

my **Arlington** MONTHLY

www.MyArlington.org

Connecting Arlington - Building Community

May 2015

Arlington 20/20 Takes Aim

Impact Church Leads Faith-Based Initiative

There is a lot of good news to share about Arlington today and about the Arlington envisioned for the future. Adding to the bricks & mortar, streets & infrastructure, and the CRA behind it, Impact Church, formerly Faith Christian Center, located in Arlington at 8985 Lone Star Road, has taken the lead on a community-wide, faith-based, development initiative they have titled Arlington 20/20.

The name is a take on 20/20 vision and the year 2020. According to Dr. Joy Hervey, Director of Global Missions for Impact Church, "The purpose is to effect measurable spiritual, community, economic, and social transformation in Arlington by the year 2020. We are also taking up the responsibility to develop and articulate a clear 20/20 vision for what Arlington can be and become. "Goals may include increasing homeownership, improving education outcomes, reducing crime, promoting viable business activity, and improving the public perception of Arlington – all to improve the quality of life for those residing in our surrounding community."

Arlington 20/20 is a faith-based initiative and Impact Church will be calling for the participation of the faith community within Arlington.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 13



Several Arlington 20/20 participants took a recent bus tour of Arlington. Dr. Joy Hervey, (center, red dress), directs the group's efforts.

A-Town Buzz - Remember these?
Inside Pg 5

Wondering 'bout Wonderwood ?
Inside Pg 8

The History of Tree Hill
Cleve's Corner - Inside Pg 6



my Arlington MONTHLY is published monthly by Old Arlington, Inc., 6317 Arlington Road, Jacksonville, FL 32211. OAI is a 501(c)3, tax-exempt, organization, formed in July, 1993, to promote historic preservation and community revitalization in Arlington. Free e-mail subscription is available at <http://mad.ly/signups/115910/>

A Great Day for Arlington -

4.16.15 was a red-letter day in the history of Arlington.

Eighty-one years ago, Jacksonville University's charter was signed, and in many of the years since, the school recognized its April 16th birth date with events and celebrations. Last year, JU honored its 80th birthday by hosting Charter Day, a daylong celebration highlighted by festivities and fireworks at the newly refurbished River House on campus. In addition, local alumni, as well as those across the country and around the world, joined in the celebration by posting pictures of "global toasts."

This year was different. At reveille 4-16-15, over one thousand volunteer enlistees from JU - students, alumni, faculty, staff, and even prospective students - reported for duty at a score of service project sites throughout Arlington. Code-named #JUGives for the social networkers, more than 200 had signed up in the first hours of registration. A few decades of indifference, along with the threat of thunderstorms, were no match for the months of planning and weeks of preparation under the direction of retired Brigadier General Mike Fleming. Fleming, who serves as JU President Tim Cost's Chief Government, Military & Community Relations Officer, has been on the frontlines of JU's re-commitment to the Arlington community.

"We've been trying to send the signal and we're pleased that people are being receptive that we love Arlington, we're investing in Arlington, we believe in Arlington," said Cost in a recent *Florida Times-Union* interview. "I want to be not just located in Arlington, I believe this university has to be of Arlington."

4-16-15 was JU's birthday, but the presents were All-Arlington. However, it wasn't what was done on just that day - the gardens tended, the trees planted, the riverbanks cleaned, the hungry fed. Henceforth, April 16th will be known as JU's "Charter Day of Service", an annual exercise and deployment that will find JU serving not only in Arlington, but through its alumni, around the world. And reverberations are expected throughout the year in the performance of other community projects.

Elsewhere in this issue are stories and details on some of the activities that took place at the Arlington service project sites. But words cannot describe what is taking place when Arlington's largest stakeholder becomes its biggest catalyst. Not even underlined and in red.

Steve Matchett

editor@myarlington.org

Your Turn Address correspondence to info@myarlington.org

(Link) *In case you missed it . . .*

Local media coverage of recent Arlington events



Butterfly Festival Takes Wing Event Has Become Synonymous with Tree Hill Nature Center

By Tiffanie Reynolds Tue, Apr 21, 2015

<http://jacksonville.com/current/southside-beaches/2015-04-21/story/butterfly-festival-takes-wing>



JU Boosts Its Relationship to Arlington with Charter Day of Service

By Tiffanie Reynolds Tue, Apr 14, 2015

<http://jacksonville.com/current/southside-beaches/2015-04-14/story/ju-boosts-its-relationship-arlington-charter-day-service>

More Than 1,000 JU Volunteers Fan Out Across Jacksonville for Day of Service

By Tessa Duvall, Tue, Apr 16, 2015

<http://jacksonville.com/news/schools/2015-04-16/story/over-1000-jacksonville-university-volunteers-fan-out-across-arlington>



JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY

CHARTER DAY OF SERVICE

4-16-2015 #JUGIVES

<http://www.wavemagazineonline.com/hundreds-to-help-arlington-on-charter-day-of-service-april-16/>

THE WAVE

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY NEWS HUB



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!



