

arts

Shakespeare in the Park

University of North Florida English Department presents "Shakespeare in the Park" in Atlantic Beach. Bring a picnic basket and blanket to enjoy an evening of Shakespeare on an open stage under the stars (*chairs provided*). The play is free and open to the public to appreciate.

Where: Johansen Park

When: April 14 and 15 | Show starts at 8pm
(Rain date: April 16)
Food Truck will be on site at 6pm.

Arts in the Park

This 14th annual one-day event is sponsored by the Atlantic Beach Cultural Arts & Recreation Advisory Committee. Original art will be available for purchase by many accomplished artists exhibiting their fine arts and crafts. Enjoy the day amidst elegant shade trees, music by acoustic musicians, and delicious food...all at Johansen Park!

Where: Johansen Park

When: Saturday, April 22 | 10am-5pm

Art Exhibits at Adele Grage Cultural Center

Join us for our monthly art exhibits featuring Northeast Florida artists in the Gallery at the Center in Bull Memorial Park. Meet-the-Artist reception is held on the third Thursday during the North Beaches Art Walk event.

Where: Adele Grage Cultural Center at Bull Park

When: Monthly | Mon.-Fri. 8am-4:30pm, closed daily from Noon-1pm; **reception held every third Thursday of month** | 5pm-8pm

Community Theater

ABET, celebrating 25 years, offers a season of quality productions in an intimate setting. ABET also offers drama classes for adults and teens. Contact 904-509-1472 or visit www.abettheater.com for plays and ticket information.

THE FIRST ACT Children's Theatre Program offers after-school & weekend classes for 2nd to 8th grade students, weekly summer camps, and stand-alone workshops as well as individual preparation for auditions. Contact Aine Healy-Richardson at 904-509-1472 or www.thefirstact.net.

Where: Adele Grage Cultural Center in Bull Park

music in the parks

Songwriters' Concert

Local singers and songwriters perform at the Adele Grage Cultural Center Theatre. Enjoy original music written and performed by artists on acoustic guitars. Refreshments available.

Where: Adele Grage Cultural Center in Bull Park

When: Sundays | 6pm-8pm
January 15, February 12, March 5,
April 2, May 7, June 11, July 9,
August 6; Fall Schedule (TBA)

Acoustic Nights with food truck

Enjoy the ocean breeze and live music performed by local musicians as they perform popular/original music. Solos and small bands fill the air at Bull Memorial Park. Great time to sit back with neighbors and friends. Come hungry, leave full. Food truck begins at 5 pm.

Where: Bull Park

When: Sundays | 6pm-8pm
March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25,
July 23, August 27; Fall Schedule (TBA)

nature

Wild Wonders

A hands-on nature program held at Dutton Island Preserve pavilion in Atlantic Beach. Educator Mike Rossi brings out a variety of small creatures for his program titled "Warm Fuzzies & Prehistoric Pals." Dance, storytelling and humor are interwoven into this delightful presentation.

Where: Dutton Island Preserve

When: Saturdays at 1pm
March 11, March 25,
April 8 and April 22
Saturdays at 11am
May 13, May 27,
June 10 and June 24

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outdoors

Twilight Movies in the Parks

Don't miss the family movies (G and PG) outdoors with free popcorn before the show in Atlantic Beach parks. Bring your picnic basket, lawn chairs, blankets and don't forget the kids!

Where: Bull, Russell and Donner Parks

When: August 25 | Bull Park
September 29 | Donner Park
October 21 | Russell Park

Fall Festival

Annual fish fry event held in October to celebrate the beginning of the fall season. Food, music, clothing giveaway, games and more. Come out and enjoy the cool refreshing season.

