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Holiday Events Signal Throwback to Past, Reachout to Arlington

AMC Theatres, Olive Garden Also Plan Renovations



As the old adage goes - an optimist is the 'glass half full' guy, and the pessimist went to 'glass half empty' university. The Regency Square Mall is about half full, and to General Manager Jim Kramer, that's good. For now.

For months, Regency tenants have been migrating into the mall's original east end, from Belk to JC Penny, which is now 85% occupied and climbing. Kramer expects to have the east end full for the upcoming holiday season, and full of events. It's a nod to seasons past when choral concerts and community events were part of Regency Square's holiday experience. It's also part of the job for Sondra Anderson, community relations coordinator, whose very role underscores the new ownership's commitment to Arlington. To reach the neighborhood, Kramer and Anderson want to focus on community events, nonprofit support, and holiday celebrations. They've said December and holiday shopping will be a big determinant of the mall's success and momentum.

"We've done more than thirty deals since taking over in February," Kramer said in a recent radio interview, and that's led the owners to push up plans for marketing the mall's west wing. A restaurant operator is expressing interest in the former Houlihans space, and a church is expected to move into the west end before the end of the year. In addition, Kramer is courting small, local tenants and an incubator environment to spur more activity.

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What's in a name . . .

The term “Old Arlington” first surfaced in conversations that led to the formation of the group, Old Arlington Inc. (OAI), and even then, there were reservations with the name. Not all were enamored by the “old” connotations, but it seemed better than “West Arlington”, which would have been a kneejerk response to the evolving East Arlington. Likewise, the words, “Historic” and “Preservation”, were passed over so as not to detract from “Community” and “Revitalization”, the other half of the group’s dual mission.

So, “Old Arlington” it was, but exactly what it was, was a question then, and I guess it still is today. Discussions - some more passionate than you’d think - invoke boundaries, while others toss timelines. Some throw historical perspectives at it, others more geographical. I’ll throw you mine.

OAI’s founding statements are included in the program for its 1993 Open House, in which the group defined its mission field with the term “Greater Arlington”. It was a deliberate, inclusive choice, and yes, Holly Oaks and Cosmo, both represented at the open house that day, were both very much a part of Old Arlington.

The term “Greater Arlington” was in vogue following the City’s adoption of new zoning maps and comprehensive plan. Greater Arlington/Beaches was one of six City planning districts and encompassed everything north of Beach Blvd. to the River, from St. Nicholas to the Beaches. While the Beaches were readily defined as that part “east of the ditch”, the Arlington remainder was constantly blurred as East Arlington’s succession collided with that of Intracoastal West’s. “Greater” was the municipal way to define the problem, it would be our way too.

There are however, definitive geographic boundaries to Old Arlington which OAI features in its brochures, and on its website. This boundary was the offering of a historical survey - the first for Arlington - that was commissioned by OAI in 1995. A few years later, it was consecrated by a committee that sought to register the organization with the City for purposes of neighborhood notification and legal standing. Over time, this Old Arlington moniker/boundary took hold in City planning documents, real estate marketing, and even Google Map designations today.

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Your Turn

Address correspondence to info@myarlington.org

Really enjoyed the newspaper. It is great to have one here in Arlington area. Also thanks for the plug for the arboretum. Loved the focus on specific areas.

Ann L.

I love the email.... info@oldarlington myArlington Monthly Newspaper- First Edition. I read every article. So much news, old and new.....One word will describe it GREAT! Thank you so much,
Susan P.

The font used is hard to read in the small web format. It is great to have some positive interest in Arlington.

Linda E.

My Arlington monthly is FABULOUS!!!! Rosemary W.

How do I get an on line subscription to the eNewspaper/ My Arlington Monthly?

Bunny A.

Nice job on the first edition.

Clay Yarborough, President
Jacksonville City Council

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But what about prior to geographic boundaries? One would be hard-pressed to say that Ft Caroline and its 500-year history is not old, or that along with the Timucuan before them, are not part of Arlington history. The several interworking plantations of the early 1800s, that lined the River from St.Johns Bluff to Clifton, and Francois Richard's operations centered at Strawberry Creek, (but stretching from today's Craig Field to Baymeadows), any of that - all of that - Old Arlington?

And then there's a third perspective, from a time when growing up in Arlington was an unparalleled experience. When its subdivisions and shopping malls were the City's mecca, and its neighborhood-stocked, Jr/Sr high schools were "A-schools" fed by the newest elementaries. Neighborhoods strived for Arlington connections and identification. The founding OAI board included several people who knew this. It mattered not where they presently lived, Old Arlington was more than a boundary or area. It encompassed the desire within some to preserve and revitalize that which they had known and grown up to love.

So where - or what - is Old Arlington? Is it the Old Arlington Theatre, f/k/a the Capri Theatre, and which houses a church today, or is it the old Arlington Theatre, across from the Arlington Plaza, which housed Arlington's youth on many a '60s Saturday afternoon?

The answer changes because the context changes, and because Arlington changes. So whether you set your sights more geographically, or believe that history is the trump card, or may just literally ascribe to the *nom de Facebook*, "I Grew Up in Arlington", it's *all* Arlington to me.

Steve Matchett

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REGENCY *Resurrection*

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After several years of bankrupt ownership and apathetic management, Regency Square (sans the Penny's and Sears' self-owned parcels) was bought in February by Randar Realty Group and Mason Asset Management for \$13 million. They began immediately to breathe new life into the mall with the vision of transforming it into a mixed use center. With today's Town Center shopping replacing the traditional mall experience, Kramer has begun to expand into leasing to businesses other than just regular retailers, such as churches and office space. He also foresees such uses as charter schools, and medical and law offices, and is currently courting a large insurance company to consolidate their Jacksonville offices into one space in Regency's west end.



Mixed-use redevelopment of Regency Square as depicted in Greater Arlington-Beaches Vision Plan. New mall ownership is aggressively marketing the property for a variety of uses and tenants.



The momentum at the mall is spreading to other nearby Regency landmarks. AMC Theatres recently announced a major update of their facility at Regency Mall to include recliner seats and a full-service MacGuffins Bar, allowing patrons to drink a cold one while watching new releases with their feet up. The City is reviewing the building permit application for the estimated \$2.93 million project. In addition to new seating and the bar, plans show remodeled restrooms and a renovated concession area. The standalone theatre was built in 1999 when AMC left the inside of Regency Square Mall, and the space was remodeled into a larger food court.