I Grew Up in Arlington is a Facebook Group boasting almost 6,600 members providing a way for people who have lived in Arlington to re-connect with others.

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

The Rich History of Arlington - A Unique Place in Time is a Facebook Group that invites posts and discussion amongst members about historical topics in Arlington. The group celebrated its 1 year anniversary and 1,000th member last month.



Remember when the McDonald's looked like this on University Blvd near JU. My brother worked there and we ate there on Friday nights. - Diane

I spent many nights behind the grill cooking there, including a stretch where we prepared coolers full of hamburgers for the Terry Parker concession stand for Friday night football games ! - Wayne

I worked there and we lived down Michigan Avenue. Only the woods behind McDonalds separated us. That was back in the day!! - Felicia

Been there many times, hamburger, fries, drink for less than one dollar. Sign use to state "Over 1 Million Sold/Served(circa 1968-69). - Donald

I don't remember no fence in the front. The one i remember had the concrete that went all the way down the front to the side walk on University Blvd. - Jimmy

The picture was not the one on University Blvd it just looked a lot like it and it reminded me of it. Just like I remember when DQ was at Arlington road and University I went up to the window and standing waiting for my ice cream, Artis Gilmore walked up I had never in my life seen someone so tall. - Diane



We ate here plenty of times. - Diane

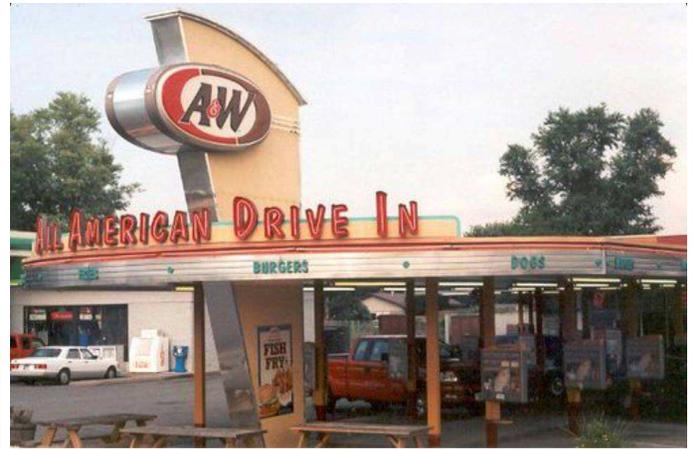
Oh wow! My dad used to work there way back in the day! - Angie

OM Lord!!!! That does take me back. - Rebecca

Shakes and pies and golden fries, beefy burgers buy-'em-by-the-dozen, breakfast anytime! - Milligans' jingle

Do you remember eating at these restaurants in Arlington? Lum's dogs were steamed in beer. As kids we thought that was so cool !! - Paula

That was our Biggest treat in Florida pile into the car go to A&W for a Root Beer float. Those were the days. - Stanley



*All these pictures make me hungry.
- Chuck*

This is the annual 4th of July parade by Jaques Stables that was located at the present day Tree Hill. A long tradition loved by us all. - Carlton



These pics are from one of the 4th of July parades, they went from Lone Star stables up to Arlington

Road down the service road beside the Expressway to University then back to Arlington Road back to the Stables. I rode in about 12 of these parades growing up. We would do the parade then go back to the stables & have BBQ lunch then do horse games in the afternoon.....great times. - Julie



*That's Neisners.
- Bill*

My mom worked there a short time as a bookkeeper. Finally my Dad convinced her to quit.... as she owed them every payday....lol.. .but for the time she was there all of us kids



benefitted with new clothes, and home frills that we would not have had otherwise. - Vee

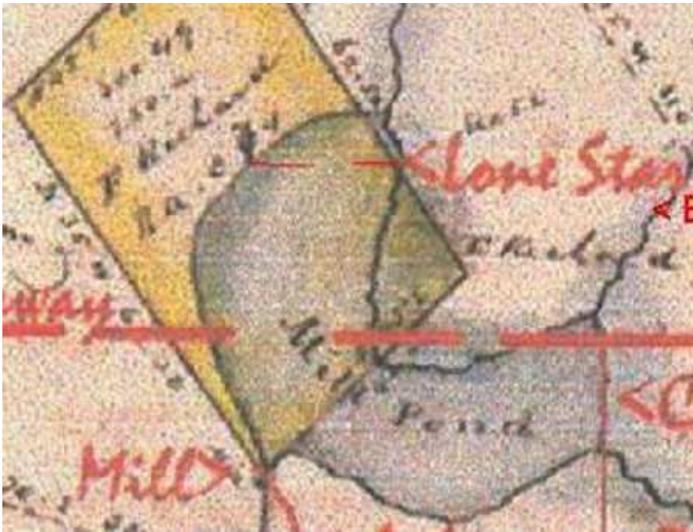
I remember the first chocolate soda I ever had was at their soda fountain, it was soooo good – Carolyn



Cleve's Corner . . .

