

nature

Wild Wonders

A hands-on nature program for the entire family held at Dutton Island Preserve Pavilion in Atlantic Beach. An experienced local educator (Mike Rossi) brings out turtles, snakes, small mammals and reptiles for one-on-one encounters. Dance, storytelling and humor are interwoven into the presentation.

Where: Dutton Island Preserve
When: Saturdays at 1pm — March 13 & 27 and April 10 & 24
Saturdays at 11am — May 8 & 22 and June 5 & 19

outdoors

Friday Late Night Skates

Five late night skates at the Oceanside Rotary Skatepark under the lights, *weather permitting*.

Where: Jack Russell Park
When: Fridays (5pm – 9pm)
January 8 & 22, February 5 & 19, and March 5

Tour de Parks

Take your family on a scenic 7.8 mile guided bike tour of Atlantic Beach parks or enjoy a self-guided tour; also ideal for runners and walkers. Tours are every 30 minutes, leaving Russell Park promptly at 9 am. Last tour group will return before noon. The event is free and open to the public. Wear your helmet for safety and bring sunscreen. Maps and refreshments provided.

Where: Jack Russell Park
When: Saturday, April 10 (9am – Noon)

Bowl Bash

Skaters compete in this annual event for trophies, cash prizes and giveaways at the City's Oceanside Rotary Skatepark. Registration and helmets are required.

Where: Jack Russell Park
When: Saturday, May 1

Twilight Movies in the Parks

Don't miss these summer family movies (G and PG) in Atlantic Beach parks. Refreshments offered before the movie, or bring your own picnic basket with lawn chairs and blankets! (*Sponsored with Sunrise Community Church*)

Where: TBA
When: Saturday evenings (TBA)
(See www.coab.us/events)

Fall Festival

Annual fish fry event held in October to celebrate the beginning of the fall season. Food, music, clothing giveaway, games, voter registration & information booths.

Where: Donner Park
When: TBA

Family Fun Day & Camp Out 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. Those who brave the night will enjoy a pancake breakfast the next day. *Reserve a campsite for \$10; Recreation office at Adele Grage Cultural Center in Bull Park.*

Where: Jack Russell Park
When: Saturday, October 23 Begins at 12 Noon
(*Rain date, November 6*)

www.coab.us/events

holiday events

Easter Egg Hunt

Bring the little ones for a classic Easter Egg Hunt at beautiful Jordan Park. Enjoy time with your neighbors, meet the Easter Bunny, jump in the bounce house and enjoy the refreshments and festivities with the family. For more information, call (904) 247-4038.

Where: Jordan Park
When: Saturday, April 3 (10am – 1pm)

Holiday Artisans Fair

Adele Grage's largest North Beaches Art Walk exhibit! One night only. Features 15 exceptional artists for the holiday gift-giving season.

Where: Adele Grage Cultural Center
When: Thursday, November 18 (5pm – 9pm)

Holiday Sing-Along

Bring the children to this neighborhood sing-along at one of our favorite parks with DJ & karaoke style "Songs of the Season", plus a visit from Santa. Bring your cameras and dress for the weather...it just might snow! Light refreshments served.

Where: Bull Park
When: Saturday, December 11 (6pm – 8pm)

activities at Beaches Town Center

North Beaches Art Walk

Third Thursday of each month features local artists in various mediums. Artists meet and greet the public to display and talk about their work. Visit coab.us/events for more information.

Where: Beaches Town Center & other locations
When: Third Thursday, monthly (5pm – 9pm)

Dancin' in the Streets 2010

The 24th annual event is a full 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, hand-crafted 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 15 (11am – 9:30pm)

MarshFest 2010

Celebrate the River Branch Preserve! Come out and enjoy kayak/canoe tours of the surrounding marshes, live music, food, children's activities, environmental exhibitors, nature walks, and scavenger hunts. Bring your chairs and stay the day enjoying our beautiful preserve and marshes. This event is free and open to the public, but donations will be gladly accepted. All funds go towards the River Branch Preserve and activities of the Marsh Preservation Society.