And, Olive Garden will return from the ashes of the January, 2014, fire that destroyed the popular restaurant across from Regency Square.. A recent letter from Olive Garden Restaurants' President Dave George, confirmed the company's plans to rebuild the restaurant on its current site with a targeted re-opening in April, 2015. The new building will be a prototype Olive Garden, smaller with a more modern design.





A-Town . . . What's the Buzz



Arlington Connecting in Social Media

myArlington MONTHLY checks in on several social media sites featuring Arlington people, places, and things. The views and comments expressed may not necessarily represent ours - but they could be yours!



- Keep up with everything in your neighborhood
- A private environment designed for just you and your neighborhood
- Used by over 43,000 U.S. neighborhoods

Nextdoor.com is a private social network for you, your neighbors and your neighborhood community. It's an easy way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free.

People use **Nextdoor** to quickly get the word out about a break-in or crime, organize a Neighborhood Watch Group or block party, or track down a trustworthy babysitter or lawn service. Some Arlington neighborhoods are already active and several others are getting started.

Nextdoor.com was founded in 2010 and today is a team of 108 people based in San Francisco. Their mission is to use the power of technology to build stronger and safer neighborhoods.

When neighbors start talking, good things happen.



You will need to be a member of Facebook to access all of the information on these pages.

Sign-up at www.facebook.com

I Grew Up in Arlington is a Facebook Group Page boasting over 6,000 members providing a way for people who have lived in Arlington to re-connect with others.

The Rich History of Arlington - A Unique Place in Time is a Facebook Group Page that provides historical information about the Arlington community. Just launched a few months ago, the page has already drawn over 600 members.

Old Arlington Inc. is the Facebook page for the organization and this publication.

*OAI members celebrated the 1st issue of My Arlington Monthly e-Newspaper at our September meeting at JU! Thank you for all the wonderful letters, emails, and comments on the e-Newspaper's first edition. Looking forward to producing future issues for you to enjoy! **Thank you!***

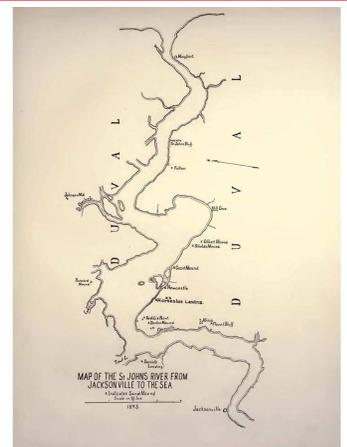
Good ole Bruce Park!!! - - Melodie



I can still hear the banging metal 'bridge' as you'd run back up to the top of the slide to go again. - - Michael

Location of Indian burial mounds in the Arlington area as investigated by Clarence Moore at the turn of the 20th century. - Jeff

One of Cleve's quad maps depicts the cemetery that was excavated on an entire block behind Ft Caroline Elem....and was a mound. - - Jodie





Cleve's Corner on . . .

*Hearing how Regency's coming back got Cleve to thinking back, and if you've ever v
back and take in this month's Cleve's Corner. OAI's Historian/Archivist goes bac*

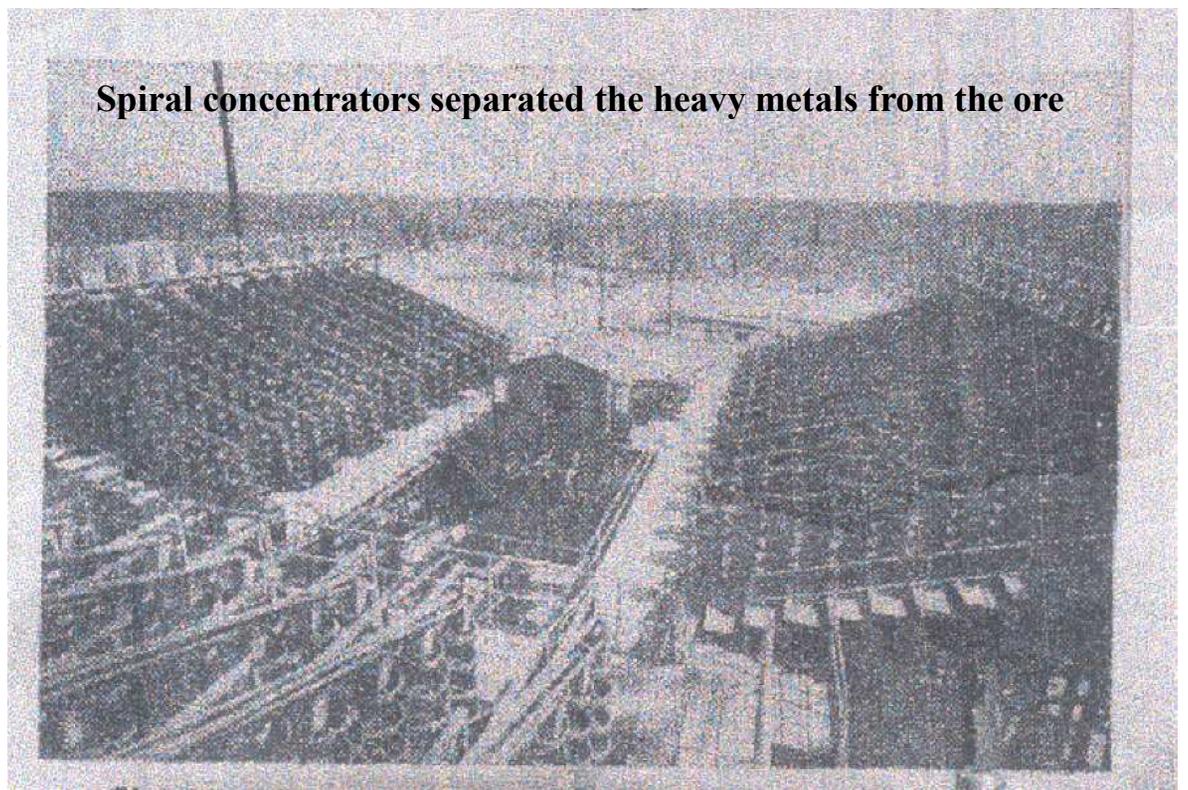
Humphreys' Gold Mine & Regency's Dunes

Have you noticed the white sand dunes, and small lakes, which border the Southside Connector from 9A south to Atlantic Blvd are slowly disappearing due to development? They are the last traces of Humphreys Gold Corporation's mining operation for exotic heavy minerals which employed many Arlington residents for over 25 years. Per Richard Fountain, a geologist from Arlington, heavy minerals in Florida consist primarily of the titanium dioxide bearing minerals rutile, ilmenite and leucoxene. Zircon, a source of the metal zirconium, and monazite, a rare earth mineral, also occur in these deposits. Heavy minerals originally formed in igneous and metamorphic rocks in the Smoky Mountains. Erosion transported these minerals via streams to the Atlantic Ocean and changes in sea level left them along the shoreline and inland dunes.