Hanging out at the Butterfly Festival triggers

Francis Richard 1817 Spanish Grant

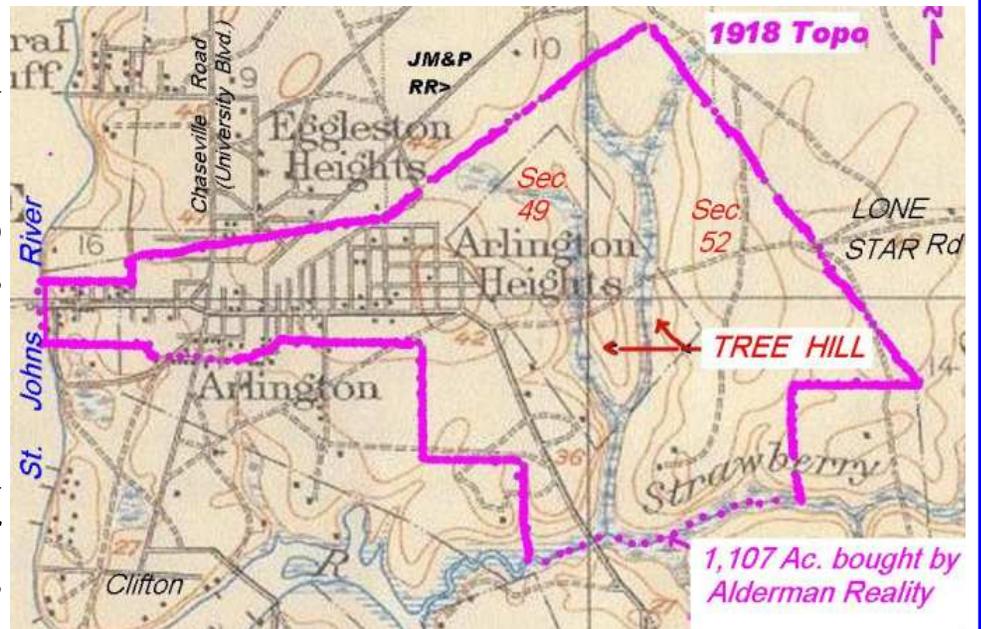


Tree Hill's 50 acres of land on Lone Star Road lies almost entirely within the Richard Mill Grant, Sec. 49, a special 250 acre Spanish grant to Francis Richard in 1817, described as a "Red Bay Hammock".

1824 GLO Plat Showing the Mill Pond: The grant provided for impoundment of the creeks to provide waterpower for a combination grist/saw mill, and to process cotton and sugar cane. The mill was to support Richard's existing Strawberry Hill Plantation granted in 1805 and was in operation by 1820. A portion of a 150+/- acre mill pond all but surrounded what is now Tree Hill.

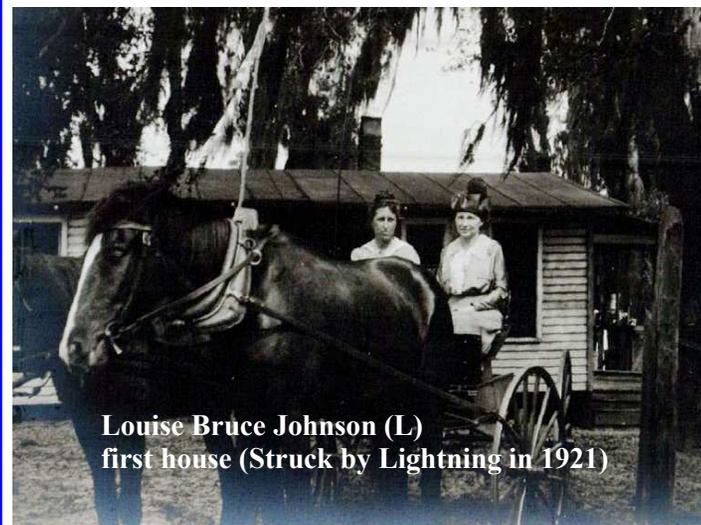
In 1840, John Sammis, manager of Richard's land, bought 5,500 acres of Richard's large estate, including the mill and plantation. After the Civil War, the land was divided and sold to investors, but the mill continued in use until about 1870. The investors did little to change the property, saving the original characteristics of the area.

