Argentina and Brazil is Iguazu Falls. More than a million people visit the falls every year and many return again and again because of its magnificence. Its size alone is overwhelming; it is over twice as high as Niagara Falls and three times as wide. Tucked inside one of Brazil's exquisite rainforest, the surrounding land is lush jade and teeming with brightly covered birds, several species of monkeys and stunning flora.

#### **MANAUS AND THE AMAZON**

The most populated city in the Amazon rainforest is Manaus. It is mostly accessible by boat or plane, and its remoteness is what keeps it so representative of the cultural history of Brazil. The city is a tourism mecca for a variety of river cruises, expeditions, jungle retreats and nature lodges. Here the Solimoes and Negro rivers meet to combine into the Amazon. The Amazon River and its basin are home to the largest and most diverse ecosystem in the world. Adventures into this area are equally diverse as companies offer packages featuring everything from luxury cruises on the river and piranha fishing expeditions, to canoeing and tropical tree climbing excursions.

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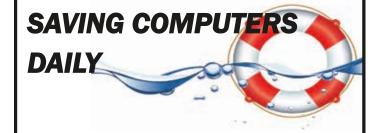
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When: 9:00 a.m.

**Description:** Discussion on walking the wrack with the Marine Discovery Center. The one-hour class is a part of a free educational series on the City's Barrier Island. Registration is not required.

For more information: 386-424-2175 or log on to www.cityofnsb.com/island-education

#### Friday, January 8, 2016

Music Night at the Hub

Where: 132 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach.

When: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Description: On the second Friday of every month, the Hub on Canal hosts Music Night at the Hub. Enjoy live entertainment! Member admission is free. The fee for non-members is \$3.

For more information: 386-957-3924 or visit www.thehuboncanal.org

#### Saturday, January 10, 2016

**Canal Street Cruise** 

Where: Along the historic Canal Street.

When: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Description:** Sponsored by East Coast Cruisers, the family-friendly classic car show offers food and entertainment in a historic setting on the second Saturday of each month.

For more information: 386-547-7319

#### Thursday, January 14 through Sunday, January 31, 2016

A Grand Night for Singing

Where: The Little Theater of New Smyrna Beach

When: All performances start at 8:00 p.m. Sunday shows start at 2:00 p.m. **Description:** The Tony Award winning show features innovative musical arrangements including the sultry Andrews Sisters-esque 'I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out-a My Hair' a swingin' 'Honeybun' worthy of the Modernaires, and a jazzy 'Kansas City', which leaves no question about how terrifically up to date the remarkable songs of R&H remain.

For more information: www.nsbplayers.org

#### Saturday, January 23, 2016

Art Walk on Flagler

Where: Flagler Avenue When: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Description:** Nearly a dozen local and Florida artists scatter along the Avenue at 12 retail locations. Artists change each month to offer a unique variety of fine arts and crafts. Sponsored by The Gallery Group of Flagler Avenue, the event has been a

part of the community for more than 6 years.

For more information: 386-428-1770

#### Saturday, January 23, 2016

Flagler Avenue Wine Walk

Where: Flagler Avenue

When: 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Description:** Explore interesting wines as you walk Flagler Avenue. During the progressive event, taste your choice of more than 100 showcased wines. Wine tasting passports are \$25 and are available at the corner of Flagler Avenue and Peninsula Avenue, at the corner of Flagler Avenue and Cooper Street or at the corner of S. Atlantic and Flagler Avenue. Passports include 20 tasting tickets and a keepsake wine glass. Some locations feature both one - and multi-ticket wines to sample. Those who want to share their 20 tasting tickets with a friend may get an additional wine glass for \$5. For more information: www.partyonflagler.com

Friday, January 29 through Sunday January 31, 2016

40th Annual IMAGES: A Festival of the Arts

Where: Riverside Park – 105 Riverside Dr. New Smyrna Beach. When: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday

**Description:** More than 40,000 visitors from around the state are expected to visit. Enjoy artwork by the 225 juried artists from across the United States. IMAGES is presented by Atlantic Center of the Arts. This is a free public event.

For more information: www.imagesartfestival.org

#### Sunday, January 31, 2016

26th Annual NSB Chowder Festival

Where: Flagler Avenue

When: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Description:** Featuring 30 chowders, the progressive chowder cook-off will be held along both sides of the Avenue. The event is sponsored by the Merchants of Flagler Avenue and the New Smyrna Beach Moose Lodge. Proceeds from the sales of the \$15 passport benefit the Florida Sheriff's Youth Camp in Barberville. For more information: www.partyonflagler.com

#### Friday, February 5, 2016 through Sunday, February 7, 2016 Black Heritage Festival

Where: Pettis Park – 314 North Duss St., New Smyrna Beach When: 9:00 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sunday

**Description:** Enjoy live music and entertainment, food, art & crafts, hair weaving and face painting, cane grinding and syrup making, soap making, storytelling, a school art display and a tour of the Black Heritage Museum. For more information: 386-478-1934



# Moving Day By N2 Staff Writer Amy Howlett In The Garden!

Whether it's a home addition, a new deck or property modification, or just to transform your landscaping, sometimes we have to give our trees and shrubs the boot! Plants need to be healthy and in good shape to survive the stress of transplanting. Winter and early spring are the best times to transplant; wait until after the leaves fall in autumn, but before buds start opening in the spring to transplant.

Go spot hunting!

If your shrub is thriving in its current location, consider the environmental characteristics of its spot, such as the amount of sunlight your plant receives and what direction it faces, and seek a new address for your tree or plant with similar attributes. Tying a ribbon on a branch and noting its direction before transplanting is a handy tip for accurately orienting your shrub in its new location. After

> by digging a hole that is at least 50 percent wider than the root ball - but no deeper - and moisten the soil.

selecting a new spot, prepare for move-in day

Pack your bags! Your tree or shrub will have the best chance of survival if you "root prune" several months before transplanting to create a more compact root system that can be transplanted with the plant. The "feeder roots" that nourish the tree are at the ends of the roots, which are likely outside the area you'll be digging to form the root ball. Severing the outstretched roots encourages feeder roots to grow closer to the base of the shrub, where they will be enclosed in the root ball and transplanted with the plant. Watering the soil the day before transplanting is highly recommended because it helps the plant survive the shock of moving, and moist soil helps keep the root ball intact. As an added bonus, watering softens the soil and makes it easier to dig!

#### Let's go!

When you are ready for moving day, first tie the lower branches up with twine to protect them and keep them out of your way. Mark the circle around the tree or shrub where you plan to dig. A good rule of thumb for measuring the circumference of your circle is for every inch of trunk diameter, you need a foot of root ball diameter. Then, using a flat spade, begin digging with the spade's face turned away from the plant. As you continue to dig, start shaping the root ball, preserving as many roots as possible. Once out of the hole, it is imperative to keep the root ball moist – but not saturated.

#### Time to unpack!

Immediately after transplanting be sure to water thoroughly to eliminate any air pockets in the soil. Be vigilant about watering for the next year or two, as newly transplanted trees and shrubs do not have the root systems to handle excess watering or drought. Moving is very stressful for trees and shrubs, but with careful preparation and a little TLC, your plant can enjoy its new digs!

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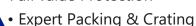
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