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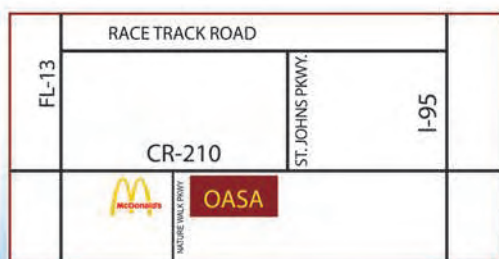
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How to Keep Your New Year's Resolutions

The New Year has arrived, and you have drawn up your resolutions. Now, how to stick to your plan?

- **Put it all on paper.** Write your resolutions down, and keep them in an accessible place as reminders – tape them to your mirror, write them in a journal or put them on your refrigerator door.
- **Mark your calendar.** Set deadlines for yourself to tackle each step toward reaching your goal, one at a time.
- **Start as soon as possible.** Go out and purchase the necessary equipment or literature; call now and set up an appointment with your dentist, your doctor, your trainer, etc.
- **Find a role model.** Is there anyone who has succeeded in fulfilling an ambition like yours? Look to this person as a reminder that it is possible to achieve your goal.
- **Check your progress regularly,** and give yourself an **occasional reward for your efforts.** Make sure the reward isn't contrary to your resolution; celebrate a cigarette-free month with a weekend trip or a new outfit, not with a cigarette.
- **Inform friends and family of your goals,** and recruit them to regularly remind and support you in your endeavors.
- Most importantly, **don't sweat the setbacks;** persistence is the key.





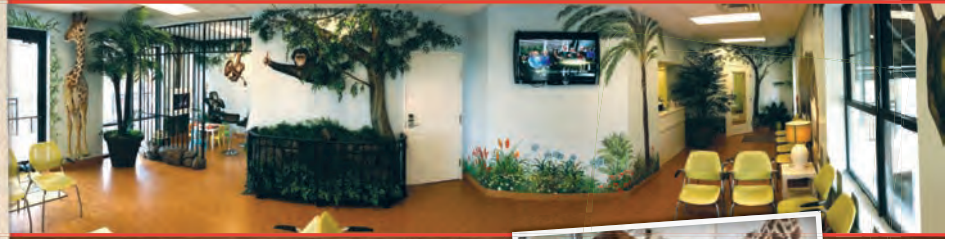
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(TCE) – Timberlin Creek | (SPM) – Switzerland Point | (BT) – Bartram Trail

- Jan. 4
Teacher planning day
- Jan. 5
Classes resume
for students
- Jan. 8-13
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- Jan. 16
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Lawn and Garden Update

What to Plant

Bedding Plants:

Plants that can be added to the garden during the coolest months include pansy, viola, petunia and snapdragon.

Bulbs:

Crinum, agapanthus and gloriosa lily can be planted now. Provide a layer of mulch for protection from cold temperatures.

Camellias:

Select and plant camellias this month. Visit local nurseries now for the best selection of colors and forms.

Vegetables:

Continue planting cool-season crops including beet, cabbage, turnip, lettuce and broccoli. Try sugar snap peas as well.

What to Do

Deciduous fruit:

Planting deciduous fruit trees (peach, nectarine, plum, pears) now gives their roots time to develop before the warm, dry spring months. This is also a good time to prune and fertilize existing trees.

Cold protection:

Frost or freezes are likely this month and next. Be ready to cover tender plants to minimize damage.

Irrigation:

Plants may need water if temperatures remain higher than normal and rainfall is scarce.

Shrubs and trees:

Prune non-spring flowering shrubs and trees this month to improve form.

Arbor Day:

Florida observes Arbor Day on the third Friday of January. To celebrate, plant a tree in your yard or community. Consider a hurricane-resistant tree such as live oak, bald cypress, cabbage palm or crape myrtle.

Crape myrtle:

While crape myrtles do not require pruning, removing seed pods, crossing branches and small twiggy growth improves the appearance and form of the plant.