Approximately 1,110 acres of the mill grant, and other Richard lands, were purchased in 1912 by Alderman Realty Co. The principal owner was F. W. Bruce. The eastern portion of this land from Rogero Rd. to Townsend Blvd. and south to Mill Creek was subdivided into farm lots in 1913.



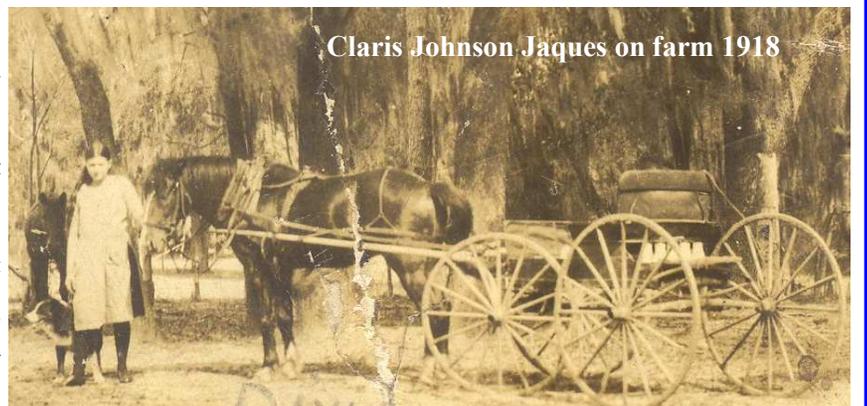
Cleveland Johnson Family Early Settlers

April 1914, Cleveland and Louise Johnson moved their family from town, crossing the St. Johns River on the Arlington ferry with horses and wagons, cows and goats in tow.



Louise Bruce Johnson (L) first house (Struck by Lightning in 1921)

They purchased an 11.5 acre farm lot (S. 1/2 of farm lot 18) on Lone Star Road for \$930. They cleared a home-site (now the eastern portion of Arlington Cemetery) and built a farmhouse. They farmed some of the land and operated a dairy. The homestead was known as "Red Bay Ranch/Dairy".



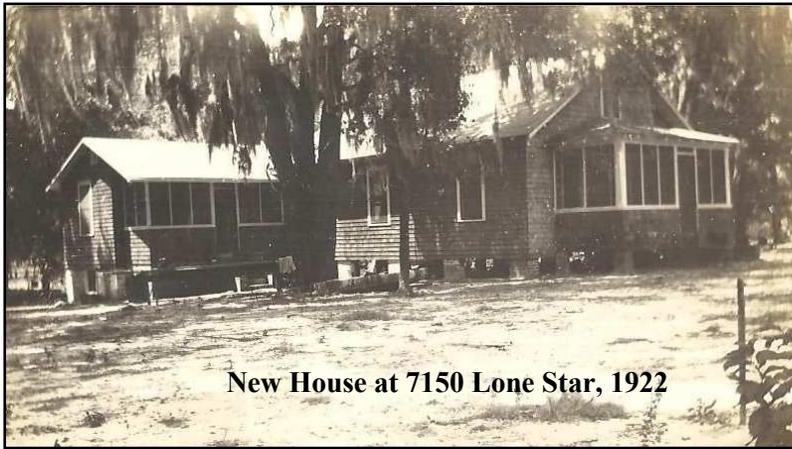
Claris Johnson Jaques on farm 1918

The History of Old Arlington

Cleve's reflections on family and the history of Tree Hill

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

The Johnsons bought more land and had a cotton field near the east end of Lone Star Road. In 1921-



New House at 7150 Lone Star, 1922

22 the house was struck by lightning and burned down fueled by bales of cotton stored on the porch.

Before Christmas of 1922, a new home was built on the south side of Lone Star Road on top of the hill. It was

built with the help of Louise's dad, F. W. Bruce, whose father was a carpenter by trade. The home is still standing tall.



At New house on Christmas 1922
Johnson Family: L-R Mary, Claris,
Bruce, Shep the dog, Louise (Bruce)
and Cleveland

Through the 20s, the family raised and sold sugar cane, syrup, corn, a variety of vegetables, and meat and poultry to the community. They acquired more land as the Depression approached.

Beginning with Claris, the children married. Claris married George Jaques in 1930 and built a home on the east side of the creek. This eventually became the location of Lone Star Stables. Bruce mar-

ried Besse Powell in 1931 and moved in F. W. Bruce's home on the St. Johns River near the foot of Arlington Road. Mary Louise married Ted Powell in 1935, and they helped her parents run the farm west of the creek.



Dr. Neil and Ross Allen holding Boa caught @
Tree Hill C-1950 Cleve Johnson looking on!

