May 1 - May 7, 2012

Featured Events

FRENCH WEEK and COMMEMORATE 450:

Ring for Ribault

For 45 seconds horns on boats will sounds and for 4.5 minutes bells in churches will ring, all to signify the anniversary of the arrival of Jean Ribault on the St. Johns.

May 1 | Noon

BUSINESS AND NETWORKING:

Restore Jacksonville

Come learn and be inspired at this preservation and sustainability conference in Downtown Jacksonville.

May 2 to May 6 | Main Library

ARTS AND CULTURE:

First Wednesday Art Walk

The First Wednesday Art Walk is going green this month with "Conservation, Fashion, Art," featuring Commemorate Jacksonville 450th, a Conservation Zone Fashion Show, and Bike Month.

May 2 | 5 p.m. to 9 p.m | Various locations

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Major Upcoming Events

Jacksonville 450th Celebration
Check out the information here on this important anniversary celebration this month.

Jacksonville Jazz Festival
Click here for more information on this May 24 - 27 event.

U.S. Men's National Soccer Team vs. Scotland
Learn more here about this upcoming May 26 soccer match.

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Movies in the Park - "Jurassic Park"
Get a glimpse of the age of the dinosaurs in this now-classic flick about reptilian giants who roam a modern-day theme park at the final installment of the 2012 Movies in the Park series.
May 4 | 8 p.m. | Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk

Music and Nightlife

Counting Crows
Travel down the paved paradise of Forsyth Street to the Florida Theatre to see this popular rock band.
May 1 | 8 p.m. | Florida Theatre

RLF Band
In a special Art Walk performance, the RLF Band performs to welcome EverBank employees Downtown.
May 2 | 5:15 p.m. | AT&T Tower 301

Unstoppable Death Machine, Filthy Savage and National Diary
Brooklyn's finest distorto-noise-punk family band, Unstoppable Death Machines, is bringing the noise with two fellow bands.
May 1 | 9 p.m. | Burro Bar

Art Walk Showcase
Rock your Art Walk night with bands Chroma, Rice, Whether Man and Herd of Watts.
May 2 | 1904

The Caution Children, The Lifeforms, Coral Castle and more
Grab your friends and a beer for this non-stop line-up of indie and punk rock at Art Walk.
May 2 | 8 p.m. | Burro Bar

Amateur Night at the Ritz
Modeled after Harlem's "Amateur Night at the Apollo," the best talent in the Jacksonville area performs on stage with the audience as the judge.

Ongoing Events

Jacksonville "Top to Bottom" Walking Tour is held every Tuesday at 10 a.m., departing from The Jacksonville Landing.

Every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. is Open Mic Night at Northstar "The Pizza Bar." Come to perform or watch great local talent and enjoy drink and food specials.

The Jacksonville Landing Farmers' Market is held every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each Friday, the Museum of Science and History hosts Cosmic Concerts in its planetarium. Visit for www.themosh.org for more information.

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904-355-2787
floridatheatre.com

Jacksonville Jaguars
904-633-2000
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May 4 | 7:30 p.m. | Ritz Theatre and Museum

Burro Bar One-Year Anniversary
This Downtown hotspot is blowing out the candles after 365 days, celebrating with Uncle Marty, Go Away Ghost, New Strangers, Bubbly Mommy Gun and Mini Prophets.
May 4 | Burro Bar

Brian Regan
Comedian Brian Regan cracks up the River City with his balance between comedic writing and physical antics.
May 4 | 8 p.m. | Florida Theatre

City-Wide Beginning Band Concert
Enjoy live performances by beginning band students from all over Jacksonville.
May 4 | 1:30 p.m. | The Jacksonville Landing

MOCA Trivia Night
Test your knowledge of the 60s, 70s and 80s at this brained-powered MOCA Contemporaries event.
May 4 | 6 p.m. | MOCA Jacksonville

Lyons
Rock out on the riverfront with this local rocker delivering free live music in The Landing courtyard.
May 4 | 8 p.m. | The Jacksonville Landing