World War II interrupted cheaper import of overseas materials. All four minerals - rutile, ilmenite, zircon and monazite - had a specific role in the National Defense Program and the Atomic Energy Commission under "classified information". A 1961 news article, by Ronald Sercomb, emphasized the War Production Board's (WPB) demand for rutile in the nation's defense plants to produce titanium metal. Retaining strength at high temperatures with a greater resistance to corrosion, rutile was a prime material used in jet planes, rockets and coating for welding rods. Ilmenite looks like a coarse, black sand but, is used to make white paint whiter. Zircon, a refractory material suited for specialized work in foundries, was used in porcelains, stoves and bathtubs. Monazite, a radioactive material, was used for incombustible hoods on gas jets.

National Lead Corporation discovered, and began mining, rich deposits of ore in the Regency Square area. A cost-cutting solution was discovered at J.B. and A.E. Humphreys' mining operation in Oregon, where deposits were mined by dredging because the difference in specific gravity allowed the minerals to be separated in water. J.B. Humphreys had designed, built, and implemented spiral concentrators and it was determined that they would separate the rutile from the ore in Florida. In 1944, with approval from the WPB, Humphreys

Gold Corporation leased all property and equipment from the rutile mining company and assumed mining operations.



Spiral concentrators separated the heavy metals from the ore

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The History of Old Arlington

wondered about all that sand along the back of Southside Blvd. from Regency to Butler, then sit back to his 'yoots and gives a personal account of this fascinating chapter in Arlington history.

Humphrey's Gold Mine (CONTINUED FROM PG 6)

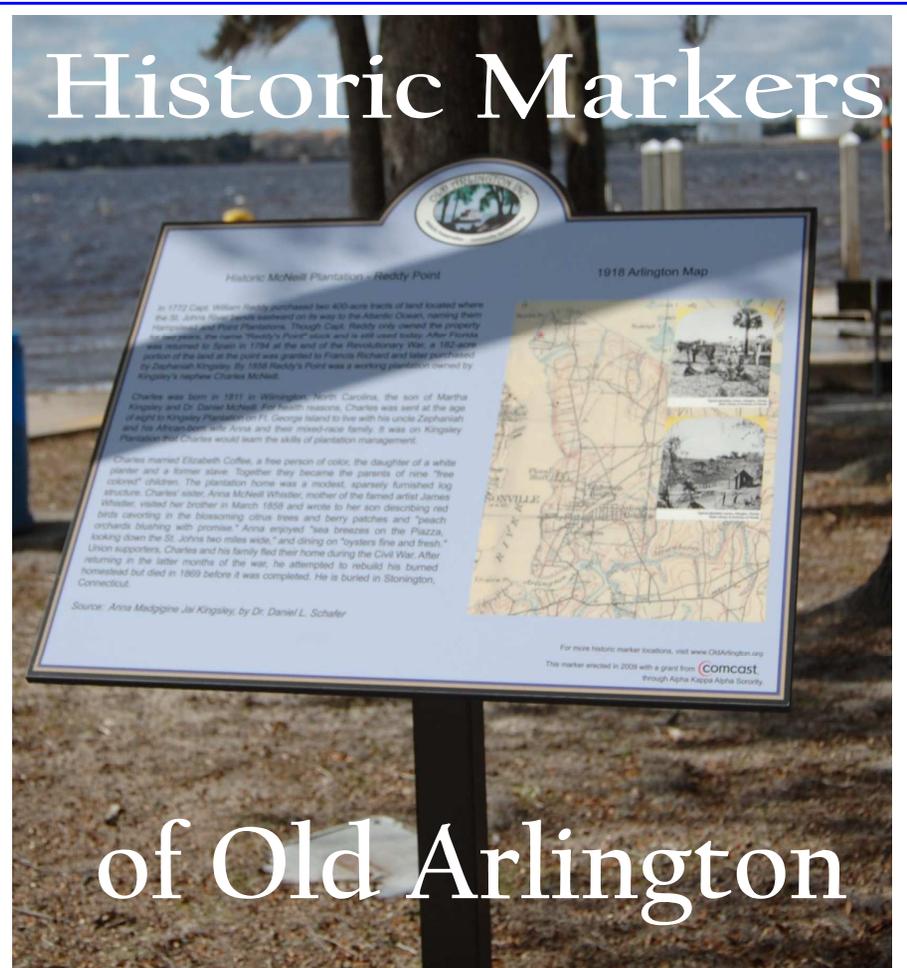
I worked at Humphreys in June of 1955, at age 18, for 10 months. Although my job required strenuous labor, I learned many different skills. The office, lab, machine shop, warehouse, spirals and separation plant (mill) were located on the east side of Mill Creek Road (a dirt road) just north of the Arlington Expressway. The dredge, operating just east of

HUMPHREYS GOLD CORPORATION JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA		
NAME	C. Powell	
PERIOD ENDING	11/27-55	
STRAIGHT TIME	480 8.122	4889 976
OVERTIME	8.183	1464
TOTAL EARNED		
DEDUCTIONS:		
FED. D.A.B.	146	73.20
INCOME TAX	10.80	
INS.	7.60	
UNION DUES		
C. CHEST		
OTHER		1386
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		1386
AMOUNT PAID		59.34
KEEP THIS AS YOUR RECORD OF WAGES		
Cleve E. Powell 11-27-55 \$1.22/hr		
HUMPHREYS GOLD CORPORATION Jacksonville Plant		

Mount Zion Church, was floating in a manmade lake and pumped the sand and water through an 18" diameter, steel pipeline to the mill and into large holding vats. They back-filled the area behind and dredged to the front thus, moving the lake with them. The sand was then

pumped to the top of 15' high, cast iron troughs ("spirals") bolted together in a corkscrew configuration. The minerals and sand were separated by splitter ports as the sand and water ran down the spirals. The separated minerals were packed into 125 lb bags and loaded onto a flatbed headed to a "railhead" in South Jacksonville.