Both Claris and Mary Louise lived on the property the rest of their lives (both passing in 1993). World War II came and went. With the opening of the Mathews Bridge in 1953, Arlington started to grow. Farming dropped off, and the Jaques' Lone Star Stables grew.

1969+ - Land Goes Up For Sale

After the City/Duval County consolidation in 1968, property taxes went up ten fold. The Johnson family put all the land on the hill (except the house lot) up for sale. In June, 1970, nearby resident Espie Patrinely sees the for sale sign while riding at the stables. Concerned for the preservation of a wilderness area in Arlington, she and Dr. Grace Hardy organize and co-chair the Preservation Authority of Tree Hill (PATH), a coalition of Arlington citizens, churches, and civic groups intent on preserving this pristine forest. They chose the name Tree Hill, which was a name Louise Bruce Johnson had picked for the land after the farming dropped off.

CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE

“Wonder-Whys?” Remain for Wonderwood Drainage Project

If you have traversed Wonderwood in recent times, you know the roller coaster ride. Valleys of sinking pavement interspersed with the few bridge approaches have increasingly plagued drivers. And they have been getting increasingly worse. The reason is the existing steel pipe beneath the relatively new roadway is corroding. Questions as to “Why?” and “Who’s responsible?” remain unanswered.

In March, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began the Wonderwood Drainage Project, replacing drainage structures and pipes beneath the road along the Wonderwood Expressway from I-295 to the Intracoastal Waterway.

Phase I of the project focuses on the worst areas where the existing steel pipes will be upgraded to more durable concrete pipes. J.B. Coxwell is the project contractor at a cost of \$8.7 million. FDOT plans to replace more failing pipe in a Phase II of the project slated for 2017 in their five-year work program.



FDOT’s Wonderwood Drainage Project is underway. Phase 1 will cost \$8.7 million and is expected to be completed by next spring.

Phase I of the project is expected to be completed by Spring, 2016. Lane closures are scheduled during the day and at night for removing asphalt and paving; however no lane closures are allowed during weekday rush hours - 6-8 a.m. and 3-7 pm. Lane closures are not restricted on weekends.

Other traffic impacts will involve a half-mile traffic shift from Longleaf Pine Way to Gately Road. Project construction will also include rebuilding the roadway approaches to the Ginhouse Creek bridge (Holly Oaks Lake). FDOT plans on building a new temporary bridge on the north side of the road to accommodate traffic while the approaches are rebuilt.

FDOT officials held a public workshop on the project in March, but had no answers as to why there was a problem with the pipe, or who might be held accountable for its failure. FDOT Project Contact is Ron Tittle, who can be reached at 904-360-5457, or by email at Ron.Tittle@dot.state.fl.us.

Community Pipeline

What's happening between Arlington and City Hall

Summary Report of the Greater Arlington/Beaches CPAC Meeting, April 13, 2015

JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Lt. Nader informed the CPAC that YTD numbers citywide is looking good. Citywide property crime is down 11.3% and violent crime is down 9.3%. Lt. Nader did not have any additional information to report. Answering a CPAC member's inquiry, Lt. Nader stated that he was not aware of any plans for additional red-light cameras.

Mayor's Liaison – Dave Roman - Informed the CPAC that the Duval County Clerk of Court, in conjunction with 59 of the other 66 Clerk's offices throughout the State, will be participating in a statewide campaign called "Operation Green Light" which will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2015. The goal of Operation Green Light is to help the community by allowing individuals who are delinquent in traffic fines and/or court fines and fees to make those payments and also have their driver's licenses reinstated. These customers can pay their tickets and/or court fines and fees and will not be charged the 40% collections surcharge. The Clerk of the Court will be partnering with the Tax Collector's Office to allow their customers the opportunity to reinstate a suspended license. For more information about reinstating your license, please visit the City of Jacksonville Tax Collector's Driver License Information webpage.

One Spark was a big success once again and exceeded all expectations.

Duval County Public Schools – not present

Regulatory Compliance Department (Code Compliance)- Elaine Lancaster and Jim Libero

Ms. Lancaster announced that Code Compliance has completed 3 systematic inspections in the Arlington area in February; Alderman Park, Arlington Hills and Lake Lucina. In March Code Compliance completed systematic inspections in the Park Ridge community, Beachwood Community and in the Girvin area. In addition to their normal duties, Code Compliance has been actively working with the Blight Committee. Starting next month when the growing season begins, the number of active cases will drastically increase.

FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) – Jim Green – not present, but sent word that FDOT is investigating a problematic truck in the Arlington area. The truck has been moved and they will continue to monitor/watch for the truck to make sure it does not come back.