Pests:

To control scale on citrus, shrubs, camellias, and deciduous fruit trees, apply horticultural oil while plants are dormant.

Information courtesy University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.



For Stonehurst Plantation Renters

If you rent a home in our community, you are most definitely a part of our community association and we welcome you! We'd like to meet you at our community events and social gatherings. Please let First Coast Management know your name, address, landlord information and phone number so that it can be included for mailing lists.

Additionally, a Facebook page (Stonehurst Plantation HOA -Official) has been created for communication from the board to the community and is widely used by all. Here, you will find events, updates and general neighborhood happenings and discussions on a secure page open only to residents and monitored. Residency is verified, so if your Facebook name is not on the resident list, expect a private message from "Stonehurst Adm."

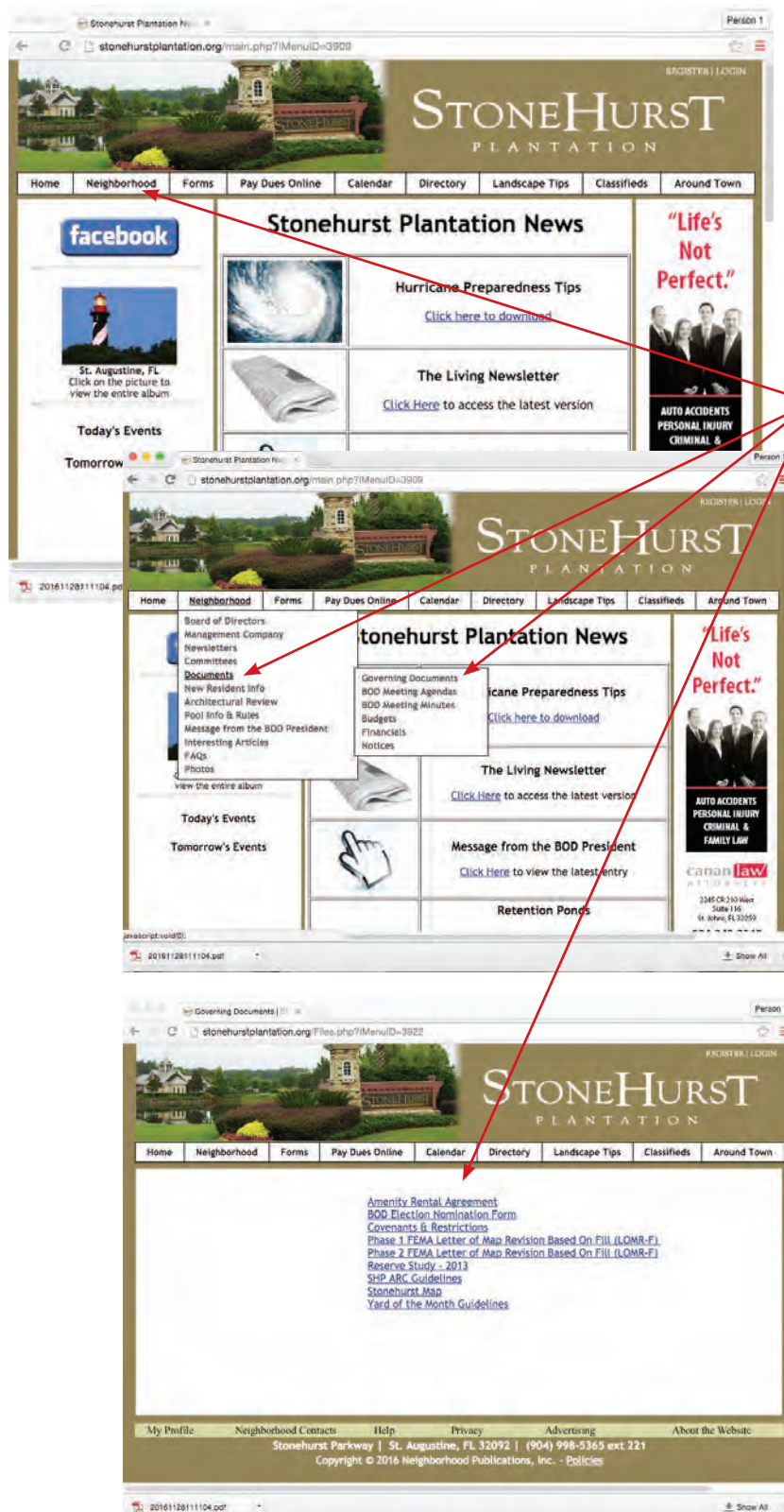
In case your landlord hasn't passed along this information, here are a few tips to make living in our community enjoyable and stress free:

All residents, owners and renters, must comply with association rules and regulations. The reasonable rules protect property values and preserve the nature of our community. If you need a copy of the rules, they can be found at www.stonehurstplantation.org, or feel free to reach out to the management company.

Renters are entitled to all the privileges of association membership except voting, however we're unable to extend those privileges to you if we don't know who you are. This gives you the advantage of being informed about your community. If you would like to volunteer for a committee or other type of service to the association, we would love to meet you! Responsible, service-minded residents are the backbone of our association regardless of ownership status!

If your lease is about up, and you are moving away, we are sorry to see you go! Please notify First Coast Management at 904-998-5365, ext. 236, or amy@firstcoastam.com.

So, welcome to Stonehurst Plantation! We want you to enjoy your experience here; perhaps enough to become an owner some day!



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Helping Hands of St. Johns County

By Mary Safin

What a wonderful holiday season! Helping Hands of St. Johns County began the season with a wonderful Communal Dinner for the families at the Homeless Coalition in St. Augustine on November 19. With lots of help, we were able to provide a full Thanksgiving Dinner to the 16 families living there. A special thanks to Donna Falcioni for organizing this event. We couldn't have done it without her. Also our thanks to our partners Knights of Columbus from San Del Rio Catholic Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Fresh Start Veggie in Switzerland, FL, and all our members for donating and preparing all the delicious food and other necessary items for the meal and transporting all the cooked, hot food to St. Augustine. We had 14 members and 6 spouses carving and serving a family-style dinner to each family.

We continued our holiday festivities by hosting two parties in our community. On December 8, there was a holiday party at Buckingham Smith Assisted Living in St. Augustine where there was a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Thanks to all who picked up a gift tag and purchased gifts for these great people as well as the gifts to other senior citizens in our community.

On Saturday, December 17, there was a holiday party for Field of Dream teams and other special needs children in our community at Faith Community Church from 10 AM until 1 PM. Mr. and Mrs. Claus graced us with their presence at this party also. We had games, crafts and refreshments. We want to thank everyone who helped set up this event or volunteered items and their time. Also, thank you to Brucci's Pizza on State Road 13 for donating pizzas. A special thanks to Sheliah Drewienkowski for all her work in chairing the event.

At our monthly meeting on January 27, 2017, we will be decorating pillowcases for veterans to be donated to the Clyde Lassen Veterans Home in St. Augustine on February 14. If anyone would like to donate new white pillowcases for this, please contact Jackie Valyou at jacqphil@aol.com.

Helping Hands of St. Johns County is a volunteer organization started in 2006 that meets at 10 AM to noon the last Friday of the month. There are no dues, officers or stress. Members come when they can and do what they can with what is donated. Helping Hands is fortunate to have many community partners and could not exist without their help through donations of goods and services. The group meets at Faith Community Church, 3450 CR 210 W, St. Johns, FL 32259. For more information contact via email: jacqphil@aol.com.