By fall of 1955, the dredge was moved across Atlantic Blvd just west of Southside Blvd. In 1961, approximately 500,000 tons of sand were mined and processed every month as 75 tons of sand was required to produce one ton of extracted material. An estimated 60+ million tons of sand were mined to extract the minerals since 1944. The community accepted the mining operations because the mill did not create dust due to control systems. The mill was noisy on the inside but, fairly quiet on the outside. The white sand was pumped back to the field and was leveled after it dried but, as everyone who was around it for years knows, the wind shifted it around forming dunes which could change significantly in one week. CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE



#20 - Historic Mt. Zion Community: "Mount Zion is one of several African American communities established in the Old Arlington area around the end of the American Civil War. Prior to the war in 1854, the area where the church and cemetery are now located was owned by plantation owner John Sammis, a white man married to Mary Kingsley, the mixed-race daughter of Zephaniah Kingsley and his African-born wife Anna. Located just east of Mill Creek Rd near Lone Star Rd, early residents used foot paths to reach the other African American communities of Fulton, Cosmo, Arlington, Chaseville and the southern part of Gilmore."

For the rest of the story, visit the marker itself located at 1159 Mill Creek Rd., or click on: <http://myarlington.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Historic-Mt-Zion-Community.pdf>

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Engaging Form, Work by John Oles and Mika Fowler

Alexander Brest Gallery • October 9 – November 5

This two-person exhibition will feature works exploring the derivative of layering form, material, and content. Oles' elegant porcelain vessels explore alterations that combine references to natural and figurative contours, while inviting the touch of the hand to fully explore their form. Fowler's photographs are a reaction to cultural thoughts of ideal beauty, violence, and proclivities where the reality of the subject is impeded as in a dream or hallucination. The combined exhibit can be described as a throwing off of social contrivances and an embracing of the sensuality of contemporary design.

An Evening of Hugo Wolf*

Terry Concert Hall • October 10 at 7:30 PM

JU faculty members Jay Ivey, baritone, and Kimberly Beasley, soprano, will be joined by JU alum Alfred Meneses on piano and guest artist Brittnee Siemon, mezzo-soprano, in an evening of the art song of Hugo Wolf.

Percussion Ensemble

Terry Concert Hall • October 18 at 7:30 PM

Fall Orchestra Concert

Terry Concert Hall

October 21 @ 7:30 PM

Join the Jacksonville University Orchestra for an evening of orchestral masterworks and contemporary compositions.

Faculty Selection Honors Recital

Terry Concert Hall

October 23 at 7:30 PM

The second installment in the series of recitals that features nominated music students for special recognition as performers and composers.

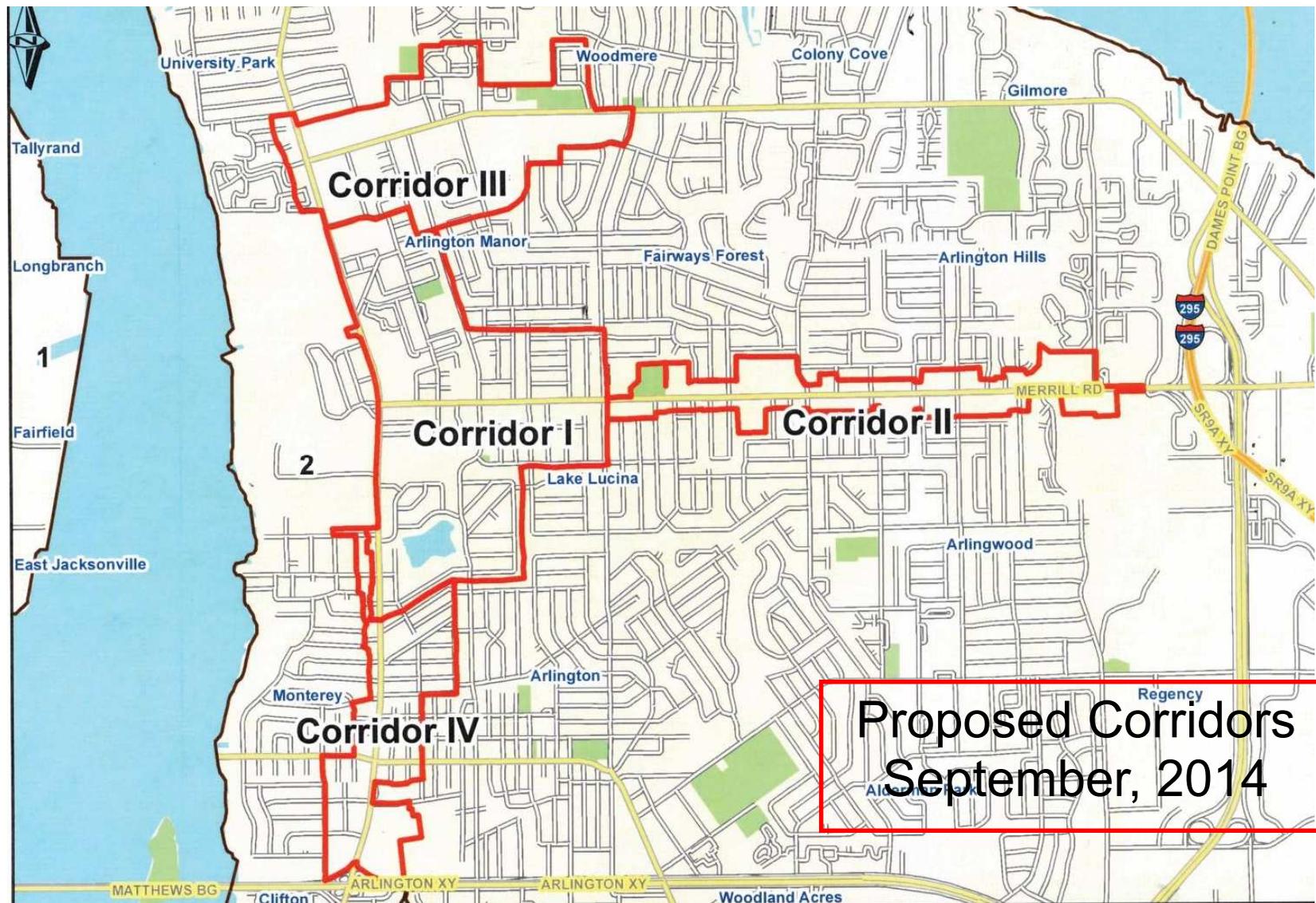
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Swisher Theater

October 23, 24, and 25 at 7:30 PM, 26th @ 3 PM

A hip musical comedy which follows six young people in the throes of puberty, who are overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves. They learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. At each performance, four audience volunteers are selected and invited on stage to participate in the Bee, making each performance unique. This show is recommended for theatergoers age 13 and over. With music and lyrics by William Finn, a book by Rachel Sheinkin, and additional material by Jay Reiss, it is sure to be an unforgettable evening of theatre.