Jacksonville Aviation Authority – Tiffany Gillem informed the CPAC that the JAXEX landscaping improvement project is completed. The final walkthrough will be April 17, 2015. The JaxEx CACAC meeting will be held tomorrow, April 14, 2015 at 9:00 am in this room. On April 16, there South Chamber and Arlington Chamber will host an event to get to know the airport. April 18th, one of the flight schools will host an open house to celebrate their 15th anniversary and their partnership with Liberty University from 10 am – 3 pm. JaxEx is one of the sponsors for the JSO Safety Fair and they will have a booth at the event.

Renew Arlington – Karen Nashrallah – informed the CPAC that an RFP went out for a consultant. The duties of the consultant would be to "find" the necessity of the community, organize the community redevelopment plan and to look at the Justina Road apartment area. So far, they have received 3 very qualified applications and they hope to have a consultant ready to start in May. The Renew Arlington team has been working with JEA. It was determined that some of the power lines on Merrill Road and University Blvd. will be moved underground and brighter lighting will be added to the street light. Merrill Road and University Blvd. will be the first roadways in the City of Jacksonville that will meet CPTED requirements. CONTINUED ON PAGE 14

Jacksonville University Descends Upon .

JU Charter Day of Service April 16, 2015

Sharing JU's Facebook photo album: JU Charter Day of Service April 16, 2015 — with Samantha Sellars.

Today was a truly remarkable day in the 81-year history of [#JacksonvilleUniversity](#), and of giving back to the Arlington community, uniting JU students, faculty, staff and alumni with residents and community advocates to help improve the surrounding area. With more than 1,000 participants and numerous projects, you couldn't ask for a more successful inaugural JU Charter Day of Service. Here's to many more future examples of just how much [#JUGives!](#)

We would like to recognize and thank the following agencies which were helped, and the generous sponsors and partners who helped make this tremendous day possible: :



Agencies/locations helped:

- Blue Cypress
- Reddie Point
- PACE Center for Girls
- Feeding Northeast Florida Distribution Center
- The Salvation Army
- The Worship Center
- Arlington Lions Club Park
- Victory Park
- Fort Caroline Middle School
- Wilma's Little People's School
- Arlington Heights Elementary School
- Tree Hill Community Center
- 5 Star Veterans Center
- Justina Road Elementary
- Parkwood Heights Elementary
- L'Arche Harbor House
- Northeast Florida School of Special Education



The Neighborhoods of Arlington

A spotlight on the building blocks of Arlington Community



Primary Sponsors:

- Sodexo
- Pepsi
- CSX
- Krispy Kreme
- St. Vincent's Medical Center



Partnering Organizations

- Greenscape
- JEA
- City of Jacksonville, Parks Department
- Duval County Public Schools
- Fifth Third Bank
- PACE Center for Girls
- HandsOn Jacksonville
- Impact Church
- St. Johns Riverkeeper
- 5 Star Veterans Center
- L'Arche Harbor House
- Tree Hill Community Garden
- Northeast Florida School of Special Education
- Feeding Northeast Florida





*Carlton & Rodney Higginbotham
will be guest speakers and have
a Presentation on **Life at the Fish Camp**
@ OAI's May 19th meeting, JU's Gooding Bldg. 6:30 p.m.
- Public Invited -*

My brothers and I were raised in a fish camp at the end of what is now Townsend Blvd. Back then, it was a dirt trail through the woods called Pearson Rd. We lived so far in the woods that we didn't have electricity. I clearly remember the ice man and the milk man coming to the house.

I graduated from Terry Parker in '62 and would often walk home from the school down the dirt trail beginning at Merrill Rd. which ended at Townsend. We would ride our horses on what was the



old Mayport railroad bed because it was the only place we could let them run. - Carlton

I want to thank everyone for such a wonderful response to my family photos. To me, the most amazing thing about them is that they were taken mid-to-late 1940's. In my lifetime we went from living in the deep woods to living inside of the beltway. Who could have imagined such growth. -Carlton Higginbotham

Awesome post! - Michael

Thank you for sharing these wonderful pictures! - Marg

Notice how distance is so different in times past. The advertisement says: "Below Arlington." As is if this place at the foot of Townsend is a great distance from the community of Arlington near Chaseville and Arlington Roads. - John

MURWIN'S CAMP
BELOW ARLINGTON
PICNIC GROUNDS, BAR-B-Q PIT
BOATS, TACKLE, LIVE & DEAD BAIT
MEALS BY RESERVATION
Everything Strictly Camp Style
Sea Food, Fried and Bar-B-Q Chicken
9-6007 H. R. (Higgy) Higginbotham

Arlington 20/20 CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

But beyond the spiritual focus, the initiative will target economic and social transformation by identifying and increasing measures of neighborhood wellbeing among community residents and visitors. According to Dr. Hervey, “the vehicle for this transformation will be a 20-point plan that includes short-, medium-, and long-term goals and strategies developed by a steering committee of partners, community members and stakeholders.”