Jager de Mayo
Celebrate May 5 all day with Jagermeister drink specials and live music on the waterfront stage.
May 5 | Noon | The Jacksonville Landing

Cinco de Maverick's
Party all night long with five hours of drink specials and no cover charge until 11 p.m.
May 5 | 6 p.m. | Maverick's Rock 'N

Jacksonville Suns
904-358-2846
milb.com

Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra
904-354-5547
jaxsymphony.org

Veterans Memorial Arena
904-630-3900
jaxevents.com

Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts
904-633-6110
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Honky Tonk

Cinco de Mayo at 1904
Spend Saturday night with your amigos at 1904 with Mind Phunk and Bomber, Damn the Man, Cowboys and Indians from the Future, and Single White Herpes and the Aids.
May 5 | 1904

Night of the Living Dead
Walk like a zombie across Downtown for a good cause in this drop-dead-fun fundraising event benefiting the Evans City Cemetery Chapel.
May 5 | 8 p.m. | Burro Bar and Phoenix Taproom

Latin Triangle Presents Cinco de Mayo
Head Downtown for the largest cantina crawl north of the border with Mexican themed specials at each bar, latin ladies, give aways, photo opps and mucho mucho more.
May 5 | Burrito Gallery, Burro Bar and Dos Gatos

Family

Strange Matter
Science rocks, and you'll see why in this exhibit that combines kid-friendly lessons in physics, chemistry and engineering.
May 1 - May 13 | MOSH

Beat the Heat Movie Series
Stay cool with a free movie screening indoors courtesy of the Jacksonville Public Library. The movie this week is "Tower Heist," starring Ben Stiller.
May 1 | 11:30 a.m. | Main Library

Senior Days
This special program for members of the senior citizen community includes a coffee and donut reception, an educational presentation and free time to explore the museum.
May 2 | 9:30 a.m. | MOSH

World of Nations
Take a trip around the world in this celebration of the First Coast's

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rich cultural diversity. The event includes information booths, crafts, cuisine and more.
May 3 to May 6 | Metropolitan Park

Talking Books - "Mamma Mia"
Sing along with Meryl Streep and the gang in this closed caption movie sponsored by the Jacksonville Public Library.
May 3 | 10:30 a.m. | Main Library

Curious George at MOSH
Bring the kids to see everybody's favorite monkey and participate in hands-on activities that are sure to feed their insatiable curiosity.
May 5 | Noon | MOSH

Free Comic Book Day
Check out a graphic novel and show your receipt to get a free comic book!
May 5 | All day | Main Library

Theatreworks Presents Butterfly: The Story of a Life Cycle
This story follows the monarch butterfly from its birth as a caterpillar, through its metamorphosis into one of nature's most beautiful and necessary creatures.
May 7 | 10 a.m. | Florida Theatre

Arts and Culture

Space
Visit the newest art center members show.
May 1 - May 17 | The Art Center Premier Gallery

Victory Begins at Home: Florida During World War II
This signature exhibit transports visitors back to the war years to learn about Floridians in service, military recruitment and training, the German U-boat threat, rationing and more.
May 1 - July 8 | MOSH

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The Florida Fallen Heroes Quilt Project
In this collection of nine quilts, each block contains the name of a fallen service member from Florida who lost his or her life while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.
May 1 - July 22 | MOSH

Installation of Lee Adams' Mural, "Ribault's Landing"
Artist Lee Adams' 12' x 30' mural will be installed in the Florida Collection at the Main Library in downtown Jacksonville.
May 1 | 5 p.m. | Main Library

Celebrate 450! Ribault, Laudonniere, de Bry and La Floride
Speaker John de Bry, Ph.D., Director of Center for Historical Archaeology and eleventh generation descendant of Theodor de Bry, will discuss the three 16th century North Florida expeditions of the French.
May 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Jacksonville Historical Society

Les Miserables
See this brand new 25th anniversary production of Boublil & Schönberg's legendary musical with glorious new staging and dazzlingly reimagined scenery.
May 1 to May 6 | Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts

Commemorate 450!
This exhibit will feature the works of local plein air artists who painted landscapes of the Ft. Caroline National Memorial.
May 2 - May 29 | The Art Center II

Acrylics with Allison Watson
Designed for all painting students beginning to advance, this 5-week class covers color theory, mixing, composition and more.
May 2 to May 30 | Reddi-Arts

Conservation Zone 2012
Hosted by *Eco Latino*, don't miss this unique fashion show displaying outfits created by local designers made of recycled material.
May 2 | 5 p.m. | The Jacksonville Landing

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His and Hers Art and Culture
Check out this new Downtown retail location's Art Walk debut featuring shea butter, natural soaps, incense and more.
May 2 | 5 p.m. | His & Hers Fashions

Jean Ribault & the 450th Anniversary of the French Landing
Exhibits will feature artwork inspired by Jean Ribault and the 450th Anniversary of the French landing.
May 2 | 5 p.m. | Maritime Heritage Center

Jacksonville Takes Flight Exhibit Opening
See the top 30 photographs from a community-wide photo competition sponsored by the Jacksonville Aviation Authority and the *Florida Times-Union*.
May 2 | 7 p.m. | The Carling

Recycled Juried Art Show Opening
Come take a look at this show representing how ordinary items or generally discarded items can become art, whether it's environmentally friendly or cutting-edge.
May 2 | 6 p.m. | The Art Center II

Team Hayden Birthday Party Fundraiser
Team Hayden will be celebrating Hayden's 1st birthday party fundraiser with live music, a massive silent auction/raffle, free libations, lots of birthday cake and more.
May 2 | 5 p.m. | Florida Theatre

National Day of Prayer
A season of prayer will take place for Jacksonville, the State of Florida, our nation and our leaders will take place, as well as the honoring of the 450th anniversary of the landing of Ribault.
May 3 | Noon | City Hall at St. James

The Art of Pastel Painting
Learn to express yourself through the luminous and versatile medium of pastel in this five-week class.
May 3 to May 24 | 9:30 a.m. | Reddi-Arts

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Major/Minor Concert
The Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Jacksonville Symphony come together on stage for their annual showcase performance
May 4 | 8 p.m. | Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts

Sports, Fitness and Health

Giants Championship Parade
Come celebrate the Giants' championship win! The parade starts on Bay Street south of Everbank Stadium. Show your support for out No. 1 ABA basketball team!
May 3 | 5 p.m.

Jacksonville Sharks vs. New Orleans VooDoo
See the Sharks take a Southern rival in this arena football Friday night match-up.
May 4 | 8 p.m. | Veterans Memorial Arena

March For Babies
Join other local residents as they walk together for stronger, healthier babies benefiting the March for Dimes.
May 5 | 8 a.m. | The Jacksonville Landing

Indo-American Medical Association of Northeast Florida Health Fair
Free health screenings for men and women will include blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol and more.
May 5 | 9 a.m. | Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk

Hooters Regional Wing Eating Contest
National and regional competitive eaters stomach this contest for a chance to win $1,000 in cash prizes and a spot in the national contest.
May 5 | 7 p.m. | The Jacksonville Landing

Jacksonville Suns vs. Mobile Baybears
Take the family Downtown to root, root, root for the home team as the Suns take on the Baybears from Mobile.

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May 6 to May 10 | Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville

Business and Networking

Reception Honoring the Crews of the Etoile and Belle Poule
This private, ticketed event will honor French sailors of two tall sailing ships with local wine, beer and delicacies.
May 1 | 6 p.m. | Maritime Heritage Center

Geer Services Business Center Grand Opening
Stop in at anytime during the day and see this new office and new addition of the print shop.
May 2 | 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. | AT&T Tower 301

Downtown Council Meeting
Enjoy a breakfast meeting and network with Jacksonville professionals passionate about Downtown.
May 4 | 7:30 a.m. | University Club

Chick-fil-A Leadercast
Learn how applied smart values and principles have made Chick-fil-A stand-out not just in its peer group but gaining world-wide recognition for building a brilliant business model.
May 4 | 8 a.m. | AT&T Tower 301

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