Operation Dolphin Mapping Redevelopment Corridors



Operation Dolphin, a project championed by JU President Tim Cost, promises exciting change in the Arlington community on a fast-track timeline with the support of the City of Jacksonville's Office of Economic Development (OED). Karen Nasrallah, Redevelopment Manager with OED, has assembled a team consisting of representatives from JU, JSO, JTA, JEA, community leaders, and others to address the issue of revitalizing the Arlington corridors of University Blvd. and Merrill Rd. The vision includes retail development, corridor street mix opportunities including bike lanes and pedestrian areas, and upgrading and possible relocation of utilities.

To finance improvements, the City is proposing the establishment of a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA), a method used successfully in Jacksonville Beach and the Northside's River City Marketplace. A CRA generates income for redevelopment projects by using Tax Increment Financing (TIF), a trust fund created by using incremental tax revenues captured from new ad valorem tax revenues generated from increased property values. Approximately 95% of the incremental tax increase from base-year property tax values is placed in the trust fund for projects included in the redevelopment area.

Funding may also be generated from the Local Option Gas Tax Extension that was recently approved by City Council. A portion of this tax will go toward bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and the University Blvd./Merrill Rd. corridor was identified by JTA as one of the corridors for improvements.

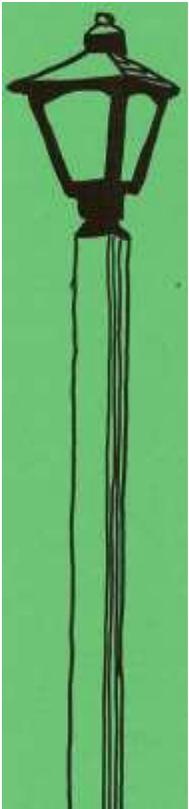
OED hopes to capture the incremental tax revenues generated by the \$\$millions in construction projects currently planned by JU. Nasrallah, speaking to persons in attendance at the Dolphin Project meeting on Sept. 17th, stated that Arlington is a "poster child" community for the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969 passed by the Florida Legislature. Dolphin Project meetings are open to the public with the next meeting scheduled for October 15th at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

The Neighborhoods of Arlington

A monthly spotlight on the building blocks of Arlington community

Fairways Forest

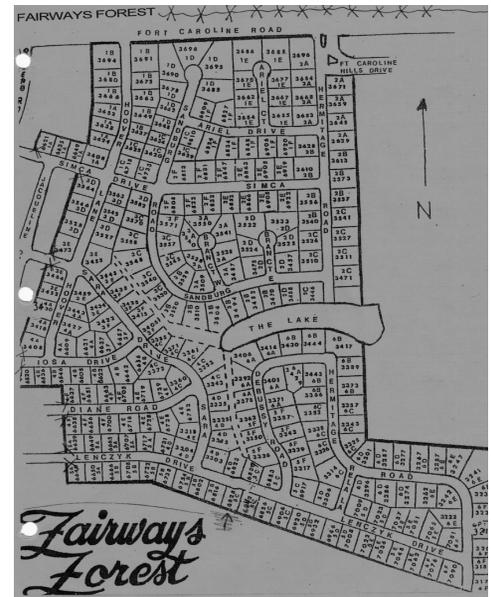
A Community of Brick Homes, Old-Style Lampposts, and the American Flag



Fairways Forest is an established, lovely Arlington neighborhood filled with friendly folks who began buying its 252 comfy, brick homes in the early '70s. Its first residents were largely newcomers to Jacksonville who were relocated by corporations and the military branches, as well as hometowners wanting to move up to larger, modern homes. Jacksonville, first and foremost, is a Navy town and Fairways Forest is well represented by those who have served and are serving their country.

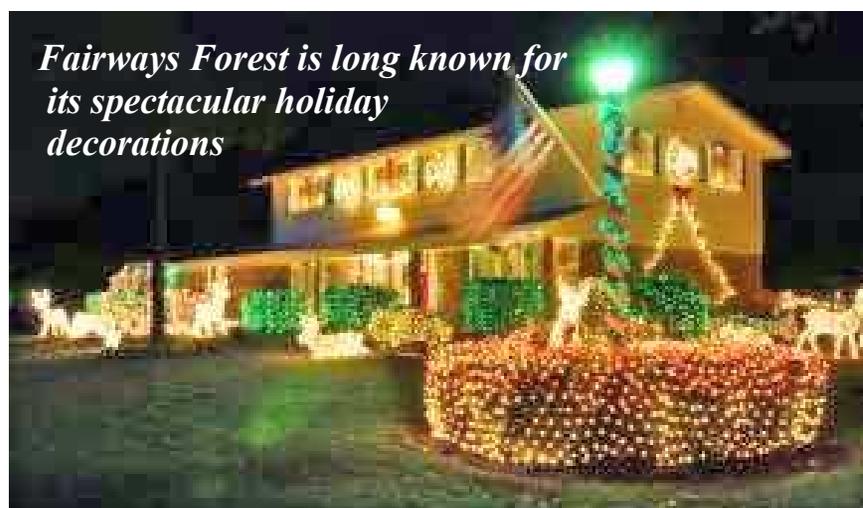


The Forest's sprawling acreage was developed by Lonnie Wurn (deceased), a local attorney/real estate developer who added many communities in this city. The neighborhood is on the south side of Ft. Caroline Rd. and roughly bounded by Hoover Lane on the west, Lencyzk Dr. on the south, and Hermitage Road on the east.



Though the Forest has experienced continual cultural change throughout its years, its flag-flying, signature lampposts and spirit remain. Fairways Forest continues to attract buyers who recognize its well-established charm, character and value.

Residents move into the Forest and tend to remain long into retirement. Many residents volunteer to serve in the civic association, one of the area's most active, year after year.



Fairways Forest is long known for its spectacular holiday decorations



Community Pipeline

What's happening between Arlington and City Hall

Summary Report of the Greater Arlington/Beaches CPAC Meeting, September 8, 2014

Paul Martinez, Director of Intra-Governmental Services made a presentation on the department's Blight Public Awareness Campaign. He emphasized repeatedly the need to work with average citizens to allow his department to clean up blighted areas of the community and he stressed the negative effects on the community such as poor morale and declining property values. They will be installing hidden cameras at known illegal dumping grounds to combat those who would circumvent taking debris to the dump. The city will soon kick off a 'Fight Blight' campaign, encouraging public involvement with cleaning up neighborhoods. He encouraged all to call 630-CITY to report issues. A new initiative with his department will be new software that will allow citizens to take pictures of blighted areas in their communities with their smart phones and upload them to his department and the GPS location imbedded in the picture will allow the city to open up a ticket and address the problem. This software will make it much easier to take control of blighted areas.