On April 23rd participants took a driving inventory of Arlington to familiarize themselves with Arlington assets and issues. This initial tour included Arlington Road, University Blvd., Jacksonville University, the Justina Road area, and extended east to the YMCA on Ft. Caroline Road. The sentiments expressed by tour end were that, while there is work to be done, positive change is very possible.

In Biblical origins the word “gospel” means glad tidings, or good news. The Arlington 20/20 initiative is certainly good news for Arlington. If you or your faith community would like to know more about Arlington 20/20, contact Dr. Joy Hervey at (904) 725-3636 ext. 343 or jhervey@icjax.com

Historic Markers of Old Arlington

No.1 *Arlington - A Unique Community*



Located on J.U.'s Main Entrance Rd

Arlington – A Unique Community

From 1847 until sometime before 1860 Jacksonville University campus was the site of the Chesterfield farm of Anna Madgigine Jai Kingsley, former slave and widow of white plantation owner Zephaniah Kingsley. This farm was at the center of a rural free African American community unlike any other in northeast Florida. In an area stretching from the Arlington River on the south to Reddy's Point on the north, lived more than seventy free black Americans in fifteen households of white, black, and mixed-race adults and children. Only in the towns of St. Augustine and Pensacola, both once colonial capitals under Spanish governance, could free black communities be found with numbers comparable to those in this Duval County enclave.

During Florida's 237 years of Spanish rule (1565-1764 and 1785-1821), the liberal laws of Spain regarding race and slavery recognized a three-caste society of whites, free people of color, and slaves. Under Spanish law all persons were created by God and endowed with a soul; unfree status was neither pre-ordained nor permanent; slavery was an unnatural condition and therefore Spanish law offered many avenues out of slavery. Slaves had rights that were enforced by the courts, including the right of sanctity of marriage, the right to be free for meritorious service, and the right of self purchase. Once free, former slaves were entitled to own property - including slaves.

After Florida became a territory of the United States in 1821, Spanish attitudes and laws regarding race and slavery were quickly replaced with the oppressive English system entrenched in the South. English law recognized two castes, free whites and enslaved blacks. In a series of laws passed by the Territorial Council, free persons of color were barred from joining public gatherings, giving seditious speeches, jury service and from testifying against whites in court proceedings. Interracial marriages were prohibited and the children of mixed-race couples were ineligible to inherit their parents' estates. Fees were imposed upon slave owners who freed their slaves, and newly freed persons were required to leave Florida or risk being sold back into slavery.

Because of this, many persons of color emigrated to Cuba, Haiti and elsewhere and the population of free blacks as a percentage of the total Florida population dropped dramatically in the years from 1830 to 1860. However, in the area now known as Old Arlington a free black and mixed-race community not only survived but thrived. At the core of that community was the aging African-born Anna Kingsley, matriarch of an extensive mixed-race kinship group. How the community was able to escape the effects of the race hysteria of the time is not entirely known, but surely it was due in large part to the cooperation of sympathetic white persons of wealth and power who provided legal and social protection.

The Civil War brought an end to slavery and the large plantations that relied on slave labor. In the succeeding decades up until the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's, the community would adopt the segregated social practices of the South. But at one time this location on the eastern shore of the St. Johns River was a unique place where white, black and mixed race families lived and worked in harmony.

Source: *Anna Madgigine Jai Kingsley* by Dr. Daniel L. Schafer

For more historic sign locations, visit www.OldArlington.org

This marker erected in 2009 with a grant from  Comcast, through Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Community Pipeline

(Continued from pg 8)

Greater Arlington-Beaches CPAC
Meeting Summary, April 13, 2015

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

Housing and Community Development – Rosemary Wesolowski requested the input of the CPAC by having them test the new City of Jacksonville website. Please visit www.beta.coj.net. Please share any and all feedback so if changes need to be made, they can be before the system goes live.

Planning Department – Paul Davis stated that he did not have an additional report from the LUZ Subcommittee, but he announced that the Planning and Development Department Director, Calvin Burney has resigned. The Acting Director is Folks Huxford.

Consumer Affairs, City of Jacksonville – Valerie Williams informed the CPAC about the Regulatory Compliance Department Office of Consumer Affairs and their responsibility to enforce City of Jacksonville, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 250- Miscellaneous Business, Chapter 696 -Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices, Chapter 804-Charitable Solicitations' on the Right of Way.

Chapter 250- Miscellaneous Business oversees: Ice Cream Truck Operators, Feeding the Homeless, Mobile Food Dispensing (Food Trucks), and Vendors (sidewalk vendors, transient merchants, street vendors and residential soliciting/peddling)

Chapter 696 – Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices oversees: trade mark infringement, misleading business practices, fake goods/false statements, misrepresentation, landlord tenant issues and auto repairs/motor vehicle sales.