Where: Donner Park

When: Saturday, October 14 | 11am-3pm

Family Fun Day & Campout Under the Stars

Enjoy a family campout with friends at our own Russell Park. Share in the family-friendly activities throughout the afternoon and evening. Fun Day is free and open to the public. We wrap up the evening with a Movie in the Park. Those who brave the overnight campout will enjoy a pancake breakfast the next day. *Reserve a camp site for \$10; Recreation office at Adele Grage Cultural Center in Bull Park.*

Where: Russell Park

When: Saturday, October 21 | 3pm-10pm
(Rain date: November 4)

did you know?

- You can "like" us on facebook at *City of Atlantic Beach Recreation & Special Events*
- Sign up for the monthly email updates on our website at www.coab.us/events
- Annual Calendar Cover Photo Contest from July 1-August 1, 2017. Theme to be announced.



holiday events

Egg Hunt

Bring the little ones for a classic Egg Hunt at beautiful Jordan Park. Ride the train, enjoy refreshments and the festivities with family and friends while meeting "Bunny." For more information, call (904) 247-4038.

Where: Jordan Park

When: Saturday, April 15 | 10am-1pm

Holiday Artisans' Faire

Adele Grage's largest North Beaches Art Walk exhibit for one night only! The event features 20 exceptional artists and their wares for the holiday gift-giving season. Enjoy refreshments and music while mingling with neighbors.

Where: Adele Grage Cultural Center

When: Thursday, December 7 | 5pm-9pm

just for:

Kids

- After School Programs (Held at Baker and Jordan Community Centers)
- Baseball (www.abbaseball.com)
- Drama (904-509-1472 or www.firstact.net)
- Flag Football
- Skateboarding
- Summer Camp
- Tennis at Donner and Russell Parks (904.247.5828)
- Kids Yoga (904.377.3402)

Adults

- Drama (904.249.7177 or www.abettheatre.com)
- Skateboarding
- Tennis
- Yoga (904.660.8155)
- Paddle/Kayak Tours (904.372.4653)

The Atlantic Beach Cultural Arts and Recreation Advisory Committee (CARAC) is appointed by the City Commission. CARAC duties and responsibilities include the development of programs that bring cultural and recreational events to the citizens of Atlantic Beach. This publication includes both CARAC and recreation sponsored events, along with the Beaches Town Center events. For comments or questions, please contact us at 904.247.5828 or recreation@coab.us.

events

at Beaches Town Center

Dancin' in the Streets 2017

The 31st annual event is a day of family-friendly activities where Atlantic Boulevard meets the ocean. Streets are cordoned off so families can enjoy a safe and playful area including a KIDS ZONE for small children. Arts, crafts, music and lots of food are scheduled throughout the day and sit down dining is available in any of our local restaurants. Regional artists feature paintings, jewelry, handcrafted glass, pottery, and woodcarvings. Parking is limited, so why not walk or bike? Plan to spend the day!

Where: Beaches Town Center

When: Saturday, May 20 | 11am-9:30pm

Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting

Beaches Town Center, City of Atlantic Beach and City of Neptune Beach sponsor this free holiday event held at Beaches Town Center starting at 3pm. Join us for a bike parade, music and dance performances, face painting, crafts for all ages and hay rides. The mayors of both cities light the community tree as Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive by sleigh at 6pm. Get your camera and smiles ready! For more information, go to www.beachestowncenter.com

Where: Beaches Town Center

When: Saturday, December 2 | 3pm-8pm



Congratulations to this year's Annual Calendar Cover Photo Contest winner: **Scott Thomas Heap**

Our annual photo contest will be held July 1-August 1, 2017. Check our website in the spring for more details and our theme.