Regulatory Compliance - Three officers will be added to the Arlington area and will be in place by October 10th. This brings their total to 5 officers which will make them fully staffed in Arlington for the first time in recent memory. Citizens are encouraged to report code compliance issues to the officers so they can continue to do their part in cleaning up Arlington.

JSO - Overall crime has increased countywide by 1%. In Arlington crime is up 4%. The increase in crime in Arlington is primarily attributable to increases in property crime. Autos appear to be the prime targets in Arlington. Unfortunately, people still leave their valuables in their vehicles in plain sight making them an attractive target. We were advised to park our vehicles under lights when possible and keep valuables in the trunk.

Mayors Liaison - The budget will be voted on in two weeks and the Mayor will continue to work with City Council towards getting funding for additional police officers. Once the budget has been put to bed, the Mayor and City Council will attack the police/fire pension issue. Project Speed was discussed and the fact that it will bring much needed manufacturing jobs to Jacksonville. We were assured that the \$6.5 million inducement the city will contribute was a small cost to pay for the jobs that will be created. The city's inducement is really a 'rebate' of property taxes. It was explained that the city will receive property tax on the unimproved land, but NOT on the buildings and improvements made to the land for the manufacturing plant and equipment.

FDOT - The upgrades to the Mathews Bridge are complete. They have taken down 'fixed' barricades and replaced them with removable barricades. This will allow for all lanes of the bridge be opened to west-bound traffic if the need for evacuation, due to hurricane or other calamity, should arise.

Planning and Development - The 'National Night Out' to combat crime will be October 7, 2014 and will be coordinated with the Jacksonville Sheriff's office.

Land Use and Development - There was one issue discussed and it involved a waiver to allow a sign to be located 5 feet closer to the road (the minimum setback is 10 feet). The applicant was the owner of Marble Waters Hotel and Suites located at 45 Kernan Blvd. The LUZ subcommittee recommended a vote to deny as they felt the sign would obstruct vision of drivers looking North on Kernan Blvd and create a safety issue due to this obstruction and the proximity to Landmark Middle School. The full CPAC voted overwhelmingly to deny the waiver.



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President's Message

OAI's archives and its permanent establishment have historically been compromised by nomadic years and less than desirable storage conditions. Indexing and documentation were most often relegated to the confines of Cleve Powell's mind and machine. Recent unpacking by the group at its new offices underscored the urgency to start putting it away, the right way.

But where do you start, *how* do you start?

OAI's answer to that question is Lauren Mosely. In the middle of a career change from Jacksonville Historical Society archivist to secondary school history teacher, Lauren's response to OAI's pleaded need was enthusiastic and passionate. She will begin in November driving OAI's archives mission to be the source authority for Arlington history.

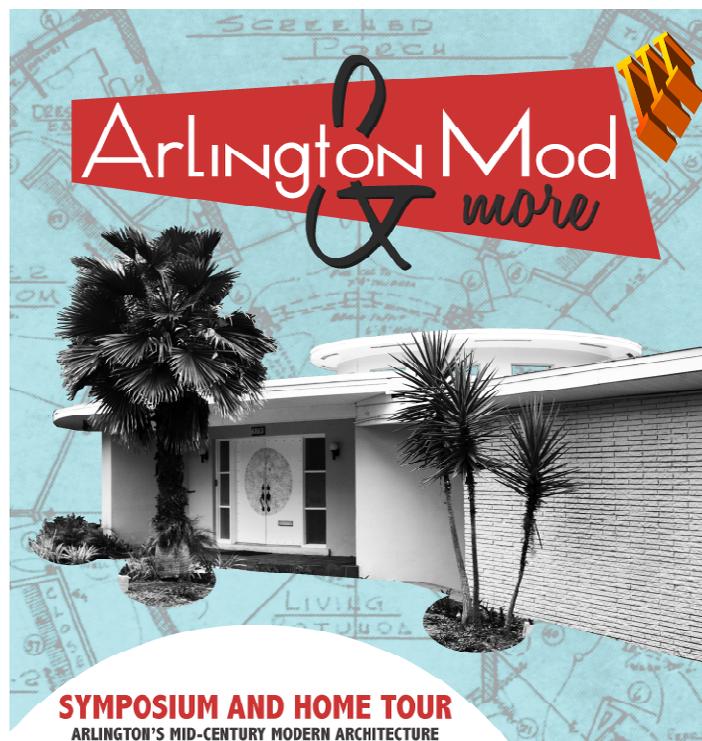


Lauren has a masters degree in history and together with her experience at JHS, brings instant credibility to the project. She will serve in a volunteer capacity, and one of her first tasks will be to implement new software to chronicle and digitize Arlington's old stuff.

OAI is dedicating the archive project and effort to Cleve Powell, the formality of which will be a framed resolution presented to him by the Jacksonville City Council next month. The "Cleve Collection" itself figures to be prominently incorporated, and it's one that Lauren says she "...can't wait to get into".

It's good stuff. We meet on the third Tuesday, at 6:30 pm in JU's Gooding Building. It's an opportunity to hear about, and get involved with, more good stuff.

Steve Matchett



**Coming ...Saturday
November 15th**

***Jacksonville Historic Preservation
Commission Award Winning Event***

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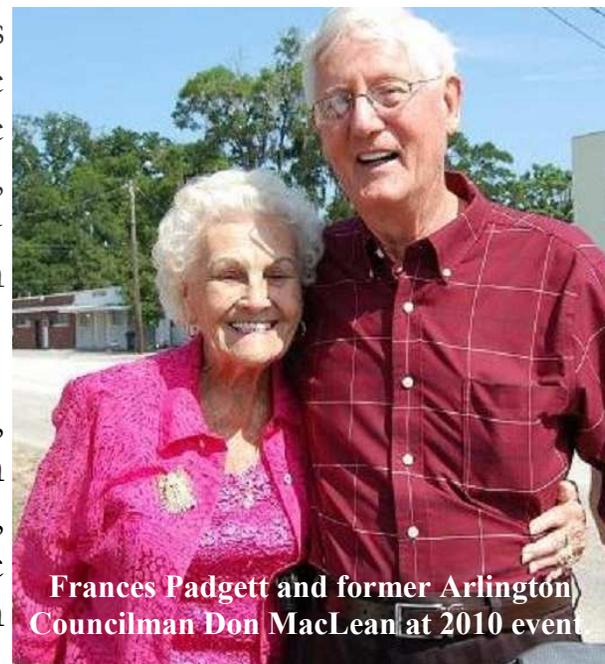
Arlington Personified

A Monthly Feature on Those Who Have Shaped Our Community

Frances Padgett

In a 2005 *Florida Times-Union* interview, she said her goal every day was to have a ball and to help everyone around her have one as well. “She was Dolly Parton, Carol Burnett and Lucille Ball wrapped up into one big ball of fire that loved life,” said her granddaughter, Kandy Kent, who lives in Atlanta. Couple that irrepressible spirit with a tireless record of community service, and the portrait of long-time Arlington civic leader, Frances Padgett begins to emerge.

