

# Flagler Beach Chamber of Commerce



## September 2009

**Celebrating Over 15 Years of Support to the Flagler Beach Business Community!**

### ***The Heat is on in Flagler Beach***

#### ***A Note from the President***

Yes indeed! The dog days of summer are upon us, and it is definitely hot out there!

The crowds are thinning out a bit, but it has been a busy summer beachside. We've had great First Friday events, and of course, I can't say enough about our Fabulous 4th Celebration.

The pier is open! Much to the delight of our city commission, staff, residents and visitors, the pier has reopened for business! The Wi-Fi is up and running in downtown Flagler Beach, and it's very cool to sit with your laptop in Veteran's Park.

The Chamber is continuing their efforts to work with the city on our sign ordinance. One workshop has been held and there will be more to come. I would encourage our business community to be an active participant in re-writing this ordinance. It affects all of us in our efforts to be successful.

Speaking of participation, take advantage of the opportunities for advertising, networking and training that are offered through our Chamber. The Chamber is all about you, and you will get back what you give!

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### ***Business After Hours Meeting***

Many Thanks to...



**Str8 Shots Billiards Pub**

...for Hosting the August Meeting!

Our September 2009 meeting will be held at:

**RE/MAX Oceanside  
2561 Moody Blvd (SR 100)  
Flagler Beach FL 32136**

**Date & Time: 5:30 pm on September 17th, 2009  
Call (386) 439-1620 for Directions**



**Get a ticket and be entered to win cash prizes like our 50-50 drawing or the Pot-of-Gold. Every month that we don't have a winner, the pot gets bigger, so don't miss your chance to be a winner!**

**Call the County Chamber at (386) 437-0106 for more information.**

Must be present to win or the Pot-of-Gold. Total rolls forward to the next meeting. Be there for your chance to win!

### **2009 Officers and Board of Directors**

Chair:	Lea Stokes	439-0134	Diane Cline	439-7673	Teri Pruden	439-6262
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## Flagler Beach Pier Re-Opens After Extensive Repairs



The Flagler Beach Pier re-opened on Friday August 7th to the delight of anglers and sightseers alike. The pier had undergone repairs to fix missing pilings and support beams.

### Did you know...?

- The first pier in Flagler Beach was built near where Finn's Beachside Pub is located today, and soon after completion, the pier was destroyed by wave action.
- A second pier was built by George Bruner and opened in September of 1926. This pier was located about 2 miles north of the Flagler Beach Hotel. In February of 1927 about 200 feet of the pier was damaged by wave action.
- At about the same time George Bruner was repairing his pier, George Moody informed the City Commission that he intended to build a pier. Almost 15 months later on July 4th 1928, the City celebrated the opening of the Flagler Beach pier, which is still located just south of Moody Blvd. Just 8 weeks later a storm damaged the pier and the City started looking for ways to finance the repairs.

Information courtesy The Flagler Beach Historical Museum. To read the full article go to [www.flaglerbeachmuseum.com](http://www.flaglerbeachmuseum.com) and click on the "History" link.

## Music in the Park and First Friday Upcoming Schedule of Events

On the first Friday of every month, the City of Flagler Beach CRA hosts the Music in the Park Concert Series with live music and entertainment plus a variety of other events that offer something for everyone in the family.

The downtown shops and the Flagler Beach Historical Museum stay open late and the local restaurants serve up a veritable smorgasbord of delectable eats and treats.

Now going into its third year, the First Friday and Music in the Park events have become a focal point of activity where the community can come together and enjoy the simple pleasures of a night out with friends and neighbors under the stars.

### Upcoming 2009 Events:



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| Sept 4  | Jazzin' It Up and 3rd Annual Corvette Cruise-In.        |
| Oct 2-3 | Fall Festival and 1st Annual Flagler Fun Coast Bed Race |
| Oct 11  | Corvettes at the Beach (Sun)                            |
| Nov 6   | Blue grass and 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off                |
| Dec 4-5 | Holiday at the Beach                                    |

Don't Miss the Next First Friday & Concert in the Park Event!

## International Beach Cleanup Day Scheduled for September 19th



**Ocean Conservancy**  
Start a Sea Change

It's time to pick up and volunteer. This September 19th marks the 24th Annual International Coastal Clean Up. Last year 400,000 volunteers joined efforts throughout 104 countries and 42 states to collect 6.8 million pounds of trash. Flagler County's local Ocean Conservancy director, Dennis Bayer, explains how this effort goes beyond just picking up trash, "We collect data and use it to push for stronger laws on ocean dumping. For example, we have found medical waste from Navy ships and have used that information to lobby for stricter laws."

The effort tries to cover as much of Flagler County as possible with a focus on the more frequented areas. Volunteers will be in good company. "A true cross section of the community comes out. It shows how dedicated most folks are about the environment. We've had both the Boy and Girl Scouts, the Parrothead Club, local churches and community organizations get involved." Says Bayer. "We take pride in our community and we look forward to getting all sorts of good garbage this year."

This will be the 22nd year Dennis Bayer has been involved with the Ocean Conservancy. Bayer has a degree in marine biology **[continued on page 4]**



## Finn's Beachside Pub Featured Business of the Month

You can't miss Finn's Beachside Pub when you are driving through Flagler Beach. One look at all the folks on the upper deck enjoying the breeze and the ocean view is enough to warrant stopping immediately and joining them. Formally Finnegan's, this recently renovated pub has become one of the most recognized and frequented fun spots at the beach.



