



Downtown Vision Presents the 3rd Annual Downtown Historic Church Tour!

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Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 1-5 p.m.** to tour a century of sanctuaries in one afternoon. Begin at the Main Library and stroll through the streets of Downtown with family and friends and explore.



Church staff will be available at each of the ten historic churches to share the architectural and historical highlights on this self-guided tour. While several churches are within walking distance, trolley service is provided along the tour route, and is included in the ticket price.

Bring the World Cup to Jacksonville!

Jacksonville is positioning itself to host one of the world's great sporting events, and you can do your part to help this effort with a simple signature. Jacksonville is among 27 cities vying to be part of the FIFA World Cup Soccer Tournament in 2018 and 2022.

Everyone is encouraged to [sign the petition](#) supporting Jacksonville's bid to become part of this worldwide championship tournament.

2009 Downtown Historic Church Tour includes:

- Main Library
- Bethel Baptist Institutional Church
- Faith United Church of the Living God, Inc. Greater Hill Temple
- First Baptist Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Historic Mt. Zion AME Church
- Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

- Old St. Andrews, with Emily Lisska, Jacksonville Historical Society
- St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
- St. Philip's Episcopal

Additional tour highlights:

- Dr. Wayne Wood - 30-minute slide show on Downtown Jacksonville's history (location and time to be announced).
- On the tour, members of MetroJacksonville editorial staff and contributors will share their knowledge of Downtown Jacksonville.
- The Junior League of Jacksonville's Annual Festival of Trees will be on display at the Main Library.
- Tour ticket includes admission to the Rotary Gingerbread House Extravaganza at Old St. Andrews for that day only.

Tickets

Tour tickets are \$5 per person. Children 12 and under are admitted at no charge. Twenty percent of all ticket sales will benefit the Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition. We recommend purchasing your tickets in advance via our website. Tickets are also available for purchase the day of the event at the Main Library (cash-only).

[Click here](#) for more information about the 3rd Annual Downtown Historic Church Tour.

Photo courtesy of Anne-Marie Orange.

Why Cook? Have Thanksgiving Dinner Downtown - or Let Your Favorite Downtown Restaurant Cook For You!

Why slave away in the kitchen on Thanksgiving day when you can enjoy a scrumptious feast from the following Downtown restaurants? Make your reservations today!

Cafe Nola @ MOCA

Let Cafe Nola @ MOCA take care of the cooking this Thanksgiving! Place your order by Friday, November 20th with a 50% deposit for pick up Wednesday, November 25th before 4:00 p.m. They include detailed reheating instructions to make your

Thanksgiving a breeze. Heat and transfer to your own china or serve in their pans for no fuss, no mess.

[Click here](#) for the menu.



Juliette's Bistro

No need to do the cooking and cleaning this holiday when you join Juliette's Bistro for Thanksgiving turkey and all the favorites of the season. Juliette's will serve up a delicious Thanksgiving brunch from 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., then a mouthwatering traditional Thanksgiving dinner from 5:30-10:00 p.m. Photo courtesy of Juliette's Bistro.

[Click here](#) for the brunch menu.

[Click here](#) for the dinner menu.

River City Brewing Company

The River City Brewing Company is showing all the classics and much more during their traditional Thanksgiving Buffet serving from 10am till 4pm.

[Click here](#) for the buffet menu.

Downtown is THE Place to Be Thanksgiving Weekend!

Thanksgiving weekend is full of events in Downtown, including the [Holiday Windows](#), the [Jacksonville Landing Tree Lighting Ceremony](#), and the [Jacksonville Light Parade](#)!

Log on to [Downtown Vision's calendar of](#)



[events](#) for a complete listing of Downtown seasonal events.

Photo courtesy of The Jacksonville Landing.



Update Your Emergency Contact Information

Did you know that **Downtown Vision** contacts Downtown stakeholders when we become aware of an issue at your business or property? From investigating alarms to letting you know about property damage or urgent situations, we can alert you to important issues even when you're not Downtown.

We are currently updating our **Downtown Emergency Contact Information database**. To update your contact information, simply [email](#) our Director of District Services, Amy Harrell. Please include the property name and address, the emergency contact name and a number where you can be reached when you are not at your business. For properties with private security, please include the security company name, contact name and phone number.

New Bar Opens Downtown!

Downtown Vision welcomes Downtown's newest business!

Dos Gatos

123 Forsyth St. E.

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Dos Gatos is the only genuine cocktail lounge Downtown. Located directly across from the historic Florida Theatre, you'll find the art of the cocktail on full display nightly by a handpicked staff of drink-making experts.



Downtown Retailer Social

Are you a Downtown retailer? If so, don't miss this opportunity to meet fellow Downtown retailers at the Downtown Retailer Social. The social includes a Small Business Development Center representative who will present a short discussion on how to effectively build Downtown community business partnerships, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, and a business card raffle.

Date: Thursday, November 19

Time: 6-8pm

Place: Florida Bank - 135 W. Bay Street

Special thanks to Florida Bank for hosting this social.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Bonnie Senteno via [email](#).

Take the St. Johns River Survey



The **Trust for Public Land** has initiated a survey to gather information about how Jacksonville residents want to use the St. Johns River and Jacksonville's waterfront, including recreational activities and areas of interest along the river. Don't miss this opportunity to share your vision for the St. Johns River!

[Click here](#) to take the survey.

Celebrate the Holidays at Art Walk!

Join local artists, galleries and Downtown businesses in celebrating holidays around the world at the **First Wednesday Art Walk!**

When: Wednesday, December 2, 5-9 p.m.

Weather: "Snow or shine"

Where: Downtown Jacksonville

Hemming Plaza will be bustling with River Music's "A Christmas to Remember," a candlelight sing-along at 7 and 8 p.m.



Enjoy horse and carriage rides around the Plaza courtesy of the City of Jacksonville Office of Special Events, and check off your holiday gift list with art from more than 50 local artists. Catch a family-favorite Christmas movie at Snyder Memorial Church and meet Santa and Mrs. Claus at Visit Jacksonville. The new 229 N. Hogan Gallery features its first custom toy show, "Designers in Toyland." Art and toys come together in the spirit of Christmas during the "Tattoos-4-Tots" fundraiser, featuring henna tattoos and body painting by The Henna Princess at Cafe 331. Step into jolly old England for a not-so-traditional British Christmas full of new artwork and live local music at London Bridge Eatery & Pub.



Mark your calendar now and have yourself a merry little Art Walk!

[Click here](#) for more information on the Art Walk, including a map and venue listing.



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