Frances Adell Hungerford Padgett was born in Madison, WI in 1922, and moved to Florida at an early age. In 1939, she graduated from Weirsdale High School in Marion County, and married her husband, Clarence F. Padgett in Baker County. She worked at Western Electric and General Electric for a combined 32 years and later opened her own catering business.



Frances Padgett and former Arlington Councilman Don MacLean at 2010 event

60 years after riding in the Mathews Bridge's opening procession, Frances Padgett, sitting atop a vintage fire truck, leads a motorcade in the 2013 anniversary celebration.



Frances and her family moved to Arlington around 1950. She was one of the first people to cross the Mathews Bridge as part of its opening day parade in April, 1953, and sixty years later she would reprise the role for OAI's Mathews Bridge celebration.

As a working mother raising four children, Frances immersed herself in numerous civic and religious activities. They became devout members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Fort Caroline Rd., and her inspirational attitude motivated everyone she came into contact with, including the neighborhood children who referred to her as “Nanny Padgett”.

Frances served eight terms as president of the Arlington Woman's Club and served as President of the Arlington Senior Center Advisory Board for 25 years. In 1991, Frances was named as one of ten Volunteers of the Year by first lady Barbara Bush, and in 2001, Mayor John Delaney appointed her as Chairman of the Senior Citizens Elders Council. In 2011, Sheriff John Rutherford awarded Frances with a bronze eagle statue in recognition of her hard work with the Arlington Senior Center, which earlier this year and shortly after her passing, was renamed the Frances Padgett Arlington Senior Center in her honor. “Frances was the Arlington center,” said one board member.

Her energy and generosity were as boundless as her zeal for life. She parasailed during summers at Daytona Beach until she was 91, and adopted her own mile that she maintained in front of the senior center. Her giving spirit was evidenced as Mrs. Claus in the neighborhood Christmas parties she was famous for, and she would leave her tree up all year and start wrapping gifts in January, to give to children and everyone who came. Frances volunteered her time to more than twenty groups and organizations, championing not only her Arlington community, but individual people as well.



Around Arlington

Send e-mails with information about your organization's upcoming events to info@myarlington.org



Sunshine State Chevelles' Arlington Cruise In

October 4th & November 1st, 5 pm to 8 pm @ 9111 Merrill Rd., [904-693-1123](tel:904-693-1123)
Every 1st Saturday car enthusiasts from all over bring their hot rods, muscle cars and oldie goldies.



Arlington United Methodist Church - Fall Festival

October 11th, Saturday, 9 am - 2pm @ 1400 University Blvd. N. www.arlington-umc.org
It's Fall, so it must be festival time! AUMC's annual event featuring food, crafts, and more.

Arlington United Methodist Church - Trunk or Treat

October 31st, Friday, 5:30 - 7 pm @ 1400 University Blvd. N. www.arlington-umc.org
Halloween fun with food and lots of candy!



Arlington Women's Club - Monthly Meeting & Luncheon

October 14th, Tuesday, 10:30 am @ 5714 Arlington Road, www.afwcarlington.com
All women interested in becoming a member of the Arlington Women's Club are invited to attend.

Arlington Women's Club - Sunday Dinner

October 19th, Sunday, 11:30 am - 2 pm @ 5714 Arlington Rd www.afwcarlington.com
Wonderful home cooked meal, assorted drinks and desserts. \$11 adults, \$5 children. RSVP requested.



Norman Studios' Silent Sunday

October 12th, Sunday, 4 pm @ Hotel Indigo, 9840 Tapestry Pk. www.normanstudios.org
Another in a series of silent film screenings that benefit the Norman Silent Film Studios' organization.

Norman Studios - Antiques Roadshow

October 13th, Monday, 8 pm @ WJCT-TV, Public Broadcasting www.normanstudios.org
Norman Studios will be the featured field segment for the popular program, Antiques Roadshow!



Old Arlington, Inc., Regular Meeting

October 21st, Tuesday, 6:30 pm @ 2800 University Blvd N. www.olderarlington.org
Regular monthly meeting - come, get involved with your community & be a part of Arlington's future.

Arlington Mod & More Home Tour

November 15th, Saturday, 9:00 am - 4 pm @ TBA www.olderarlington.org
Come see, learn about, and celebrate Arlington's mid-century modern architecture.



University Pk Branch Library 10th Anniversary Celebration

October 4th, Saturday 11 am - 2 pm @ 3435 Univ. Blvd N [904-630-1322](tel:904-630-1322)
Celebrate 10 years of our local library, meet community groups & discover a wealth of area resources.



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens' Wine & Food Fest

October 25th, Saturday, 4 - 7 pm @ 1445 Millcoe Rd, www.jacksonvillearboretum.org
Tickets online, includes admission, custom wine glass, food, beverages & entertainment

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Around Arlington



St. Paul United Methodist Church Kingdom Carnival

October 18th, Saturday 3 pm - 7 pm @ 8264 Lone Star Rd. [904-724-0022](tel:904-724-0022)

Free games, rides, bounce house, carnival food and bake sale!



St. Andrews Episcopal Church Fall Festival and Craft Fair

October 25th, Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm @ 7801 Lone Star Rd.

Bigger than ever with kids activities, music, and delicious food.



Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens' - The Art of Nature

November 8th, Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm @ 1445 Millcoe Rd, www.jacksonvillearboretum.org

6th Anniversary Event featuring Art, Entertainment, Food, Workshops, Children's Projects and more.



Tree Hill Nature Center

Open Monday - Saturday, 8 am - 4:30 pm @ 7152 Lone Star Road, www.treehill.org

Connect with nature and explore over 50 acres and 3 ecosystems. "Touch-Tank" now open!

October 25, 2014

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Alexander United Methodist Church

11132 Fort Caroline Rd, 32225

Promoting Awareness About the

Gullah Geechee Culture

The historic Gullah Geechee culture is descended from captive slaves from West and Central Africa. After the Civil War, most families remained close together and settled primarily between the I-95 and Highway 17 coastal areas from Wilmington, NC to Jacksonville, FL. The National Heritage Act of 2006 designated this area as the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor. From their collective African heritage, the Gullah Geechee people developed their original Creole language. The honorable preservation of traditional music, arts, crafts and storytelling has been proudly served to the "next generation" for over 400 years.