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calendar of events '17

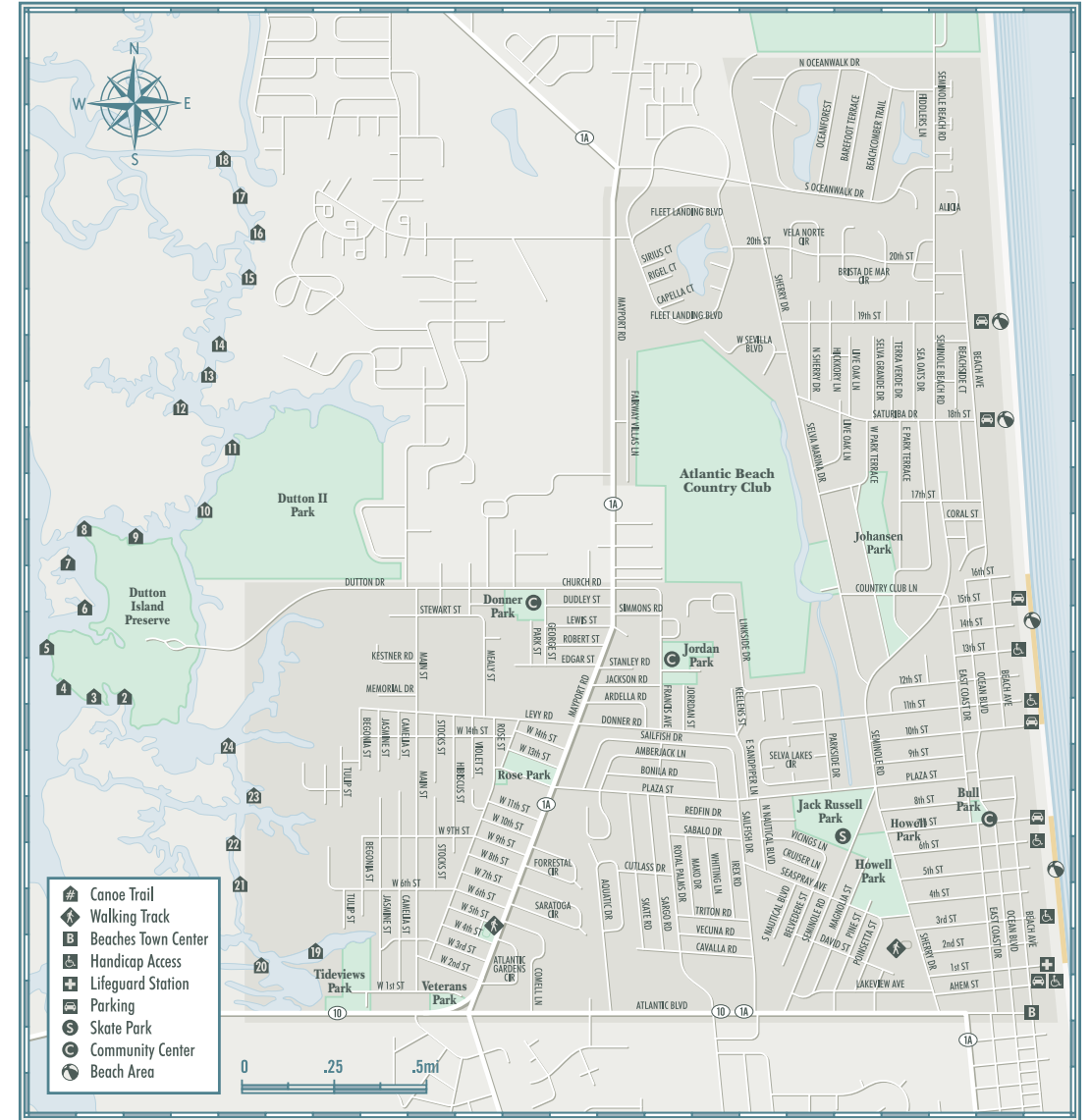
the guide for things to do in 2017!



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join us...

all year long at events that celebrate our community with arts and recreation.



Enjoy our parks from ocean to intracoastal!

Visit www.coab.us/events to see the City of Atlantic Beach Recreation Calendar for the latest information and schedule of events. For location of Atlantic Beach Parks, please visit our website at www.coab.us/parks.

[All dates are subject to change.]