Decorating gingerbread house centerpieces for Buckingham Smith Assisted Living Facility Christmas Party



Ben Bender carving a turkey for one of the families at the Homeless Coalition Communal Dinner



Families enjoying Communal Dinner at the Homeless Coalition



Yard of the Month



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Selections for yard of the month are judged the third to fourth week of each month. The criteria for yard of the month is the overall appearance, tidiness and neatness of the property as evidenced by:

- Color and aesthetic appeal from the curb
- Variety of the plants used in the yards
- Choice and use of plants

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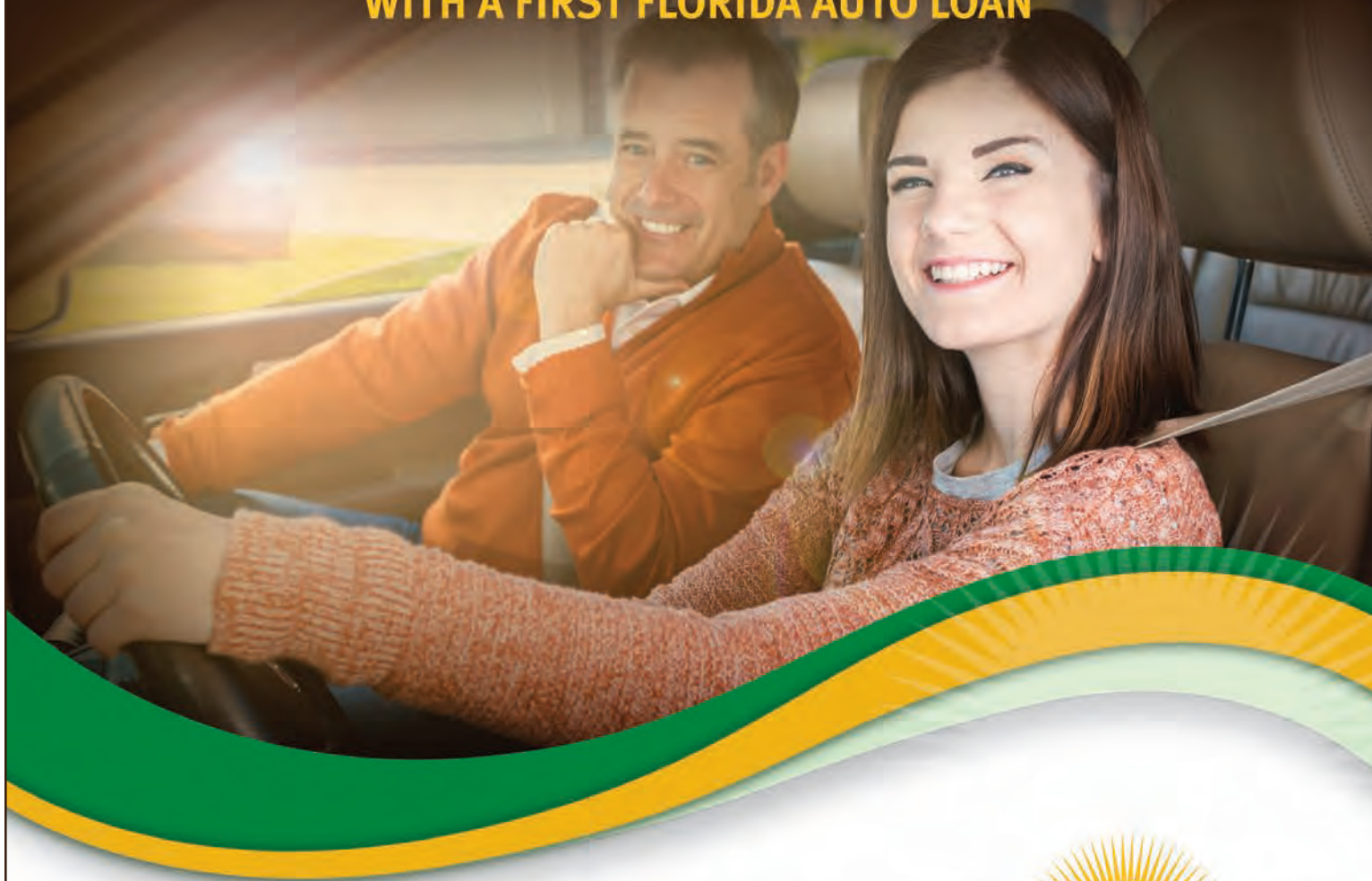
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