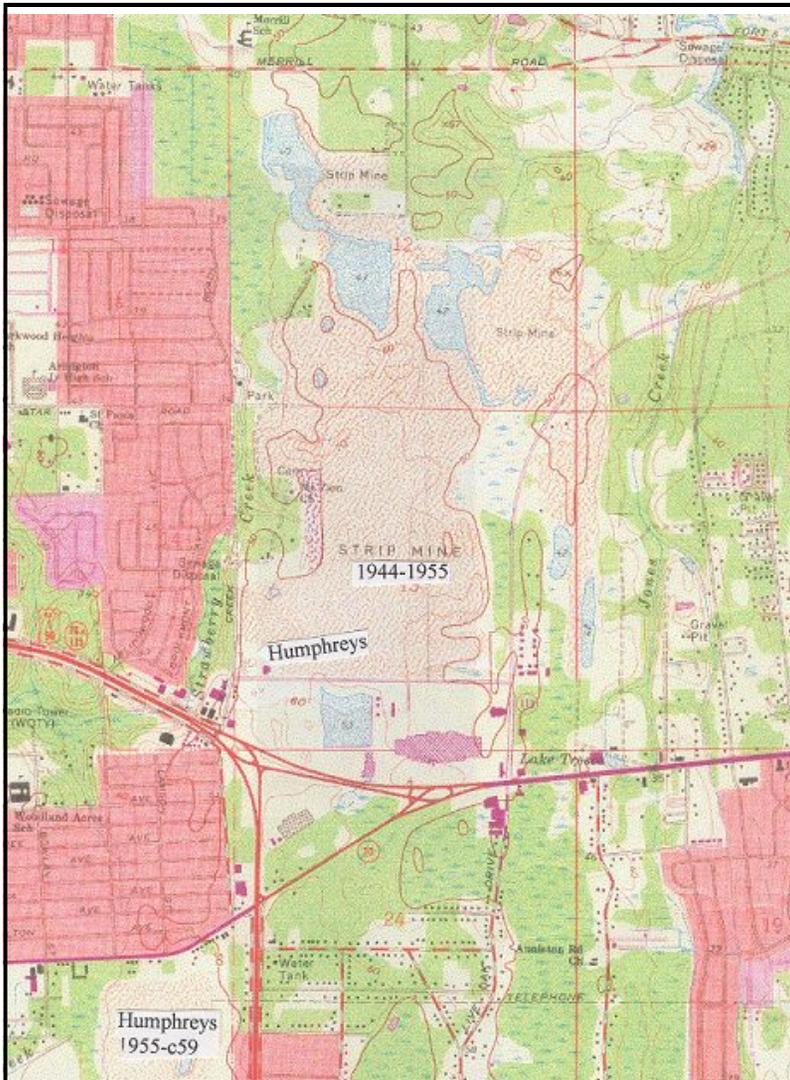
Cosmo Historical Preservation Association



**GULLAH GEECHEE COSMO
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION
FESTIVAL**

CLEVE'S CORNER - Humphreys Gold Mine (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7)

Most of the land from Merrill Road to the Expressway, east of Mill Creek, and west of Ginhouse Creek swamp, had been dredged and backfilled. Among a few small lakes and canals, were two large mine lakes where the Regency Mall is now located and at the end of Lone Star Road running north to Holland Road.

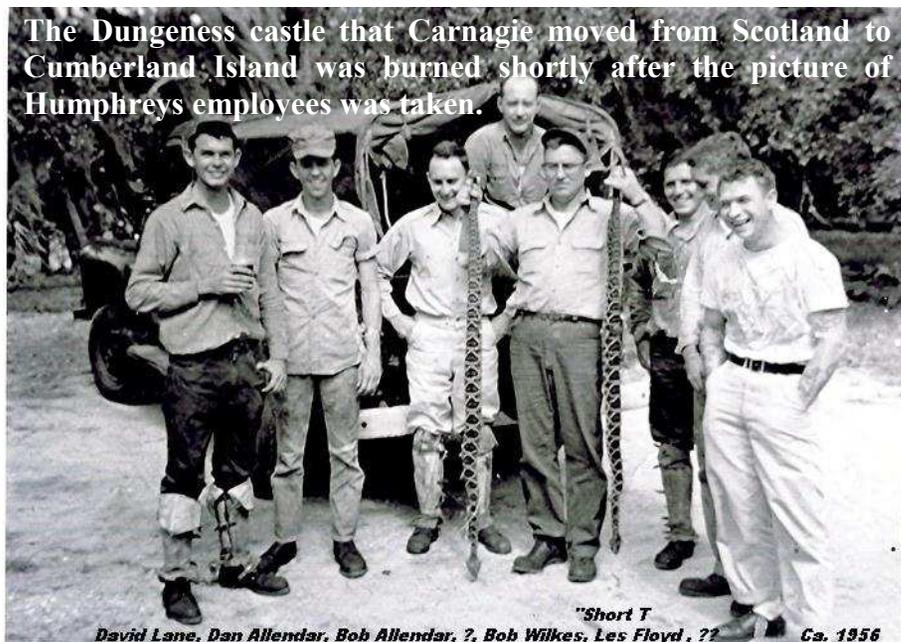


Map depicting Humphreys' mining operations in the Regency area from 1944-1955, and then further south in the late 1950s.



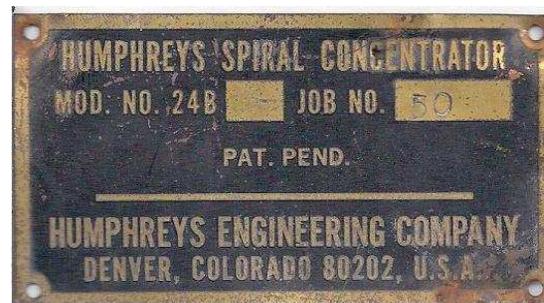
Mid-1950's aerial photo displays the sand dunes that existed prior to Regency development.

The Dungeness castle that Carnegie moved from Scotland to Cumberland Island was burned shortly after the picture of Humphreys employees was taken.



"Short T"
David Lane, Dan Allendar, Bob Allendar, ?, Bob Wilkes, Les Floyd, ?? Ca. 1956

A few years after I left, the operation was moved to the area of Gate Parkway and JTB Blvd. By the mid to late '60s, the mining operation had moved to South Georgia, and in the dunes left behind, the Regency development boom would move in.



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