The newly remodeled Finn's Beachside Pub, sits on the North corner of AIA and Moody Blvd. The upper deck provides a fantastic view of the ocean just across the street.

Owners and brothers, Darrell and Glenn Mulvenna, purchased the pub in December of 2005. Originally from Canada, they were living in Virginia and Florida respectively when they began their search for a beach bar. The search began with over one hundred Florida bars and was slowly narrowed to three. Of these, Finn's rose to the top as the best choice for these investors.

This location has long been known for music and is popular with passing bikers. The Mulvenna brothers capitalized on this and made renovations last September to enhance the décor and expand the clientele base. "People who wouldn't come before are coming now. The location is so fantastic, and we are in it for the long term. We invested in it and are happy to see so many come and enjoy the view, food and drinks," said Darrell Mulvenna.

Finn's hosted the Flagler Beach Chamber meeting in June. The event was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Most notable was the spread of appetizers prepared by Finn's kitchen staff. Says Darrell Mulvenna, "we have received rave reviews about our food. The Chamber meeting was really an event to show everyone what we've got."

Future events include Labor Day Weekend and Biketober Fest celebrations, and Mr. Mulvenna encourages everyone to come enjoy the annual Halloween Bash, which he ensures us has the largest cash prizes around. Whether you want to enjoy a lazy afternoon eating and having a cold one on the deck or you're in the mood for dancing on a Friday night, you'll find Finn's Beachside Pub at 101 N. Oceanshore Blvd. Open seven days a week from 11 am until 2 am.

## Flagler Beach Historical Museum's Gala 2009 Scheduled for October 17th

Start watching *Flashdance*, *Footloose* and *Dynasty* reruns for costume ideas 'cuz the Museum's 80's tribute gala is right around the corner. Come in costume or party attire and join the fun on October 17th at the 8th Annual Museum Fundraising Gala. This year's gala is once again being held at the Father O'Flaherty Social Hall, which will be transformed into a 1980s party house.



Moonwalk your way to a delectable buffet, which will be provided by Flagler Beach's very own "Blue" Restaurant, and dance the night away against the nostalgic backdrop of all of your favorite tunes from 25 years ago. There will also be trivia contests, prizes, live entertainment and a superb silent auction. As always, be on the lookout for surprise entertainment throughout the evening.

**Reserve early for your chance to win FREE limo service to and from the gala!**

Purchase your Gala tickets by September 30th to be entered in the drawing for a free limo ride to and from the Gala. Early purchasers will also receive a complimentary framed photo of the evening. To make reservations, call Shelley at (386) 439-0134. Tickets are \$75 each, or if you are a museum member, they are only \$65 each. You can also reserve a table for 6 for \$390.



Visit the Museum web site at [www.flaglerbeachmuseum.com](http://www.flaglerbeachmuseum.com) to go *Back to the Future* for ideas on 80's fashions and to view photos of past galas from the Roaring Twenties through the Disco Seventies. If you can't attend the gala but would still like to support the museum, you can see our great auction deals available on-line beginning September 15th. For more information, call Teri at (386) 439-6262 or visit the web site and click on the "Auction" link. Check in weekly starting September 15th to see the latest auction additions.

**Gala 2009: October 17th!**  
**"Everybody Cut Footloose!"**  
**A Most Excellent 80's Adventure**



# Music in the Park Concert Series Presents



## Jazzin' it up at the Beach!



September 4, 2009 from 6 to 9 pm  
Corner of SR 100 and A1A

### Come out and Enjoy the 3rd Annual Corvette Cruise-In!



For more information, call 517-2040 or 931-2031 or go to [www.cityofflaglerbeach.com/seasonal.htm](http://www.cityofflaglerbeach.com/seasonal.htm).

Local merchants/businesses and the Flagler Beach Museum will be **Open Late** for your convenience. Food, fun and entertainment for all!!!!!! Bring a chair or a blanket and relax. Let us entertain you!

## International Beach Cleanup Day [continued from page 2]

and his background includes work as a research diver and dive instructor at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute as well as working as a marine biologist at the University of Florida. He later turned to law and is presently an attorney based out of Flagler Beach. It is no surprise then that with this background, his passion is environmental law.

If you are interested in getting involved in the clean up, please contact Dennis Bayer at (386) 439-2332 or visit [www.oceanconservancy.org](http://www.oceanconservancy.org) for more information. You are also invited to attend an organizational meeting on August 27th. If you find yourself available on the morning of Saturday, September 19th please feel free to join in. The starting location is on the North side of the Flagler Beach pier.



### Celebrating Over 15 Years of Support to the Flagler Beach Business Community!

#### All Are Welcome

*The Chamber's Executive Board meets at 5 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is September 8th at the Flagler Beach Fire Station. All members are welcome to join us. If you can't attend but have input for the board, please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Board listed on the front cover.*

*The Chamber Welcome Center is located in the Flagler Beach Historical Museum at 207 S. Central, right behind City Hall. Brochures or Flyers that would interest visitors to our area may be dropped off there between 10 am and 4 pm Tuesday through Friday. For all other business, contact the Administrative Office between 10 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday at (386) 439-0995 or by Fax at (386) 517-2026.*



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**Volunteers are needed. Please contact us if you have a few free hours each week.**

**Your contributions to the newsletter are always welcome! Please contact Steve Kayworth at 904.540.6339 with your items of interest or send e-mail to [skayworth@inbiznet.com](mailto:skayworth@inbiznet.com)**