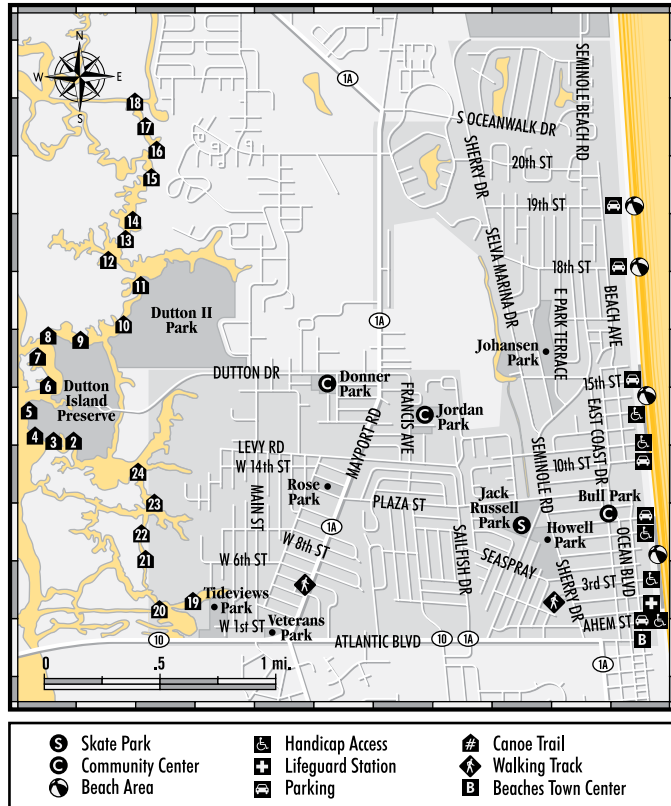
Where: Dutton Island Preserve
When: Saturday, November 20

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 carriage rides. The mayors of both cities light the community tree and Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive by sleigh at 6pm. Charge those camera batteries! For more information, go to www.beachestowncenter.com

Where: Beaches Town Center
When: Saturday, December 4 (3pm – 8pm)

CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH PARKS



your invitation

You are invited to enjoy our superb parks, from ocean to intracoastal. And be sure to join us for events that celebrate our community with arts and recreation. All dates are subject to change. Please see the City of Atlantic Beach Recreation Calendar for the latest information and schedule of events at www.coab.us/events. For location of Atlantic Beach Parks, please visit our website at www.coab.us/parks.

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.

ATLANTIC BEACH DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & SPECIAL EVENTS



calendar of events

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the guide of things to do in 2010!



arts

Arts in the Park

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

Artist Registration form at www.coab.us/artsinthepark

Where: Johansen Park

When: Saturday, April 24 (10am - 6pm)

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 of each month along with the North Beaches Art Walk event.

Where: Adele Grage Cultural Center at Bull Park

When: Monthly (Mon.-Fri. 8am - 4:30pm, closed daily Noon-1pm); **reception held every third Thursday of month** (6pm - 8pm)

ABET

(Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre)

Beginning its nineteenth season at the Adele Grage Theatre at Bull Park, ABET offers our community a season of quality productions in an intimate setting. Season begins in September and ends in June. ABET also offers drama classes for both adults and youth.

Where: Adele Grage Theatre at Bull Park

When: Seasonal; visit www.abettheatre.com or call 249-7177 for more details.

www.coab.us/events

music in the parks

Songwriters Concert

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

Where: Adele Grage Theatre at Bull Park

When: Sundays (6pm - 8pm)
January 10, February 21, March 7, April 11, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 8
• Fall Schedule (TBA)

Acoustic Nights

Come hear local musicians perform popular music solos or play with a small band on the lawn at Bull Memorial Park. Families and friends bring a picnic, visit with neighbors, and enjoy the outdoors and area playground.

Where: Bull Park

When: Sundays (6pm - 8pm)
March 21, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 29
• Fall Schedule (TBA)

Tunes 'n' Talent

Once a month "open mic" entertainment with music, rap, freestyle, song and dance. A "DJ" community event in the park.

Where: Jordan Park

When: June - September (TBA)

just for kids

- After School Programs (Donner and Jordan Park Community Centers)
- Summer Camp (Donner and Jordan Park Community Centers)
- Flag Football
- Skateboarding
- Baseball (www.abbaseball.com)
- Tennis: Russell Park (www.beachestennis.com or 904-247-5828)