Ms. Williams also touched on Issuance of Permits, Mobile Dispensing Unit Vendor and education/outreach.

PRESENTATION:

John Crescimbeni, City of Jacksonville, City Council, District at Large Group 2 informed the CPAC about Operation Urban Blight. Crescimbeni explained how the Urban Blight initiative has been responsible in creating a special mowing division, increased awareness/interest in abandon, condemned and vacant homes, accessing vacant shopping centers, started the tire and sign buy-back program and the creation of the blight app for phones. Operation Urban Blight can be credited for addressing human blight, increased use of the vacant property registry, improving neighborhood organizations, improving street lighting, illegal dumping, truancy & Community Development Corporations (CDC).

MyJax App Now Available

Your mobile connection to City of Jacksonville services, allows you to:

- ⇒ Report concerns such as blight, potholes, missed garbage collections, animals and a host of other issues
- ⇒ Pinpoint the issue location using GPS, attach photos and receive automatic status updates from your smart device
- ⇒ Link directly to the City's social pages
- ⇒ One-touch dialing
- ⇒ Access to other City mobile apps
- ⇒ Look up garbage and recycle schedules



For download links, click on
<http://www.coj.net/mobile-apps.aspx>

Letter from the Principal

Parents, Students, & Community Members,

The end of the year is quickly approaching! The first three 9 weeks have come and gone, and we are right in the middle of the testing season.

We have had so many great things happen this year from Brave Nation. We have:

- ◆ successfully fundraised to send a group of students to Europe
- ◆ have a Gates Millennium scholarship finalist
- ◆ officially moved our Athletic Programs to Under Armour through BSN Sports
- ◆ achieved the highest school grade gains in the district
- ◆ partnered with Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital to provide internships for our students
- ◆ made it to the State Cheerleading Competition
- ◆ won a State Wrestling Championship
- ◆ and so much more!

WOW, what a year so far. I look forward to finishing out the year just as strong.

I continue to encourage community members, parents, Alumni, and business partners to give time and resources to assist Terry Parker High School in helping our students move closer to making their dreams a reality. If you are fortunate enough to support TPHS financially you can make a donation in any amount to TPHS and it is a tax deductible donation. These funds will go directly back to supporting our students with additional tutoring, technology, supplies, and even food for those less fortunate. There is no better way to support our community other than through our youth.

Go Braves!

Scott Schneider, Principal
Terry Parker High School
schneiders@duvalschools.org



I 
Class of
2015

Terry Parker Class of 1975 - 40th Year Class Reunion
July 24-25, 2015. Both nights are at Everbank Field.

http://www.tp75.com/www.tp75.com/class_reunion.cfm?ReunionID=16222

CLEVE'S CORNER - TREE HILL (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7)

In January, 1975, the State of Florida purchased 21.32 acres west of the creek. *That left an acre and a half of the original home site with the house.* In October, 1975, the State purchased 8.54 acres east of the creek. *That was the wetland portion of the stables.* In the same month, the family sold 0.74 acres to the State of Florida. (Where the Tree Hill pyramid is now located.) In May, 1998, the State purchased the last 10.44 acres east of the creek. *Remainder of the Stables!*

The last remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre, with the 92-year-old farmhouse, proudly remains in the family. To date, the family, or their friends, have lived on Lone Star Road for over a century and have no plans to leave. The Bruce/Johnson family, and their descendants, are very proud of Tree Hill and what it represents in the Arlington community.

Presently, Tree Hill includes more than 50 acres, and consists of 3 ecosystems and accompanying nature trails to provide a natural habitat for promoting “environmental stewardship” to the community. In the year 2000, pond improvements were donated and in 2002, a survey was completed and fencing erected. In 2003, boardwalks were constructed on the Red Bay Branch and Howland Creek nature trails and the Annual Butterfly Festival made its debut.



Some of the improvements in the past 10 years include a rainforest exhibit, erection of the *River In Harmony* mural, restrooms, amphitheater roof, a museum with an indoor lab and the Flight of Fancy Butterfly House with seasonal live butterfly exhibits. The Amphitheater was named *Joseph A. Strasser Amphitheater* to honor a long-time donor and includes a stage, lighting, signage, safety rails, and seating.

Animal Encounter programs are offered to 5000+ summer campers every year. Field study classes are available to students, teachers and adults in this natural habitat. There are several species of wild birds and animals. The park accommodates school field trips, Scout outings and birthday parties. Families and individuals may also visit on their own excursions.



Visit Tree Hill's website at <http://www.treehill.org/Home.aspx> for hours of operation, additional information on maps, trails and the event calendar.

